

# Acton Quarry – Extension Update

Community Liaison Committee Meeting – October 7, 2013



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On September 7, 2013, the Acton Quarry hosted their annual Open House, which was attended by close to 230 neighbours, elected officials, community stakeholders, employees and their families.

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- This event featured bus tours, several displays highlighting operations as well as the different uses and types of aggregates.
- The Earth Rangers display, which included two animal ambassadors, was popular among attendees and complemented on site activities.
- The annual Open House at the Acton Quarry provides an excellent opportunity to maintain positive relations with local stakeholders.



Final JART Report issued in March 2013. DFA spent the next few months addressing comments and providing further technical information to JART. Formal response issued by DFA in July 2013.

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## Water

- Hydraulic Buttress Preliminary Design.
- Water Hierarchy Doc's.
- Methodology for setting Performance Based Targets (PBT's) in Adaptive Management Plan (AMP).
- Contingency Scenarios.

## Ecology

- Updated Ecological Enhancement Plans.
- Wildlife Movement Document.

## Other Items

- Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) Planting Details.
- Conveyor Details.
- Formal JART Response.

In order to ensure that we get final decisions by Councils/Boards by Q2 2014, we need to ensure that schedule over the next 6 to 8 months does not get compromised.

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- **October – December 2013**

- Ministry of Natural Resources provides their determination on final footprint.
- Finalize Legal Agreements.
- Finalize AMP and PBT Methodology.
- Meetings with Agency Reps to identify any outstanding Policy issues.
- Meetings with Politicians from Town of Halton Hills, Halton Region, Credit Valley Conservation, and Conservation Halton.

- **January – March 2014**

- Region Directions Report goes to Council.
- Meetings with Niagara Escarpment Commissioners.
- CH and CVC Final Reports to their Boards.

- **April – June 2014**

- Town, Region and NEC bring Final Reports to their Councils and Commission.

In keeping with our active rehabilitation and biodiversity initiatives in Acton, HCA constructed an amphibian pond with approval from Ministry of Natural Resources and Conservation Halton.

- Construction of Amphibian Demonstration Pool 'G' commenced in October 2011.
- Additional works were constructed in April 2012, November 2012, and April 2013.
- 17 Sugar Maples (varying sizes: 40-50ml, 60ml, 80-100ml)
- Grass seeding
- Pool planned and designed to suit the local conditions and its intended features and functions, including amphibian breeding.



- Tadpoles were visible in pool in spring 2012.
- Water level has fluctuated seasonally as anticipated.
- In less than 1 year, the pool and surrounding habitat thriving.
- The created pool satisfies classification of "Suitable Pond" for breeding of Jefferson Salamanders.

This demonstration project has confirmed that the planned approach can be successful at creating new wetland habitat including amphibian breeding pools, and provided insight for optimization of pool construction in the future



Spotted  
Salamander Egg  
Mass



Northern Leopard  
Frog Egg Mass



American  
Toad



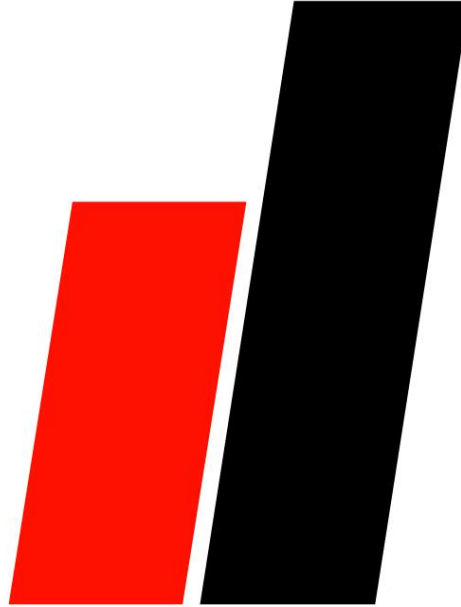
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# Questions and Answers

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## Aggregates

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