

Green Stream Application

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The Provincial Policy Statement for Ontario Notes that regional diversity shapes the implementation of provincial priorities: Local municipalities are to determine appropriate locations for intensification. Intensification targets are to be set based on local conditions. In the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, the village of Cardinal is an identified Settlement Area. As the only area of the Township that benefits from full municipal services, the PPS, the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville Official Plan and the Township Official Plan all direct primary development to the Village. In order to facilitate development, the municipal service systems must be healthy, well-maintained and reliable. The following statement has been used to describe the Provincial interest in infrastructure as it relates to the PPS: "Modern and reliable infrastructure helps keep Ontarians healthy and safe; it also drives Ontario's economy, helping us attract investment and create jobs. Section 1.6 of the PPS discusses Green Infrastructure, including Policy 1.6.2 : Green infrastructure: Natural and human-made elements that provide ecological and hydrological functions and processes. Green infrastructure can include components such as natural heritage features and systems, parkland, storm water management systems, street trees, urban forests, natural channels, permeable surfaces and green roofs. This application meets this definition. PPS Policy 1.7 for Long-Term Economic Prosperity includes minimizing negative impacts from a changing climate and considering ecological benefits provided by nature. These priorities and desired outcomes are shared by the Township and are key factors in the decision-making process that we employ as demonstrated in our official plan and Asset Management Plan. From the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville Official Plan: Growth in the Counties will be managed by focusing and promoting growth within settlement areas, in addition to other appropriate rural areas as detailed in the local Municipal Official Plans, thereby optimizing the use of existing infrastructure, developing complete communities, and protecting the natural environment and prime agricultural areas. Growth will be directed to the settlement areas that are able to accommodate additional growth, with limited growth in rural areas in keeping with the scale, character and service levels of the area as well as the objectives detailed in the local Municipal Official Plans. The project submitted aligns with both the PPS and the Official Plan of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. It represents an adaptive project for a changing climate, a critical upgrade to infrastructure that will protect public health and safety, and mitigates the effects of potential economic loss that could result. The project submission aligns very well with required provincial priorities and the criteria established for this application-based fund.