

Construction Update

October 4, 2024

Sewer Connections & Creek Improvements in the East Don River

Contract #: 20ECS-MI-01DC Start Date: September 2021 NEW End Date: December 2029 *Timeline is subject to change.

The City of Toronto plans to carry out a number of wet weather management infrastructure improvements in the East Don Parkland and River located at 1240 Sheppard Avenue East. Work includes the following:

Phase 1: Sewer replacement for an undersized existing sewer between Sheppard Avenue East and Leslie Street, and removal of an existing concrete weir and river channel improvements. This Phase 1 work is now substantially complete.

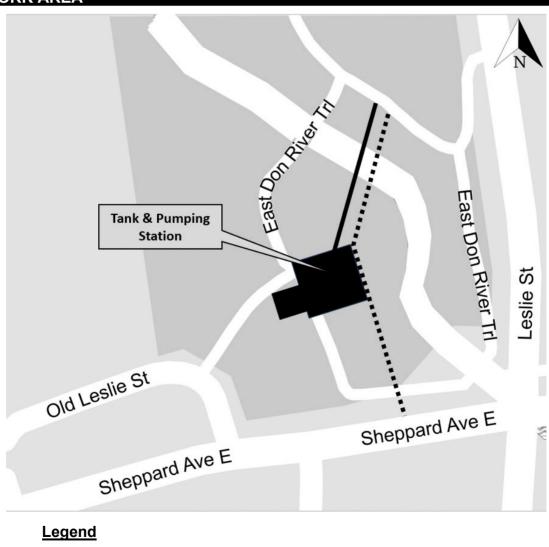
Phase 2: Installation of a large underground storage tank, pumping station and related sewer connections beneath the park parking lot and demolition of existing washroom building.

Phase 3: Construction of above-ground pump station and public washroom buildings.

These projects are part of the Council-approved Capital Works Programs for the Don River & Central Waterfront and Connected projects and Sheppard Sewer upgrade project to renew our aging infrastructure, improve wet weather resiliency and accommodate growth and development in the community.

Due to this work, the site entrance on Old Leslie Street and the parking lot in East Don Parkland will be closed for the duration of the project until December 2029. Please use alternate parking locations at nearby facilities. We apologize for the inconvenience.

MAP OF WORK AREA



Sewer Connections, Underground Tank & Pumping Station

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WORK DETAILS

Construction Phases & Timing

Phase	Description	Approximate Schedule
Phase 1	Sewer replacement for an undersized existing sewer between Sheppard Avenue East and Leslie Street, removal of an existing concrete weir and river channel improvements.	East side of river – mid-2021 to end 2024 West side of river – mid-2021 to mid-2025
Phase 2	Installation of a large underground storage tank and related sewer connections beneath the parking lot and demolition of the existing washroom building.	Mid-2025 to end 2027 (affects only the west side of the river)
Phase 3	Construction of above-ground pump station and public washroom buildings.	2028 to 2029 (affects only the west side of the river)

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- You may experience dust, noise and other inconveniences. The City will make efforts to reduce the impacts. We appreciate your patience.
- The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on City property.



Work Hours: Work will take place from 7 a.m.to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, with work after hours and on weekends as required. This project will comply with the City's Noise Bylaw.



Traffic and Sidewalk Impacts: All future construction work for this project will occur within the East Don Parklands site so there are no long-term lane or road closures anticipated. Construction vehicles will be entering and exiting the site and crossing the sidewalk at the Old Leslie Street site entrance (just north of Sheppard Ave. E.) so extra caution should be used by pedestrians at this location. Any required traffic signage for short term road work will be posted, shared by project email and/or posted on the project webpage. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.



Trail impacts: Some closures of the local trails are required to safely carry out construction. When possible, efforts will be made to maintain trail access – either on the east or west side of the river south of the pedestrian bridge. It is anticipated that Phase 1 work will be completed by year-end 2024 and Park trails on the east side of the river will be reopened to the public at that time. Signs will be posted on the trail prior to trail impacts or closures and details will also be shared by email updates and/or posting on the project webpage. Please sign up at Toronto.ca/eastdonriver.



Parking Lot: The parking lot will be closed for the duration of the project until December 2029 for construction. Please use alternate parking at nearby locations.



Washroom: The washroom will be closed for the duration of the project and eventually demolished and rebuilt. Details of the new washroom will be included in a future notice to the community. Two temporary portable washroom units at the Old Leslie Street site entrance will be kept in place for public use until the new washroom building is operational.



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Tree Removal: In order to complete Phase 1 work, approximately 119 trees were removed and 85 trees were monitored for minimal injury. Approximately 398 new trees were replanted. Tree impacts for Phases 2 and 3 will be determined in the future and will be mitigated via a similar tree replanting plan.



Dust Mitigation and Restoration: The contractor will be responsible for ensuring the work area is kept clean including construction vehicles to mitigate mud and debris from the streets.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about this construction project, please contact staff listed below.

Contract	20ECS-MI-01DC
Project Contact	Keith Chu 416-397-0384, eastdonriver@toronto.ca
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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