



WELCOME

**Pine Creek Erosion Assessment
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
May 18, 2023**

Your comments are encouraged and appreciated, as this will provide us an opportunity to address project issues and concerns.



FIRST NATIONS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



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We acknowledge that the City of Pickering resides on land within the Treaty and traditional territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Williams Treaties signatories of the Mississauga and Chippewa Nations.

Pickering is also home to many Indigenous persons and communities who represent other diverse, distinct, and autonomous Indigenous nations.

This acknowledgement reminds us of our responsibilities to our relationships with the First Peoples of Canada, and to the ancestral lands on which we learn, share, work, and live.

STUDY PURPOSE / PROBLEM DEFINITION



This study is being carried out to assess the erosion related risks to private property and public infrastructure within the Pine Creek valley corridor, with the intent of providing recommendations to reduce erosion and protect the natural heritage of the area.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE PURPOSE



This Public Information Centre (PIC) is designed to:

- Present information on existing conditions
- Present alternative approaches to erosion protection
- Present study process and timelines



To gain community input on:

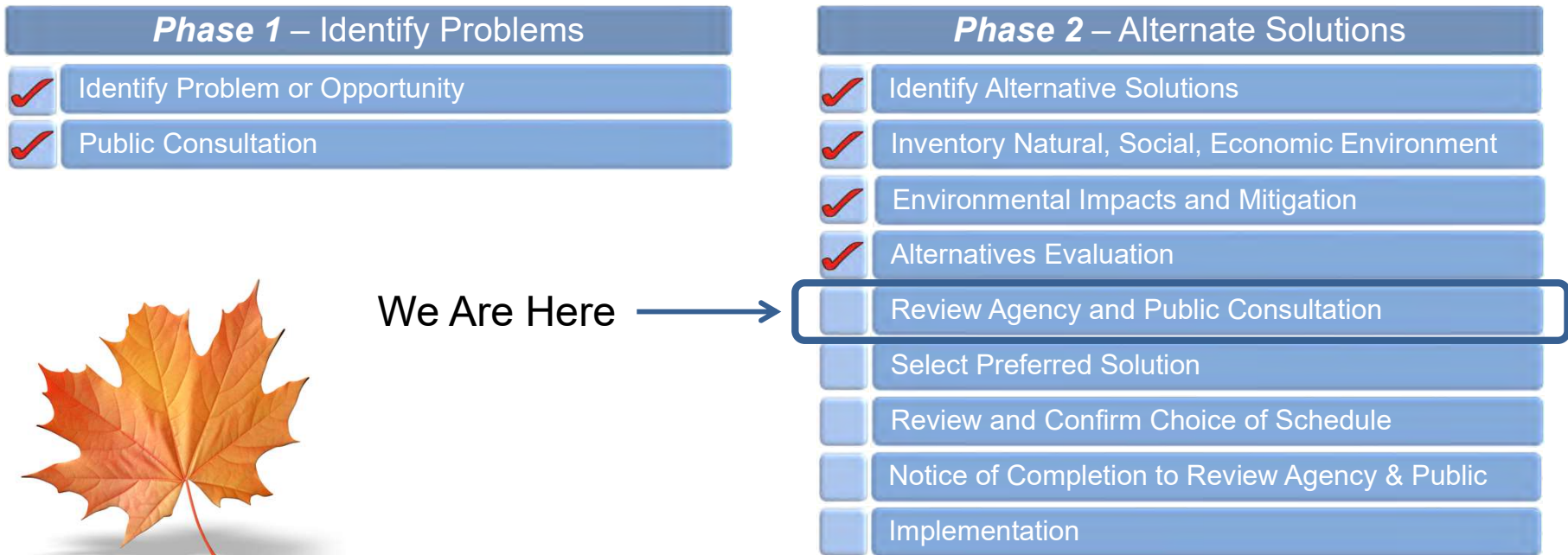
- Existing conditions information
- Identification of opportunities and mitigation preferences
- Prioritization of erosion sites
- Alternative evaluation criteria and scoring
- Selection of preferred solutions

MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

CLASS EA PROCESS - SCHEDULE B

Many projects related to municipal systems are similar in nature, are carried out routinely, and have predictable and mitigatable environmental effects which are investigated according to the Municipal Engineers Association “Municipal Class Environmental Assessment” process (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015 & 2023).

This study is being undertaken as a Schedule B project under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. The flow chart illustrates the key steps to be undertaken as part of the EA process.



NATURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT

To assess the existing natural environment within the study area, the following studies were undertaken:

1. Vegetation community classification (Ecological Land Classification (ELC) protocol);
2. Terrestrial wildlife and habitat assessment;
3. Species at Risk (SAR) screening and habitat assessment;
4. Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) screening and assessment;
5. Natural heritage assessment;
6. Tree inventories;
7. Aquatic habitat assessment
8. Fish community assessment



SPECIES AT RISK

For the purpose of this study, Species at Risk (SAR) are defined as species listed as Endangered (END), Threatened (THR), or Special Concern (SC) under the Provincial Endangered Species Act (ESA) and/or the Federal Species at Risk Act (SARA). Other Species of Conservation Concern (SOCC) are those with Global ranks of G1-G3 and/or Subnational/Provincial ranks of S1-S3, and species considered rare within the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) watershed (L-Ranks 2017) or in Eco-region 7E-4 (Oldham, 2017), where those species were not already considered under the SAR assessment noted above.

Species included in the screening assessment include those provided by secondary sources and those documented via direct observations by Aquafor Beech Limited. **A total of 13 SAR and SOCC were determined to be present or have some potential to be present in the study area.** These species include:

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| 1. Butternut – Endangered | 8. Snapping Turtle – Special Concern |
| 2. Barn Swallow – Threatened | 9. Western Chorus Frog – Threatened |
| 3. Eastern Wood-Pewee – Special Concern | 10. Monarch – Special Concern |
| 4. Wood Thrush – Special Concern | 11. Little Brown Myotis – Endangered |
| 5. Yellow-Breasted Chat – Endangered | 12. Northern Myotis – Endangered |
| 6. Eastern Milk snake – Special Concern | 13. Tricolored Bat – Endangered |
| 7. Midland Painted Turtle – Special Concern | |

VEGETATION COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION



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Vegetation communities within the study area were identified during field surveys completed in accordance with the *Ecological Land Classification (ELC) System for Southern Ontario: First Approximation and its Application* (Lee et al., 1998) protocol in 2022.

Determining the vegetation communities within the study area aids in identifying the presence of significant vegetation communities, Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH), and the habitats of potential Species at Risk.

In total, 10 vegetation communities are present within the study area. Community types ranged from disturbed woodlands and open meadows, to deciduous forest habitats containing mature species and moderate to high quality habitat.

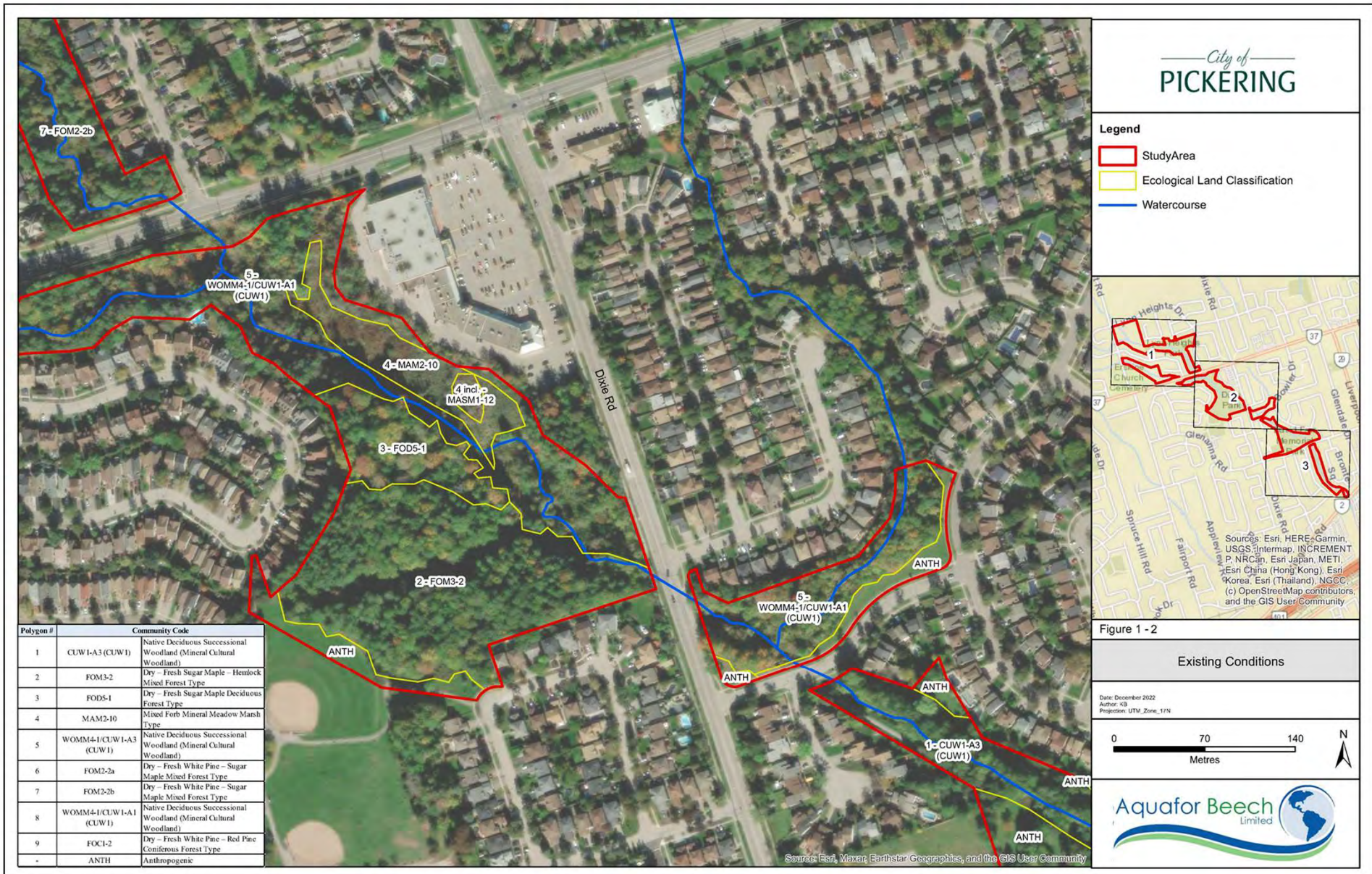


ELC mapping upstream of Finch Avenue

VEGETATION COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION



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ELC mapping between Dixie Road and Finch Avenue

VEGETATION COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION



ELC mapping upstream of Kingston Road

To assess the existing fisheries and aquatic habitat within the study area the following studies were undertaken:

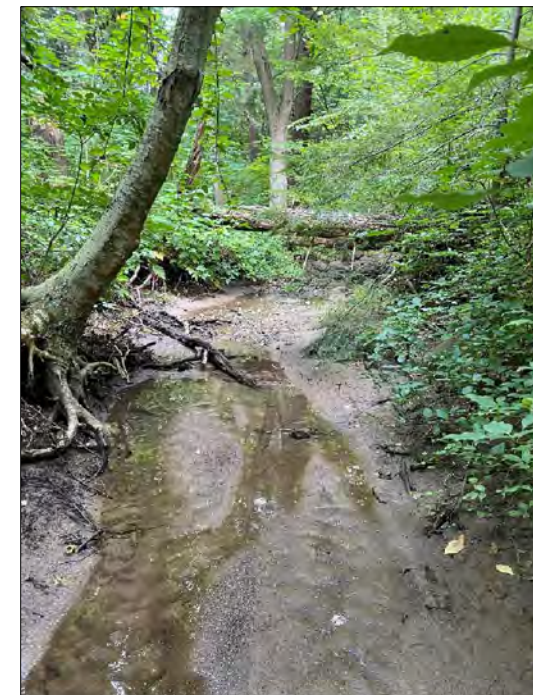
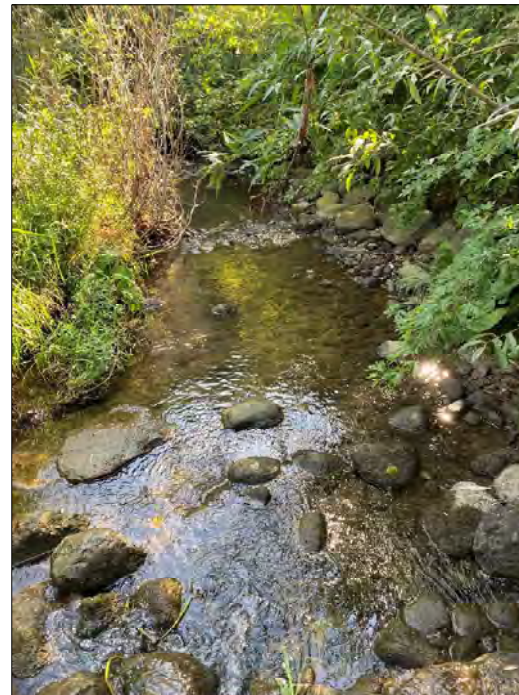
- Aquatic habitat assessments at six (6) locations throughout the study area, from Kingston Road upstream to Lynn Heights Drive
- Aquatic community assessments of historic data; and,
- SAR screening and potential habitat identification.

Summary of Fish Community Assessment

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>	Blacknose dace
<i>Semotilus atromaculatus</i>	Creek chub
<i>Umbra limi</i>	Central Mudminnow
<i>Luxilus cornutus</i>	Common Shiner
<i>Percina caprodes</i>	Logperch
<i>Catostomus commersoni</i>	White sucker

Key Findings:

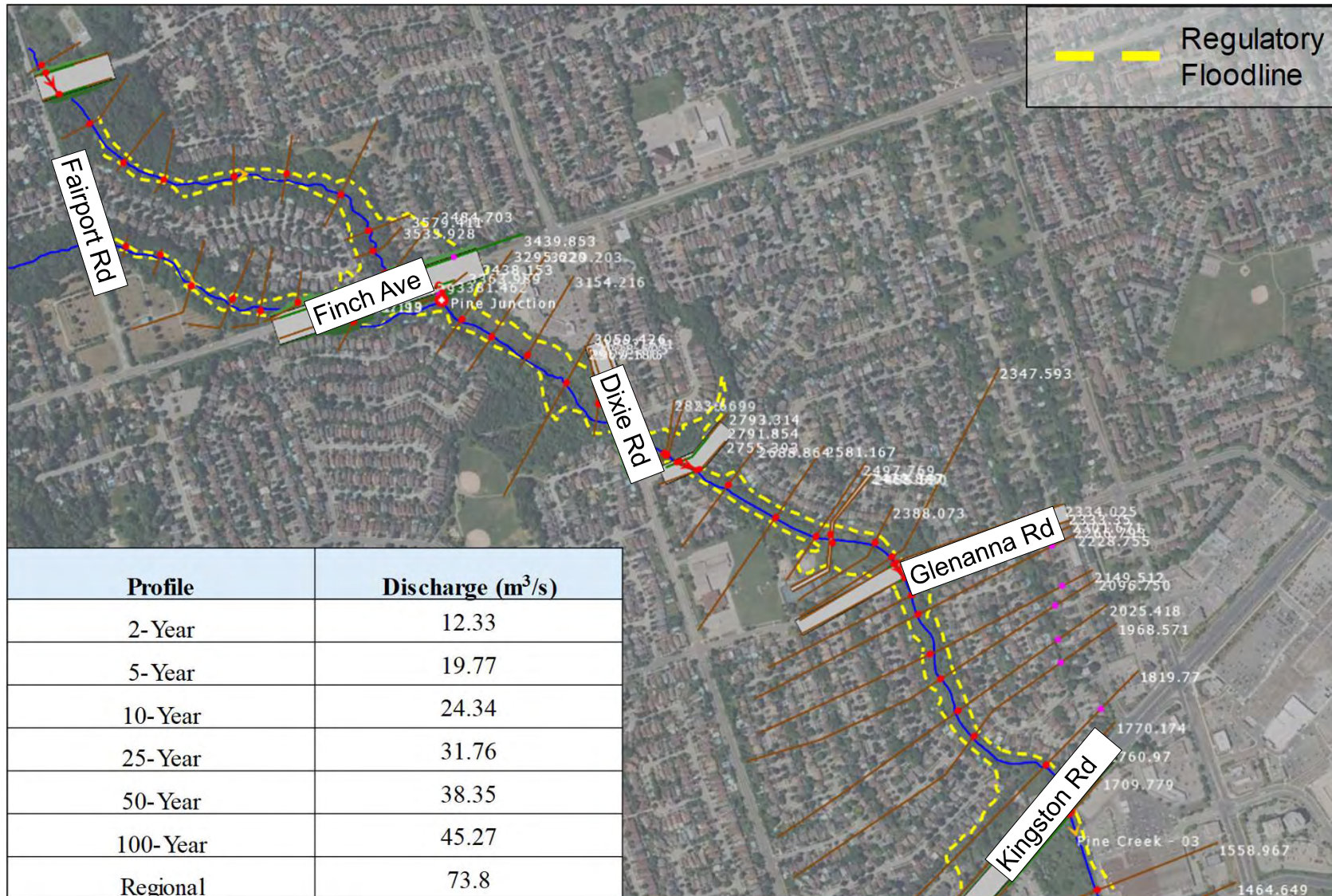
- No aquatic SAR were identified within the study area;
- The thermal classification of Pine Creek within the study area is that of a **Cool-Warmwater** thermal regime and is dominated by warmwater and coolwater species.
- Habitat quality and quantity vary throughout the study area and is largely dependent on surrounding land uses;
- A number of **fish barrier(s)** were observed throughout the study area, such as beaver dams and the Dixie Road culvert crossing.
- There are opportunities to improve fish habitat.



