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Offline Storage Tank (DWST2) East Don Parkland Projects

Contract #: 23ECS-MI-01DC
 Start Date: Fall 2026
 End Date: Spring 2029
**Timeline is subject to change.*

This notice is an update on the ongoing construction in the East Don Parkland. Please visit [Toronto.ca/EastDonParklandProjects](https://toronto.ca/EastDonParklandProjects) to view all updates and previous notices.

The City of Toronto continues to carry out Wet Weather Flow Management infrastructure improvements in East Don Parkland, located at 1236 and 1240 Sheppard Avenue East at Leslie Street. The project is being delivered in three phases as noted in the work details section below. This update is regarding Phase 2 work.

These projects are part of the Council-approved Capital Works Program and will help renew aging infrastructure, improve wet weather resiliency, and accommodate future growth and development in the community.

To ensure public safety during construction, the park entrance and parking lot at Old Leslie Street, as well as the nearby East Don River footbridge, will remain closed to pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles throughout the construction period. Please use alternative access routes and parking locations at nearby facilities. Temporary portable washrooms have been provided for public use at the Old Leslie Street main site entrance. We apologize for the inconvenience.

MAP OF WORK AREA



Legend

- Completed Phase 1 Sewer Work
- Trail closed during construction (including footbridge)
- Trail entrance closed
- Portable washroom units for public use
- Multi-use trail open to public access

PLEASE NOTE
 There is no snow clearing or trail maintenance during winter months. All park trails are closed during the winter.

WORK DETAILS

Construction Phases & Timing

Phase	Description	Approximate Schedule
Phase 1	Sewer Replacement & River Channel Improvements	Completed in 2025
Phase 2	Installation of an underground offline storage tank under the parking lot	2026 to 2029
Phase 3	Above-ground pumping station building and washroom building	Following completion of Phase 2 2029 to 2031

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION

Construction Activities

- Deep excavation activities will occur within the former parking lot area.
- Concrete placement, trucking operations, and material deliveries will occur.
- Construction equipment, cranes, pumps, and excavation machinery will be active on site.

Noise, Dust and Vibration

- Residents and park users may experience periodic noise, dust and vibration associated with excavation, shoring, dewatering, concrete works, and generator operation.
- Dust control measures such as water spraying and street cleaning will be used where required.

Truck Traffic

- Increased construction vehicle activity should be expected at the Old Leslie Street entrance.
- Construction vehicles will access the site daily to transport excavated soils, concrete and related equipment and materials.

Groundwater Management

- Dewatering systems will operate during excavation and construction work to safely control groundwater and maintain dry working conditions within the excavation area.

	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.
	Traffic and Sidewalk Impacts: All construction work for this project will occur within the East Don Parklands site so there are no long-term lane, road or sidewalk 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. Traffic signage for any required short term road work will be communicated through project notices, email updates, and the project webpage. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.
	Trail impacts: Phase 2 works will occur within the parking lot area on the west side of the river. The multi-use trail along the East side of the river will be open for public use at all times with the exception of occasional brief closures to accommodate construction activities and ensure public safety. Trail closures and detours, if required, will be communicated through project notices and the project webpage.

	Parking Lot: The parking lot will be closed for the duration of the project. Please use alternate parking at nearby locations.
	Washroom: The washroom will be closed for the duration of the project and will be demolished in Phase 2 and rebuilt in Phase 3. 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 have been provided for public use until the new washroom building is operational.
	Tree Removal: Approximately 398 replacement trees have been planted following Phase 1 construction. Plans for Phase 2 include removal of 70 trees and replanting of 107 trees.
	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.

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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.