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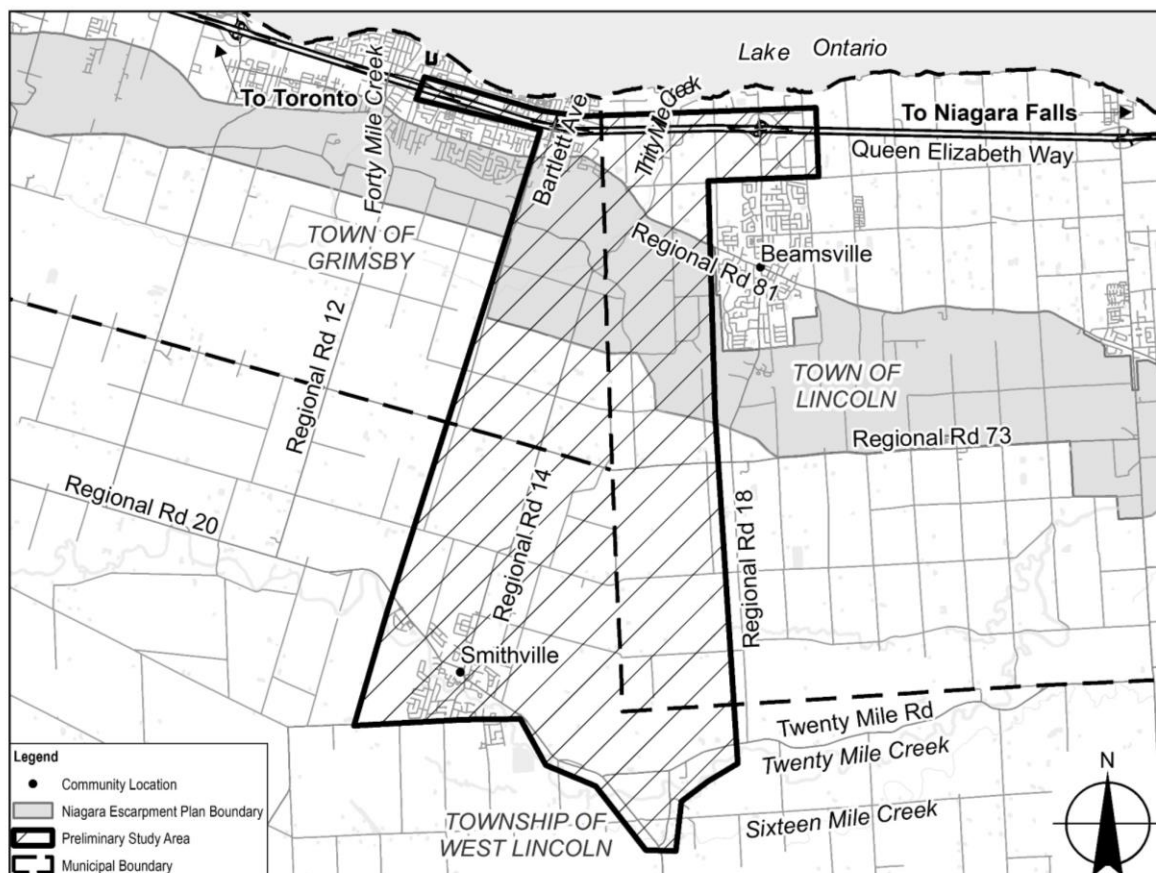
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Niagara Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment

Town of Grimsby, Town of Lincoln,
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The Study

