

***Members of Woodbridge Green Infrastructure Team:***

*(Team assigned to develop the Conservation Easement Inventory and Stewardship Program)*

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***Green Infrastructure (GI) Team – Overview:***

Green infrastructure is traditionally defined as a means by which to help better manage storm-water run-off while delivering a variety of environmental and social benefits. However, our Township Green Infrastructure team has expanded upon the aforementioned philosophy. The Township GI team has sought to create a means by which to critically examine transportation-planning, complete streets, healthy mobility, ecological integrity, conservation, preservation, greenhouse gas emissions, and natural/ nature-based infrastructure to better address impervious surface run-off.

The conservation easement inventory has been developed (map attached), and the following points outline the intent and scope of the program as an operational principle of the Woodbridge Green Infrastructure team:

- It is the goal of the Woodbridge Green Infrastructure team to ensure the extent of conservation easements within the Township are readily identified (map attached), and;
- Maintain a database using geospatial information systems (GIS) which clearly identifies parcels / extents whereby conservation easements exist (locations of easements may be viewed using the [Township GIS portal](#)), and;
- Create field-worksheets which shall be used to help ascertain on-the-ground conditions with regard to the development of monitoring programs, and;
- Utilize Township media outlets (web resources, Township newsletters / emails) to ensure awareness is raised regarding the importance of conservation easements, and;
- Examine site accessibility with regard to environmental logistics, feasibility, and publicly accessible areas in relation to conservation easements, and;

- Determine stewardship as applicable with regard to the aforementioned site parameters, and;
- Stewardship efforts and platforms shall be developed within 18-24 months of August, 2020; subsequent with regard to confirmed accessibility to site locations. Efforts to inspect said conservation easements may potentially be operated in conjunction with the Woodbridge Township Environmental Commission, and;
- Costs to develop said program, and create an inventory of conservation easements are covered through in-house resources at the Township of Woodbridge.