

# **Paris Pit CAP**

February 26, 2013

# Groundwater

# **Agenda**

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# **Dufferin Paris Pit – General Update**

- Ministry of Natural Resources: MNR visit to Paris Pit
- Six Nations: Dufferin Aggregates met with Six Nations
- Pipeline on Site: Dufferin Aggregates has connected with Imperial Oil (pipeline owner) and confirmed it is empty. It has not been in use since the mid-1990s



# The Paris Pit Site Plan – Operating at Today's Standards

While our license was obtained in 1974, Dufferin Aggregates will operate the Paris Pit based on **TODAY'S standards.** 

#### It is the law and regulation:

- Ontario Aggregate Resources Act: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws statutes 90a08 e.htm
- Ontario Water Resources Act: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws\_statutes\_90o40\_e.html
- Ministry of Environment- Permit to Take Water:

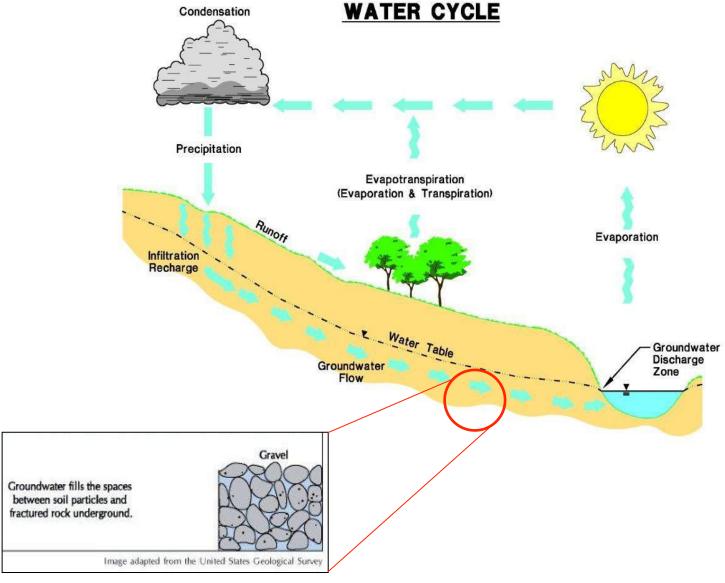
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- Ministry of Environment Environmental Compliance Approval: http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/industry/assessment\_and\_approvals/environmental\_approvals/index.htm
- Ministry of Natural Resources Endangered Species Act: http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/Species/2ColumnSubPage/STEL01 131232.html
- Technical Standards and Safety Authority Fuel Storage Standards: <a href="http://www.tssa.org/regulated/fuels/default.asp">http://www.tssa.org/regulated/fuels/default.asp</a>

As any new rules and regulation take effect, we are <u>required</u> and <u>we will</u> <u>comply</u> with any new standards and regulation. It is the law and how we do business.

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# **Water Cycle**

Water around the Paris Pit originates from local precipitation. About half of this water evapotranspirates (evaporates or transpired by plants) and the rest infiltrates or runs off.

