

Clarington Transformer Station

Fact Sheet: THE ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY INITIATIVES

WHAT ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE SATISFIED FOR THIS PROJECT?

The Clarington TS project falls within the criteria defined in the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities as approved by the Ministry of the Environment under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. As such, Hydro One strictly followed the process to fulfill all requirements and to ensure the surrounding environment remains protected.

After an extensive review, the Minister of the Environment ruled in January 2014 that Hydro One's proposed Clarington Transformer Station was considered acceptable to proceed.

Hydro One remains confident in the integrity of the Environmental Assessment and remains committed to the continued study and monitoring of Clarington TS to ensure the environment and local well water remains protected throughout the construction and operation of the station. Protecting the environment in the communities we serve is Hydro One's number one priority.

To read Hydro One's Final Environmental Study Report for Clarington TS, visit: www.hydroone.com/projects/Clarington.

WHAT IS HYDRO ONE'S BIODIVERSITY INITIATIVE?

Hydro One will invest in a significant on-site habitat creation and biodiversity program aimed at encouraging and fostering a number of biodiversity opportunities on-site. This initiative was designed in collaboration with the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA).

The initiative will include:

- **Enhancing** the natural environment to encourage continuous and contiguous habitat.
- Planting to **improve** water quality by reinforcing creek and tributary banks.
- **Creating** habitat which will support a larger population of crop-pollinating insects and birds.
- **Planting** two hectares of habitat for each hectare removed.

As part of this initiative, we will be hosting a workshop for interested community members. If you are interested in participating please email community.relations@hydroone.com.