Representative aquatic habitat photos

HYDROLOGY & EXISTING FLOODING PROFILE

Flows under various rainfall events are presented in the figure below along with the regulatory floodline extents.



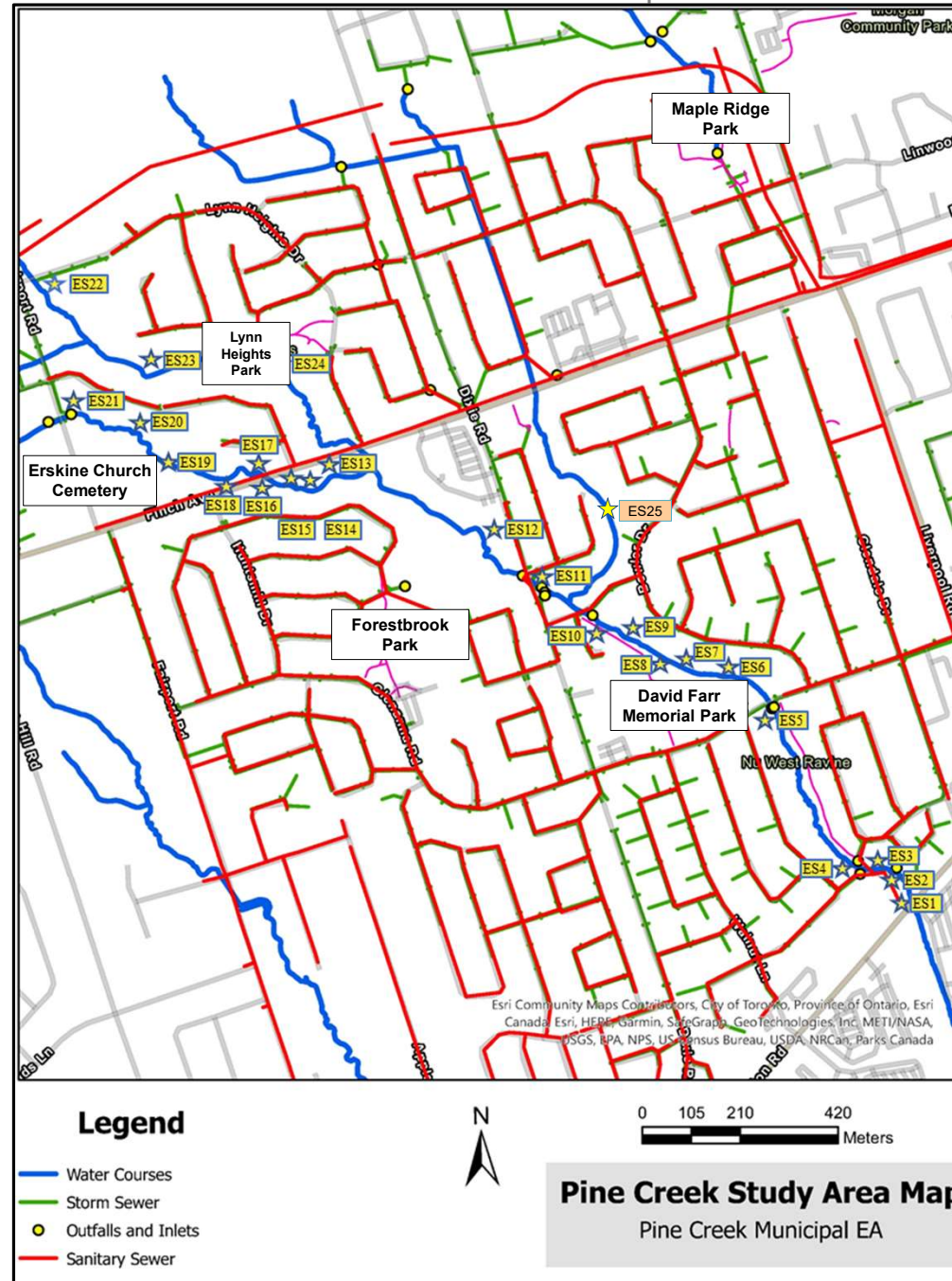
EROSION INVENTORY

Twenty five (x25) erosion sites were identified within the study area.

Risks observed at the erosion sites include:

- Risks to private properties;
- Risks to infrastructure;
- Negative impacts on water quality;
- Fish barriers;
- Woody debris and fallen trees within the creek – negative impact on flow conveyance;
- Deteriorating engineered structures requiring restoration / rehabilitation.

A series of alternatives have been developed to address the risks at each site.



EVALUATION CRITERIA



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The following criteria are used to evaluate each alternative. It will help determine which alternative should be selected as the preliminary preferred alternative.

Comment sheets are provided to collect public feedback on the evaluation criteria and preliminary evaluation.

Physical / Natural Environment

Potential to Mitigate Existing Erosion Risks	Greater reduction of erosion risks scores higher
Potential to Improve Aquatic Habitat	Greater improvements to fish and aquatic habitat scores higher, including substrate, overhanging vegetation, turbidity, and passage/connectivity
Potential to Improve Terrestrial Habitat	Greater long-term benefit to terrestrial habitat conditions scores higher
Potential to Improve Terrestrial Vegetation	Smaller disturbance area scores higher as this minimizes vegetation removals
Potential to Reduce Impacts to Species at Risk	Minimal impact on terrestrial and aquatic habitat for Species at Risk scores higher
Potential to adapt to Climate Change	Higher ability to adapt to, and be resilient to, climate change scores higher

Social / Cultural Environment

Public Safety	Lower risks to public safety in the short and long-term scores higher
Landowner Impacts / Community Disruption	Smaller impact on private property, including short term and long term disturbances scores higher
Benefit to Community and Public Acceptance	Greater improvement of access to trails and enjoyment of surrounding lands scores higher
Archaeological Impacts	Less disturbance of areas with archaeological potential and cultural heritage resources scores higher
Aesthetic Value	Greater increase in the aesthetic value of the study area scores higher

Technical / Engineering Considerations

Regulatory Agency Acceptance	Greater ability to achieve regulatory agency acceptance scores higher
Impact on Existing Infrastructure	Greater protection of potential exposure of infrastructure scores higher
Flooding Impacts	Greater reduction of flooding risks to public and/or private lands for longer time scores higher
Technical Feasibility	Higher technical feasibility for implementing the project, including constructability and managing construction related disturbances to other infrastructure / property scores higher
Lifespan of Works	Greater expected lifespan scores higher

Economic Environment

Capital Costs	Lower capital cost with one time cost to City scores higher
Operation and Maintenance Costs	Lower operation and maintenance costs which ensure effectiveness of implemented measures scores higher
Life Cycle Costs	Lower life cycle costs relative to the other alternatives scores higher
Cost Effectiveness	Greater ability to provide multiple improvements, at a cost less than the total of completing all the works separately with ability to partner and share costs with other agencies scores higher

EVALUATION APPROACH



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Each erosion site will be specifically evaluated to determine the preferred method for rehabilitation.

The evaluation uses a ranking scheme which accounts for Physical and Natural Environment, Social / Cultural Environment, Economic Environment and Technical / Engineering Considerations.

A preliminary ranking has been applied to each alternative for each reach. The alternative with the highest score will define which alternative is preferred for each erosion site.

The ranking score has been normalized to provide equal weighting for each category of evaluation criteria.

Comment sheets are provided to gain public input on the preliminary ranking. The ranking will be finalized once public input has been incorporated.

An example is illustrated in the adjacent table:

Ranking Scale					
No / Negative Impact	1	2	3	4	Ideal / Most Positive Impact

Erosion Site #1-4	Evaluation Criteria	Comment	Do Nothing	Local Works	Extended Works
Physical and Natural Environment	Mitigation of Existing Erosion Risks	Rate of erosion, loss of public / private lands and sediment deposition caused by erosion	1	4	4
	Aquatic Habitat	Impact on passage and quantity/quality of habitat	1	2	4
	Terrestrial Habitat	Impact on connectivity, diversity and quantity/quality of habitat	1	3	4
	Terrestrial Vegetation	Impact on existing woodlots; removals & restoration scheme	4	3	1
	Impacts to Species at Risk	Ability to improve suitability of terrestrial and aquatic habitat for Species at Risk, potentially affected temporarily or permanently.	4	3	1
	Climate Change	Ability to adapt to, and be resilient to, climate change	1	3	4
Subtotal			12	18	18
Weighted Score			12.50	18.75	18.75
Social / Cultural Environment	Public Safety	Impact on public safety	2	4	4
	Landowner Impacts / Community Disruption	Impact on private property	4	3	1
	Benefit to Community and Public Acceptance	Access to trails, enjoyment of surrounding lands	2	3	4
	Archaeological Impacts	Less disturbance of areas with archaeological potential and cultural heritage resources score higher	4	3	1
	Aesthetic Value	Impact on existing and proposed aesthetic value	1	3	4
Subtotal			13.00	16.00	14.00
Weighted Score			16.25	20.00	17.50
Economic Environment	Capital Costs	One time cost to City	4	3	1
	Operations & Maintenance Costs	Requirement for regular, irregular or no maintenance activities and ensure effectiveness of implemented measures	1	3	4
	Life Cycle Costs	Lower life cycle costs relative to the other alternatives scores higher	1	4	3
	Cost Effectiveness	Ability to provide multiple improvements, at a cost less than the total of completing all the works separately. Accounts for the ability of the City to partner and share costs with other agencies (i.e., Region of Durham, TRCA, etc.)	2	4	3
Subtotal			8.00	14.00	11.00
Weighted Score			12.50	21.88	17.19
Technical/Engineering Considerations	Regulatory Agency Acceptance	Satisfy City, TRCA, DFO and MNR mandates	2	4	3
	Impact on Existing Infrastructure	Protection or potential exposure of infrastructure (buildings, bridges, properties, sewers)	2	4	4
	Flooding Impacts	Greater reduction of flooding risks to public and/or private lands for longer time score higher	1	3	4
	Technical Feasibility	Complexity of implementing the Project, including constructability and need to manage construction related disturbances to other infrastructure / property	4	4	3
	Lifespan of Works	Expected lifespan / years of works before intervention needs to be repeated	1	3	4
Subtotal			10.00	18.00	18.00
Weighted Score			12.50	22.50	22.50
TOTAL SCORE (/100)			53.8	83.1	75.9

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Highest Score = Preferred Alternative

PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

1. Do Nothing

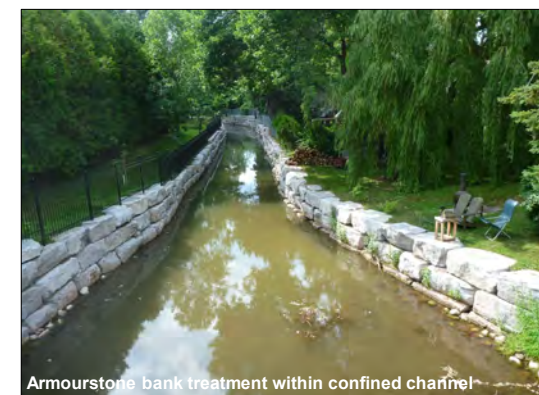
- Leave the site as it is and allow erosional processes to continue within the watercourse corridor;
- Ongoing monitoring of erosion areas to address increased risks;
- Maintenance or possible emergency works may be required in the future.

2. Local Restoration Works

- Localized channel bank and/or bed work to address erosion issues at the site;
- May require ongoing maintenance, occasional repairs, or eventual replacement;
- Often preferred to limit the economic cost and the environmental damage of large-scale channel engineering and stream restoration works.

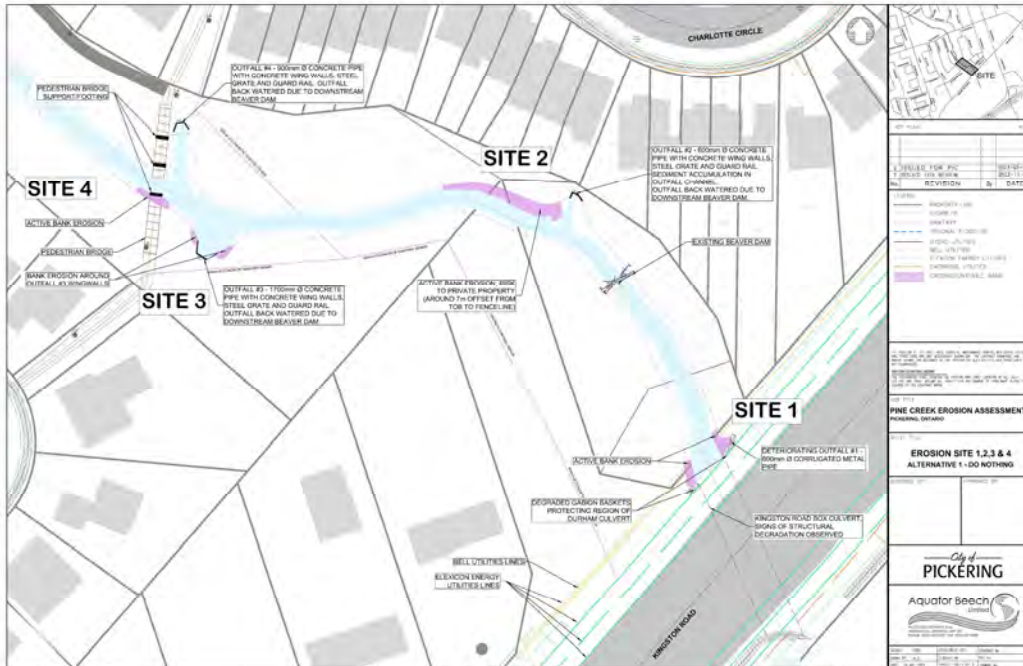
3. Extended Restoration Works

- A reach-based approach to address erosion issues at the site;
- Typically applied in highly constrained urban watercourses;
- Utilizes both “natural channel design” and “hard” channel engineering approaches;
- Higher capital cost, but requires minimal maintenance.