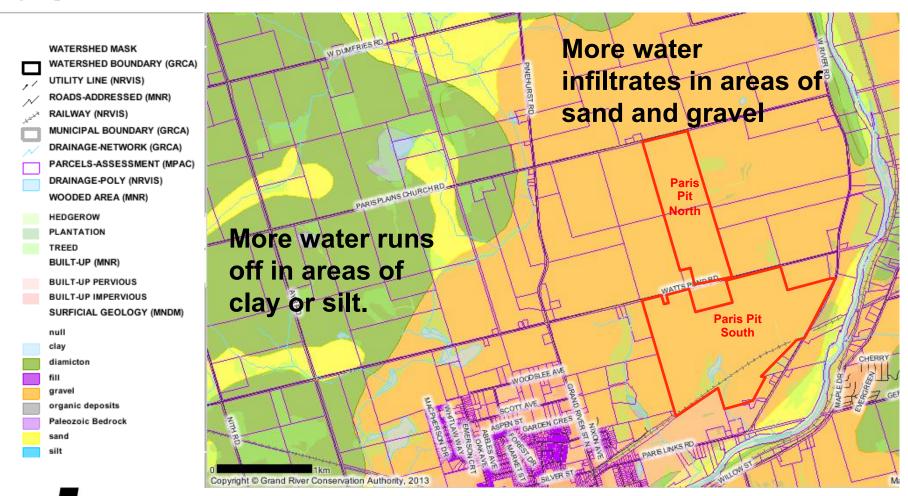




# **Geology & Water**

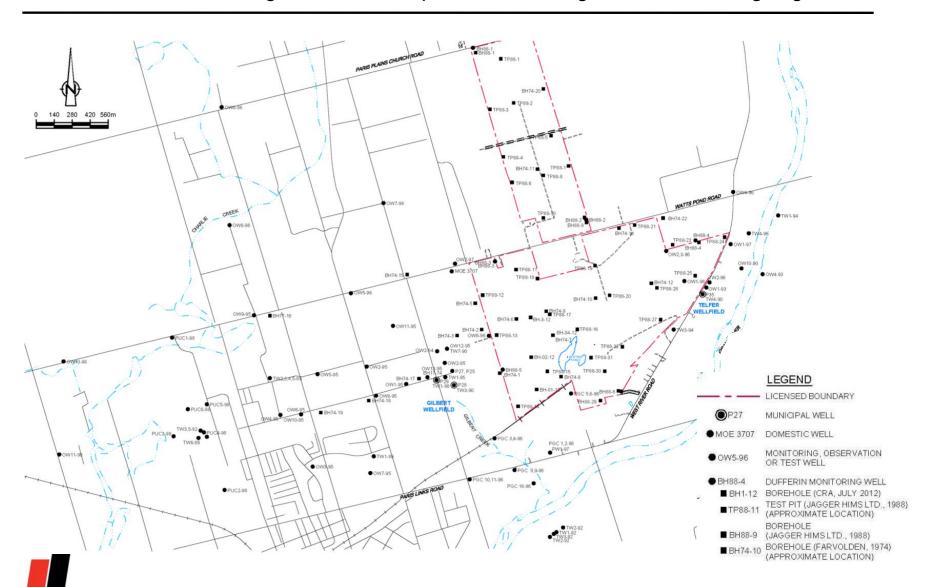
Surficial Geology: The Paris Pit and surrounding area is underlain by glacial deposits of sand and gravel.

#### Map Legend

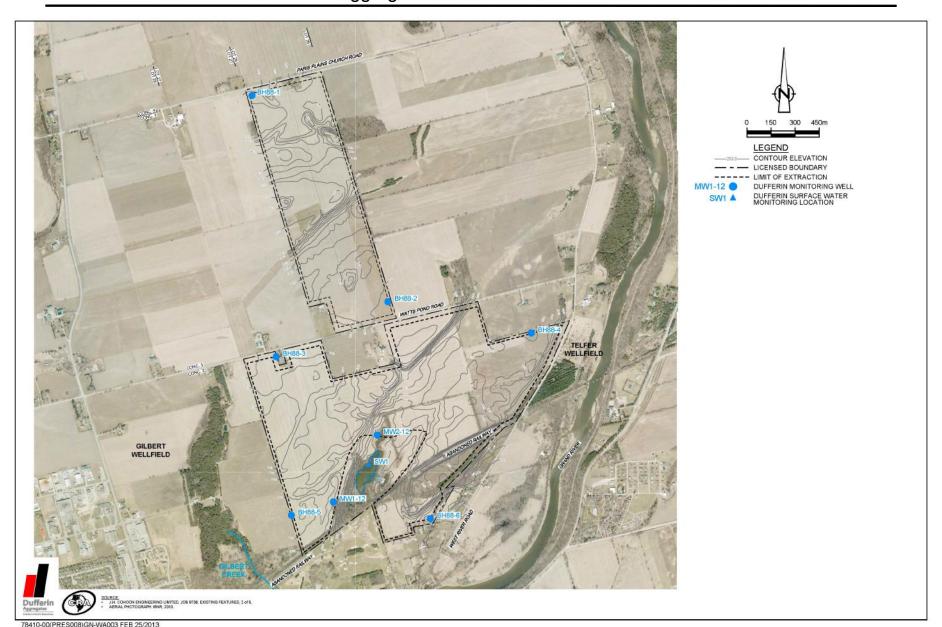


### **Hydrogeologic Investigations**

Extensive subsurface investigations have been completed in the Paris Pit and surrounding area. The information is available to all agencies and the public. Monitoring of this area is ongoing.



