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Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Launches 2024 Mapping Resource

SAUGEEN WATERSHED, ONTARIO (Bruce, Grey, Huron, Dufferin and Wellington Counties) –

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) is pleased to announce the launch of the 2024 Regulatory Mapping Resource, a new online platform dedicated to providing clear, accessible, and up-to-date information about ongoing updates to SVCA's regulatory mapping.

This platform offers insights into Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority regulatory and screening maps, highlighting where these maps previously stood and how they are evolving. It's important to note that the areas shown on this resource **are approximate and subject to refinement based on upcoming guidelines** from Conservation Ontario. As such, the information provided is meant to guide and inform, but final determinations will depend on further analysis.

“Our primary commitment is to enhance community and environmental protection. The proposed updates to our mapping are crucial for reflecting current data on natural hazards, including flood risks and changes to regulation around shorelines and wetlands. This work is grounded in rigorous independent scientific analysis, on site verification, and peer-reviewed modeling, helping us support safer and more resilient communities.”

Erik Downing, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, SVCA

The 2024 Mapping Resource offers immediate access to the latest information while SVCA prepares for an in-person public meeting before the end of 2024. All community members are encouraged to share their thoughts and concerns through the feedback mechanisms provided on the platform. The data presented will continue to be refined.

When using SVCA's online GIS mapping tool, users can view SVCA's Regulation and screening areas. Please note, the areas depicted are approximate and represent the best available natural hazard information proposed for reflection in Regulation mapping when guidelines are available. If your project falls within an approximate regulated or screening area, you will likely need SVCA's permission before starting certain works. This requirement applies to developments or alterations near hazardous lands such as floodplains, erosion-prone lands, unstable soils, watercourses, wetlands, valleys, steep slopes, or along the Lake Huron Shoreline, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 41/24 and the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

To find out more, provide your input, or sign up for the Regulatory Mapping Email List, please visit:

www.saugeenconservation.ca/2024map

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