

**Soper Creek Subwatershed Study
Public Information Centre #1, December 6, 2022
Question & Response Summary**

The following is a summary of the of the questions asked and responses provided at Public Information Centre #1 for the Soper Creek Subwatershed Study.

Question #1: Why do you not use public input for information on local wildlife?

The Phase 1 report was only able to comment on the species and habitats that were observed by the Municipality's Consultant during the course of the study or which were reported to us via background resources or personal communications during the existing conditions review work and public commenting periods. For a study of this scope, it is accepted that we were not able to observe and document every species using the Study area. Site-specific studies associated with development proposals (e.g., Environmental Impact Study) will be required in future to assess individual locations in more detail.

Question #2: Will the characteristics of the results possibly affect development of parkland (e.g. the zoo lands at Soper Creek and Highway 2)?

The former Bowmanville Zoo lands are outside of the two Secondary Plan areas that are the focus of investigation through this Study. Any applicable information that comes from the Study will be used by Municipal staff and their consulting teams where possible.

Question #3: Who might we be able to reach out to for discussion about the limits?

The best approach is to review the project information and technical reports posted on the project webpage – www.clarington.net/SoperCreek. Any questions can then be provided to the project email address – SoperCreekSubwatershed@clarington.net.

Question #4: Could these lands become part of the nearby conservation area since habitat is so important in this area?

Natural Heritage areas will either be dedicated to the Municipality of Clarington or Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority. They would be maintained as natural features, not parkland.

Question #5: Is Hurricane Hazel still used as high-water mark today?

Hurricane Hazel and the 100-year storm are used to identify the highest water level. Whichever storm produces the higher flows becomes the floodline.