EROSION SITES 1 - 4

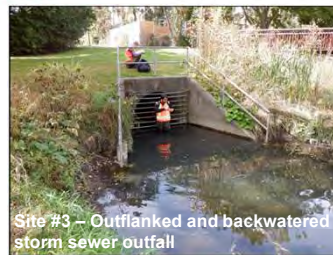
Existing conditions & erosion risks



Site #1 – Undermined gabion baskets upstream of Kingston Road culvert



Site #2 – Active bank erosion creating risk to private property



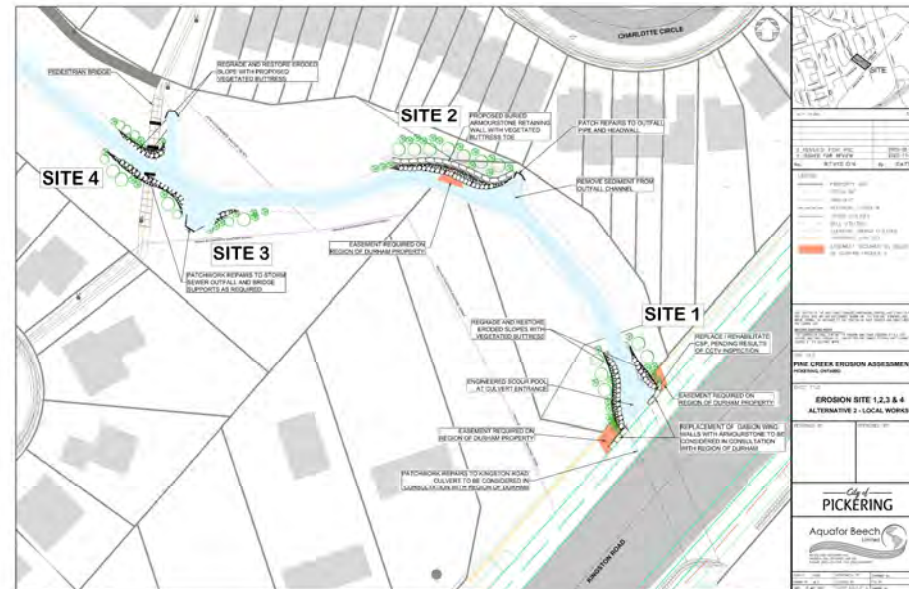
Site #3 – Outflanked and backwatered storm sewer outfall

Risks to private property, municipal & regional infrastructure and aquatic habitat due to:

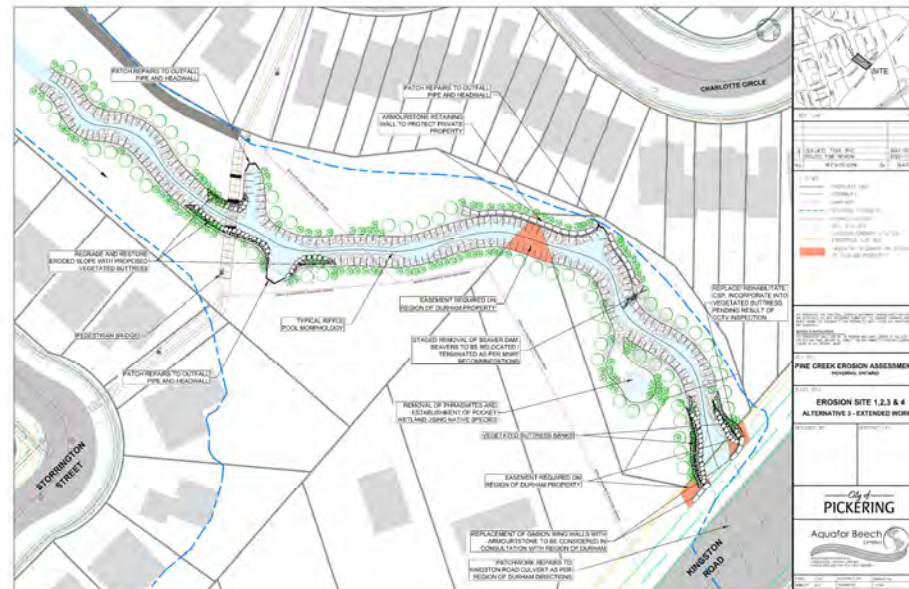
- Active bank erosion
- Beaver activity
- Aging infrastructure

Level of Risk: Low

Proposed restoration alternatives



Alternative #1: Local Works

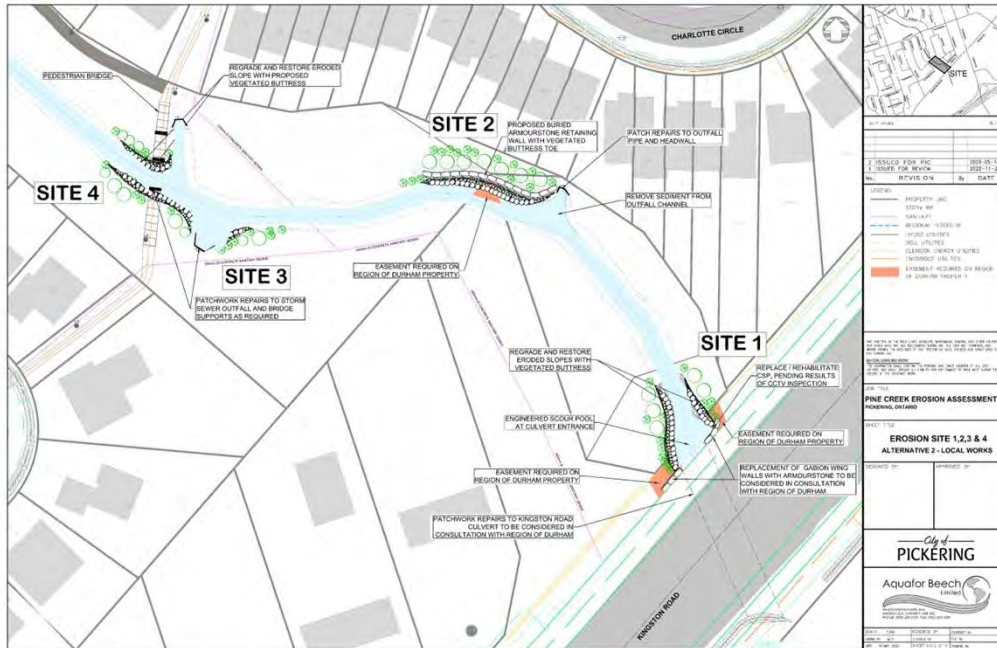


Alternative #2: Extended Works

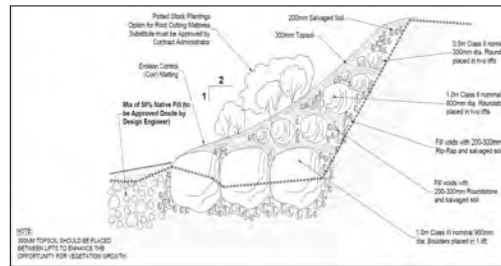
EROSION SITES 1 - 4 – POTENTIAL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



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An example of natural channel design enhanced with vegetated buttress



An example of vegetated buttress detail

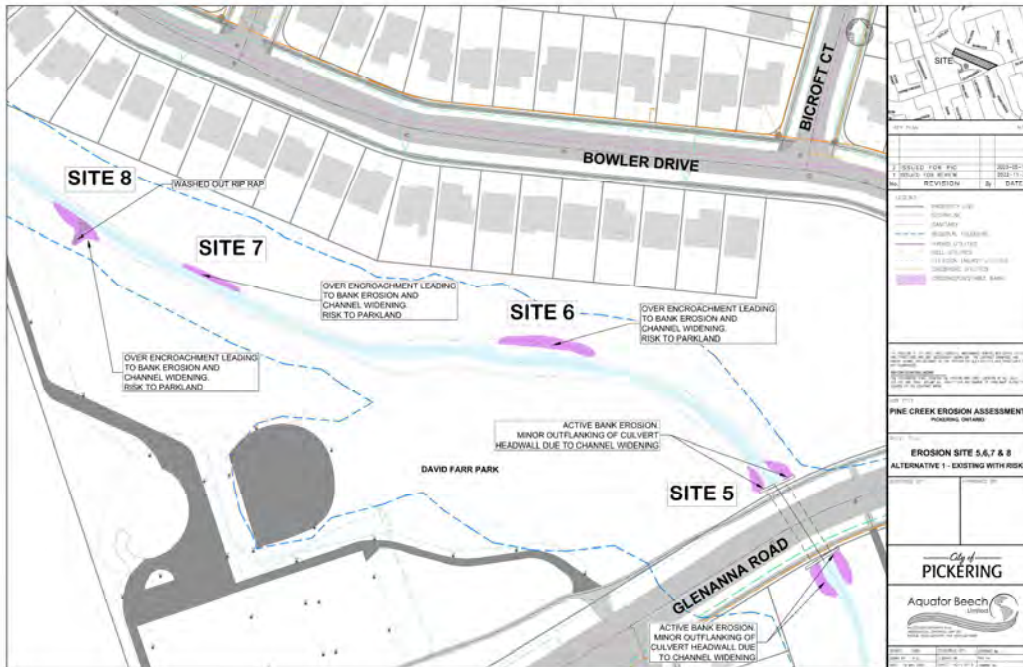
Erosion Site #1-4	Evaluation Criteria	Comment	Do Nothing	Local Works	Extended Works
Physical and Natural Environment	Mitigation of Existing Erosion Risks	Rate of erosion, loss of public / private lands and sediment deposition caused by erosion	1	4	4
	Aquatic Habitat	Impact on passage and quantity/quality of habitat	1	2	4
	Terrestrial Habitat	Impact on connectivity, diversity and quantity/quality of habitat	1	3	4
	Terrestrial Vegetation	Impact on existing woodlots; removals & restoration scheme	4	3	1
	Impacts to Species at Risk	Ability to improve suitability of terrestrial and aquatic habitat for Species at Risk, potentially affected temporarily or permanently.	4	3	1
	Climate Change	Ability to adapt to, and be resilient to, climate change	1	3	4
Subtotal			12	18	18
Weighted Score			12.50	18.75	18.75
Social / Cultural Environment	Public Safety	Impact on public safety	2	4	4
	Landowner Impacts / Community Disruption	Impact on private property	4	3	1
	Benefit to Community and Public Acceptance	Access to trails, enjoyment of surrounding lands	2	3	4
	Archaeological Impacts	Less disturbance of areas with archaeological potential and cultural heritage resources score higher	4	3	1
	Aesthetic Value	Impact on existing and proposed aesthetic value	1	3	4
Subtotal			13.00	16.00	14.00
Weighted Score			16.25	20.00	17.50
Economic Environment	Capital Costs	One time cost to City	4	3	1
	Operations & Maintenance Costs	Requirement for regular, irregular or no maintenance activities and ensure effectiveness of implemented measures	1	3	4
	Life Cycle Costs	Lower life cycle costs relative to the other alternatives scores higher	1	4	3
	Cost Effectiveness	Ability to provide multiple improvements, at a cost less than the total of completing all the works separately. Accounts for the ability of the City to partner and share costs with other agencies (i.e., Region of Durham, TRCA, etc.)	2	4	3
Subtotal			8.00	14.00	11.00
Weighted Score			12.50	21.88	17.19
Technical/Engineering Considerations	Regulatory Agency Acceptance	Satisfy City, TRCA, DFO and MNR mandates	2	4	3
	Impact on Existing Infrastructure	Protection or potential exposure of infrastructure (buildings, bridges, properties, sewers)	2	4	4
	Flooding Impacts	Greater reduction of flooding risks to public and/or private lands for longer time score higher	1	3	4
	Technical Feasibility	Complexity of implementing the Project, including constructability and need to manage construction related disturbances to other infrastructure / property	4	4	3
	Lifespan of Works	Expected lifespan / years of works before intervention needs to be repeated	1	3	4
Subtotal			10.00	18.00	18.00
Weighted Score			12.50	22.50	22.50
TOTAL SCORE (/100)			53.8	83.1	75.9

Preliminary preferred alternative - Local Works

- Replace failed erosion control measures
- Restore eroded slopes and provide erosion protection through the construction of vegetated buttresses
- Removal of accumulated sediment and debris
- Repairs to degraded outfall structures
- Kingston Road culvert is a Region of Durham asset

EROSION SITES 5 - 8

Existing conditions & erosion risks

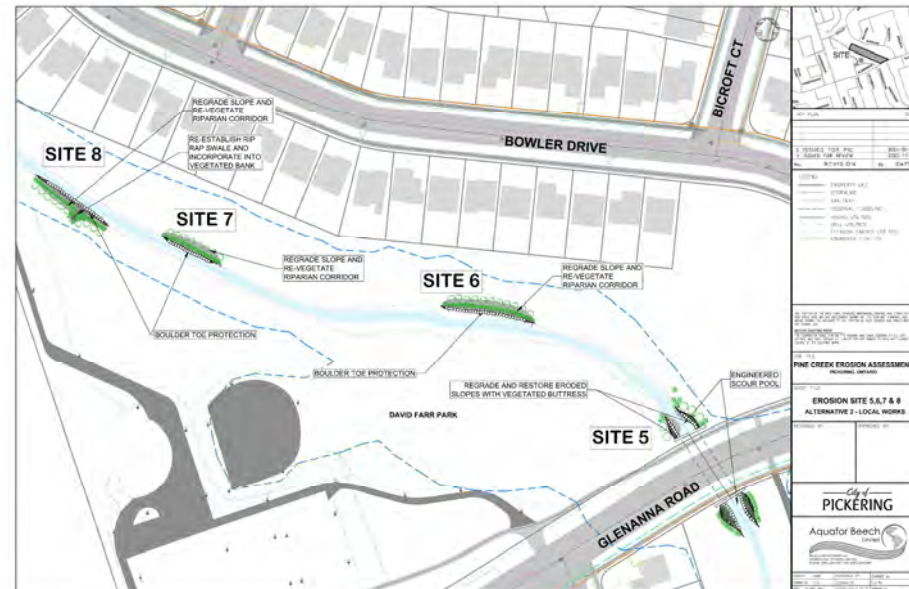


Risks to public parklands, municipal infrastructure and aquatic habitat due to:

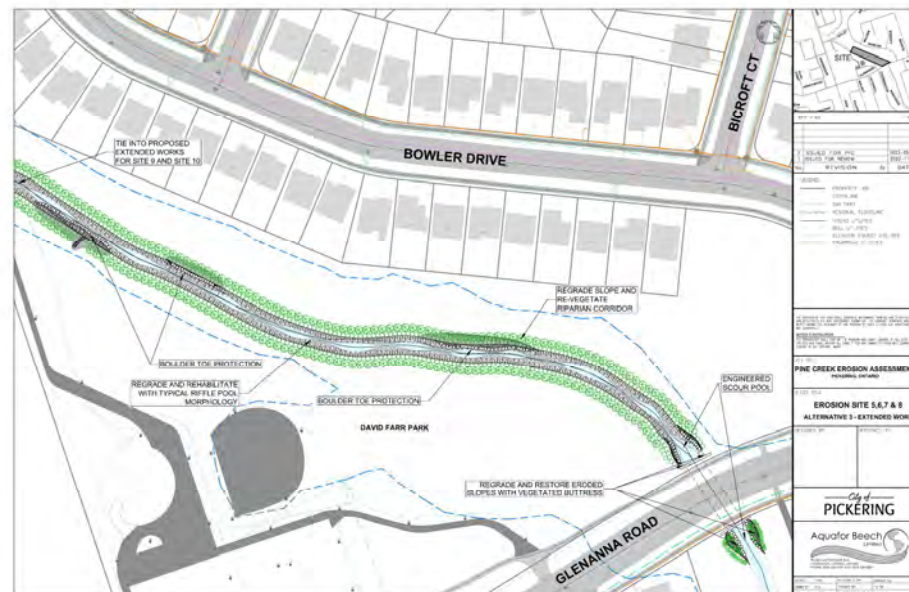
- Active bank erosion
- Over encroachment
- Debris accumulation

