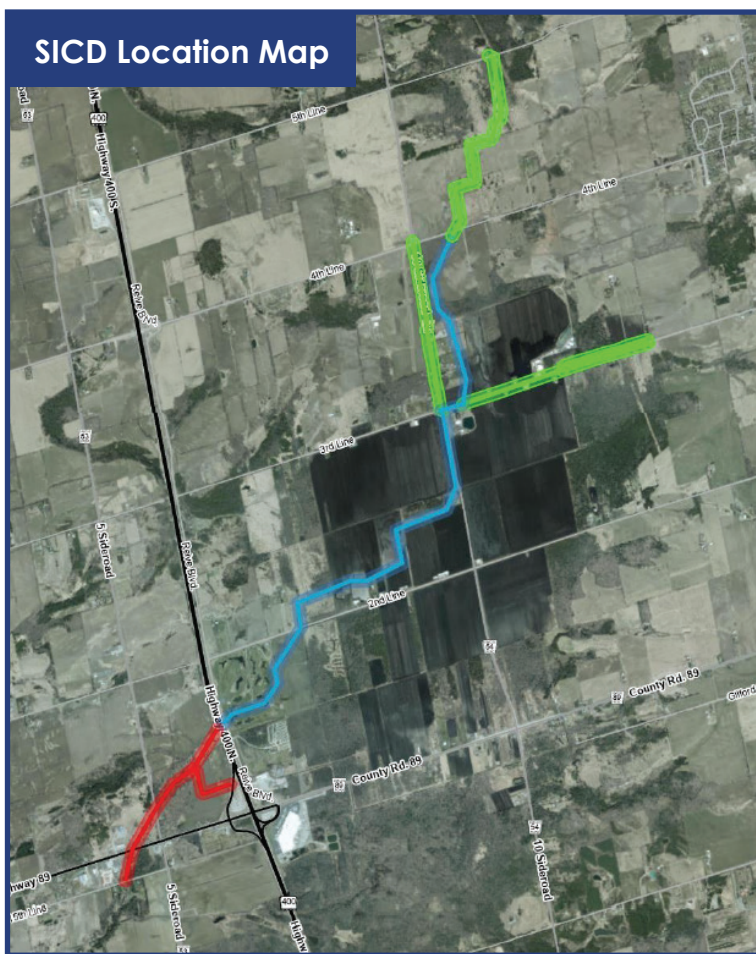


The **South Innisfil Creek Drain (SICD)** is a municipal drain that is being improved under the Drainage Act. This multi-year project will have physical and financial impacts on properties that may come up for sale in the coming years within Innisfil.



Construction Schedule

Construction began in early 2021 and Phase I is now complete. Due to a delay in the MTO improvements to the crossings under Highway 400, and to continue work in 2022 without waiting until 2023, a new and revised construction schedule, complete with new phases, is shown in the SICD Location Map.

History Behind the South Innisfil Creek Drain

The SICD was created over 100 years ago in response to repeated flooding of the properties around the South Innisfil Creek. The watershed surrounding the drains collects runoff from over 800 properties across Innisfil and Bradford West Gwillimbury and directs it to one of the drains. The main drain, in turn, empties into the Nottawasaga River.

All properties within the watershed contribute runoff in some way to the drain, so this project will provide an improved outlet for everyone.