Dufferin Aggregates has 12 monitoring wells at 8 locations in the Paris Pit and has been monitoring the area since the 1980's. Additional wells and a surface water staff gauge were added in 2012. The County of Brant has access to the Dufferin Aggregates wells.



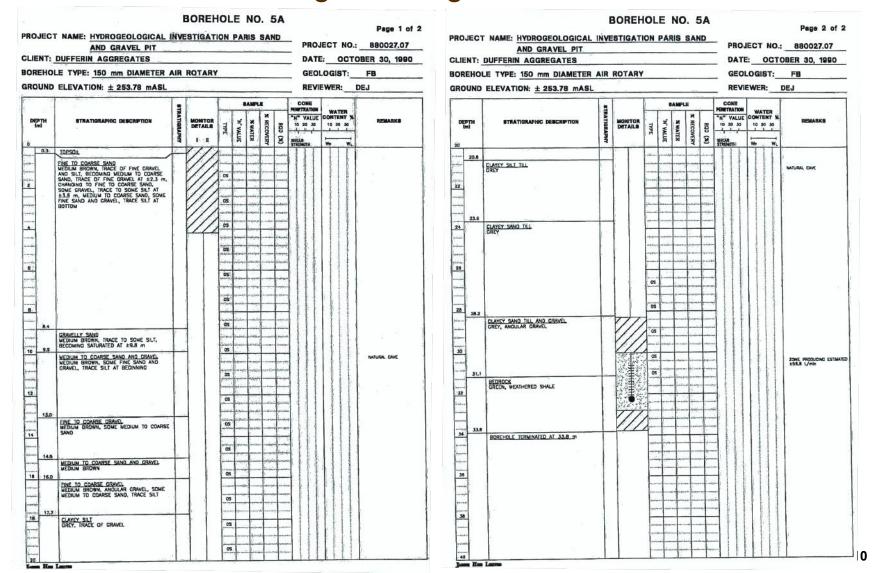
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Investigations include: test pits, boreholes, monitoring wells, staff gauges, and monitoring water levels and water quality.

Borehole/Monitoring Well Log – BH5 Upper Aquifer: MW1-12 **BOREHOLE NO. 5** PROJECT NAME: HYDROGEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION PARIS SAND PROJECT NO.: 880027.07 CLIENT: DUFFERIN AGGREGATES DATE: NOVEMBER 23, 1988 BOREHOLE TYPE: 150 mm DIAMETER AIR ROTARY GEOLOGIST: EK/DM GROUND ELEVATION: 253.78 mASL WATER DEPTH STRATIGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION 10 20 30 3 0.3 TOPSOIL SAMPLED DEPTH 1.5 m TO 3.1 m 3.1 m TD 4.6 m MEDIUM TO COARSE SAND AND GRAVEL MEDIUM BROWN, TRACE SILT — SAMPLES SHOWING ±75-80% OF FRAGMENTS — OCCASIONAL COBBLES 4.6 m TO 6.1 m MEDIUM TO COARSE SAND AND GRAVEL MEDIUM BROWN, TRACE SILT - SAMPLES SHOWING ±75-80% OF FRAGMENTS - OCCASIONAL COBBLES CS 6.1 m TO 7.6 m 05 7.5 m TO 9.1 m - BECOMING SATURATED AT ±10.0 m CS 9.1 m TO 10.7 m CS 10.7 m TO 12.2 m 10 CS 12.2 m TO 13.7 m - BECOMING SATURATED AT ±10.0 m SAND AND GRAVEL TRACE SILT AND FINE SAND COARSE SAND AND GRAVEL 13.7 m TO 15.2 m