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The Study Process

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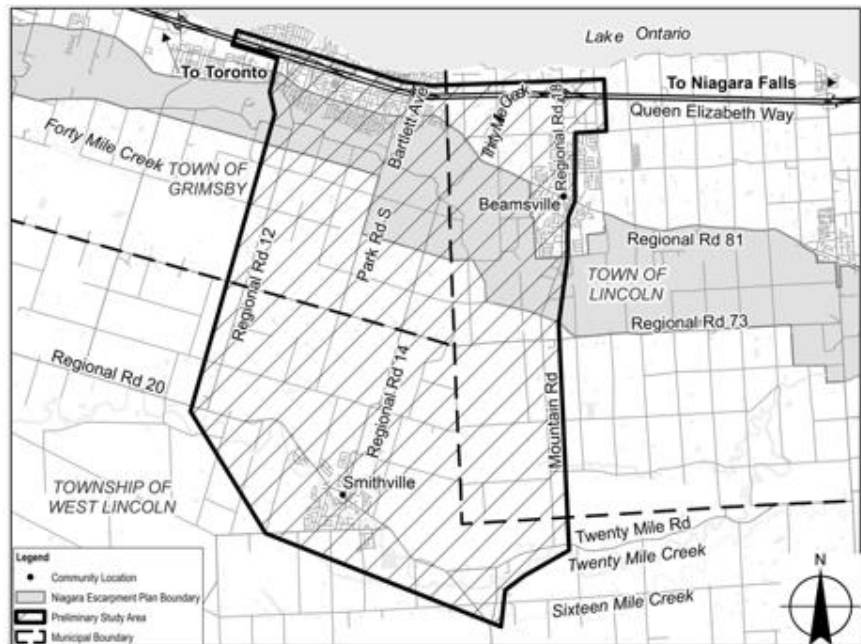
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The preliminary study area for the proposed north-south transportation crossing has been expanded to accommodate the range of alternatives being considered and the impacts that may be assessed.



Preliminary Study Area Map

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Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: West Niagara Fairgrounds - 7402 Mud St. W. Grassie, Ontario, L0R 1M0

Format: There will be a presentation starting at 6 p.m. followed by a question and answer session.

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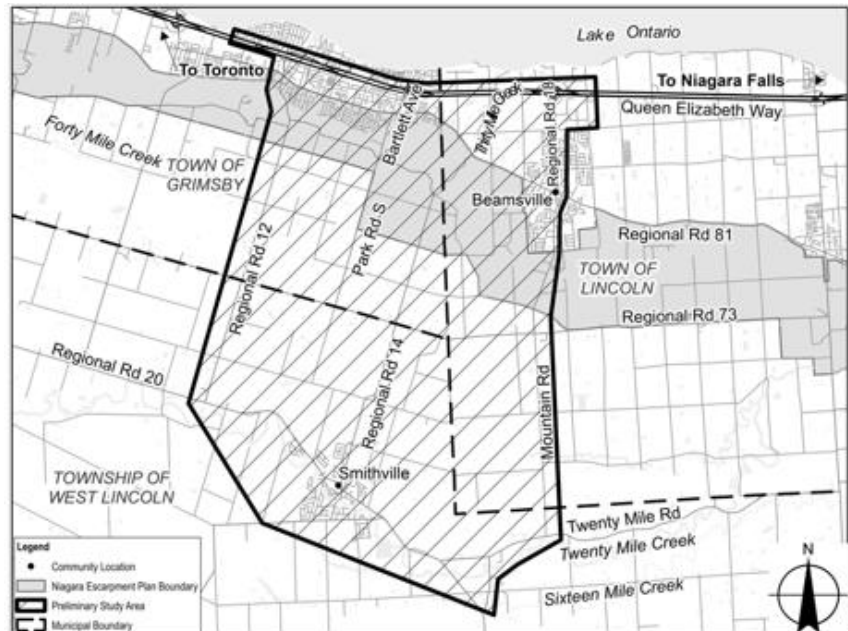
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Preliminary Study Area Map

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Review of the Terms of Reference

Review agencies, Indigenous Communities, the public and other interested persons may inspect the proposed ToR during normal business hours at the following locations:

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Environmental Assessment Branch
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5
416-314-8001 / 1-800-461-6290

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Niagara District Office
301 St. Paul Street, 9th Floor
St. Catharines, Ontario L2R 3M8
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The proposed ToR is also available online at
niagararegion.ca/projects/niagara-escarpment-crossing

Comments on the Proposed Terms of Reference

Written comments about the proposed ToR must be received by **November 18, 2024**.
All comments must be submitted to:

