

Public Information Centre No. 1

2026 Water and Wastewater Master Servicing Plan Update

Why Are We Here?



Present the Public with an opportunity to learn about Niagara Region's water and wastewater systems and provide insight to future growth needs and sustainability.



Outline the Master Servicing Plan Update project schedule and what steps are being taken to support the decision-making process.



Answer any questions you may have about the Project process or potential outcomes.

We Want to Hear From You!

Key PIC No. 1 Dates:

- ◆ **September 24, 2025:** PIC No. 1 open for two weeks
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Additional project information can be found on the project website

niagararegion.ca/projects/water-wastewater-master-servicing-plan-update/

Study Purpose and Objectives

With a planning horizon to 2051, the 2021 Master Servicing Plan Update (MSPU) needs to be updated. This updated servicing strategy will:

1. Be cost-effective and meet the service needs of existing and future users;
2. Meet regulatory and legislative requirements, supports growth in a sustainable and responsible manner, and;
3. Address the priority areas of climate change, energy management, infrastructure optimization, system security, and resiliency.

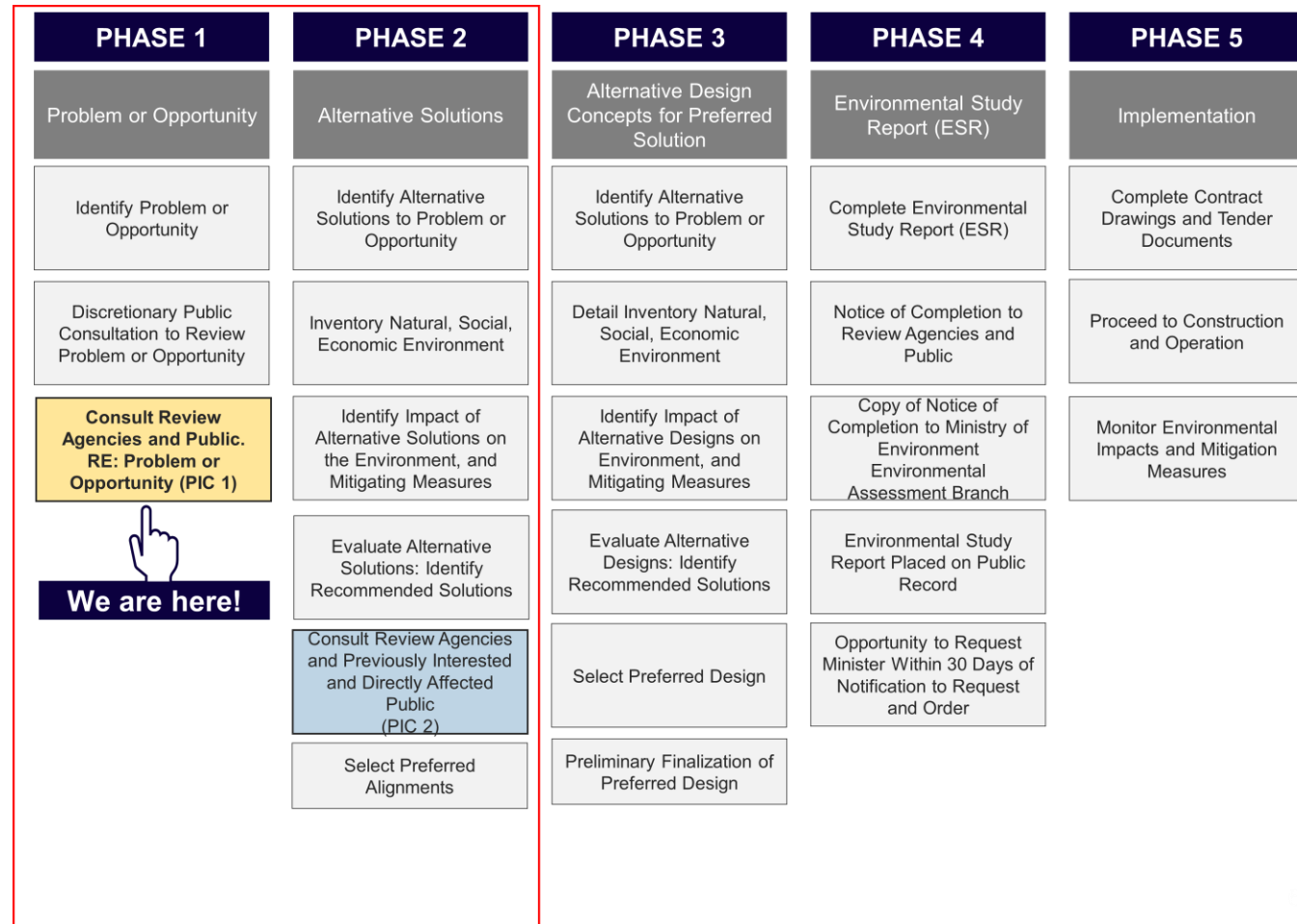
The 2026 Master Servicing Plan Update will identify and develop a long-term water and wastewater servicing strategy and capital forecast to ensure level of service for existing and future residents and businesses. This will support future growth in the community through 2051 and consider potential impacts post 2051.