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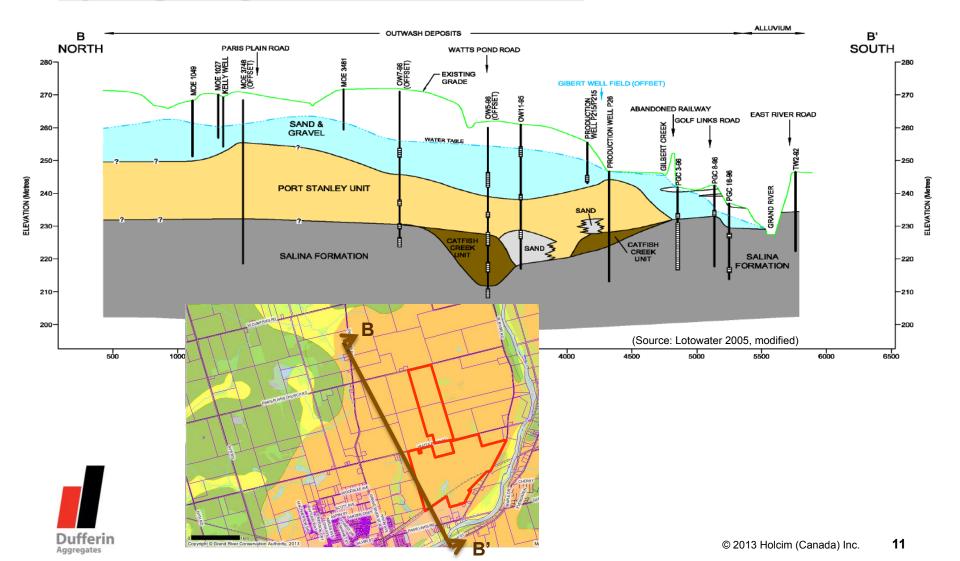
# Borehole/Monitoring Well Log – BH5A Bedrock:



# **Geology & Water**

The borehole information provides the specific details on soil/overburden thickness, soil type, depth to bedrock, and the depth to the water table.

# **Hydrogeologic Cross-Section B-B'**



Monitoring includes measurement of water levels and collection of water samples for analysis.

# Water Level Meter



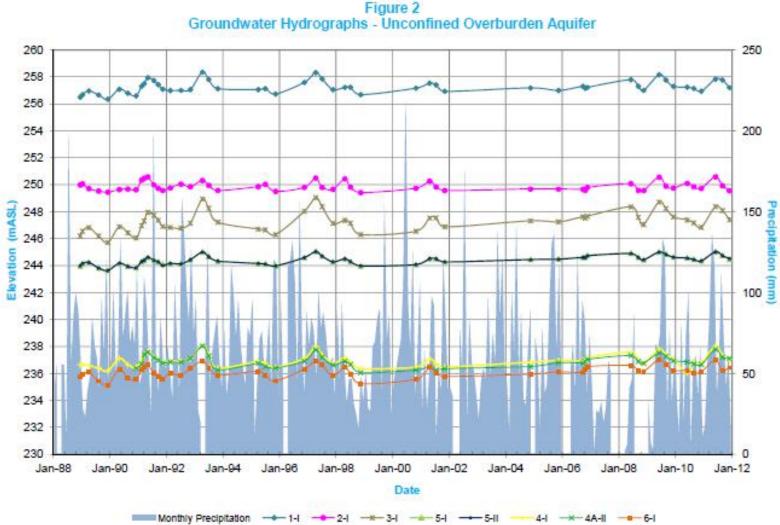






#### **Monitoring Wells & Water Table**

The historical data collected at the Paris Pit provides good baseline information. Groundwater levels vary with climatic conditions. Data is used for identifying conditions and to compare with data collected in the future.





Source: Figure 2, 2011 Paris Pit Monitoring Program Report March 13, 2011

#### **Water Levels**

Water levels of surface features that are connected to the water table illustrate the influence of precipitation on the water table. During dry periods the groundwater levels may change by a couple metres while surface water levels show smaller fluctuations.