Simon Zhao
Project Officer
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Environmental Assessment Branch
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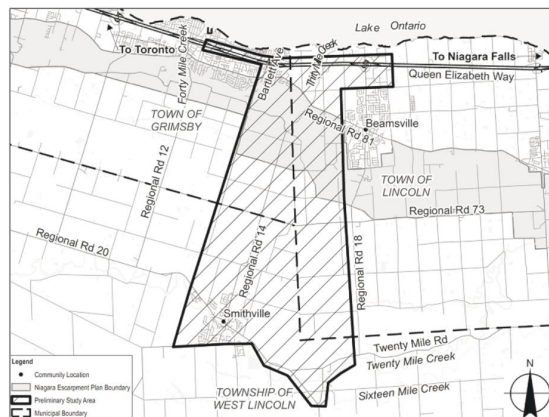
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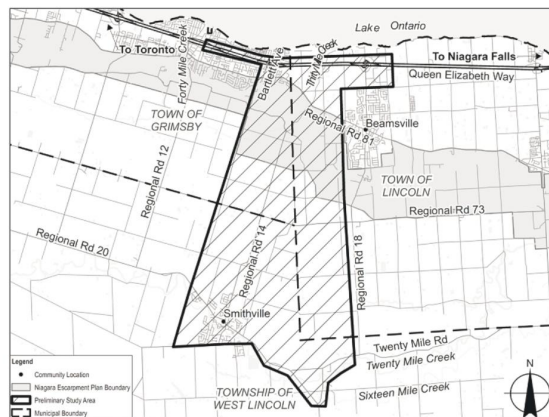
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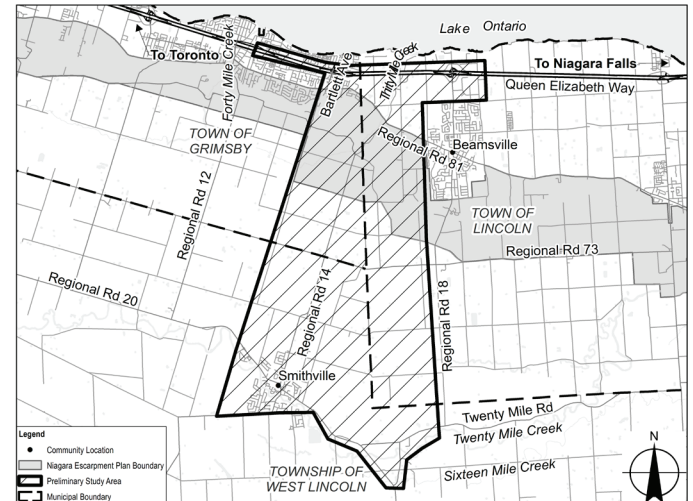
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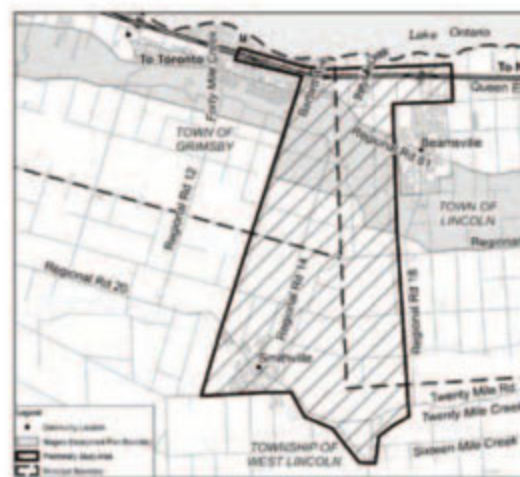
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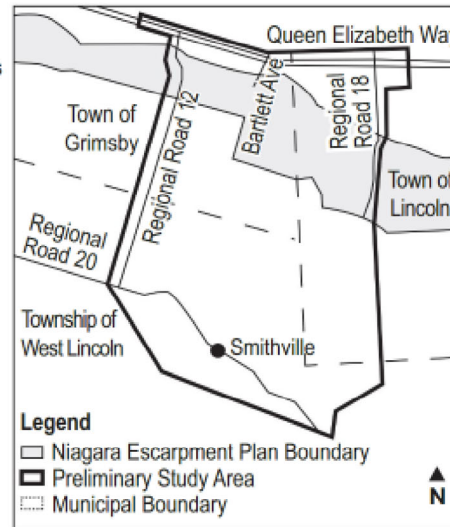
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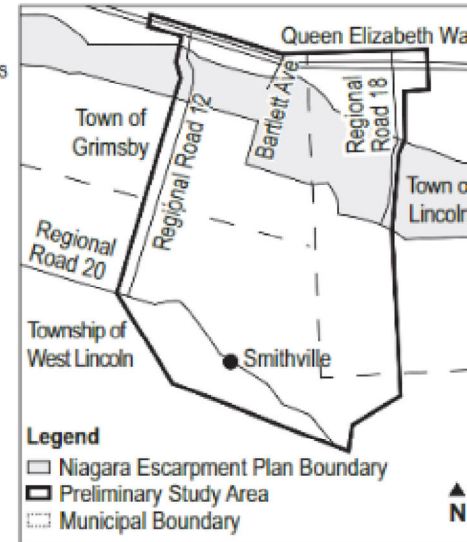
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