



PRESS RELEASE

SVCA Mapping Now Available to Landowners

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Saugeen Conservation is pleased to announce that as of today their Approximate Regulation and Screening Mapping will now be available on its website for use by landowners.

“What this means”, stated Luke Charbonneau, Chair of Saugeen Conservation, “is that watershed residents can now refer to this mapping to see if they require a permit before undertaking any kind of development. It’s simple, if you find you’re outside the shaded areas, you probably do not need a permit from the SVCA. It’s a big step forward in streamlining the permit process” he continued.

“We have also worked together with our county partners in this endeavor”, stated Charbonneau “and I am pleased to report that they too will be adding the mapping to their sites, bringing efficiency to a new level.”

The Approximate Regulation and Screening Mapping is used to determine where SVCA permits might be required. Called the “*Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses*” Regulation, its main purpose is to ensure that development is not located in natural hazard areas such as flood plains, wetlands, valley slopes or the Lake Huron shoreline. The Regulation itself fulfills one of the key mandates of a Conservation Authority which is “*the prevention of loss of life, property damage and social disruption from flood and erosion processes.*”

“I look forward to working together with our member municipalities and partners in continuing to make conservation services and programs more accessible to watershed residents”, concluded Charbonneau.

Landowners are encouraged to contact Saugeen Conservation for assistance. For more information, please contact Saugeen Conservation at 367-3040 or visit the website at www.svca.on.ca.

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