 Photos of on-site ponds



March 28, 2012





September 07, 2012

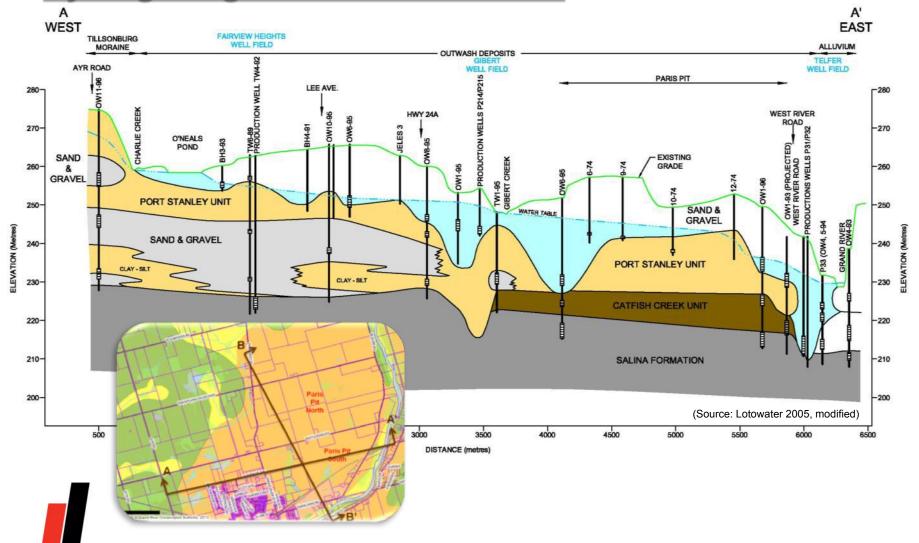
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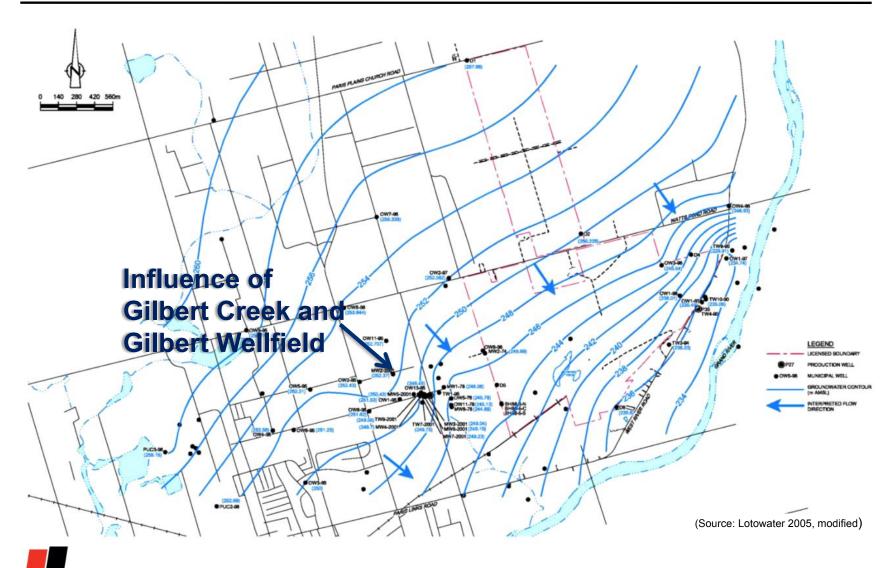
Based on data from the boreholes put down in the area, this section illustrates the geological profile and depth of water table





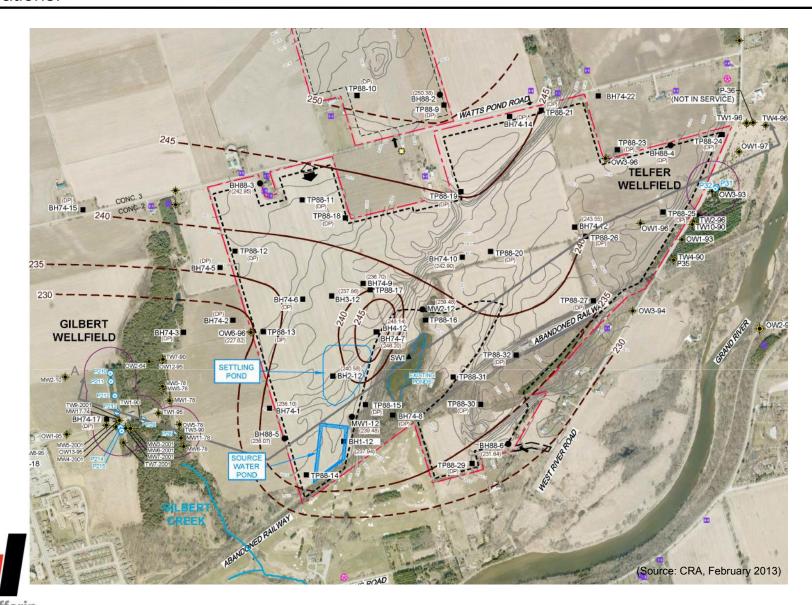
#### **Paris Water Table Grade**

Water level data from the numerous monitoring wells is used to determine depth, gradient and direction of ground water flow.