Level of Risk: Low

Proposed restoration alternatives



Alternative #1: Local Works

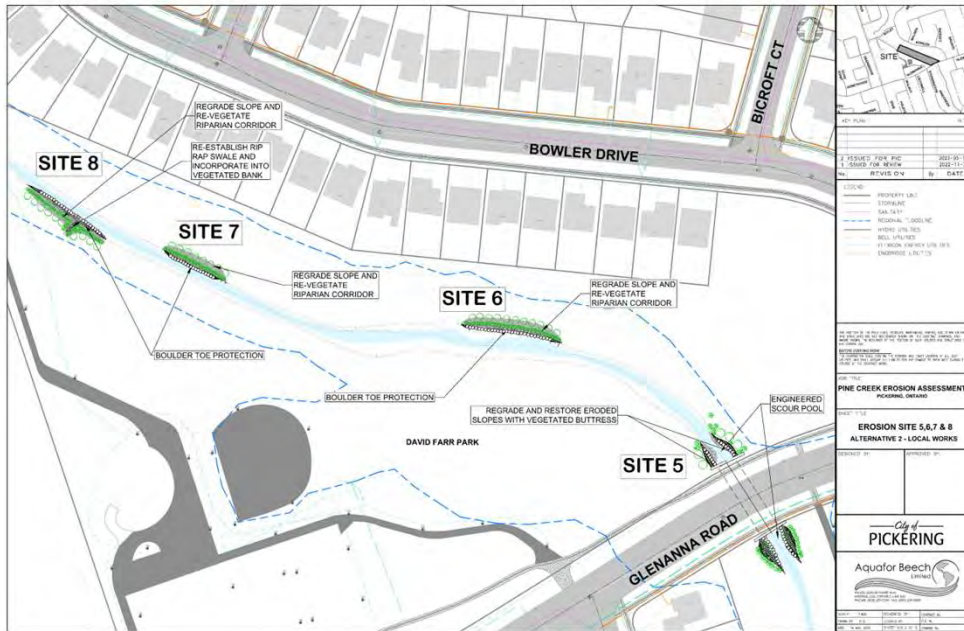


Alternative #2: Extended Works

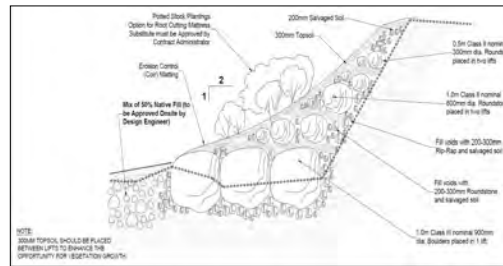
EROSION SITES 5-8 – POTENTIAL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



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An example of natural channel design enhanced with vegetated butress



An example of vegetated butress detail

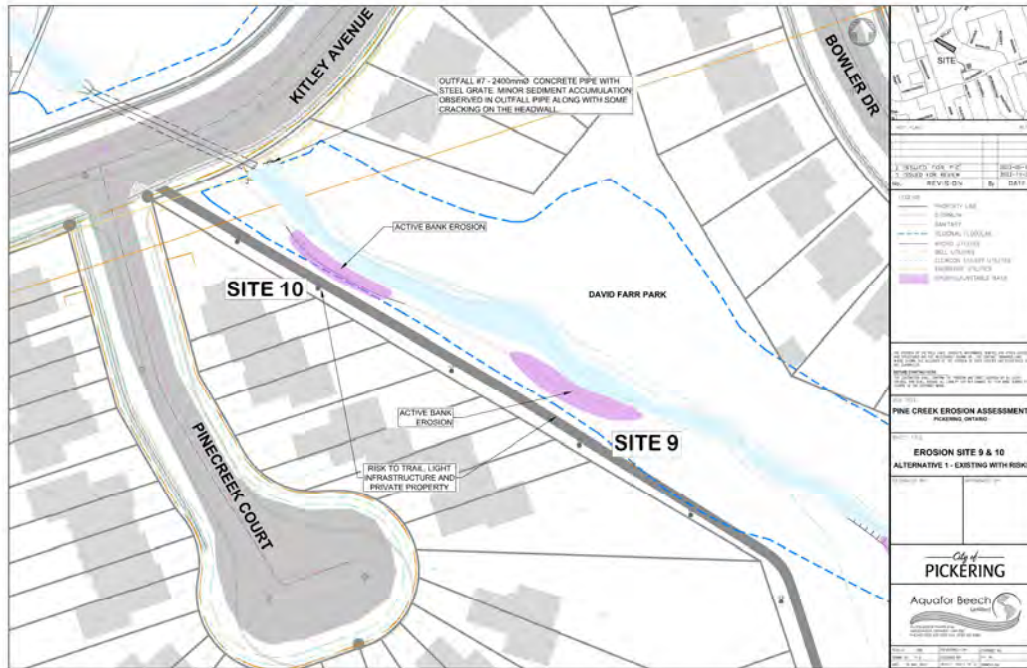
Erosion Site #5-8	Evaluation Criteria	Comment	Do Nothing	Local Works	Extended Works
Physical and Natural Environment	Mitigation of Existing Erosion Risks	Rate of erosion, loss of public / private lands and sediment deposition caused by erosion	1	4	4
	Aquatic Habitat	Impact on passage and quantity/quality of habitat	1	2	4
	Terrestrial Habitat	Impact on connectivity, diversity and quantity/quality of habitat	1	3	4
	Terrestrial Vegetation	Impact on existing woodlots; removals & restoration scheme	4	3	1
	Impacts to Species at Risk	Ability to improve suitability of terrestrial and aquatic habitat for Species at Risk, potentially affected temporarily or permanently.	4	3	2
	Climate Change	Ability to adapt to, and be resilient to, climate change	1	3	4
Subtotal			12	18	19
Weighted Score			12.50	18.75	19.79
Social / Cultural Environment	Public Safety	Impact on public safety	2	4	4
	Landowner Impacts / Community Disruption	Impact on private property	4	2	1
	Benefit to Community and Public Acceptance	Access to trails, enjoyment of surrounding lands	2	3	4
	Archaeological Impacts	Less disturbance of areas with archaeological potential and cultural heritage resources score higher	4	3	1
	Aesthetic Value	Impact on existing and proposed aesthetic value	1	3	4
Subtotal			13.00	15.00	14.00
Weighted Score			16.25	18.75	17.50
Economic Environment	Capital Costs	One time cost to City	4	3	1
	Operations & Maintenance Costs	Requirement for regular, irregular or no maintenance activities and ensure effectiveness of implemented measures	1	3	4
	Life Cycle Costs	Lower life cycle costs relative to the other alternatives scores higher	1	4	3
	Cost Effectiveness	Ability to provide multiple improvements, at a cost less than the total of completing all the works separately. Accounts for the ability of the City to partner and share costs with other agencies (i.e., Region of Durham, TRCA, etc.)	2	4	3
Subtotal			8.00	14.00	11.00
Weighted Score			12.50	21.88	17.19
Technical/Engineering Considerations	Regulatory Agency Acceptance	Satisfy City, TRCA, DFO and MNR mandates	2	4	3
	Impact on Existing Infrastructure	Protection or potential exposure of infrastructure (buildings, bridges, properties, sewers)	2	4	4
	Flooding Impacts	Greater reduction of flooding risks to public and/or private lands for longer time score higher	2	3	4
	Technical Feasibility	Complexity of implementing the Project, including constructability and need to manage construction related disturbances to other infrastructure / property	4	4	3
	Lifespan of Works	Expected lifespan / years of works before intervention needs to be repeated	1	3	4
Subtotal			11.00	18.00	18.00
Weighted Score			13.75	22.50	22.50
TOTAL SCORE (/100)			55.0	81.9	77.0

Preliminary preferred alternative - Local Works

- Restore eroded slopes and provide erosion protection through the construction of vegetated buttresses
- Removal of accumulated sediment and debris
- Replanting of the riparian zone to provide erosion protection and improve terrestrial and aquatic habitat conditions
- Recommend alterations to park management processes to prevent over encroachment within the riparian corridor

EROSION SITES 9 - 10

Existing conditions & erosion risks



Site 9 – Actively eroding bank creating risk to public trail system



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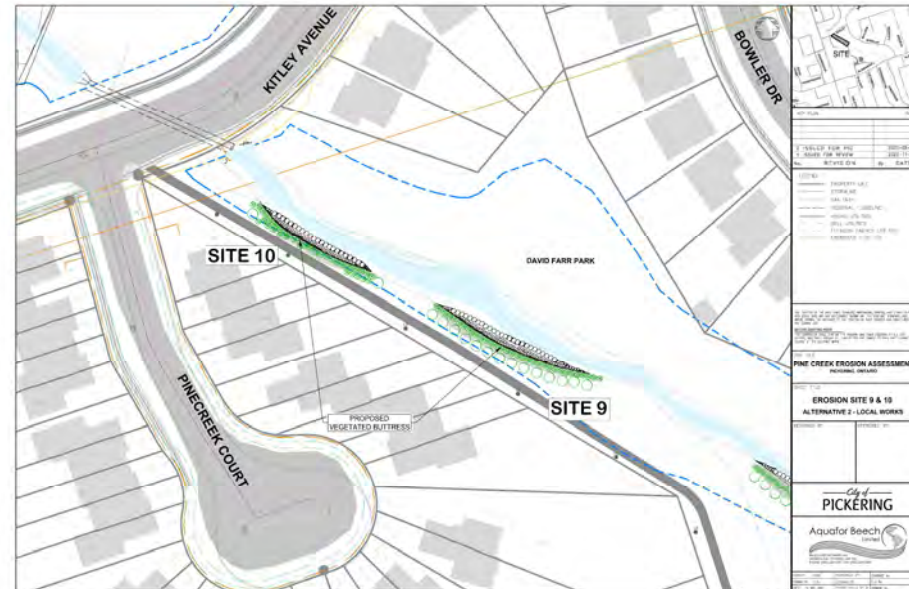
Site 10 – Actively eroding bank creating risk to public trail system

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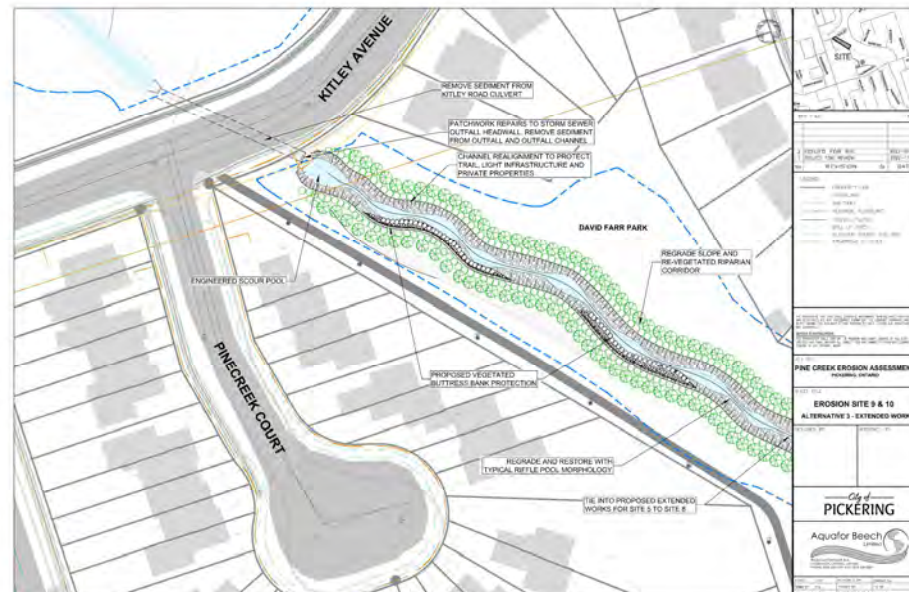
- Active bank erosion
- Channel degradation

Level of Risk: Medium

Proposed restoration alternatives



Alternative #1: Local Works

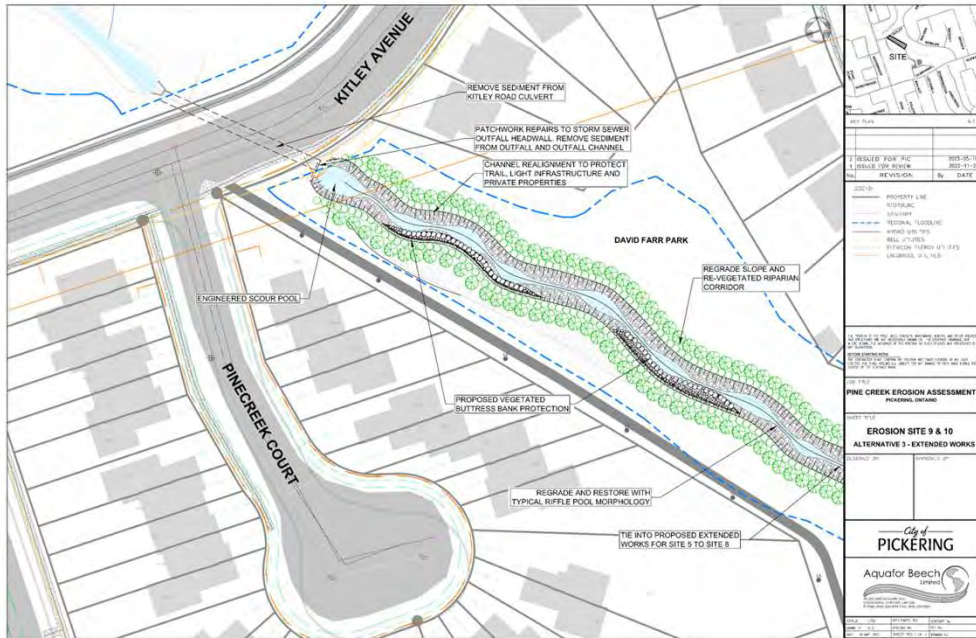


Alternative #2: Extended Works

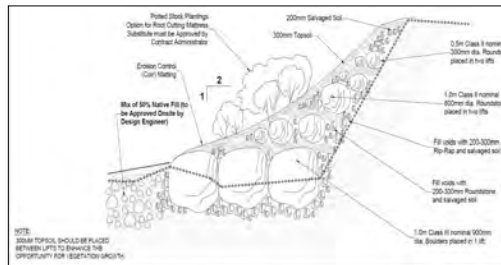
EROSION SITES 9 - 10 – POTENTIAL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



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An example of natural channel design with riffle-pool morphology



An example of vegetated buttress detail

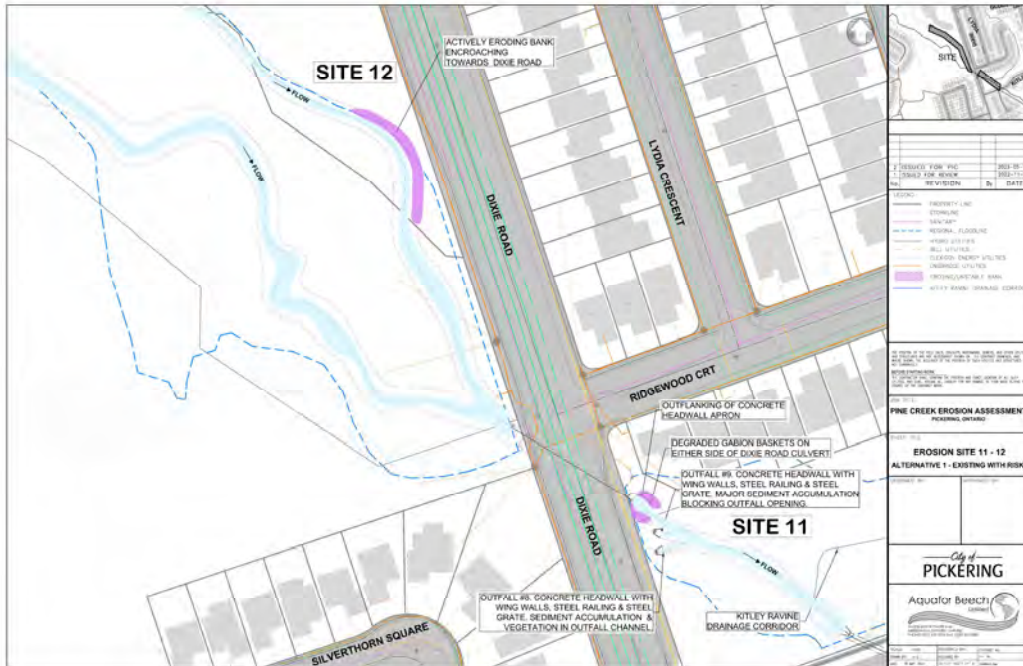
Erosion Site #9-10	Evaluation Criteria	Comment	Do Nothing	Local Works	Extended Works
Physical and Natural Environment	Mitigation of Existing Erosion Risks	Rate of erosion, loss of public / private lands and sediment deposition caused by erosion	1	3	4
	Aquatic Habitat	Impact on passage and quantity/quality of habitat	1	2	4
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Social / Cultural Environment	Public Safety	Impact on public safety	1	3	4
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Weighted Score			10.00	17.50	21.25
Economic Environment	Capital Costs	One time cost to City	4	3	1
	Operations & Maintenance Costs	Requirement for regular, irregular or no maintenance activities and ensure effectiveness of implemented measures	1	2	4
	Life Cycle Costs	Lower life cycle costs relative to the other alternatives scores higher	1	3	4
	Cost Effectiveness	Ability to provide multiple improvements, at a cost less than the total of completing all the works separately. Accounts for the ability of the City to partner and share costs with other agencies (i.e., Region of Durham, TRCA, etc.)	2	3	4
Subtotal			8.00	11.00	13.00
Weighted Score			12.50	17.19	20.31
Technical/Engineering Considerations	Regulatory Agency Acceptance	Satisfy City, TRCA, DFO and MNR mandates	2	4	4
	Impact on Existing Infrastructure	Protection or potential exposure of infrastructure (buildings, bridges, properties, sewers)	2	3	4
	Flooding Impacts	Greater reduction of flooding risks to public and/or private lands for longer time score higher	2	3	4
	Technical Feasibility	Complexity of implementing the Project, including constructability and need to manage construction related disturbances to other infrastructure / property	4	4	2
	Lifespan of Works	Expected lifespan / years of works before intervention needs to be repeated	1	2	4
Subtotal			11.00	16.00	18.00
Weighted Score			13.75	20.00	22.50
TOTAL SCORE (/100)			48.8	70.3	83.9

