

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

AMARANTH SOIL MANAGEMENT FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

This is a notice that Amaranth Soil Management Facility Inc. (the Company) has initiated an Environmental Assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act and Ontario Regulation 101/07 to re-engineer, re-permit and re-construct the Amaranth Township Landfill Site (Site) to accommodate a soil management facility.

Project Description

The Site is currently a 29.1 ha (72 ac. ±) municipal waste disposal facility located at 434354 4th Line, Pt. E ½ Lots 16 and 17, Concession IV, Township of Amaranth (Township), Dufferin County, and has been in operation for approximately 34 years. The Township of Amaranth has accepted a Letter of Intent from the Company to purchase the Site. Figure 1 shows the location of the Site.

The Site is licenced under Certificate of Approval No. A180403 to receive municipal solid waste from within the Township of Amaranth. As of January 14, 2010, the Site reportedly contained approximately 50,075 m³ of waste and cover soils located in an approved 3.7 ha (9 ac. ±) waste disposal area within the approved Site.

The project being proposed by the Company is the establishment of a soil management facility at the Site. The project will require amending the design of the Site to receive up to five million cubic metres of non-hazardous impacted soil for treatment and/or disposal.

Upon implementation of the project, all municipal solid waste in the Site will be exhumed and sent to one or more approved waste disposal facilities elsewhere. Municipal solid waste currently going to the Site will be re-directed to another facility and ultimately to a County of Dufferin facility, when available. The County has assumed responsibility for the establishment, operation and delivery of waste collection and treatment programs and services for the County of Dufferin and all its constituent lower-tier municipalities, including the Township of Amaranth.

The Environmental Assessment Process

The Environmental Assessment will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. The first step in the process is the preparation of a Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference will set out the Company's framework and work plan for addressing the Environmental Assessment Act and Ontario Regulation 101/07 requirements when preparing the Environmental Assessment, including such things as alternatives that will be considered and consultation activities that will be carried out. If approved by the Minister, the Terms of Reference will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation and review of the Environmental Assessment.

Consultation

The Company is committed to consulting with agencies, Aboriginal communities and the public during preparation of the Terms of Reference. Members of the public, Aboriginal communities, government agencies and other interested person are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process by attending consultation opportunities or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation on the Terms of Reference will include one or more public information open houses, preparation and distribution of documents and opportunities for questions and comment. Notices and other information will be advertised in local newspapers, provided through mail-outs and deposited at the Township office. Electronic copies will be available on the website of Conestoga-Rovers & Associates: www.craworld.com (click on "News & Events", then "Public Notice Documents") and on the Township's website (www.amaranth-eastgary.ca). Documents and information pertaining to the project, the Terms of Reference and the Environmental Assessment will also be available from the following:

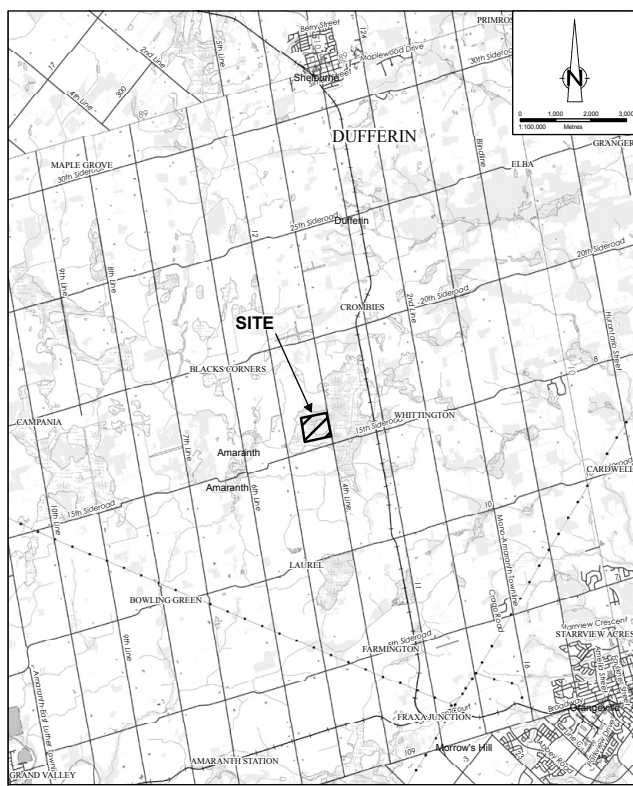


figure 1
SITE LOCATION MAP
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Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and may be released, if requested, to any person.