

# Rail Corridor Vegetation and Tree Clearing

Fall 2022/Spring 2023

## Background

Work is underway to deliver the GO Expansion Program - the largest transit expansion in Canadian history.

To allow fast, quiet, electrified, two-way, all-day service that will come with GO Expansion, Metrolinx will build new track, signals, rail facilities and electrification infrastructure, modify and build bridges, and improve crossings across the core segments of the GO rail network.

Ongoing vegetation control inside rail corridors is essential to operating safe and reliable GO train service. GO Expansion requires an enhanced approach for trees and vegetation to create room for and protect new infrastructure, and to optimize corridor safety.

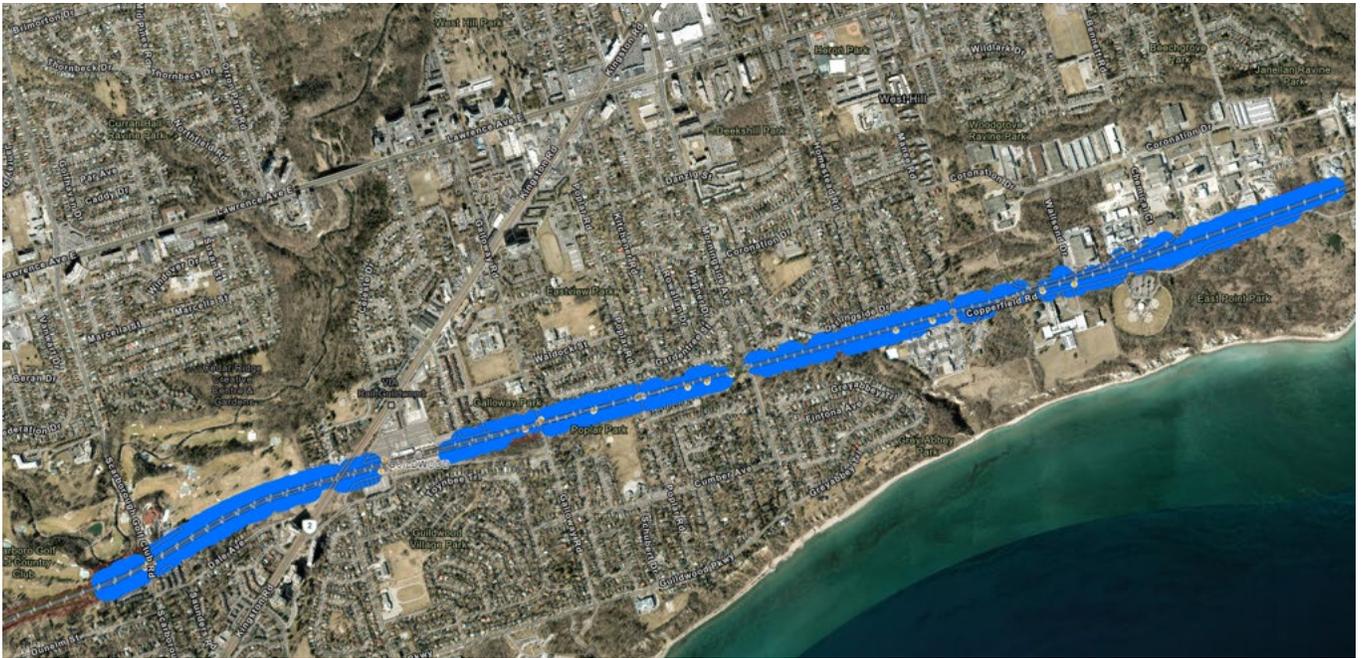
Native trees removed as part of this work will be replaced within the City of Toronto through a compensation program based on the Metrolinx Vegetation Guideline (2020). The program will increase the tree count in the region.

## What work is taking place?

- Crews will clear and remove some of the trees and vegetation located within the rail corridor between West of Scarborough Golf Club Road to Beechgrove Drive.
- Once cleared, growth control zones will be established to manage vegetation inside the corridors over the long term. A cross-section of the future rail corridor is shown below.

## Timing and what to expect

- This work will begin as early as October 2022 and crews will work across this stretch of corridor until approximately Spring 2023.
- These dates are tentative, and work may be rescheduled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.
- Majority of the work will take place between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays, and possibly on weekends.
- Work will be conducted as quickly and efficiently as possible to minimize disturbances, but residents and businesses near the corridor can expect to hear noise caused by trucks, chainsaws, woodchippers and other construction equipment related to this work.
- Residents may see crews in and around the corridor pruning and inspecting vegetation for the next few years.
- Residents may see dots on trees within the rail corridor for trees identified for removal or pruning.



## Long-term local benefits to the community

- Limited frequency and intrusiveness of future vegetation maintenance.
- Future electrification of GO service - faster, more frequent service, quieter trains and better air quality.

## Questions

For more information on the GO Expansion vegetation removal and compensation program, visit [metrolinx.com/vegetation](http://metrolinx.com/vegetation).

If you have questions, please reach out to us at [TorontoEast@metrolinx.com](mailto:TorontoEast@metrolinx.com) and we can answer your question or arrange a discussion.

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**Please respect all safety and exclusion measures installed to protect you.  
Thank you for your patience as we work to transform the rail corridor in your area.**

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