

**PROGRAM 4: ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT (ESA) GRANT PROGRAM**

**Priority Zones: Geographic CIPA Sub-Area Applicability**

Program	Town-wide	Downtown Acton	Downtown Georgetown	Hamlets	GO-Station Lands	Employment Lands	Rural
4 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) Grant Program	✓ <b>BROWNFIELDS PER PHASE I ESA</b>						

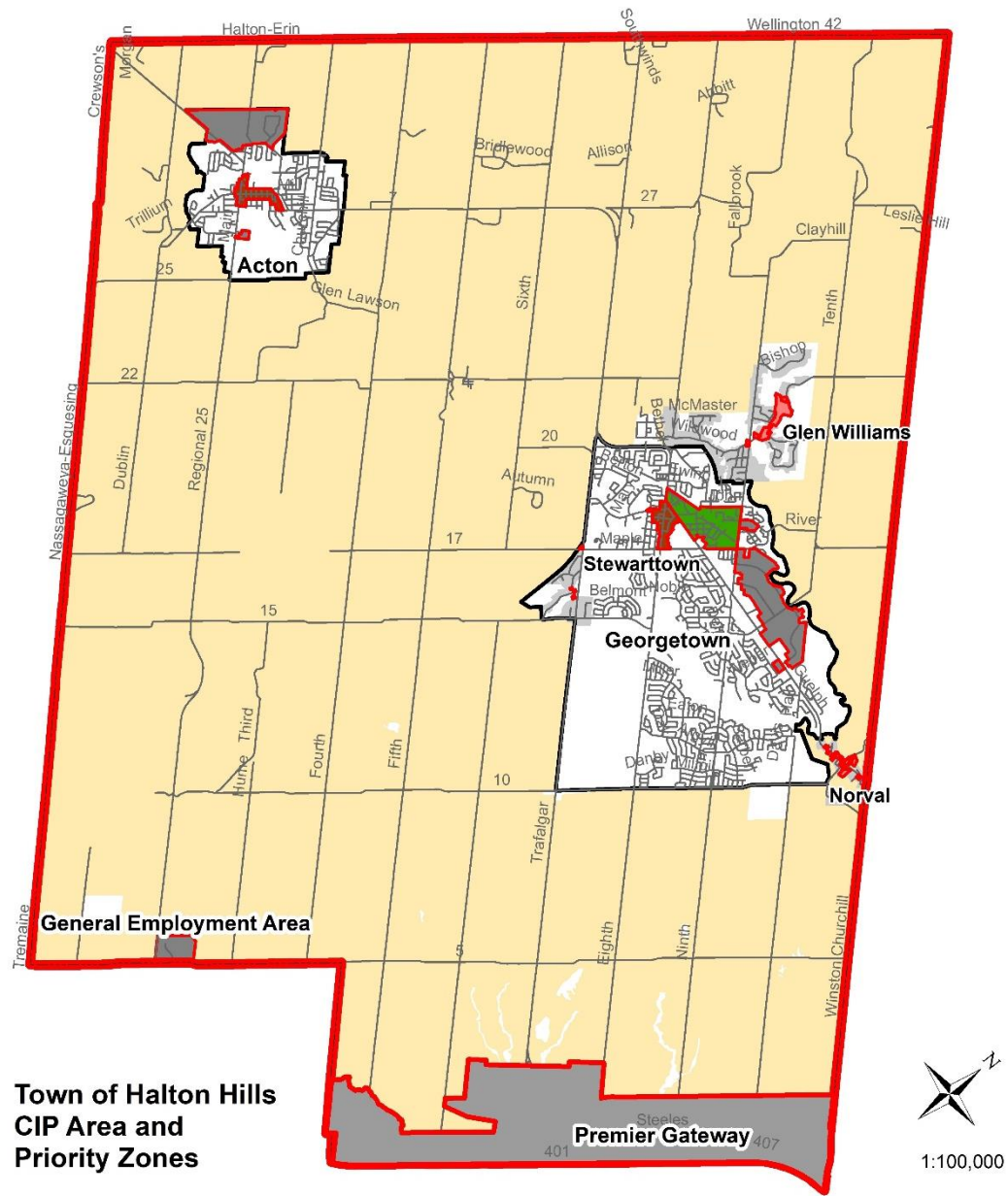
<b>Description</b>	For privately owned sites with a Phase I ESA, assistance to further specify the extent and nature of environmental contamination through grant assistance of a Phase II ESA study and development of any Remediation Action Plan.
<b>Benefits</b>	This grant has the potential to encourage and support land contamination assessment. The ESA program contributes to the Town’s economic development priorities, as well as brownfield redevelopment and climate change.
<b>Intended Recipients</b>	Eligibility is Town-wide subject to the priorities for assistance established in this plan. Applications will be prioritized for those properties, which, in the opinion of the Town, have a likelihood of successful redevelopment.
<b>Program Specifics and Limitations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town of Halton Hills will reimburse the owner or developer for costs associated with eligible studies. Eligible studies are anticipated to include Phase II ESA studies and Remediation Action Plans, Risk Assessments, and other studies that are part of the regulatory submission requirements to enable a Record of Site Condition acknowledged by Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).</li> <li>• Studies which do not contribute to the prescribed regulatory process will not be approved for funding support. The Phase II ESA and other subsequent analysis must conform in methodology, content and reporting with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 153/04.</li> <li>• Maximum individual grant is \$20,000 or 50% of the cost of the ESA, whichever is less.</li> <li>• Maximum assistance per project, as defined by the Town of Halton Hills, of:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Maximum of 2 studies per project; and</li> <li>(ii) Maximum of \$35,000 per project for the duration of this CIP.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The above limits are at the discretion of the Town of Halton Hills. Funding may be increased at the discretion of the Town based on the merits of each individual application as determined by the Town. Applicants may be required to furnish the Town with additional information, relinquish ownership of ESA reports and enter into additional agreements as necessary to the satisfaction of the Town.</li> </ul>

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- Conversely the Town, acting in its discretion, may decline funding if it is determined that the project is unlikely to be viable or otherwise does not meet the objectives of the CIP. This may include, for example, a Phase I ESA that is indeterminate as to the necessity for a Phase II ESA in order to achieve the stated land use.
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**Implementation  
Specifics**

- Program duration: 5 years.
  - The program will be monitored for effectiveness on an annual basis with an interim review in year 3 of the program (and further review in year 5) to determine whether the program has met the goals of the CIP to support brownfield redevelopment on priority sites.
  - Based on the principle of achieving maximum leverage of non-Municipal funds, applicants who identify other sources of financial assistance for feasibility studies will be given preference in the allocation of funds.
  - Total combined assistance toward the costs of environmental site assessment from all public sources will not exceed 50% of total environmental site assessment costs. Municipal funding will be the funding of last resort where other sources of public assistance exist.
  - Funding from this program will be deducted from the balance of remaining eligible costs for the project.
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Figure 1. Halton Hills CIP Area and Priority Zones



- CIPA Priority Zones:**
- Community Improvement Plan Area
  - Urban Area Boundary
  - Hamlets
  - Downtown Acton & Georgetown
  - Georgetown GO Station Area
  - Hamlets (Zoned HC and HCC)
  - Agricultural Lands
  - General Employment Areas