Planning Context & Policy

- **Provincial Policy Statement** (2024) provides policy guidance on provincial land use planning, policies related to growth management, and responsible development that protects the natural environment, public health, and safety.
- **The 2021 Water and Wastewater MSPU** looked at servicing planned growth to year 2051.
- **Niagara Region Official Plan (NOP)** (2022) is the long-term, strategic policy planning framework for managing growth coming to Niagara Region. The policies guide land use and development.
- **Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act** (2022) changes the Region's role in planning. As of March 31, 2025, the Niagara Official Plan is no longer a Regional Plan. It is now an official plan of the 12 area municipalities in Niagara. As the area municipalities update their official plans the NOP policies will be incorporated.

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process

- The 2026 MSPU is being planned in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) (October 2000, amended 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2023), which is an approved process under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act.
- This Master Plan will follow **Phase 1 and 2** of the MCEA process



Anticipated Growth

Niagara is planning for strong population and employment growth over the next 25 years. The alignment of growth, infrastructure and finance is crucial for proactively managing growth to 2051.



694,000 people



285,000 jobs

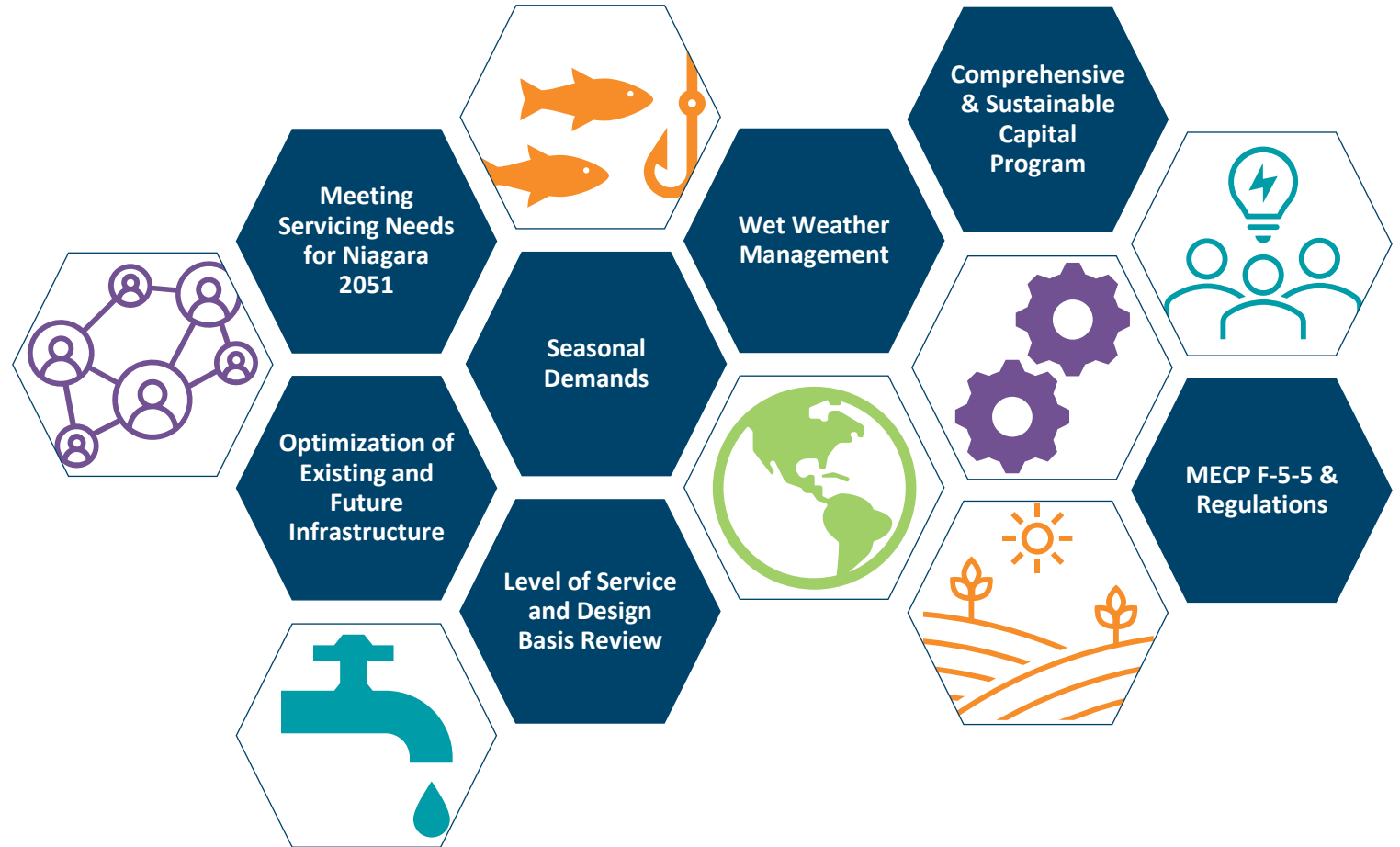
Niagara Region is using a coordinated approach to plan for growth and is completing the following projects simultaneously:

