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Rockcliffe Riverine Flood Mitigation Project Jane Street Bridge Construction over Black Creek



Artist rendering of Jane Street and the Black Creek channel following construction.

The City of Toronto is making several infrastructure improvements to reduce flooding in the Rockcliffe-Smythe area by increasing the capacity of local waterways and upgrading the sewer system.

These improvements will reduce the risk of flooding during heavy rainfall, when Black Creek can become full and overflow. The multi-year Rockcliffe Riverine Flood Mitigation project has three phases:

Phase 1: Replacement of the Jane Street bridge and culvert and the Scarlett Road bridge over Black Creek with new, wider bridges. Construction of this phase is expected to begin in late summer 2026, starting with the work at Jane Street. This phase is anticipated to take just over three years.

Phase 2: Rockcliffe Boulevard bridge replacement, Weston Road flood protection wall, and Black Creek channel widening from Jane Street to Alliance Avenue. This work is expected to commence in 2030 at the end of Phase 1 and continue until 2032.

Phase 3: Lavender Creek channel widening from Symes Road to Black Creek, culvert widening at Symes Road and removal of driveway culverts. This is the final phase and will take approximately two years.

Learn More: Public Drop-in Event

Attend the public drop-in event to learn more about the project with a focus on upcoming Phase 1 construction. You will have an opportunity to review information displays (no formal presentation), speak with members of the project team, and ask questions.

- Drop in any time between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to speak with the project team.
- Date: August 18, 2026
- Location: Alliance Event Venue
501 Alliance Avenue (Alliance Avenue and Rockcliffe Boulevard)

Access to the meeting location is wheelchair/mobility aid accessible. If you require interpretation or accommodation to participate, please contact us one week before the meeting. Contact information is on page 2.

If you are unable to attend or would like to review the information again, presentation materials from the event will be posted on the project webpage: toronto.ca/Rockcliffe.

Phase 1 – next steps

Phase 1 construction is set to begin late summer 2026, starting with the Jane Street bridge over Black Creek. Details about this work will be shared at the drop-in event, where attendees will also have an opportunity to ask questions.

About the Jane Street bridge construction over Black Creek

During major storms, the culvert under Jane Street acts as a bottleneck, restricting water flow in Black Creek and causing flooding east of Jane Street. In Phase 1, the culvert will be removed and replaced with a wider bridge. This will allow the creek to be widened at this location, allowing water to move through more quickly, which will reduce flood risk. This work also supports planned sewer upgrades to help reduce basement flooding.

In addition to flood mitigation, Jane Street bridge construction will include improvements to road safety, accessibility and active transportation:

- New dedicated bike lanes on Jane Street (Alliance Avenue to Haney Avenue), while maintaining four vehicle lanes.
- Safety upgrades at Jane Street intersections (Alliance Avenue and Haney Avenue).
- New landscaping, trees, plants and public art.
- Improved trail connections to Smythe Park.

What to expect during construction

- The first stage of construction will include utility relocation work in the areas east and west of Jane Street to prepare for bridge construction and channel widening.
- Construction vehicles will access the work areas east and west of Jane Street from Jane Street, Scarlett Road and Rockcliffe Boulevard.
- Vehicle and pedestrian access to the park and the pool from Scarlett Road will be maintained.
- Pedestrian and cyclist access to Smythe Park from Jane Street will be restricted. A temporary trail will be installed during the summer and fall.
- There are no impacts to travel lanes on Jane Street until road construction begins in 2027. During road construction, one lane of traffic will remain in each direction at all times.
- Approximately 230 trees and shrubs will need to be removed from the east side of Jane Street at Alliance Avenue.

More Information

More information will be shared before construction begins. Visit the project web page to sign up for email updates. If you have questions about the upcoming public event, please contact us:

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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.**

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