Preliminary preferred alternative - Extended Works

- Minor channel realignment with riffle-pool morphology to improve ecological conditions and provide an offset from the park trail
- Removal of debris and sediment from the channel
- Outfall repairs / restoration

EROSION SITES 11 - 12

Existing conditions & erosion risks



Site 11 – Sediment accumulation downstream of Dixie Road



Site 11 – Failed gully baskets creating a risk of headwall becoming outflanked



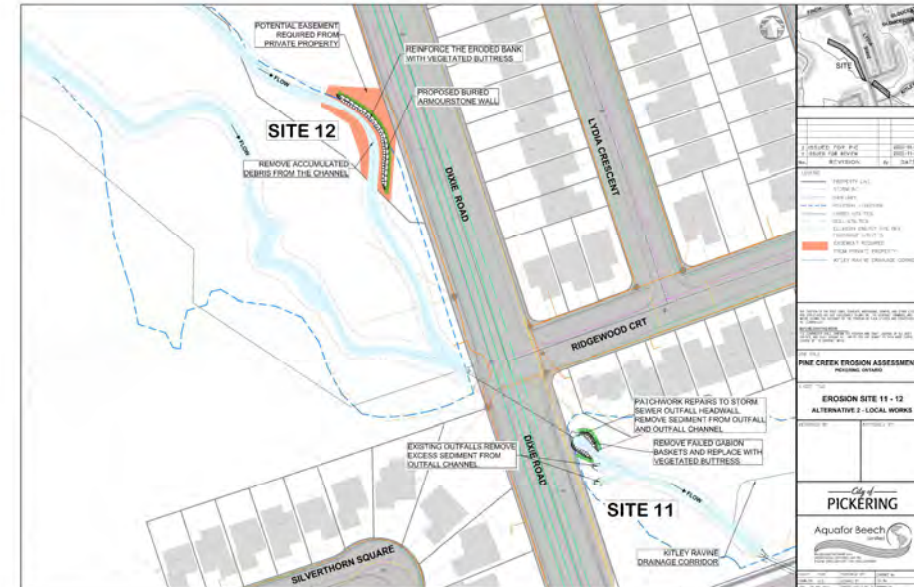
Site 12 – Slope failure creating risk to Dixie Road

Risks to municipal infrastructure, private property and aquatic habitat due to:

- Active channel erosion
- Sediment accumulated in front of storm sewer outfalls
- Aging / deteriorated infrastructure
- Debris jams

Level of Risk: Moderate

Proposed restoration alternatives



Alternative #1: Local Works

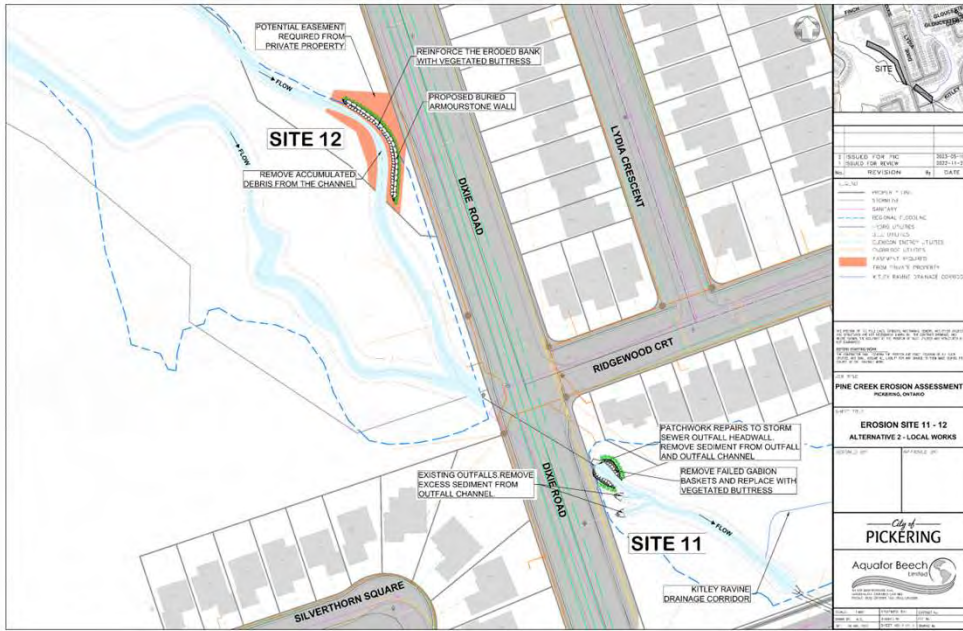


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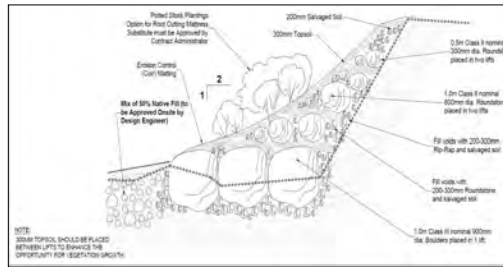
EROSION SITES 11-12 – POTENTIAL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



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An example of natural channel design enhanced with vegetated buttress



An example of vegetated buttress detail

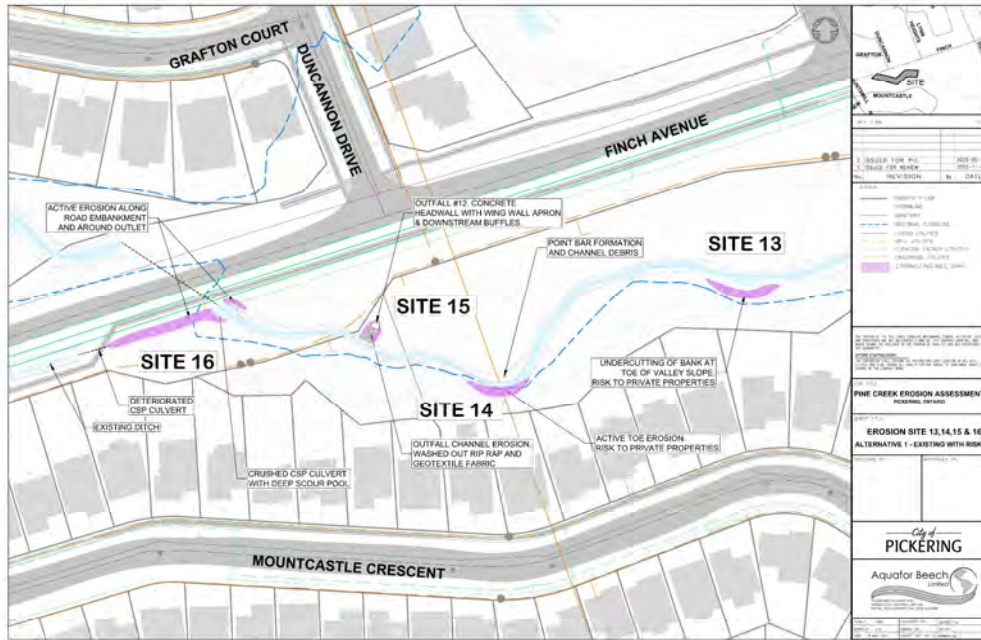
Erosion Site #11-12	Evaluation Criteria	Comment	Do Nothing	Local Works	Extended Works
Physical and Natural Environment	Mitigation of Existing Erosion Risks	Rate of erosion, loss of public / private lands and sediment deposition caused by erosion	1	3	4
	Aquatic Habitat	Impact on passage and quantity/quality of habitat	1	2	4
	Terrestrial Habitat	Impact on connectivity, diversity and quantity/quality of habitat	1	2	4
	Terrestrial Vegetation	Impact on existing woodlots; removals & restoration scheme	4	3	1
	Impacts to Species at Risk	Ability to improve suitability of terrestrial and aquatic habitat for Species at Risk, potentially affected temporarily or permanently.	4	3	1
	Climate Change	Ability to adapt to, and be resilient to, climate change	1	3	4
Subtotal			12	16	18
Weighted Score			12.50	16.67	18.75
Social / Cultural Environment	Public Safety	Impact on public safety	2	4	4
	Landowner Impacts / Community Disruption	Impact on private property	4	3	1
	Benefit to Community and Public Acceptance	Access to trails, enjoyment of surrounding lands	1	3	4
	Archaeological Impacts	Less disturbance of areas with archaeological potential and cultural heritage resources score higher	4	3	1
	Aesthetic Value	Impact on existing and proposed aesthetic value	1	3	4
Subtotal			12.00	16.00	14.00
Weighted Score			15.00	20.00	17.50
Economic Environment	Capital Costs	One time cost to City	4	3	1
	Operations & Maintenance Costs	Requirement for regular, irregular or no maintenance activities and ensure effectiveness of implemented measures	1	3	4
	Life Cycle Costs	Lower life cycle costs relative to the other alternatives scores higher	1	4	3
	Cost Effectiveness	Ability to provide multiple improvements, at a cost less than the total of completing all the works separately. Accounts for the ability of the City to partner and share costs with other agencies (i.e., Region of Durham, TRCA, etc.)	2	4	3
Subtotal			8.00	14.00	11.00
Weighted Score			12.50	21.88	17.19
Technical/Engineering Considerations	Regulatory Agency Acceptance	Satisfy City, TRCA, DFO and MNR mandates	2	4	3
	Impact on Existing Infrastructure	Protection or potential exposure of infrastructure (buildings, bridges, properties, sewers)	2	3	4
	Flooding Impacts	Greater reduction of flooding risks to public and/or private lands for longer time score higher	2	3	4
	Technical Feasibility	Complexity of implementing the Project, including constructability and need to manage construction related disturbances to other infrastructure / property	4	4	2
	Lifespan of Works	Expected lifespan / years of works before intervention needs to be repeated	1	3	4
Subtotal			11.00	17.00	17.00
Weighted Score			13.75	21.25	21.25
TOTAL SCORE (/100)			53.8	79.8	74.7

Preliminary preferred alternative – Local Works

- Repairs to storm sewer outfall at Site #11
- Removal of accumulated channel sediment, remove failed gabion baskets at Site #11 and replace with vegetated buttresses
- Regrade and restore eroded slope at Site #12, remove debris jams, and install vegetated buttress to provide erosion control protection

EROSION SITES 13 - 16

Existing conditions & erosion risks



Site 13 – Slope instability risk to private property



Site 14 – Slope instability risk to private property



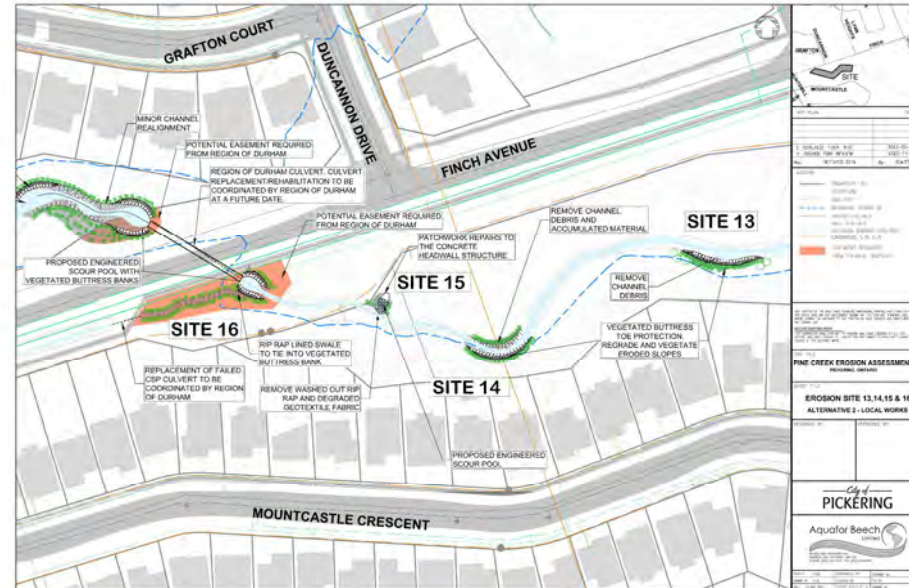
Site 16 – Scouring downstream of Finch Avenue culvert

Risks to private property, municipal & regional infrastructure and aquatic habitat due to:

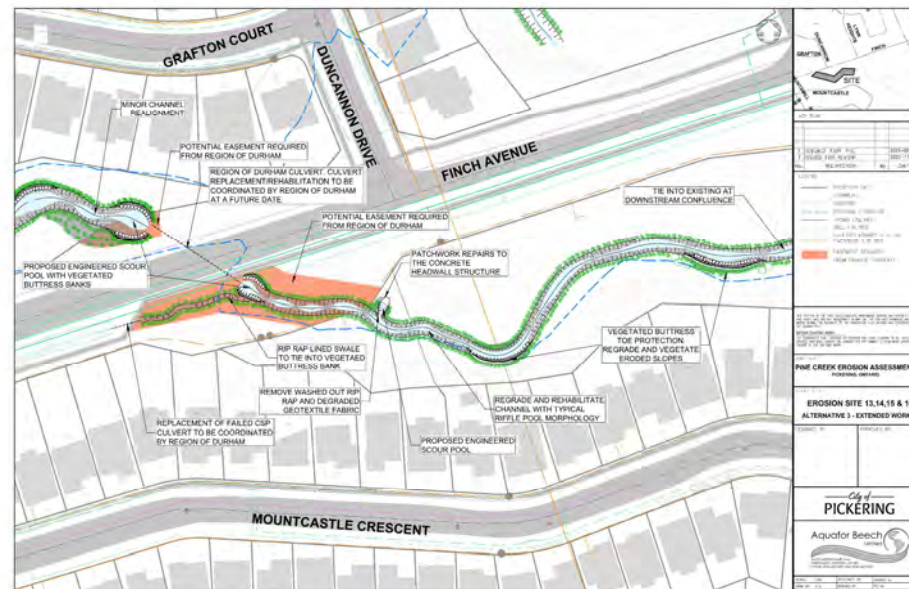
- Active bank erosion
- Woody debris jams in the channel
- Undercut and fallen trees

