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

Contract: 26ECS-BE-18SB

Start Date: October 19, 2026 End Date: Fall 2029

**Timeline is subject to change.*

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. The Rockcliffe Riverine Flood Mitigation Project will reduce the risk of flooding from Black Creek and Lavender Creek overflows.

Phase 1 of the project includes the replacement of the Jane Street culvert with a new bridge that has a wider opening over Black Creek. After the new bridge is constructed, the creek channel under the bridge will be widened, allowing water to move through the channel more quickly, reducing flood risk.

During the first stage of construction, between Fall 2026 and Spring 2027, crews will relocate underground pipes and utilities to make space for the new bridge and the wider creek channel. Most construction activities will take place in Smythe Park and east of Jane Street.

Public access to park recreation facilities will be maintained during construction. Access to Smythe Park will remain open from Scarlett Road and Black Creek Boulevard. The trail on the east side of Jane Street will remain open. Temporary public access to Smythe Park from Jane Street at Alliance Avenue will be provided annually during spring and summer. See additional details on page 2.

MAP OF WORK AREA



WORK DETAILS

Construction of the Jane Street bridge will be carried out in 4 stages. **Timelines are subject to change.**

Stage 1: Site preparation and utility relocation (Fall 2026 to Spring 2027)

- Place fencing around the work zone and create temporary construction access roads to the creek channel.
- Construction vehicles will access the channel from Jane Street, Scarlett Road and Black Creek Boulevard.
- Remove the switchback trail on the west side of Jane Street.
- Relocate underground pipes and wires to make space for the new bridge and wider channel.
- Relocate a large sewer that crosses under Jane Street using a tunnelling machine. The machine will travel between tunneling shafts east and west of Jane Street.
- Remove trees east of Jane Street at Alliance Avenue.

Stage 2: Construction of the bridge, road reconstruction and trail construction (Spring 2027 to Winter 2028)

- Construct the new bridge structure.
- Reconstruct Jane Street from Haney Avenue to Alliance Avenue with wider sidewalks, new protected cycle tracks and redesigned intersections.
- Construct the new multi-use trail underneath the bridge, connecting Smythe park to the southeast corner of Alliance Avenue and Jane Street.
- Work in the north side of the stormwater pond to make space for the new trail alignment.

Stage 3: Culvert removal and channel reconstruction (Winter 2028 to Spring 2029)

- Remove the existing culvert under Jane Street and the concrete channel from east of the pedestrian bridge in Smythe Park to 50 metres east of Jane Street.
- Reconstruct the section of channel under Jane Street with a meandering channel.

Stage 4: Restoration and landscaping (Winter 2028 to Fall 2029)

- Construct a new, accessible switchback trail from the west side of Jane Street north of Haney Avenue.
- Plant new trees and shrubs, lay new sod, and install public art sculptures.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

You may experience dust, noise and other inconveniences. The City will make efforts to reduce impacts. We appreciate your patience.



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. During Stage 1, overnight work to complete tunnelling will take place.

	Pre-Construction Inspection: KAPP Infrastructure, under contract to the City of Toronto, is conducting inspections of properties within 30 metres of the construction area before construction starts. Affected properties will receive a separate notice to set up an appointment for the inspection. The inspection will look at the exterior and interior of properties to verify existing conditions. Although participation is voluntary, the City encourages all property owners to participate. Without the survey, it will be difficult to confirm any claims of damage caused by construction. All inspection staff will wear photo I.D. and carry photo equipment for this work.
	Road and Sidewalk Access: To complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions within the work zone. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times. During Stage 1, the sidewalk on the west side of Jane Street will be closed from Alliance Avenue to north of Haney Avenue.
	Traffic Management: Road users should expect delays and increased traffic on nearby main and side streets. Motorists are reminded that bicycles and cars will be sharing the lane. When driving, please be mindful of vulnerable road users. There are no lane restrictions during the first stage of construction.
	Tree Removal: The City makes an effort to minimize the number of trees that are impacted by construction. Trees within the construction zone that will not be removed are protected. To carry out this construction, 232 trees will need to be removed from the ravine area east of Jane Street at Alliance Avenue. All tree removals require review and approval as part of the City's Ravine and Natural Feature Protection bylaw and Street Tree bylaw. Approximately 2,300 new trees and 5,300 new shrubs are included in the restoration plan for this project.
	Parks and Trails: Park recreation facilities will remain open during construction, including the swimming pool, playground and baseball fields. Access to the park will remain open from Scarlett Road and Black Creek Boulevard. To ensure public safety, areas of Smythe Park immediately west of Jane Street on either side of Black Creek will be closed during construction. Pedestrian access to Smythe Park from Jane Street will be closed to the public. Temporary access to the baseball diamonds from Jane Street and Alliance Avenue will be provided between April 1 and September 30. The switchback trail north of Haney Avenue will be closed until it is reinstated at project completion in Fall 2029. Signs will be posted. All areas of the park and the pedestrian access trail will be restored at the end of project.

	This fall, the City's Parks & Recreation Division is planning to make improvements to the playground in Smythe Park. The playground is expected to reopen by the end of 2026 and will be open during bridge construction.
	Accessible Accommodation: The City's contractor must ensure safe and accessible walkways and entryways are maintained for everyone during construction. Any temporary access disruptions will be communicated as soon as possible. If you experience a disruption, have a specific access need or related accommodation request, contact the Senior Consultation Coordinator listed below.
	Restoration: In addition to landscaping, tree planting and restoration planned for parkland, other areas affected by construction will be restored with sod, concrete and/or asphalt where required. Interlocking bricks, flagstone on a granular base, or other similar features that are removed from public and private property during construction will be replaced.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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

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