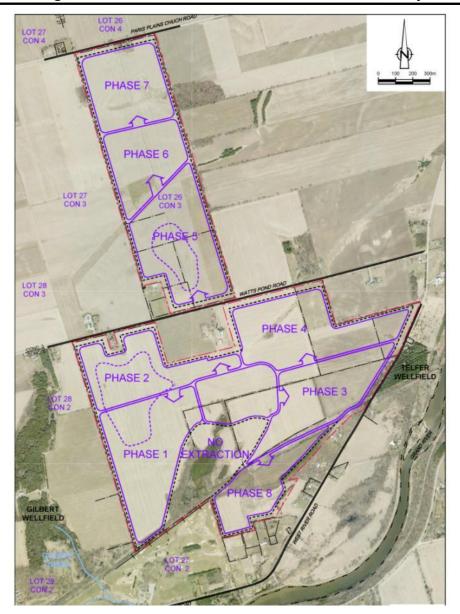
#### **Detailed Site Investigations**

Additional detailed investigation was undertaken by Dufferin Aggregates in area of proposed water taking to confirm geology and groundwater conditions as well as install future monitoring locations.



#### **Phasing**

Paris Pit plans have been modified to further protect water resources: locations of operations, fuel storage, water taking, as well as commitments to further study water supply protection



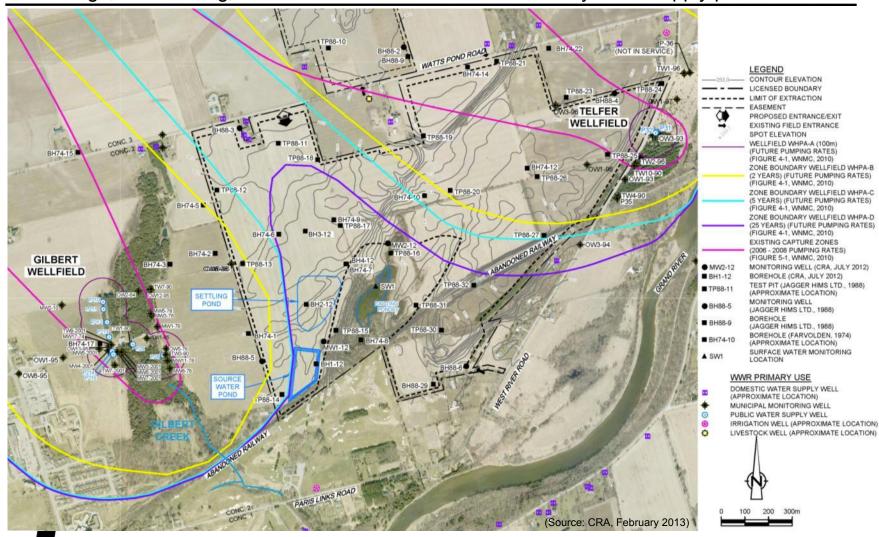


#### **Source Water Protection**

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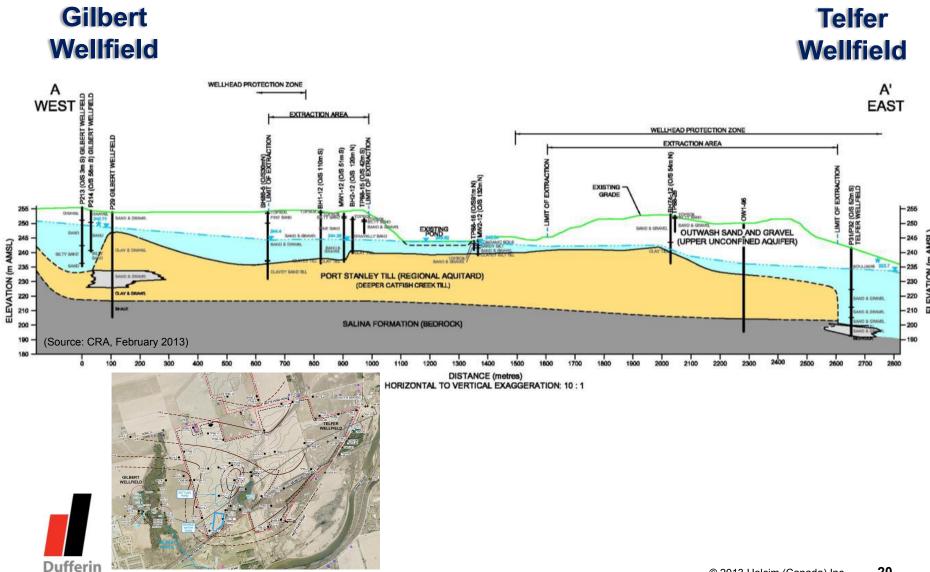
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#### **Extraction Above Water Table**

