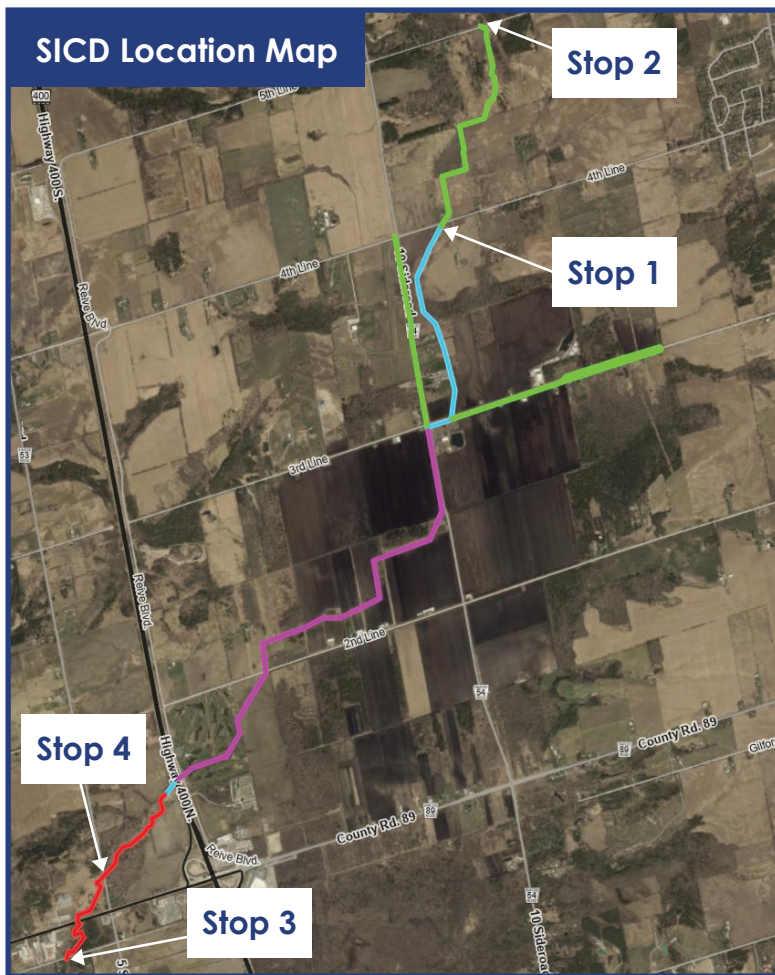


The **South Innisfil Creek Drain (SICD)** is a municipal drain that is being improved under Section 78 of the Drainage Act.



### Construction Schedule

This multi-year construction project began in 2021; **Phase I**, **Phase II**, and **Phase III** as shown in the Location Map to the left have now been completed.

Due to the continued delay in the MTO improvements to the crossings under Highway 400, the (extra) **Phase IV** work will not be started until 2024, as per the new and revised schedule shown on the adjacent 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 drain collects runoff from almost 900 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.

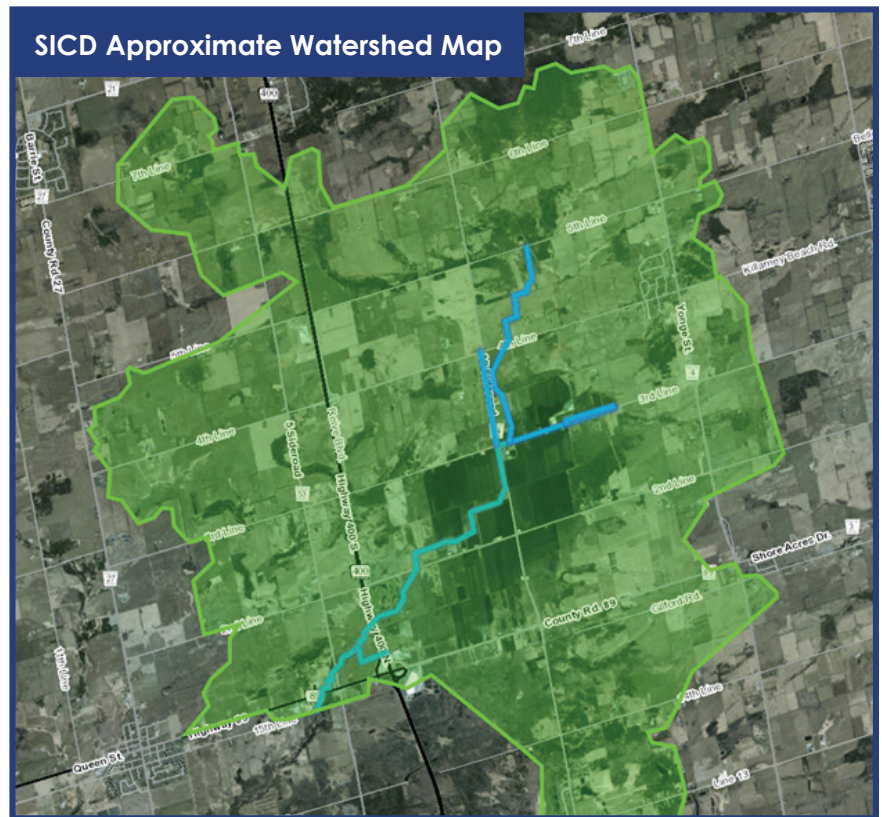
- **Phase I** – January 2021 to November 2021
- **Phase II** – November 2021 to November 2022
- **Phase III** – November 2022 to November 2023
- **Phase IV** – November 2023 to November 2024

## SICD Watershed

Almost 900 properties (lands and roads) within the approximate 8,000 hectare watershed contribute runoff in some way to the drain. After the proposed improvements and ecological enhancements, this drain should provide a much improved outlet for everyone, especially the 1,000 hectare Market Garden area.

## 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](mailto:jnyenhuis@innisfil.ca).



## 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.