

Shoreline Management Plan to be updated

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) is updating the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). The last Shoreline Management Plan was completed in 2000. The updated Shoreline Management Plan is expected to be completed by the end of 2016.

A Steering Committee is working with a consulting team and the conservation authority to guide the Shoreline Management Plan update over the next year. Local shoreline residents, industry representatives, and other stakeholders sit on the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee is made up of representatives from:

- ✓ Shoreline residents and cottage associations
- ✓ Industry
- ✓ Each of the four shoreline municipalities within the ABCA jurisdiction
- ✓ Counties of Huron and Lambton
- ✓ Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- ✓ Two adjacent conservation authorities

What is a Shoreline Management Plan?

The objectives of a Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) are to develop and support solutions to current and future issues and problems along the shoreline. The primary focus of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Shoreline Management Plan is to address the shoreline hazards for flooding, erosion, and dynamic beaches and their impact on shoreline development.

For more information, we have compiled answers to some frequently asked questions:

Frequently Asked Questions

We have developed a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) backgrounder that provides more information about the Shoreline Management Plan process and details. This may be found online at www.abca.on.ca for easy access and download. Simply visit the Shoreline Management Plan web page at: <http://www.abca.on.ca/page.php?page=shoreline-management> or click on the Shoreline Management Plan image on the home page.

Your ideas matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

You and Your Shoreline – Survey

We have developed a Community Survey which we would like to invite you to complete. The survey can be easily accessed through the following link:

<http://surveymonkey.com/r/Shoreline-Management-Plan-Update>

This is one of the first of many opportunities to provide input over the next year. The survey is open until February 1, 2016.



Newsletter Updates

If you are interested in receiving regular information about the Shoreline Management Plan Update, you are welcome to subscribe to our electronic newsletter at the following link: http://eepurl.com/bxn8_5

Copies of our newsletter are also available on the Shoreline Management Plan web page.

Public Open Houses and Meetings

We will be hosting public open houses in the summer of 2016, once we have updated technical information to share with you. Notices of these open houses will be posted, well in advance, on the website at abca.on.ca. We are focusing on the summer of 2016 to ensure that those who enjoy Lake Huron as seasonal and cottage residents will be able to participate.

All meetings of the Steering Committee are open to the public and we invite anyone with an interest to attend. Fifteen (15) minutes will be set aside at the end of each Steering Committee meeting to allow members of the public to ask questions, make comments, or present delegations to the Steering Committee. If you wish to make a presentation to the Steering Committee, please contact ABCA staff in advance.

The updated Shoreline Management Plan, when finished late in 2016, will be used as a reference document by ABCA staff and by shoreline municipalities in the ABCA watershed.

Members of our consulting team are completing a review of the existing mapping and aerial photography to provide updated information on long-term erosion rates along the shoreline.

We will be working to develop a new Updated Shoreline Management Plan over 2015 and 2016.

Alec Scott, Water and Planning Manager with ABCA, is the Project Lead.

The Shoreline Management Plan is being updated to ensure that the Plan reflects current mapping, legislation, policies, guidelines and technical information related to shoreline hazards and current land use trends along the Lake Huron shoreline that is within ABCA jurisdiction.

The updated Shoreline Management Plan will update the hazard limits for flooding, erosion and dynamic beaches to reflect current mapping standards identified in the *Conservation Authorities Act*, associated Ontario Regulations and the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement as well as new policies and guidelines that have been developed since the Plan was last updated.

We are committed to developing a process that allows anyone with an interest to share their ideas and to receive regular updates on our progress.

Contact us

Still have more questions about the work to update the Shoreline Management Plan? Please call Alec Scott or Geoff Cade at **519-235-2610** or toll-free at **1-888-286-2610**. You are also welcome to send us an email through our staff contact page at:

http://www.abca.on.ca/contact_staff.php

We look forward to developing the new Shoreline Management Plan with you.