Level of Risk: High

Proposed restoration alternatives



Alternative #1: Local Works

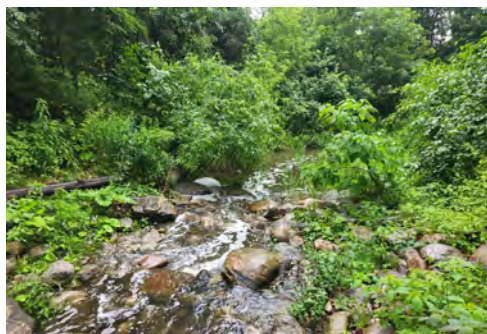
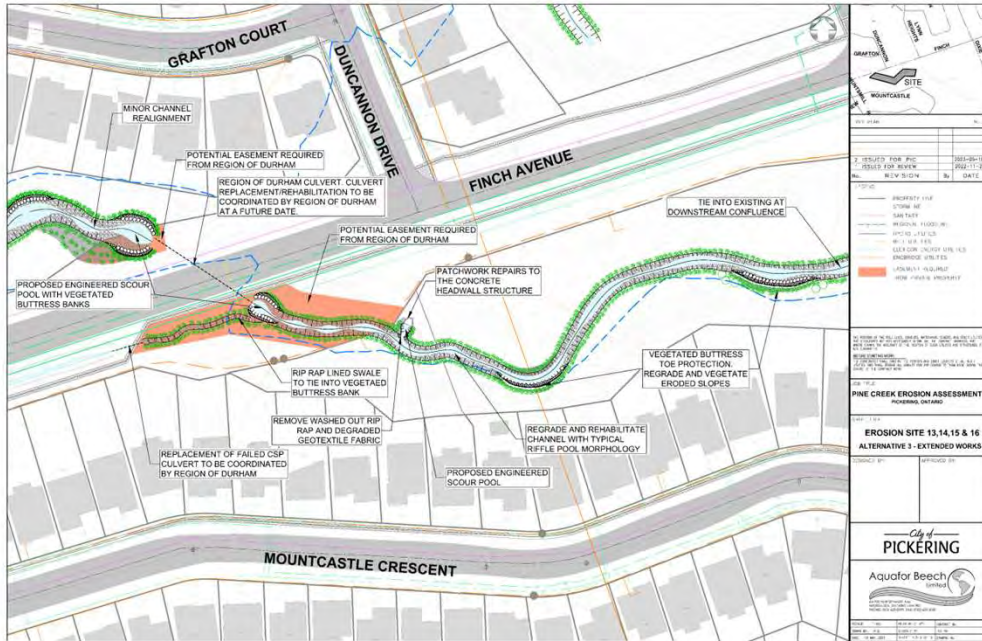


Alternative #2: Extended Works

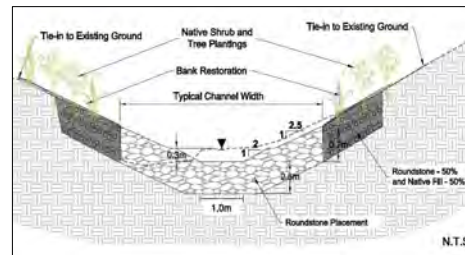
EROSION SITES 13 - 16 – POTENTIAL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



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An example of channel restoration design



An example of typical roundstone riffle – local gravel placement

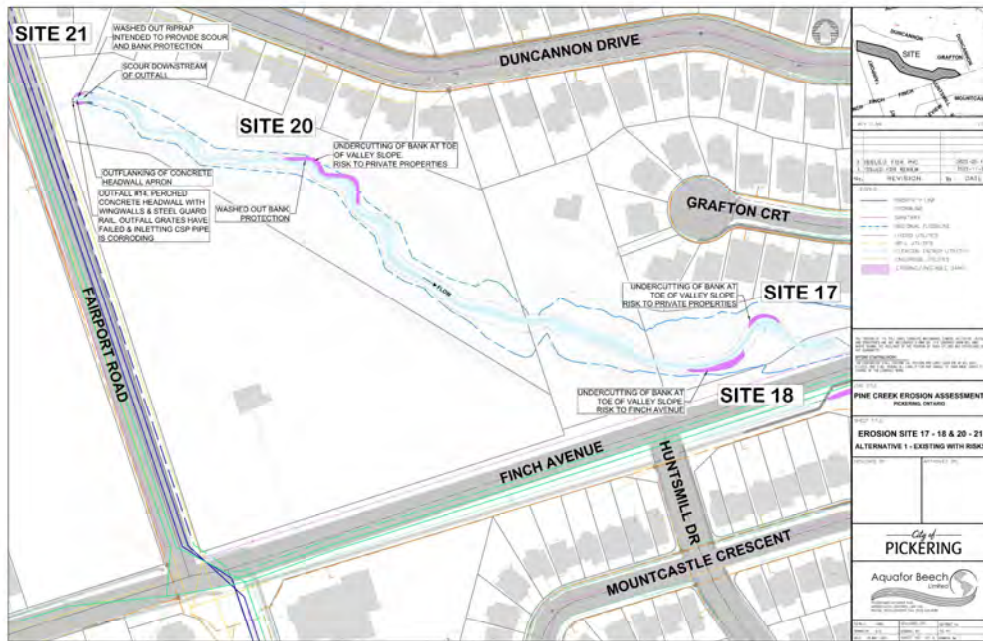
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Physical and Natural Environment	Mitigation of Existing Erosion Risks	Rate of erosion, loss of public / private lands and sediment deposition caused by erosion	1	2	4
	Aquatic Habitat	Impact on passage and quantity/quality of habitat	1	2	4
	Terrestrial Habitat	Impact on connectivity, diversity and quantity/quality of habitat	1	2	4
	Terrestrial Vegetation	Impact on existing woodlots; removals & restoration scheme	4	3	1
	Impacts to Species at Risk	Ability to improve suitability of terrestrial and aquatic habitat for Species at Risk, potentially affected temporarily or permanently.	4	3	2
	Climate Change	Ability to adapt to, and be resilient to, climate change	1	2	4
Subtotal			12	14	19
Weighted Score			12.50	14.58	19.79
Social / Cultural Environment	Public Safety	Impact on public safety	1	2	4
	Landowner Impacts / Community Disruption	Impact on private property	1	2	4
	Benefit to Community and Public Acceptance	Access to trails, enjoyment of surrounding lands	1	3	4
	Archaeological Impacts	Less disturbance of areas with archaeological potential and cultural heritage resources score higher	4	3	1
	Aesthetic Value	Impact on existing and proposed aesthetic value	1	2	4
Subtotal			8.00	12.00	17.00
Weighted Score			10.00	15.00	21.25
Economic Environment	Capital Costs	One time cost to City	4	3	1
	Operations & Maintenance Costs	Requirement for regular, irregular or no maintenance activities and ensure effectiveness of implemented measures	1	2	4
	Life Cycle Costs	Lower life cycle costs relative to the other alternatives scores higher	1	2	4
	Cost Effectiveness	Ability to provide multiple improvements, at a cost less than the total of completing all the works separately. Accounts for the ability of the City to partner and share costs with other agencies (i.e., Region of Durham, TRCA, etc.)	2	3	4
Subtotal			8.00	10.00	13.00
Weighted Score			12.50	15.63	20.31
Technical/Engineering Considerations	Regulatory Agency Acceptance	Satisfy City, TRCA, DFO and MNR mandates	2	3	4
	Impact on Existing Infrastructure	Protection or potential exposure of infrastructure (buildings, bridges, properties, sewers)	2	3	3
	Flooding Impacts	Greater reduction of flooding risks to public and/or private lands for longer time score higher	1	3	4
	Technical Feasibility	Complexity of implementing the Project, including constructability and need to manage construction related disturbances to other infrastructure / property	4	3	2
	Lifespan of Works	Expected lifespan / years of works before intervention needs to be repeated	1	2	4
Subtotal			10.00	14.00	17.00
Weighted Score			12.50	17.50	21.25
TOTAL SCORE (/100)			47.5	62.7	82.6

Preliminary preferred alternative – Extended Works

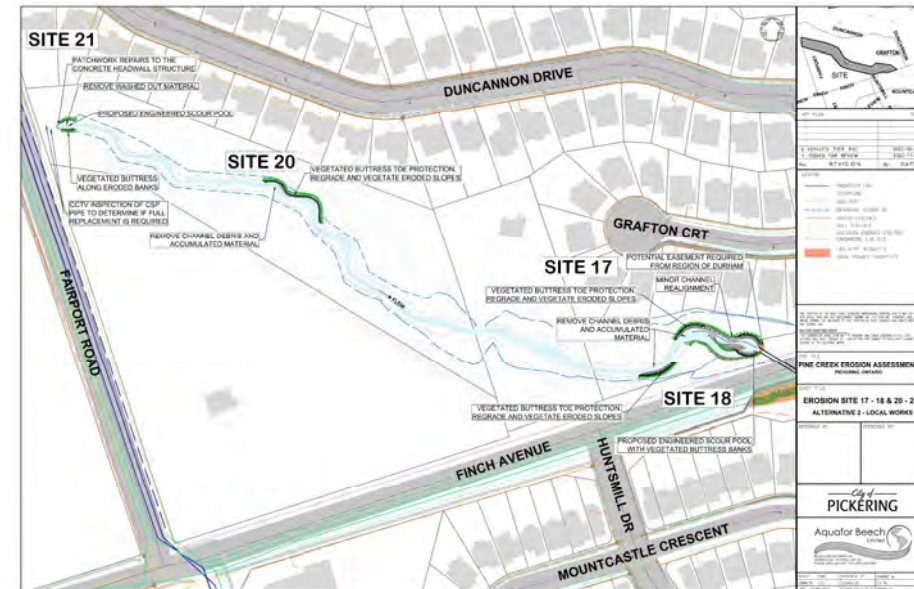
- Extended natural channel restoration works
- Regrade and stabilize failing slopes
- Repair/rehabilitate scour pools downstream of culverts and outfalls
- Finch Avenue culvert is a Region of Durham asset

EROSION SITES 17 - 21

Existing conditions & erosion risks



Proposed restoration alternatives



Alternative #1: Local Works



Site 17 – Slope stability risk to Private Property



Site 18 – Slope stability risk to Finch Avenue

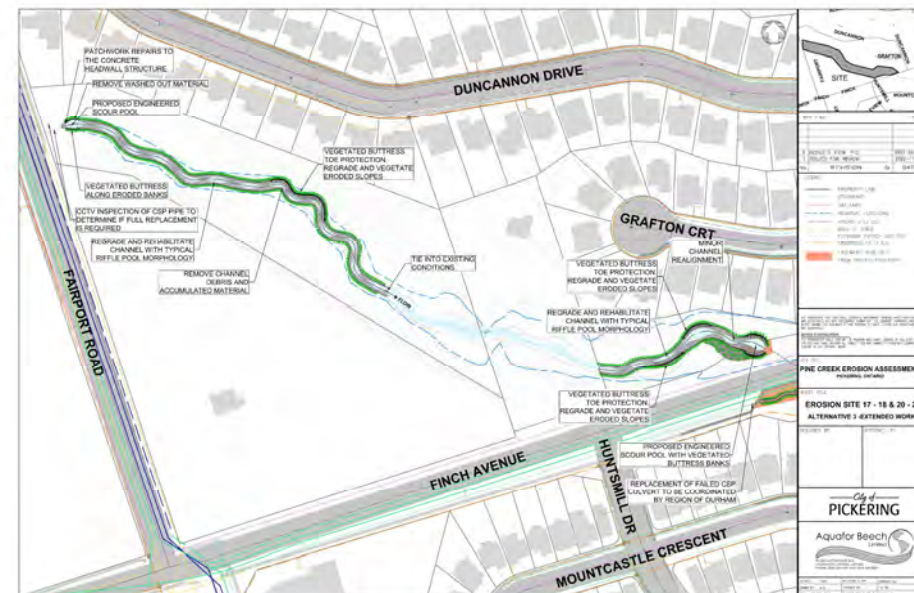


Site 21 – Degraded and perched outfall downstream of Fairport Road.

Risks to private property, Finch Avenue, municipal infrastructure and aquatic habitat due to:

- Active bank erosion
- Slope failures and fallen trees
- Woody debris jams

Level of Risk: Moderate

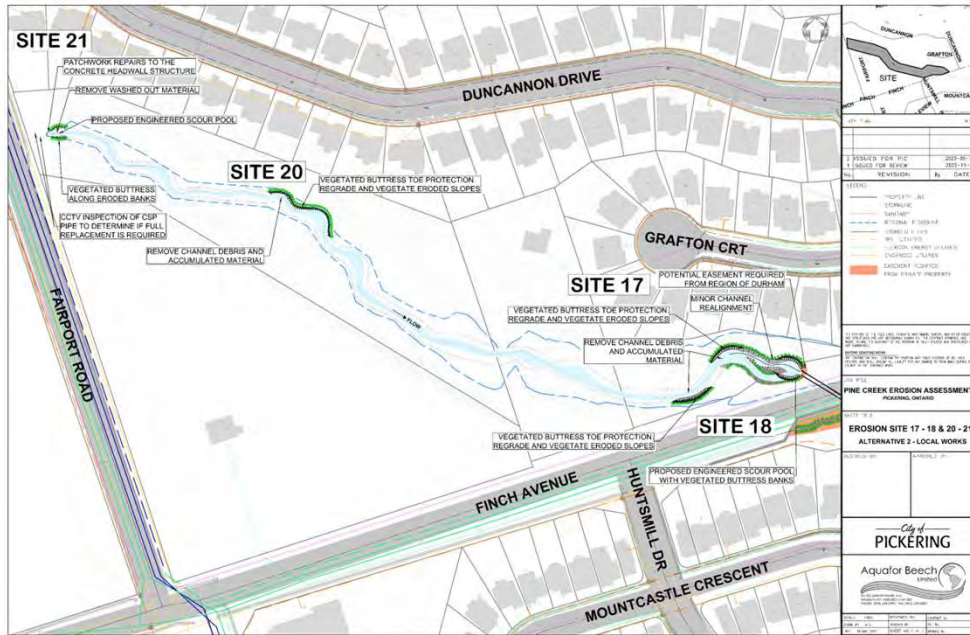


Alternative #2: Extended Works

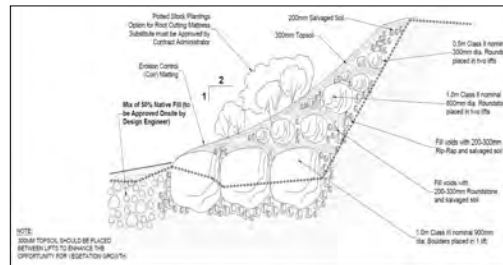
EROSION SITES 17-21 – POTENTIAL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



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An example of natural channel design enhanced with vegetated buttress



An example of vegetated buttress detail

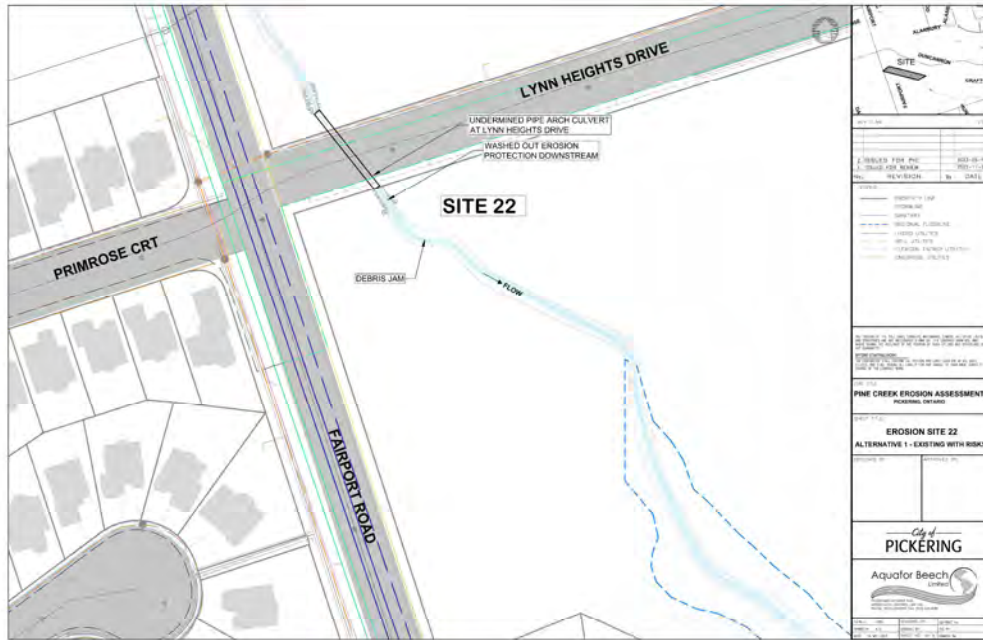
Erosion Site #17-21	Evaluation Criteria	Comment	Do Nothing	Local Works	Extended Works
Physical and Natural Environment	Mitigation of Existing Erosion Risks	Rate of erosion, loss of public / private lands and sediment deposition caused by erosion	1	4	4
	Aquatic Habitat	Impact on passage and quantity/quality of habitat	1	3	4
	Terrestrial Habitat	Impact on connectivity, diversity and quantity/quality of habitat	1	3	4
	Terrestrial Vegetation	Impact on existing woodlots; removals & restoration scheme	4	2	1
	Impacts to Species at Risk	Ability to improve suitability of terrestrial and aquatic habitat for Species at Risk, potentially affected temporarily or permanently.	4	3	2
	Climate Change	Ability to adapt to, and be resilient to, climate change	1	3	4
Subtotal			12	18	19
Weighted Score			12.50	18.75	19.79
Social / Cultural Environment	Public Safety	Impact on public safety	1	4	4
	Landowner Impacts / Community Disruption	Impact on private property	1	4	4
	Benefit to Community and Public Acceptance	Access to trails, enjoyment of surrounding lands	1	4	3
	Archaeological Impacts	Less disturbance of areas with archaeological potential and cultural heritage resources score higher	4	2	1
	Aesthetic Value	Impact on existing and proposed aesthetic value	1	3	4
Subtotal			8.00	17.00	16.00
Weighted Score			10.00	21.25	20.00
Economic Environment	Capital Costs	One time cost to City	4	2	1
	Operations & Maintenance Costs	Requirement for regular, irregular or no maintenance activities and ensure effectiveness of implemented measures	1	3	4
	Life Cycle Costs	Lower life cycle costs relative to the other alternatives scores higher	1	4	2
	Cost Effectiveness	Ability to provide multiple improvements, at a cost less than the total of completing all the works separately. Accounts for the ability of the City to partner and share costs with other agencies (i.e., Region of Durham, TRCA, etc.)	2	3	3
Subtotal			8.00	12.00	10.00
Weighted Score			12.50	18.75	15.63
Technical/Engineering Considerations	Regulatory Agency Acceptance	Satisfy City, TRCA, DFO and MNR mandates	2	4	3
	Impact on Existing Infrastructure	Protection or potential exposure of infrastructure (buildings, bridges, properties, sewers)	2	4	4
	Flooding Impacts	Greater reduction of flooding risks to public and/or private lands for longer time score higher	1	3	3
	Technical Feasibility	Complexity of implementing the Project, including constructability and need to manage construction related disturbances to other infrastructure / property	4	3	2
	Lifespan of Works	Expected lifespan / years of works before intervention needs to be repeated	1	3	4
Subtotal			10.00	17.00	16.00
Weighted Score			12.50	21.25	20.00
TOTAL SCORE (/100)			47.5	80.0	75.4

