

# 407 East EA (Durham)

**Status:** Technically Preferred Route (PIC)

**Open for discussion:**

Route Refinement and Preliminary Design Alternatives

**Involved bus tour of east link** by wetland biologists, Fish habitat specialist, groundwater scientists, MNR, CLOCA, MOE and International Wetland scientist through 2 provincially significant wetland complexes

Proposed Crossing Road Treatment Strategy

Transitway Corridors/Stations

Additional Support Facilities

**CEAA Screening** process with Ministry of Transport as a lead; other Ministries involved: DFO, Natural Resources, Health

Property requirements/Acquisition process

Community Value Plan

Potential Mitigation Strategies

EA Study Schedule/Next Steps



West link

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East link

Lake Ontario

Prime Agricultural land is located along the whole main route and most of the links ; farming is Durham's largest industry



## Bus tour and workshop:

### Importance of Connections

*We will win or lose the biodiversity battle on the landscape between the protected areas*



REMEMBER THE IMPORTANCE OF LINKAGES SO THAT WILDLIFE CAN EXPAND THEIR RANGE INTO NEW HABITATS IN GOOD YEARS



### East Link Wetland Workshop Outcomes

- Common understanding of issues among regulators, scientists, engineers and planners
- Understanding that wetlands are sensitive to both construction and long term disturbance, requiring special attention
  - Extra investigation
  - Careful design
  - Unique monitoring and operations