- Water and Wastewater Master Servicing Plan Update (MSPU) (2026)
- Transportation Master Plan Update (to commence)
- 2027 Development Charges By-Law Background Study (to commence)

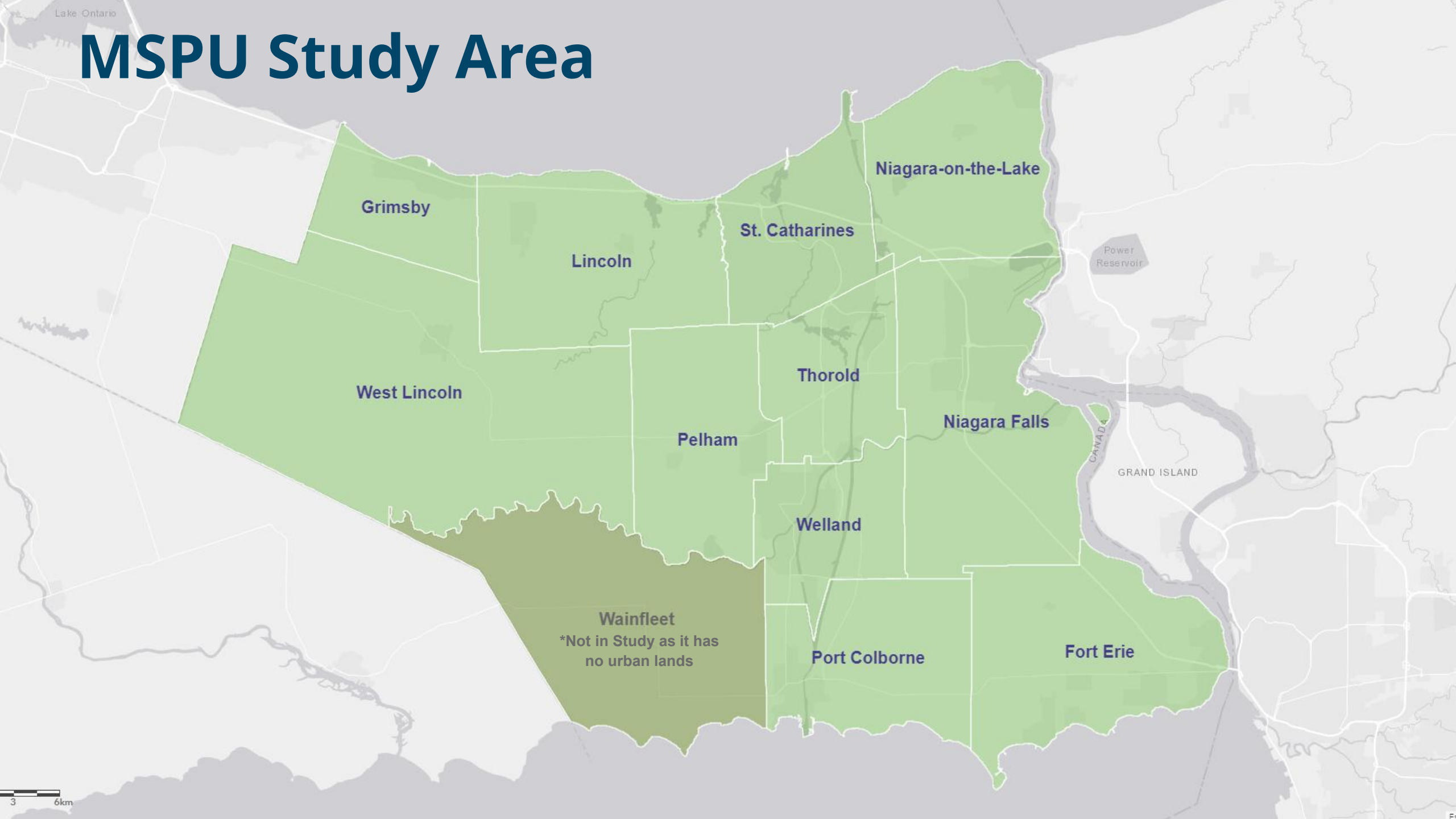
Key Considerations for the MSPU

