

June 13, 2024

East Highland Creek Sanitary Trunk Sewer protection, and East and West Highland Creek Channel restoration in Morningside Park

Trail Closed: June 20, 2024, until June 2027
Channel Work Area starts: July 15, 2024
Expected End Date for Channel Work Area: July 2027

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

The City is working on a section of this STS located in Morningside Park, south of Ellesmere Road and west of Morningside Avenue. The work is to protect the exposed portions of the STS sewer with a structural concrete encasement. As part of this work, the City is also restoring sections of the East and West Highland Creeks, which have eroded in the area where the creeks start to form Highland Creek in Morningside Park. A map of the work area can be found on page 3 of this notice.

For pedestrian safety during construction, sections of the Morningside Park Trail and the Highland Creek Trail are closed until July 2027. Please do not enter the trails 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 the main Highland Creek.

WORK DETAILS





Completed work:

- Work has been completed within the East Highland Creek, West Highland Creek, and the main Highland Creek to protect the East Highland Creek STS with a concrete structural encasement and reinforce 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.

The next stages of work will include:

- Temporarily redirecting the flow of the water in some areas within the main part of Highland Creek to provide a dry working area for workers.
- Work within the East 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 in the creeks is completed, crews will repair the affected areas including the 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>Work Hours: 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>Trail and Pedestrian Access: For safety of workers and trail users, there will be closures of sections of the Morningside Park Trail and the Highland Creek Trail until July 2027 while the work is being completed. Please do not enter the trail during construction.</p> <p>Temporary fencing and signs will be erected at the access points to the trails and at the work area site to protect the public. Please see the map on page 3 for trail closure details.</p>
	<p>Traffic Management: 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>Tree Removal: 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>Restoration: 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 and the City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation division.</p>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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<p>General inquiries</p>	<p>3-1-1</p>
<p>Website</p>	<p>toronto.ca/scarborough-guildwood</p>

MAP OF WORK AREA

