





### Scarborough Bluffs West Revitalization Study

November 2, 2023

#### **Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference**

The City of Toronto, in partnership with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is initiating an Individual Environmental Assessment to explore the **renewal of and improvements to approximately 4.5 km of Lake Ontario shoreline**, from Balmy Beach at Silver Birch Avenue to Bluffer's Park. The project will engage the public, Indigenous communities and technical experts to inform a plan to enhance the landscape and provide safe access to the waterfront while protecting sensitive shoreline and natural areas.

Public consultation is an important element of the study. The public will have opportunities for input at key stages throughout the project. Consultation opportunities will be advertised on the project website, by email, in local newspapers, on social media pages, and through mail to households and businesses in the area.

Learn more about the Scarborough Bluffs West Revitalization Study and sign up for the email list at toronto.ca/ScarboroughBluffsWest



#### **Process**

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step of the process is the preparation of a terms of reference. The terms of reference will set out the proponent's framework and work plan for addressing the *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the environmental assessment, including such things as the alternatives that will be considered and the public consultation activities that will be carried out. If approved by the Minister, the terms of reference will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the environmental assessment.

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# **About the Project**

The project was launched as an Individual Environmental Assessment in November 2023 by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, in partnership with the City of Toronto.

The project will consider opportunities to:

- Improve how people access, move through and experience the waterfront
- Provide a connected trail between Bluffer's Park and the eastern edge of the Beaches, exploring the feasibility of a connected trail system along the shoreline
- Preserve and enhance natural features and minimize hazards
- Create connected naturalized systems along the Lake Ontario shoreline which respects and protects the significant natural and cultural features of the Bluffs
- · Enhance wildlife habitats on land and in the water

# **Have Your Say**

The project team wants to understand how residents and visitors currently experience the Scarborough Bluffs West area and how you might like to experience it in the future.

Deadline for comments: February 28, 2024



Leave feedback on the interactive map January 31 – February 28, 2024



Attend the Online Information Session Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



**Learn more about the project** and send an email to the project team

toronto.ca/ScarboroughBluffsWest

## **Need More Information?**

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## **Public Consultation**

May 14, 2024

## **Scarborough Bluffs West Revitalization Study**

The Scarborough Bluffs West Revitalization Study will explore opportunities for improved waterfront access between the Eastern Beaches (Silver Birch Avenue) and Bluffers Park along Lake Ontario, while enhancing the protection of sensitive shoreline and natural areas.

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the City of Toronto are seeking public input on the proposed process and criteria to develop and assess alternatives during the Environmental Assessment, which will begin next year.



### **Study Overview**

The project will consider opportunities to:

- Improve how people access, move through, and experience the waterfront.
- Provide a connected trail system while exploring the feasibility of a shoreline trail.
- Preserve and enhance the natural environment, including the cultural significance of the Bluffs.
- Minimize natural hazards and risks to public safety caused by erosion.

#### **Learn More**



View project information on the webpage, including a virtual tour, pre-recorded presentation, survey, and project materials

toronto.ca/ScarboroughBluffsWest

#### **Attend the Event**



Tuesday, May 28, 2024 Drop in any time between 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute, Gymnasium 3663 Danforth Ave

#### **Provide Feedback**



Complete an online survey or request a printed copy. Submit comments by email, mail or phone.

Comment deadline: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

If you have a specific accessibility need or require accommodation, please contact us.





## **Public Consultation**

#### **Process**

This Study follows the Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) process which promotes good environmental planning by determining and managing the potential effects of a project prior to implementation. There are two phases to an Individual Environmental Assessment:

- **Phase 1: Terms of Reference**, which provides a roadmap for environmental effects to be examined, problems and opportunities to be addressed, and how the Environmental assessment will be prepared. It also outlines how consultation will be conducted during the Environmental Assessment.
- Phase 2: Environmental Assessment, in which alternatives are generated that address the
  problems and opportunities. The alternatives are then evaluated against the environmental
  effects identified in the Terms of Reference. Public consultation is conducted throughout the
  process.

Both the Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment must be reviewed and approved by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks before the project can proceed.



Environmental
Assessment: 2025+
3 rounds of public
consultation

Detailed Design and Construction (pending approvals and funding)

#### **Draft Criteria**

Evaluation criteria will be used in the Environmental Assessment to measure the ability of each alternative to meet the project objectives. Proposed criteria include:

#### **Naturalization**

Extent of land and water habitats created, enhanced or diminished



Risk

Ability to minimize risk to the public and properties and improve emergency access

## Access and Experience Potential to improve or

change public access and experience along the waterfront

#### **Consistency and Compatibility**

Ability to integrate with other plans, protect source water, and potential impact on archeological and heritage resources



Fiscal Viability
Capital,
maintenance and
operational costs

Prior consultation was conducted in February 2024. To learn more about what we heard, visit toronto.ca/ScarboroughBluffsWest.

### **Next Steps**

Following this round of public consultation, a consultation report will be shared and the draft Terms of Reference report will be made available for public review. To learn more and register for the project mailing list, visit **toronto.ca/ScarboroughBluffsWest**.

### **More Information**

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