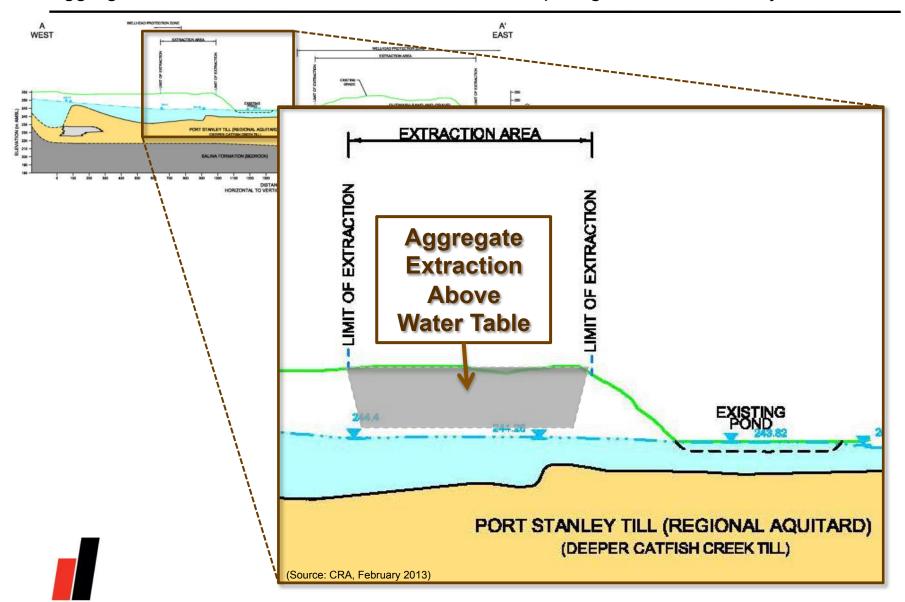
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Additional detailed investigation was undertaken by Dufferin's Consultants in 2012 and their monitoring continues. Work includes geology, hydrogeology, and ecology.



#### **Extraction Above Water Table**

Aggregate extraction above water table does not impact groundwater flow system.



# Gilbert Creek will not be affected by Paris Pit.

- The Gilbert Creek wellfield is located right along Gilbert Creek and is the primary source of water supply for Paris. The current municipal water taking is roughly 10 times greater than the water that will be used (lost) by the Paris Pit operations.
- Gilbert Creek is about 400 metres from the source water pond area.
- The Creek is not downgradient, therefore there can not be any water temperature impact.
- No impact from Paris Pit is anticipated under future conditions even if there is greatly increased municipal pumping (as represented by WHPAs) and below water extraction.
- Extensive monitoring is already in place (County's PTTW) to ensure local municipal well pumping does not negatively impact the Creek.
- Dufferin Aggregates will supplement and collaborate with the County on monitoring of Gilbert Creek conditions.



# **Water Quality**

Existing water quality issues with municipal water supply **will not** be exacerbated by Paris Pit.

#### Nitrate:

- Resulting from agricultural operations
- County program to use BMPs and minimize loading
- Dufferin tenant farmer using BMPs
- Non-detect levels in Existing Ponds
- No loading from aggregate operations

# Sulphate:

- Originates from bedrock groundwater
- No loading from aggregate Pit operations



# Water Quantity and Water Quality

Extensive monitoring will occur and results will be submitted to the MOE, MNR, and County, as well as being made available to the public.





# **General Discussion**

- Dufferin Aggregates will continue to carry out water quality and quantity monitoring.
- Additional questions



# **Next Steps**

- Continue to listen to community concerns
- Submit Permit To Take Water Application
  - Extended EBR comment period: 90 days
- Continue to liaise with public through Community Advisory Panel
  - Next CAP meeting: March/April
    - Topics could include:
      - PTTW Application/Below water table extraction
      - Cornerstone Standards Council (SERA/AFO)



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