

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT COMPLETION

Rockcliffe Riverine Flood Mitigation Project

The City of Toronto in partnership with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) undertook a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to determine a preferred riverine flood mitigation solution to minimize riverine flood risk in the Rockcliffe-Smythe area in the City of Toronto. The Rockcliffe Riverine Flood Mitigation Project Municipal Class EA (Class EA) built and expanded on previous flood mitigation studies completed for this area in 2014 and 2020. The Class EA is a necessary next step to enable implementation of flood mitigation measures in the area.

The Class EA was carried out following the requirements for Schedule C projects under the Municipal Class EA. The preferred solution was endorsed by Toronto City Council in June 2022. An Environmental Study Report has been placed on public record for a 30-day review period starting February 7, 2023 and ending on March 8, 2023.

The objectives of this Class EA are to:

- Adapt to more intense storm events and a changing climate;
- Flood protect up the 350-year storm event;
- Reduce riverine flooding to help alleviate urban flooding;
- Leverage the flood mitigation solution to upgrade and future proof other infrastructure; and
- Mitigate project impacts on the built and natural environments.

The preferred solution for the flood mitigation measures include:

- Widen and deepen sections of existing Black Creek and Lavender Creek channels within the study area;
- Enlarge and lengthen bridges crossing Black Creek channel at Scarlett Road, Jane Street and Rockcliffe Boulevard;
- Enlarge a culvert crossing Lavender Creek channel at Symes Road;
- Remove the northern and southern Lavender Creek crossings that connect to Symes Road; and
- Construct a flood wall at Weston Road.

The City of Toronto, in partnership with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, will proceed to carry out the detailed design and construction of the flood mitigation solution as presented in the Environmental Study Report subject to comments received on the Environmental Study Report, the receipt of other necessary permits and approvals, and securing funding for the project. The detailed design will continue to be coordinated with concurrent transportation, sewer and drainage projects in the study area.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT:

Online: <https://trca.ca/rockcliffe/>

Also on digital tablets at the **Toronto Public Library Jane/Dundas Branch**, located at 620 Jane Street, Toronto, ON M6S 4A6

Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team by **March 8, 2023**. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to Rockcliffe EA Project Team at:

Rockcliffe EA Project Team
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
101 Exchange Avenue, Vaughan, ON L4K 5R6
Phone: 647-426-4493 Email: rockcliffeEA@trca.ca

In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name and be received by March 8, 2023.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to both:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5
EABDirector@ontario.ca

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Requests should also be copied to the Rockcliffe EA Project Team by mail or by e-mail. Please visit the ministry’s website for more information on requests for orders under section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-part-ii-order>

All personal information included in your request – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, under the authority of section 30 of the Environmental Assessment Act and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) does not apply (s.37). Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

Notice issued on February 7, 2023.

