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Earl Bales Stormwater Management Pond Sediment Removal and Maintenance

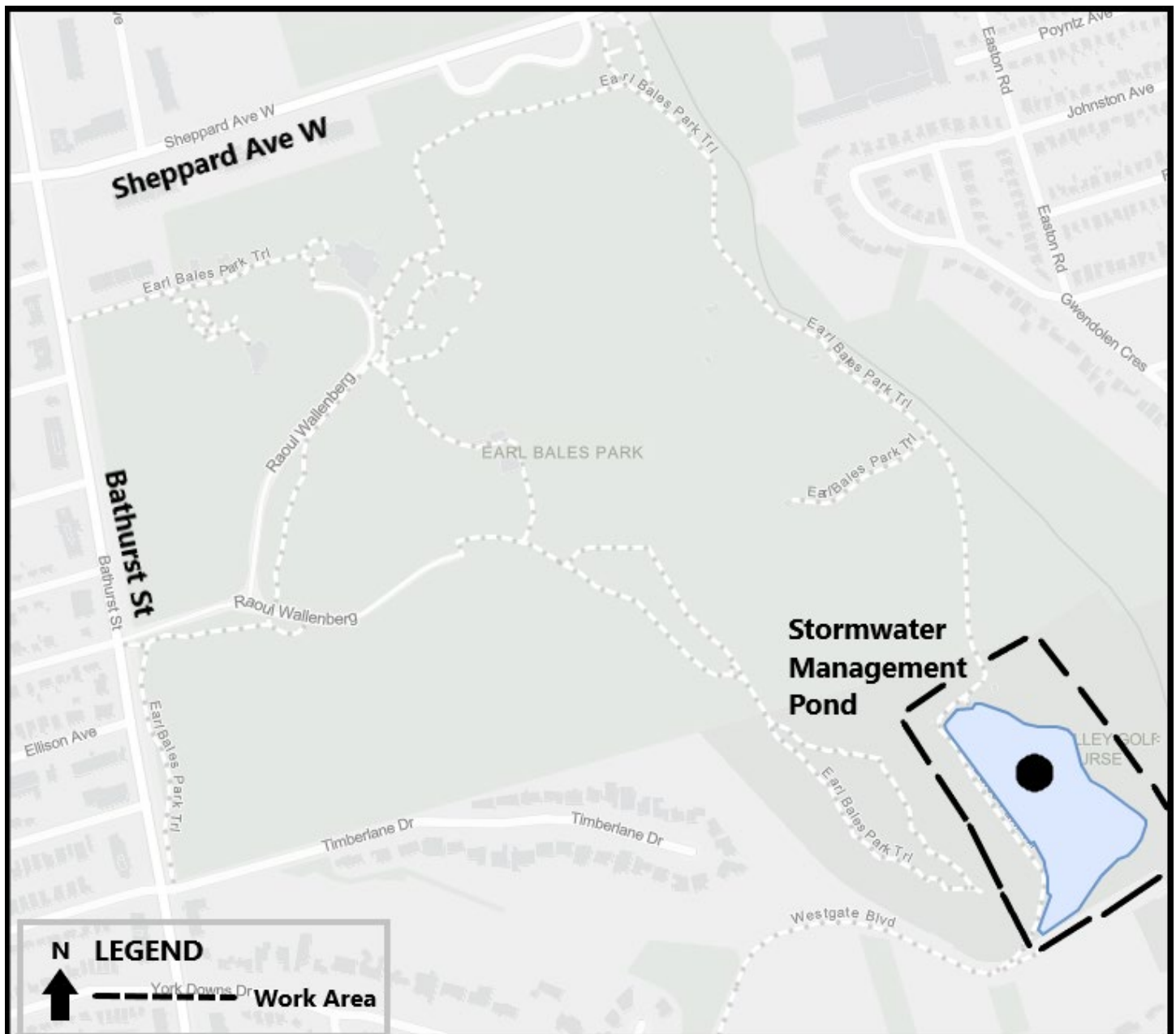
Start Date: October 2024
Expected Completion Date: Winter 2025

The Earl Bales Stormwater Management Pond (SWMP) is a facility located south of Sheppard Avenue West and Bathurst Street that collects stormwater runoff to reduce localized flooding. It also allows sediment runoff to settle at the bottom of the pond, which enhances ecological conditions and improves water quality prior to entering the local waterways.

A map of the work area can be found below.

To help ensure the pond is working as originally designed, the City of Toronto will be working with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to remove sediment and conduct maintenance of the pond.

MAP OF WORK AREA







WORK DETAILS

The clean out and maintenance of the pond will involve:

- Pruning and removing some vegetation around the pond in order to create a temporary access point. Once this is done, staff will create a platform made of gravel that will extend into the pond, as well as an area to stockpile and dry the sediment.
- Dredging the sediment and loading it into dump trucks for reuse or disposal.
- Inspecting and making repairs to the pond, as needed.
- Restoring vegetation around the pond.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

	<p>Work Hours: Work will be completed in accordance with the City's Noise By-law between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, with occasional work after hours and on weekends if required. You will be notified in advance of any changes to work hours.</p>
	<p>Pedestrian and Road Access: To complete the work safely, there will be some pedestrian restrictions around the pond, however access to walkways and trails outside the construction site will remain open. Temporary fencing and signs will be set up in and around the construction site. There will be increased truck traffic in the park when sediment is being trucked away for disposal.</p>
	<p>Tree Removal and Restoration: The TRCA will need to prune and remove some existing vegetation around the Earl Bales SWMP in order to access the work site. Once the clean out and maintenance is complete, staff will work with the City's Parks, Forestry and Recreation division to restore vegetation with site-appropriate landscaping.</p>
	<p>Wildlife: Water in the pond will be lowered gradually to allow for wildlife to relocate on their own. Any wildlife that does remain will be carefully collected and relocated by TRCA staff who are licensed by the Ministry of Natural Resources.</p>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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

<p>General inquiries</p>	<p>3-1-1</p>
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