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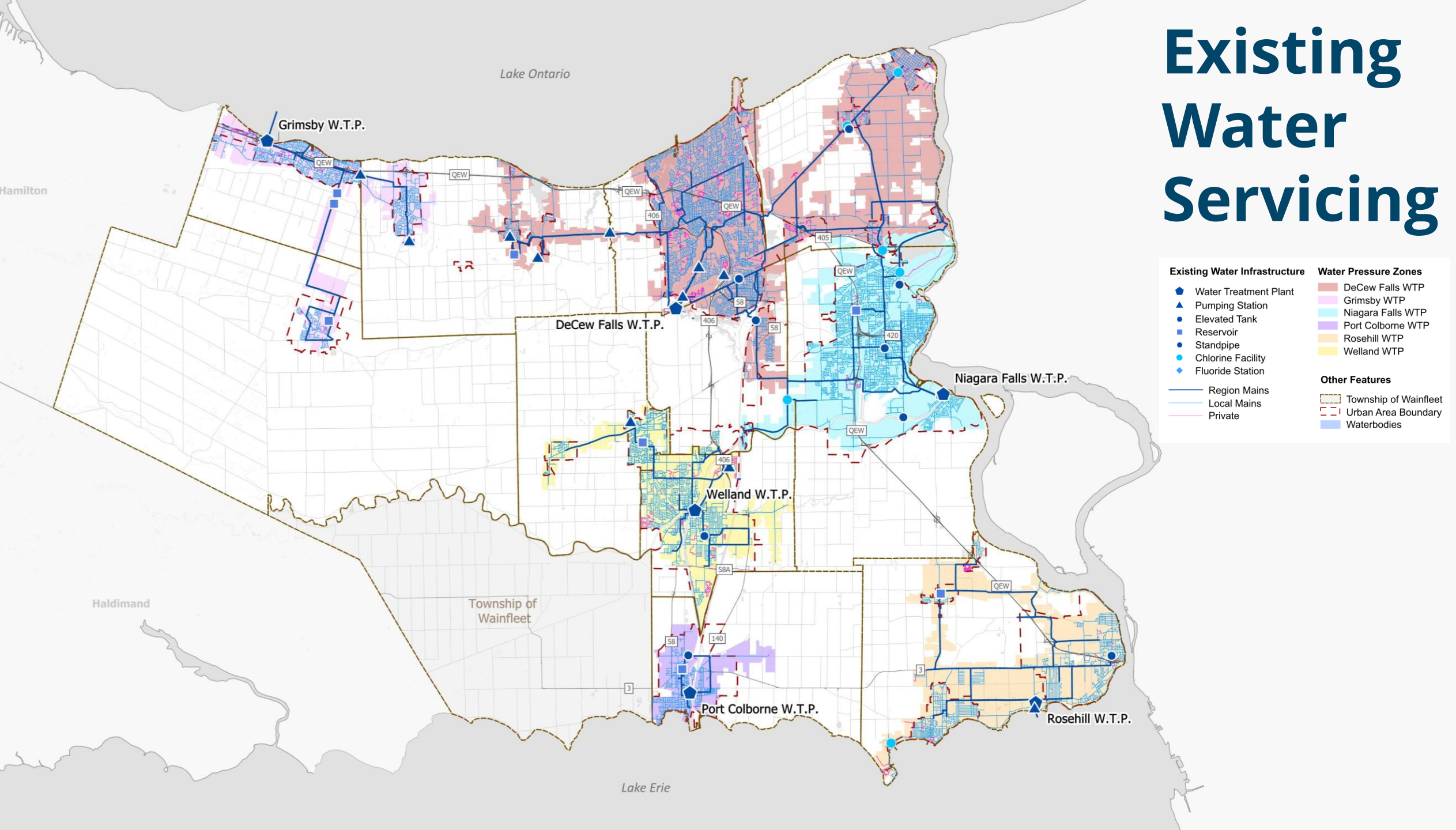
Ensuring consideration these will be a top priority, and will require the involvement of local area municipalities, interested parties, and First Nations.



