

## NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

### MEEKS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

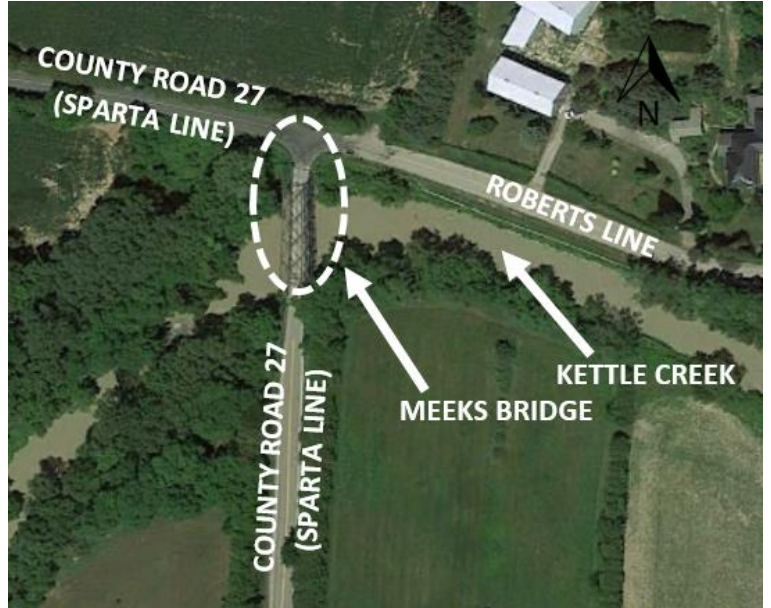
#### The Project

The County of Elgin has initiated a study to review alternatives for the replacement of Meeks Bridge in the Township of Southwold. Meeks Bridge is located on County Road 27 and spans Kettle Creek as shown on the key plan.

Meeks Bridge was constructed in 1900 and is a single span, steel double-intersection Warren truss (Double Warren) bridge structure. The bridge currently contains a posted load limit of 8 tonnes, and has a total deck length and width of 38.7 metre and 4.9 metres respectively. The bridge is currently in need of replacement.

#### The Study Process

The project is being planned under 'Schedule B' of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015).



KEY PLAN

The study will define the problem, identify alternative solutions, and analyze and evaluate each alternative based on the potential impacts to the natural, social, cultural and economic environments. A preferred solution will be selected in consultation with the public, stakeholders and external agencies. A Project File Report documenting the study process will be available for public review at the end of the study.

#### How to Participate

A key component of this study is public, agency, and stakeholder consultation. One Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held to present the preliminary findings and obtain public input. Public Information Centre details will be advertised closer to the consultation date under a separate notice.

If you have any questions regarding the study, or would like to be included on the project mailing list please contact one of the Project Managers below:

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#### Project Updates

Visit the project website (<https://www.elgincounty.ca/meeks-bridge-replacement/>) to learn more about the study, find links to notices and other related content. More information will be uploaded to this website as the project progresses.