Preliminary preferred alternative – Local Works

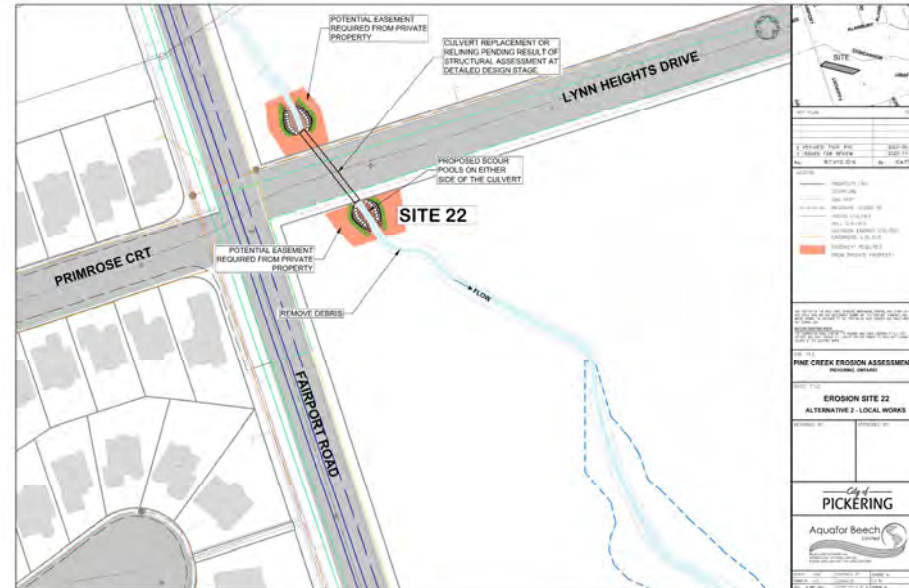
- Rehabilitate and restore eroded banks
- Minor channel realignment to establish a smoother transition into the downstream Finch Avenue culvert
- Construct vegetated buttresses at critical risk sites to provide erosion protection
- Outfall rehabilitation works and downstream scour protection (Site #21)

EROSION SITE 22

Existing conditions & erosion risks



Proposed restoration alternatives



Alternative #1: Local Works



Undermined pipe arch culvert at Lynn Heights Drive



Undermined toe of bank and debris jam downstream of Lynn Heights Drive

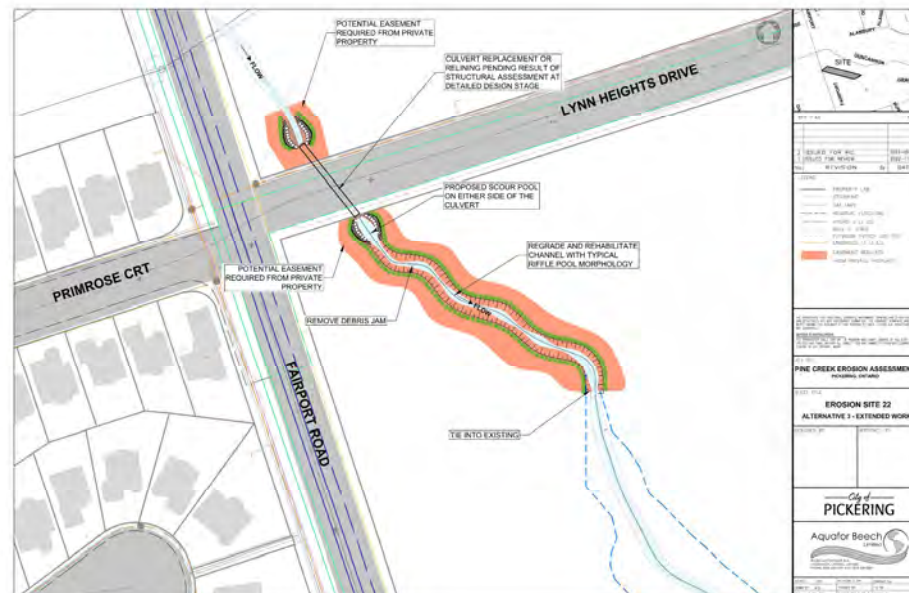


Washed out erosion protection downstream

Risks to municipal infrastructure and aquatic habitat due to:

- Active scouring and erosion
- Infrastructure degradation and failure
- Debris accumulation

Level of Risk: High

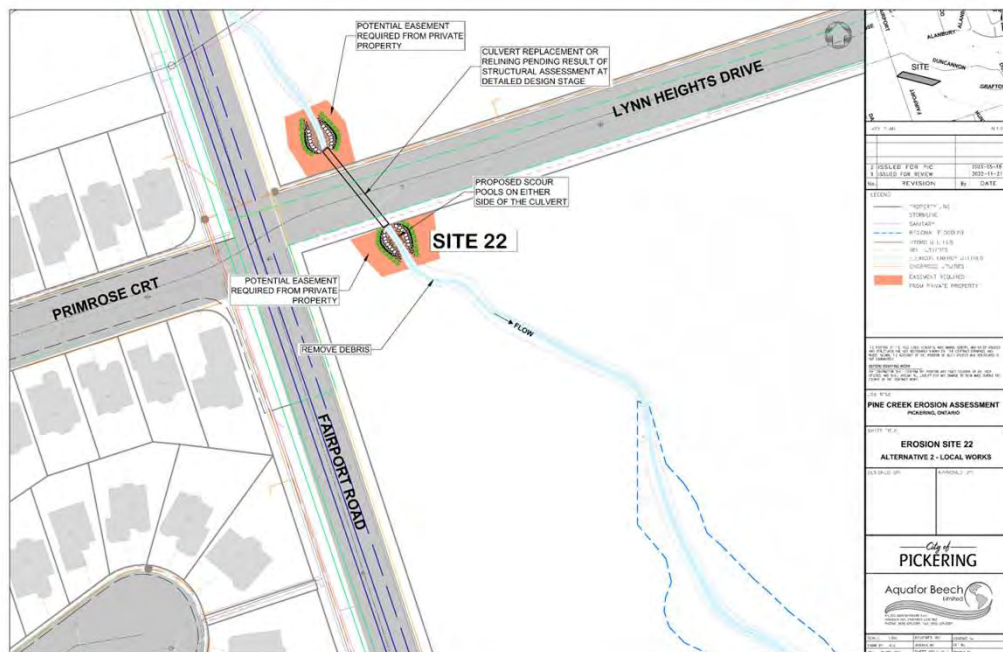


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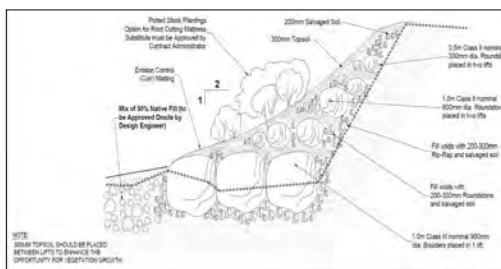
EROSION SITE 22 – POTENTIAL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



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An example of culvert rehabilitation and downstream scour pool works



An example of vegetated buttress detail

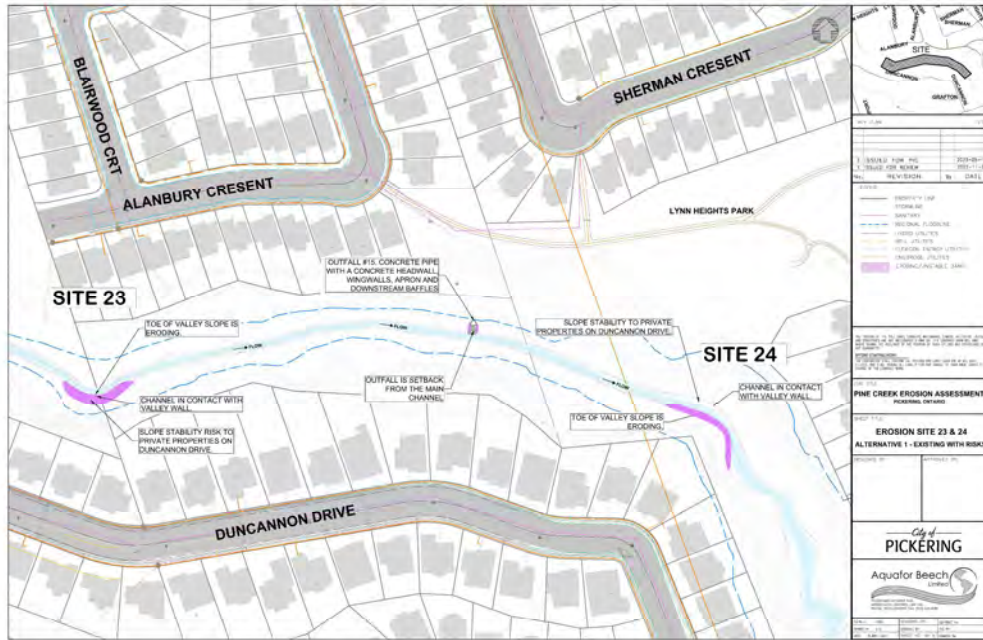
Erosion Site #22	Evaluation Criteria	Comment	Do Nothing	Local Works	Extended Works
Physical and Natural Environment	Mitigation of Existing Erosion Risks	Rate of erosion, loss of public / private lands and sediment deposition caused by erosion	1	4	4
	Aquatic Habitat	Impact on passage and quantity/quality of habitat	1	2	4
	Terrestrial Habitat	Impact on connectivity, diversity and quantity/quality of habitat	1	2	4
	Terrestrial Vegetation	Impact on existing woodlots; removals & restoration scheme	4	3	1
	Impacts to Species at Risk	Ability to improve suitability of terrestrial and aquatic habitat for Species at Risk, potentially affected temporarily or permanently.	4	3	1
	Climate Change	Ability to adapt to, and be resilient to, climate change	1	4	4
Subtotal			12	18	18
Weighted Score			12.50	18.75	18.75
Social / Cultural Environment	Public Safety	Impact on public safety	1	4	4
	Landowner Impacts / Community Disruption	Impact on private property	1	4	2
	Benefit to Community and Public Acceptance	Access to trails, enjoyment of surrounding lands	1	4	3
	Archaeological Impacts	Less disturbance of areas with archaeological potential and cultural heritage resources score higher	4	3	1
	Aesthetic Value	Impact on existing and proposed aesthetic value	1	2	4
Subtotal			8.00	17.00	14.00
Weighted Score			10.00	21.25	17.50
Economic Environment	Capital Costs	One time cost to City	4	3	2
	Operations & Maintenance Costs	Requirement for regular, irregular or no maintenance activities and ensure effectiveness of implemented measures	1	3	4
	Life Cycle Costs	Lower life cycle costs relative to the other alternatives scores higher	1	4	2
	Cost Effectiveness	Ability to provide multiple improvements, at a cost less than the total of completing all the works separately. Accounts for the ability of the City to partner and share costs with other agencies (i.e., Region of Durham, TRCA, etc.)	2	3	3
Subtotal			8.00	13.00	11.00
Weighted Score			12.50	20.31	17.19
Technical/Engineering Considerations	Regulatory Agency Acceptance	Satisfy City, TRCA, DFO and MNR mandates	2	4	3
	Impact on Existing Infrastructure	Protection or potential exposure of infrastructure (buildings, bridges, properties, sewers)	2	4	4
	Flooding Impacts	Greater reduction of flooding risks to public and/or private lands for longer time score higher	1	3	4
	Technical Feasibility	Complexity of implementing the Project, including constructability and need to manage construction related disturbances to other infrastructure / property	4	3	1
	Lifespan of Works	Expected lifespan / years of works before intervention needs to be repeated	1	4	4
Subtotal			10.00	18.00	16.00
Weighted Score			12.50	22.50	20.00
TOTAL SCORE (/100)			47.5	82.8	73.4

Preliminary preferred alternative – Local Works

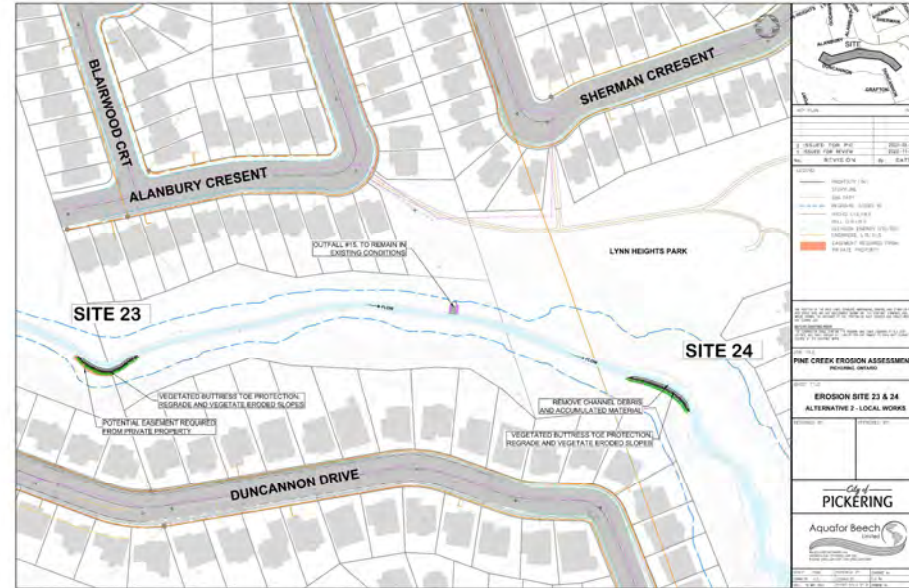
- Culvert replacement / rehabilitation
- Installation of bank erosion control and scour pools upstream and downstream of the culvert
- This alternative limits construction related impacts to private property

