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## POSITION STATEMENT ON FLOODPLAIN MAPPING UPDATES

Floodplain mapping updates are nearing completion for the following subwatersheds:

- Junction Creek (from the headwaters near Garson, downstream to Kelly Lake Road\*)
- Whitson River
- Whitewater Lake

It is expected that the technical work required for the above will conclude in the first half of 2024. Following the receipt of the new mapping, certain areas within these subwatersheds may require new or revised policy. Once any new policy and mapping is adopted by the Authority, the new floodplain limits will come into effect.

The City of Greater Sudbury (CGS) will be engaged during any policy development. Once adopted, the new floodplain mapping will be provided to the CGS so that its mapping products can be updated. The CGS will undertake amendments to its Official Plan as deemed necessary.

Until such time, the floodplain mapping that is currently in use shall continue to be used until replaced. The fact that new mapping is not yet available is not a hindrance to development. Conservation Sudbury development review staff continues to provide mandatory comments on planning matters and to make regulatory decisions daily.

During the transition period between current and new mapping, the floodplain elevations and policies that will be used are those in effect on the day that Conservation Sudbury staff deem an application to be complete. This allows project proponents to proceed now, without the worry that an updated floodplain will threaten their project later.

Some landowners, with property located in the subwatersheds listed above, may find their plans constrained by current floodplain mapping. The possibility exists that new mapping may increase the flood potential on their property, leave it relatively unchanged, or decrease the flood hazard to some degree. Currently, development review staff are prohibited from providing comment or direction on potential changes.

Comments or questions regarding the above can be sent to [NDCA@ConservationSudbury.ca](mailto:NDCA@ConservationSudbury.ca)

Sincerely,

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*(\*Junction Creek from Kelly Lake Road to McCharles Lake will be completed at a future date.)*