

# York Region seeks public input at workshops on alternatives to landfilling in Michigan and Ontario

NEWMARKET - The Regional Municipality of York Transportation & Works Department is encouraging residents of York Region to participate in a series of three workshops to discuss options in managing waste remaining after diversion through recycling and composting.

The Region is conducting these workshops as part of a Durham/York Residual Waste Study. Feedback obtained from these workshops will be used to develop the Environmental Assessment (EA) Terms of Reference for this study.

York Region currently exports the majority of its garbage to landfill sites in Michigan. By addressing the social, economic and environmental concerns of York Region residents through an Environmental Assessment Study, the Region can examine alternative approaches to waste disposal.

The participation of York Region residents is key to the success of this Environmental Assessment Study. To this effect, we encourage all York Region residents to attend the workshops and share their perspective on what should be included in this joint EA Study. An additional Workshop Series 1 is being held on June 23rd to present the purpose of the study and to obtain additional public input.

Workshop Series 2 will focus on how we should choose a site for a facility to manage the waste remaining after diversion through recycling and composting including:

- The evaluation criteria to be used to identify the short listed sites and eventually identify a "preferred site" for the management of post-diversion residual wastes.
- Screening criteria to be used to eliminate areas not suitable for further consideration.
- The process to be used to identify potential sites within appropriate areas.
- The factors to be used to establish a "short list" of potential sites.

Interested residents are encouraged to register for these Public Workshops. Public Workshop Series 1 and 2 details are as follows:

Workshop Series 1 Thursday, June 23, 2005 City of Vaughan Le Jardin Special Event Centre 8440 Highway 27 Venetian Room, Main Floor 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  Registration deadline: Wednesday, June 22, 2005	Workshop Series 2 Tuesday, June 21, 2005 Town of Richmond Hill York Region South Services Centre 50 High Tech Road Rooms A, B & C, Main Floor 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  Registration deadline: Monday, June 20, 2005	Workshop Series 2 Wednesday, June 22, 2005 Town of Newmarket Newmarket Community Centre 200 Doug Duncan Drive Hall #2, Main Floor 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  Registration deadline: Tuesday, June 21, 2005	Workshop Series 2 Monday, June 27, 2005 City of Vaughan Le Jardin Special Event Centre 8440 Highway 27 Le Parisien Room, Main Floor 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  Registration deadline: Friday, June 24, 2005
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