

May 19, 2020

Groundwater Testing in Thorncrest Village

Expected Testing Start Date: Week of May 25, 2020

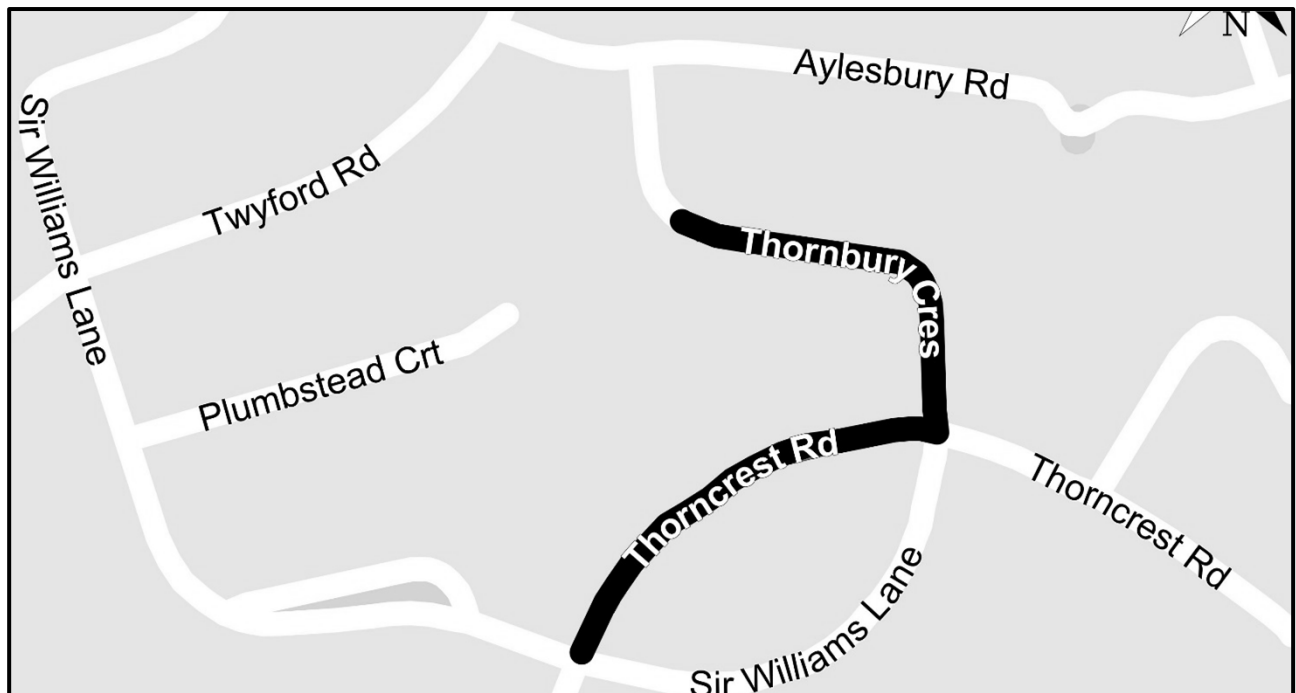
**Timeline is subject to change and heavily weather dependent.*

The City of Toronto is planning to install Green Streets infrastructure in Thorncrest Village in coordination with future road resurfacing work in the area. Green Streets are designed to capture rainwater where it falls, providing water for plants and trees to grow as well as acting as a natural filter to clean stormwater before it makes its way into local waterways. Green Street infrastructure includes trees, native plants, and low impact development (LID) stormwater technologies which allow stormwater to infiltrate, filter, store, evaporate, and impede runoff. Examples of LID include bioswales, rain gardens and bioretention cells.

Before work can begin, the City will test groundwater levels, or the depth of the groundwater below surface level. Testing is needed to confirm the conditions below ground and is used for engineering design. Groundwater testing will be conducted in the public right-of-way on Thornbury Crescent and Thorncrest Road (see map).


Green infrastructure builds urban resiliency in the face of a changing climate, supports environmental sustainability and improves the quality of life in the city.

MAP OF WORK AREA



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19 AND CONSTRUCTION WORK IN TORONTO

The Province of Ontario has enacted a declaration of emergency to help contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public. A list of essential workplaces in Ontario was announced on March 23 and revised on April 3. As indicated on the list, City-led infrastructure construction has been deemed essential and this project will proceed. This construction is essential to ensure the City's infrastructure remain safe, in a state of good repair and able to meet Toronto's needs. For more information on the City's response to COVID-19 please visit toronto.ca/covid-19.





	<p>Physical Distancing: There are times when contractors need to communicate with property owners about what is happening on-site. This could be about driveway access, water shut offs, exterior pre-construction inspections, and site restoration work (landscaping, installing pavers etc.). Contractor's staff will be identifiable by their high-visibility clothing.</p> <p>Where possible, a phone number for a contact person on-site will be provided on notices, to answer questions about work near your property. At other times, the contractor may knock on your door, but will then step away the required distance to discuss the work that is taking place and what can be expected that day. Please practice physical distancing with workers so everyone can remain safe. If you have questions, call the contact provided on this notice.</p>
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WORK DETAILS

- Groundwater testing will be conducted in the City's Right-of-Way by Aquafor Beech Ltd.
- The City's Right-of-Way is the area that extends approximately 10 metres from the center of the road to the private property line.
- Crews will use a hand auger to drill a hole 2 metres below the soil surface.
- One location will be tested on each street.
- Testing is silent and creates minimal local disturbances. There will be no impact to soft landscaping (gardens, trees, shrubs).

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING SITE WORK

The City will make efforts to reduce impacts. We appreciate your patience.

	<p>Work Hours: Soil testing will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. It is expected to start the week of May 25th and will take about two days to complete. Testing units will be removed when the measurements are completed.</p>
	<p>Road and Sidewalk Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there may be road restrictions within the construction work zone. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.</p>
	<p>Traffic Management: Unloading and loading equipment may result in temporary disruption to local traffic. In order to complete the work effectively and in a safe manner, some pedestrian and vehicle traffic restrictions will be necessary.</p>
	<p>Restoration: The sampling area will be restored.</p>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us.

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Thank you for your patience. Building a great city takes time. Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.