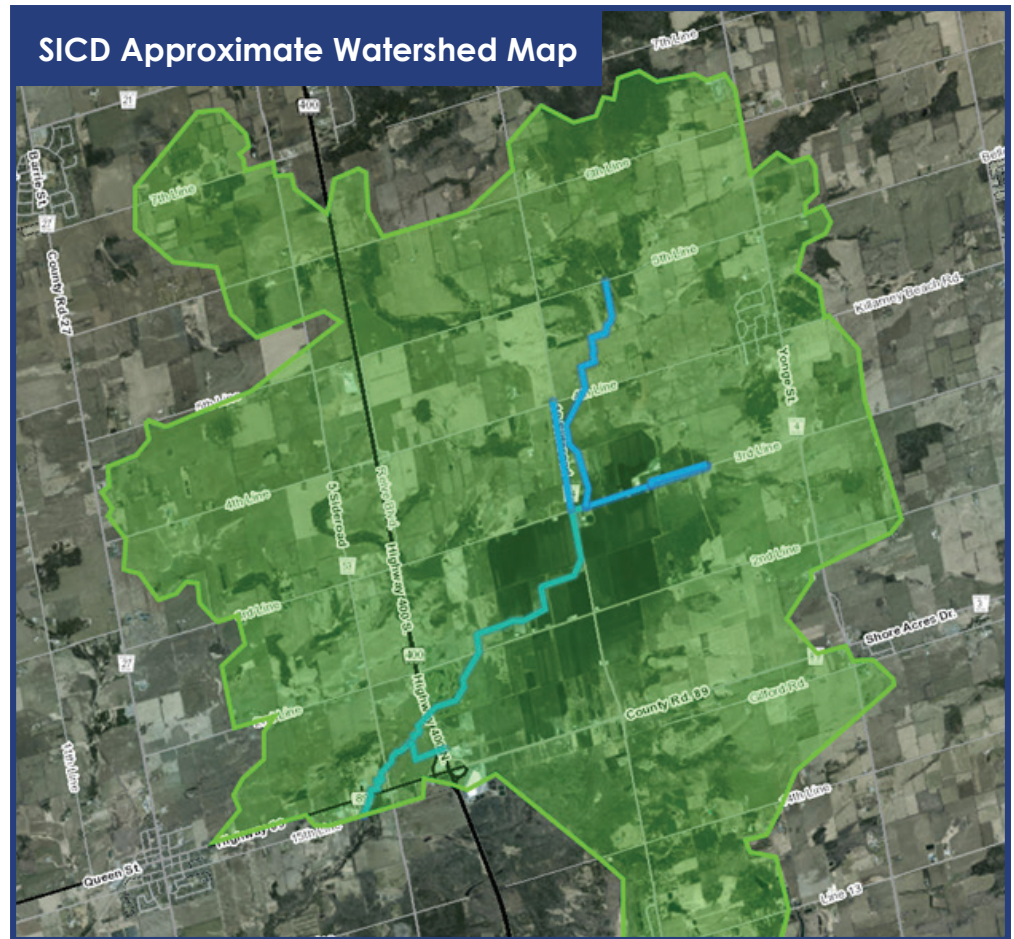
- **Phase I** – January 2021 to November 2021
- **Phase II** – November 2021 to November 2022
- **Phase III** – November 2022 to November 2023

SICD Watershed

Properties located within the SICD watershed that are not physically located on the drain, as shown in the Approximate Watershed Map, will only be financially impacted.

Questions?

Any questions regarding the approved construction or possible physical / financial impacts to properties can be directed to Jeremy Nyenhuis, Drainage Superintendent, at jnyenhuis@innisfil.ca.



So, what's a municipal drain?

Perhaps you've just purchased property and been told by your municipality that you are assessed into a municipal drain. You're probably wondering, what does this mean? How does it affect me? What will it cost?

A municipal drain is a communal drainage system created in partnership between landowners and the municipality. The terms of that partnership—including cost sharing and maintenance—are dictated by the Drainage Act. Physically, a municipal drain is simply a drainage system. Most municipal drains are either ditches or closed systems such as pipes or tiles buried in the ground. They can also include structures such as pumping stations, buffer strips, stormwater detention ponds, culverts and bridges. The local municipality is responsible for maintaining a municipal drain on behalf of landowners within the watershed of the drain.

The Town of Innisfil has 24 municipal drains spread throughout the municipality, which have numerous properties that can be affected both physically and financially when maintenance works are required on any one of these 24 drains.