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PREFACE

The purpose of this Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) document is to fulfill the requirements of the **Environmental Assessment Act** to specify a planning and design process which ensures that environmental effects are considered when undertaking remedial flood and erosion control projects. It sets out procedures and environmental planning principles to be followed to plan, design, evaluate, implement, and monitor a project within this class of undertakings.

In December 1985, the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) approved a *Class Environmental Assessment for Water Management Structures* prepared by the Association of Conservation Authorities of Ontario (ACAO) on behalf of its members. It was approved for a five year period, ending December 1990. This approval expired and in 1993 a revised document entitled "Class Environmental Assessment for Remedial Flood and Erosion Control Projects" was approved for a five year period.

An extension of the approval was granted to February 3, 2000, and a further extension was requested in July 1999. On May 31, 2000, the Minister of the Environment, with the concurrence of Cabinet, approved the continued use of the *Class EA for Remedial Flood and Erosion Control Projects* (ACAO, 1993) until it was reviewed and approved and subject to the submission of this Class EA before August 4, 2001.

In preparing this *Class Environmental Assessment for Remedial Flood and Erosion Control Projects*, Conservation Ontario (previously ACAO) endeavoured to meet all of the requirements of the **Environmental Assessment Act** and to address all deficiencies which were found in the previous document and identified in the approved Terms of Reference. As outlined in the following table, the revisions to this *Class EA* address the issues identified in the *Proposed Terms of Reference* (Conservation Ontario, May 19, 2000; Approved September 1, 2000) which served as a benchmark for review of the 1993 *Class EA* and this Class EA as submitted to the Ministry of the Environment for approval.

The document has been prepared for all Conservation Authorities in the Province of Ontario within the meaning of the **Conservation Authorities Act**, including the current 38 Conservation Authorities:

Ausable Bayfield	Maitland Valley
Cataraqui Region	Mattagami Region
Catfish Creek	Mississippi Valley
Central Lake Ontario	Moira River (Quinte Conservation)
Conservation Halton	Napanee Region (Quinte Conservation)
Credit Valley	Niagara Peninsula
Crowe Valley	Nickel District
Essex Region	North Bay - Mattawa
Ganaraska Region	Nottawasaga Valley
Grand River	Otonabee Region
Grey Sauble	Prince Edward Region (Quinte Conservation)
Hamilton Region	Raisin Region
Kawartha Region	Rideau Valley
Kettle Creek	St. Clair Region
Lake Simcoe Region	Saugeen Valley
Lakehead Region	Sault Ste. Marie
Long Point Region	South Nation River
Lower Thames Valley	Toronto and Region
Lower Trent Region	Upper Thames River

Approval of this Class EA will allow Conservation Authorities to undertake remedial flood and erosion control projects without applying for formal approval under the **Environmental Assessment Act**, on the condition that the planning and design process, as provided in this document, is followed and that all other necessary federal and provincial approvals are obtained. This, therefore becomes a self assessment process, involving public and agency consultation, which Conservation Authorities will use when undertaking remedial flood and erosion control projects.