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## East Highland Creek Sanitary Trunk Sewer Protection, and East and West Highland Creek Channel Restoration In Morningside Park

Trail Closed: December 20, 2019 until November 2022.  
End Date for Channel Work Area (Phase 1, 2, 3): Completed.  
Start Date for Channel Work Area Phase 4: August 2021.  
Expected End Date for Channel Work Area Phase 4: December 2021.  
Start Date for Channel Work Area Final Phases 5 and 6: January 2022.

The City of Toronto's East Highland Creek Sanitary Trunk Sewer carries wastewater from homes and businesses in Scarborough, and some surrounding areas, to the Highland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The City of Toronto is working on a section of the East Highland Creek Sanitary Trunk Sewer (STS) located in Morningside Park, south of Ellesmere Road and west of Morningside Avenue, to protect the exposed portions of the STS sewer with structural encasement. As part of this work, the City is also restoring sections of the East and West Highland Creeks that have eroded (where the creeks meet to form the main Highland Creek in Morningside Park).

For pedestrian safety during construction, sections of the Morningside Park Trail and the Highland Creek Trail are closed until November 2022. While the trail was originally scheduled to re-open this summer, delays during the pandemic including the availability and delivery of project supplies means the trail will need to remain closed until work is completed. Please do not enter the trail during construction. We apologize for the inconvenience.

This project is part of the Council-approved 2019 Capital Works Program that will address existing erosion conditions and improve water quality in East Highland Creek, West Highland Creek and Highland Creek.

### WORK DETAILS

#### Completed work:





- Completed work includes building an access route to the work area (please see map on page 3); removing and pruning trees along the access route, in the staging areas, and in the work area; and building a temporary creek crossing to access the creek banks.
- Completed work within the East Highland Creek, West Highland Creek and the main Highland Creek to protect the East Highland Creek STS with structural encasement, and reinforcing the creek bank and beds with stone, soil and vegetation. This work will improve the stability in the East Highland Creek, West Highland Creek and the main Highland Creek.
- Completed the restoration and repair areas affected by construction and surrounding vegetation, as needed.

#### The next stages of work will include:

- Temporarily redirecting the flow of the water in some area in the creeks within main part of Highland Creek to provide a dry working area for workers.
- Work within the main Highland Creek to protect and reinforce the creek bank and beds with stone, soil and vegetation. This work will improve the stability in the main part of Highland Creek.
- Once the work is completed, crews will repair areas affected by construction and surrounding vegetation, as needed. All work will be done according to seasonal planting guidelines (fall or spring) and is being carried out in consultation with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation division.

A map of the work area can be found on page 3 of this notice.

## WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

	<p><b>Work Hours:</b> Work will be completed in accordance with the City's Noise By-law between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, with occasional work after hours and on weekends if required.</p>
	<p><b>Trail and Pedestrian Access:</b> For safety of workers and trail users, there will be closures of sections of the Morningside Park Trail and the Highland Creek Trail while the work is being completed until November 2022. Please see the map on page 3 for trail closure details.</p> <p>Efforts have been made to manage trail use for the safety of workers and trail users. Temporary fencing and signs will be erected at the access points to the trail and at the work area site to protect the public.</p>
	<p><b>Traffic Management:</b> Efforts have been made to manage traffic in the area for the safety of workers, park users, road users and residents. Morningside Avenue users may experience minor delays due to construction vehicles and material delivery vehicles entering and exiting the site.</p>
	<p><b>Tree Removal:</b> Due to the nature of this project, the City will need to remove and prune trees from public property in the ravine and in the park, in close consultation with staff in the Parks, Forestry and Recreation division. A public property tree removal permit has been obtained for this work.</p> <p><b>Restoration:</b> Once the work is completed, construction work areas will be restored where required. Staff will work with the City's Parks, Forestry and Recreation division to replant trees and restore vegetation with site appropriate landscaping. This will be done during ideal growing seasons, and is being carried out in consultation with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.</p>

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

<p><b>TTY Hearing Impaired Service</b></p>	<p>416-338-0889 (7 Days a week, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., closed holidays).</p>
<p><b>General inquiries</b></p>	<p>3-1-1.</p>
<p><b>Website</b></p>	<p><a href="https://toronto.ca/scarboroughguildwood">toronto.ca/scarboroughguildwood</a> .</p>

**MAP OF THE WORK AREA**