EROSION SITES 23 - 24

Existing conditions & erosion risks



Proposed restoration alternatives



Alternative #1: Local Works



Site 23 - Slope stability risk to private properties

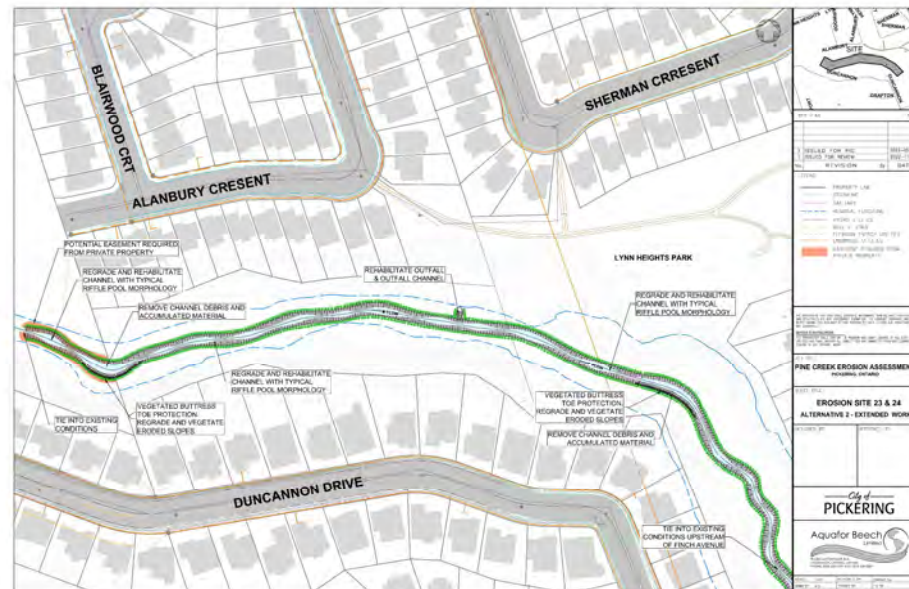
Site 23 - Channel in contact with valley wall

Site 24 - Erosion risk to private properties

Risks to private property and aquatic habitat due to:

- Active bank erosion
- Slope failure and fallen trees

Level of Risk: Medium

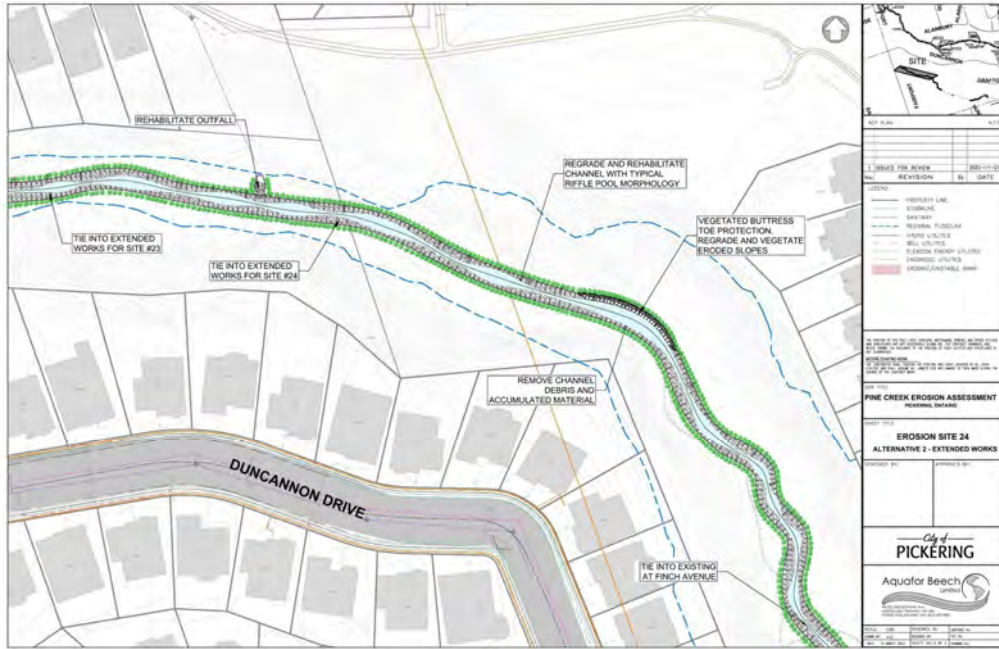


Alternative #2: Extended Works

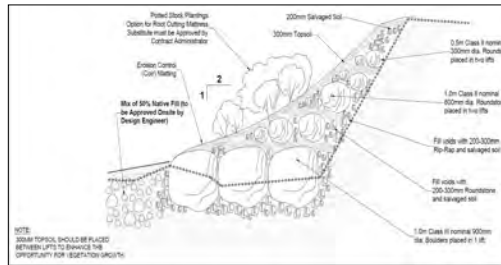
EROSION SITES 23-24 – POTENTIAL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



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An example of natural channel design enhanced with vegetated buttress



An example of vegetated buttress detail

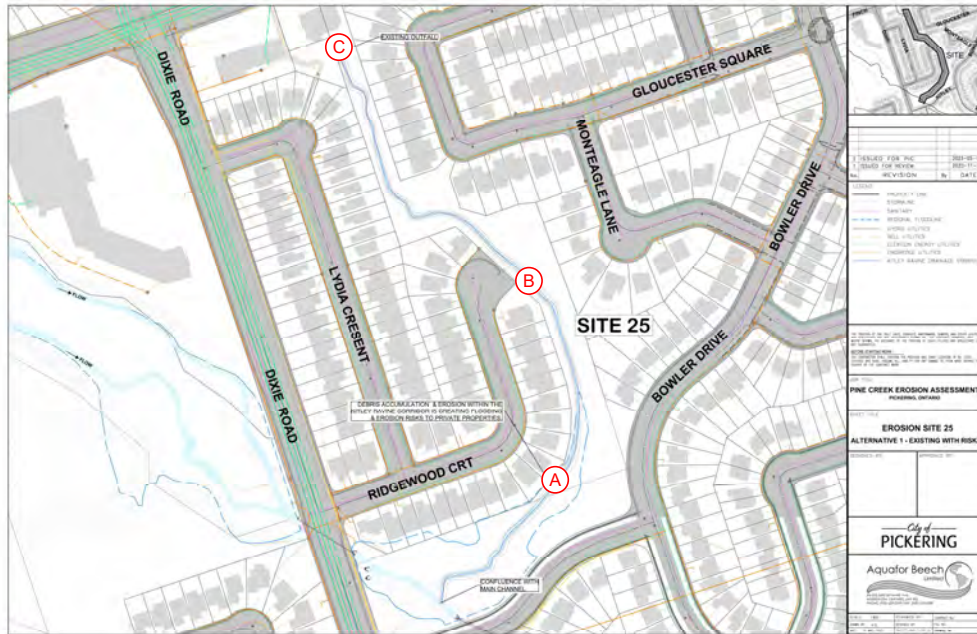
Erosion Site #23-24	Evaluation Criteria	Comment	Do Nothing	Local Works	Extended Works
Physical and Natural Environment	Mitigation of Existing Erosion Risks	Rate of erosion, loss of public / private lands and sediment deposition caused by erosion	1	2	4
	Aquatic Habitat	Impact on passage and quantity/quality of habitat	1	2	4
	Terrestrial Habitat	Impact on connectivity, diversity and quantity/quality of habitat	1	2	4
	Terrestrial Vegetation	Impact on existing woodlots; removals & restoration scheme	4	3	1
	Impacts to Species at Risk	Ability to improve suitability of terrestrial and aquatic habitat for Species at Risk, potentially affected temporarily or permanently.	4	3	1
	Climate Change	Ability to adapt to, and be resilient to, climate change	1	2	4
Subtotal			12	14	18
Weighted Score			12.50	14.58	18.75
Social / Cultural Environment	Public Safety	Impact on public safety	1	3	4
	Landowner Impacts / Community Disruption	Impact on private property	1	2	4
	Benefit to Community and Public Acceptance	Access to trails, enjoyment of surrounding lands	1	3	4
	Archaeological Impacts	Less disturbance of areas with archaeological potential and cultural heritage resources score higher	4	3	1
	Aesthetic Value	Impact on existing and proposed aesthetic value	1	2	4
Subtotal			8.00	13.00	17.00
Weighted Score			10.00	16.25	21.25
Economic Environment	Capital Costs	One time cost to City	4	3	1
	Operations & Maintenance Costs	Requirement for regular, irregular or no maintenance activities and ensure effectiveness of implemented measures	1	3	4
	Life Cycle Costs	Lower life cycle costs relative to the other alternatives scores higher	1	3	4
	Cost Effectiveness	Ability to provide multiple improvements, at a cost less than the total of completing all the works separately. Accounts for the ability of the City to partner and share costs with other agencies (i.e., Region of Durham, TRCA, etc.)	2	3	4
Subtotal			8.00	12.00	13.00
Weighted Score			12.50	18.75	20.31
Technical/Engineering Considerations	Regulatory Agency Acceptance	Satisfy City, TRCA, DFO and MNR mandates	2	3	4
	Impact on Existing Infrastructure	Protection or potential exposure of infrastructure (buildings, bridges, properties, sewers)	2	3	4
	Flooding Impacts	Greater reduction of flooding risks to public and/or private lands for longer time score higher	1	3	4
	Technical Feasibility	Complexity of implementing the Project, including constructability and need to manage construction related disturbances to other infrastructure / property	4	3	2
	Lifespan of Works	Expected lifespan / years of works before intervention needs to be repeated	1	3	4
Subtotal			10.00	15.00	18.00
Weighted Score			12.50	18.75	22.50
TOTAL SCORE (/100)			47.5	68.3	82.8

Preliminary preferred alternative – Extended Works

- Regrade and restore eroded slopes
- Implement vegetated buttress to provide erosion protection
- Removal of accumulated channel debris
- Establish riffle-pool morphology

EROSION SITE 25 – Kitley Ravine

Existing conditions & erosion risks



Proposed restoration alternatives



Alternative #1: Do Nothing

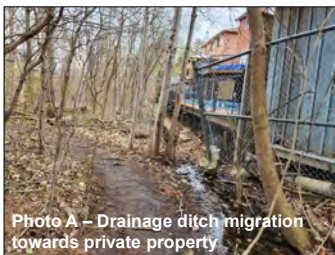


Photo A – Drainage ditch migration towards private property



Photo B – Debris accumulation within the Kitley Ravine corridor.



Photo C – Upstream outfall. Note significant blockage due to sediment.

Risks to private property and municipal infrastructure due to:

- Channel migration
- Fallen trees and debris jams
- Sediment accumulation

Level of Risk: Medium

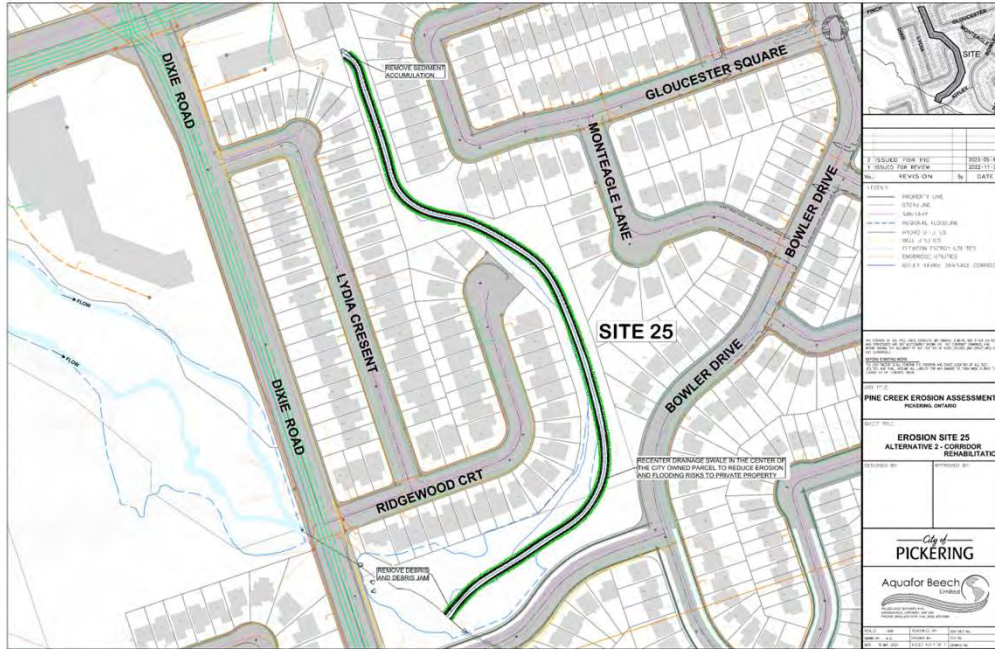


Alternative #2: Full Corridor Rehabilitation

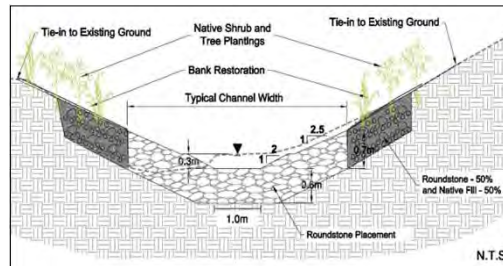
EROSION SITE 25 – POTENTIAL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



Pine Creek Erosion Assessment Municipal Class Environmental Assessment



An example of a stone lined drainage channel



An example of a rip-rap lined ditch / channel

Erosion Site #25	Evaluation Criteria	Comment	Do Nothing	Corridor Rehabilitation
Physical and Natural Environment	Mitigation of Existing Erosion Risks	Rate of erosion, loss of public / private lands and sediment deposition caused by erosion	1	4
	Aquatic Habitat	Impact on passage and quantity/quality of habitat	2	2
	Terrestrial Habitat	Impact on connectivity, diversity and quantity/quality of habitat	1	3
	Terrestrial Vegetation	Impact on existing woodlots; removals & restoration scheme	4	2
	Impacts to Species at Risk	Ability to improve suitability of terrestrial and aquatic habitat for Species at Risk, potentially affected temporarily or permanently.	4	2
	Climate Change	Ability to adapt to, and be resilient to, climate change	1	4
Subtotal			13	17
Weighted Score			13.54	17.71
Social / Cultural Environment	Public Safety	Impact on public safety	1	4
	Landowner Impacts / Community Disruption	Impact on private property	1	4
	Benefit to Community and Public Acceptance	Access to trails, enjoyment of surrounding lands	1	3
	Archaeological Impacts	Less disturbance of areas with archaeological potential and cultural heritage resources score higher	4	1
	Aesthetic Value	Impact on existing and proposed aesthetic value	1	3
Subtotal			8.00	15.00
Weighted Score			10.00	18.75
Economic Environment	Capital Costs	One time cost to City	4	1
	Operations & Maintenance Costs	Requirement for regular, irregular or no maintenance activities and ensure effectiveness of implemented measures	1	3
	Life Cycle Costs	Lower life cycle costs relative to the other alternatives scores higher	1	3
	Cost Effectiveness	Ability to provide multiple improvements, at a cost less than the total of completing all the works separately. Accounts for the ability of the City to partner and share costs with other agencies (i.e., Region of Durham, TRCA, etc.)	1	4
Subtotal			7.00	11.00
Weighted Score			10.94	17.19
Technical/Engineering Considerations	Regulatory Agency Acceptance	Satisfy City, TRCA, DFO and MNR mandates	3	4
	Impact on Existing Infrastructure	Protection or potential exposure of infrastructure (buildings, bridges, properties, sewers)	3	4
	Flooding Impacts	Greater reduction of flooding risks to public and/or private lands for longer time score higher	2	4
	Technical Feasibility	Complexity of implementing the Project, including constructability and need to manage construction related disturbances to other infrastructure / property	4	2
	Lifespan of Works	Expected lifespan / years of works before intervention needs to be repeated	2	4
Subtotal			14.00	18.00
Weighted Score			17.50	22.50
TOTAL SCORE (/100)			52.0	76.1

Preliminary preferred alternative – Full Corridor Rehabilitation

- Recenter the drainage ditch in the middle of the City owned parcel, increasing the erosion and flooding buffer between the ditch and private properties
- Install a rip-rap lining to limit future ditch migration / erosion
- Removal of accumulated channel debris
- Application of restoration plantings

NEXT STEPS

PUBLIC CONSULTATION – MAY 2023

- Receive PIC feedback, incorporate input and update results
- Compile and review feedback. Confirm or adapt preliminary preferred alternatives.



SUBMIT EA PROJECT FILE – SUMMER/FALL 2023

- EA project file posted for 30 day review period.

DETAILED DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

- Construction timing dependant on City of Pickering Capital Planning.

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