



# DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

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## **Stonecrest Estates Sewage Treatment Plant Facility Bayside, Quinte West and MOE's Engagement with MMAH**

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## Background Information

- Ministry received a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Sewage Treatment Facility application in November 2009.
- This application contained essentially the draft of the Environment Study Report, which will be finalized after the comments from the public and review agencies are considered.
- The Ministry reviewed the application and provided comments.

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## Proposed Project

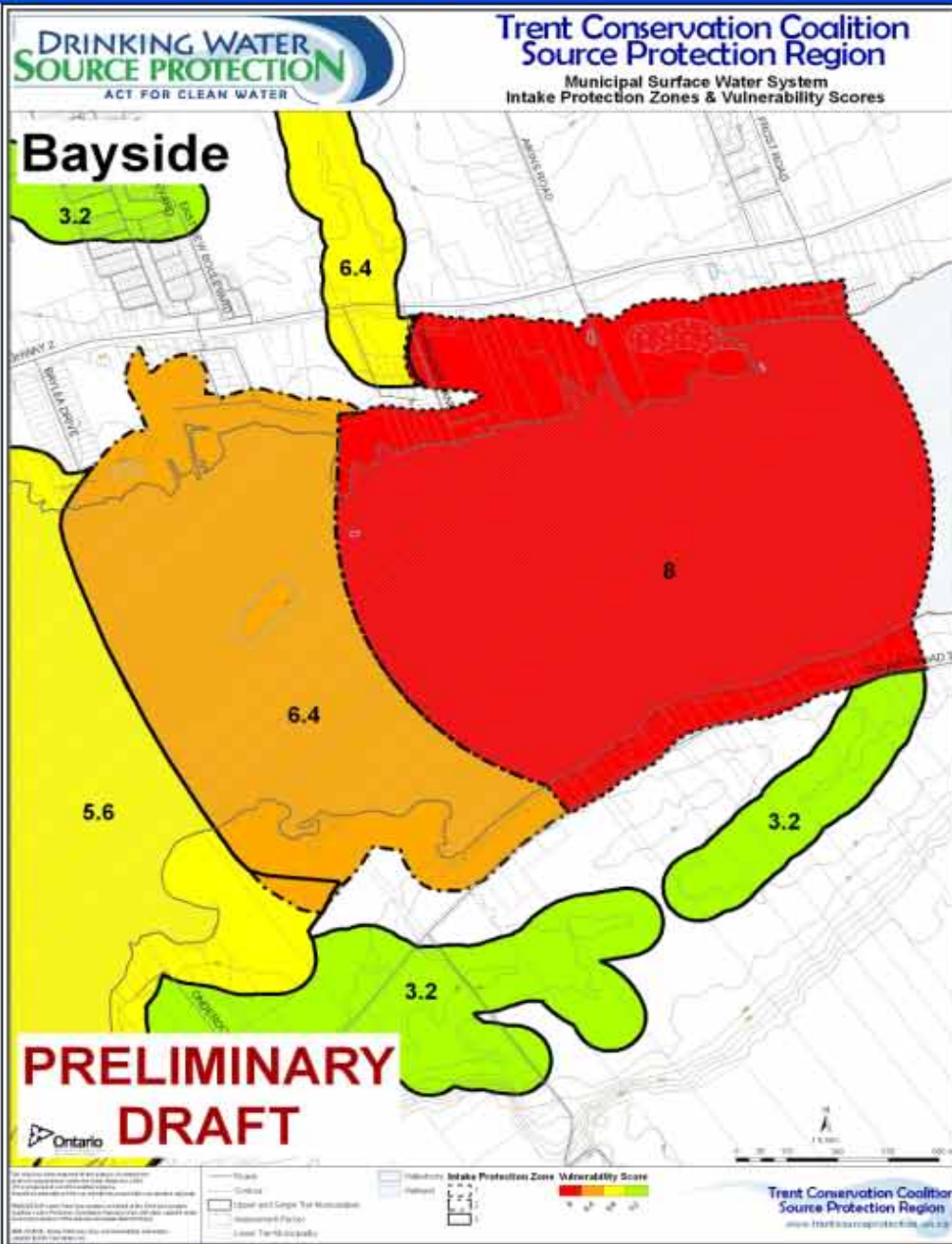
- The sewage treatment facility is proposed to service 178 homes (StoneCrest Estates) and the Bayside Secondary School.
- Possible expansion to service the other two school buildings currently serviced by septic tanks and tile fields, existing subdivisions currently serviced by individual septic systems, and other areas currently zoned for development.
- Involves constructing a sewage treatment plant south of Hwy 2 to replace the existing sewage system servicing Bayside Secondary School and discharge to an existing wetland which flows into the Bay of Quinte

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## Ministry Comments

- Ministry Water Specialist indicated that the STP would be located within the Bayside WTP intake protection zone.
- The following issues need to be addressed prior to finalizing the required effluent limits and objectives for the system:
  - Any additional requirements as a result of the outfall being located within the Bayside WTP IPZ need to be determined in consultation with the TCC source protection committee, and the MOE Source Protection Programs Branch.
- This report was sent to the Ministry's Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch for consideration during the approvals process.



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## MOEs Discussion with Other Ministries

- Source protection programs branch has been working with other government offices and ministries that will be impacted by source protection plans.
- The Ministry has started discussions on how instruments will be impacted and what each of these offices/ministries can do now to prepare for those impacts once the source protection plans are approved by the Minister.
- We are encouraging other ministries to consider changing their application forms and guidance documents that are used by proponents applying for instruments now rather than wait till the source protection plans are developed.
- This will enable ministries to start collecting information about location of these new instruments/activities in relation to vulnerable areas.
- Once vulnerable areas and threats have been finalized in Director approved ARs ministries will be able to take more direct action to identify significant threats that are currently under management by a prescribed instrument in vulnerable areas.

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## MOE and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

### **Question:**

*How is the MOE working with MMAH to deal with the municipal planning approaches for plan development and implementation?*

### **Response:**

- *MMAH and MOE are in the process of discussing the draft SPP regulation proposals, including the applicable planning tools currently provided in the Planning Act.*
- *Ministry provided a 30 mins SPP update to MMAH regional planning managers and discussed implications for MMAH planners.*

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## MOE and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Continued...

- *MMAH were very interested, asked many questions and wanted to know which draft ARs were posted. The Ministry also emphasised the importance of MMAH providing comments on the draft SPP reg.*
- *MMAH suggested that the MOE, MMAH and CO meet to discuss SPP policy development, types of and hierarchy of policies, OP conformity exercise and timeline for conformity.*