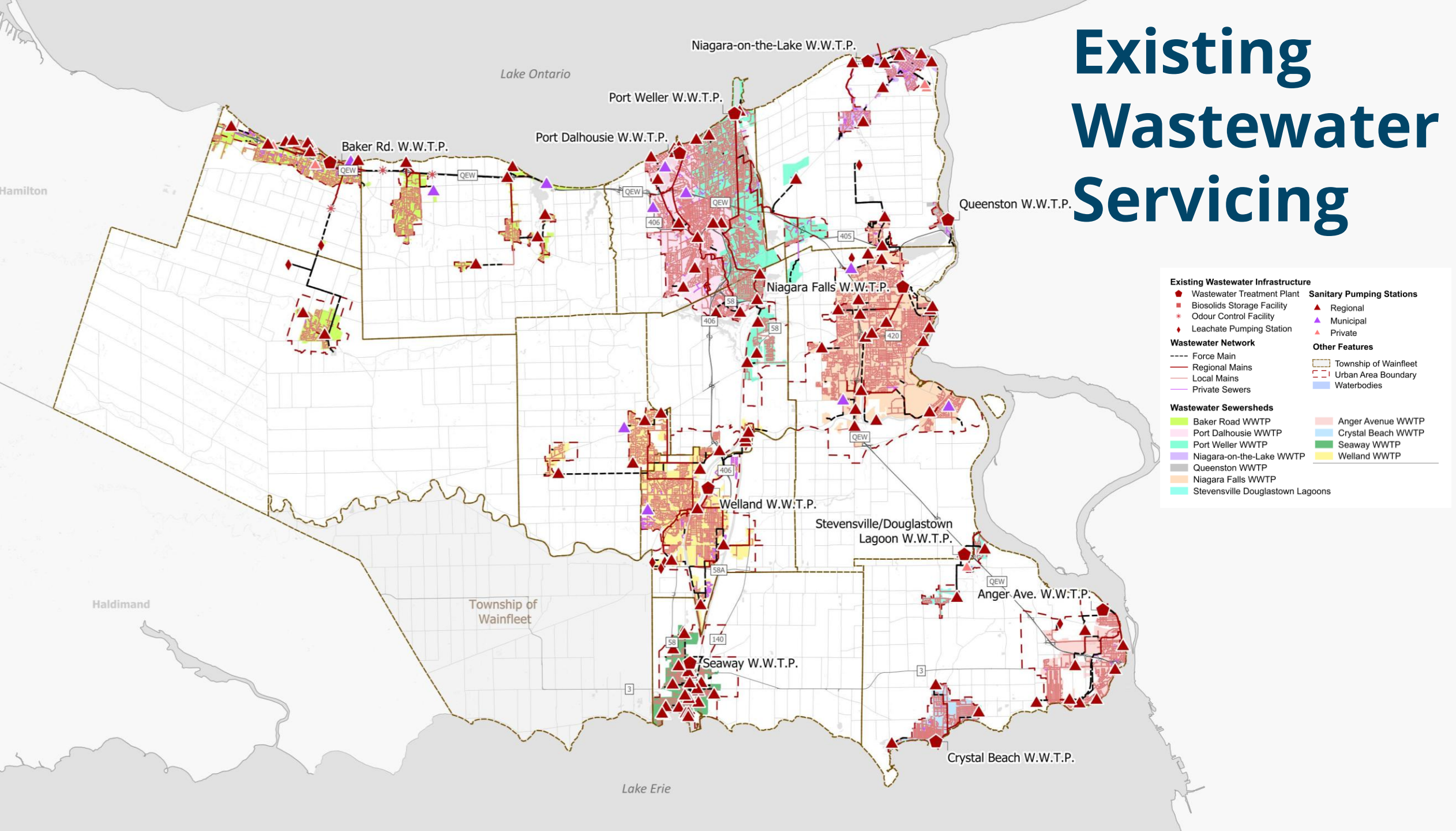
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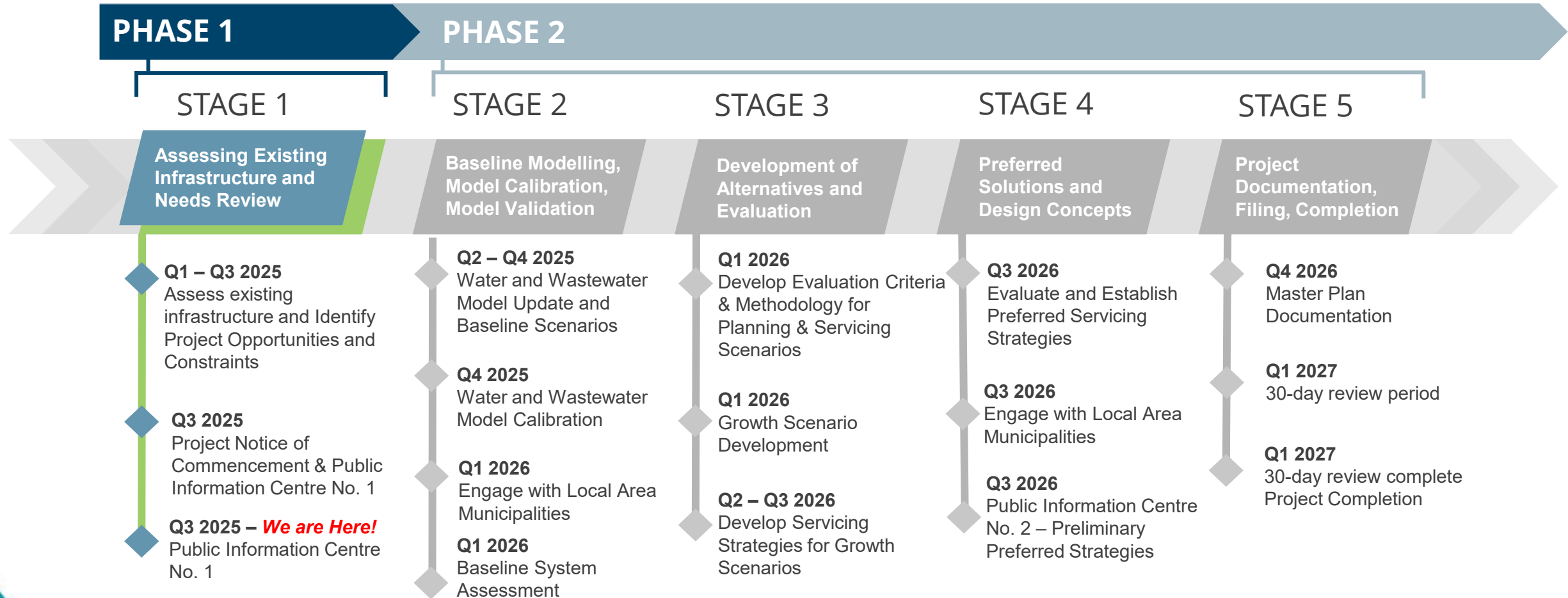
Existing Water Servicing



Existing Wastewater Servicing



Project Workplan



Thank you for your interest in the Niagara Region Water and Wastewater Master Servicing Plan Update



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