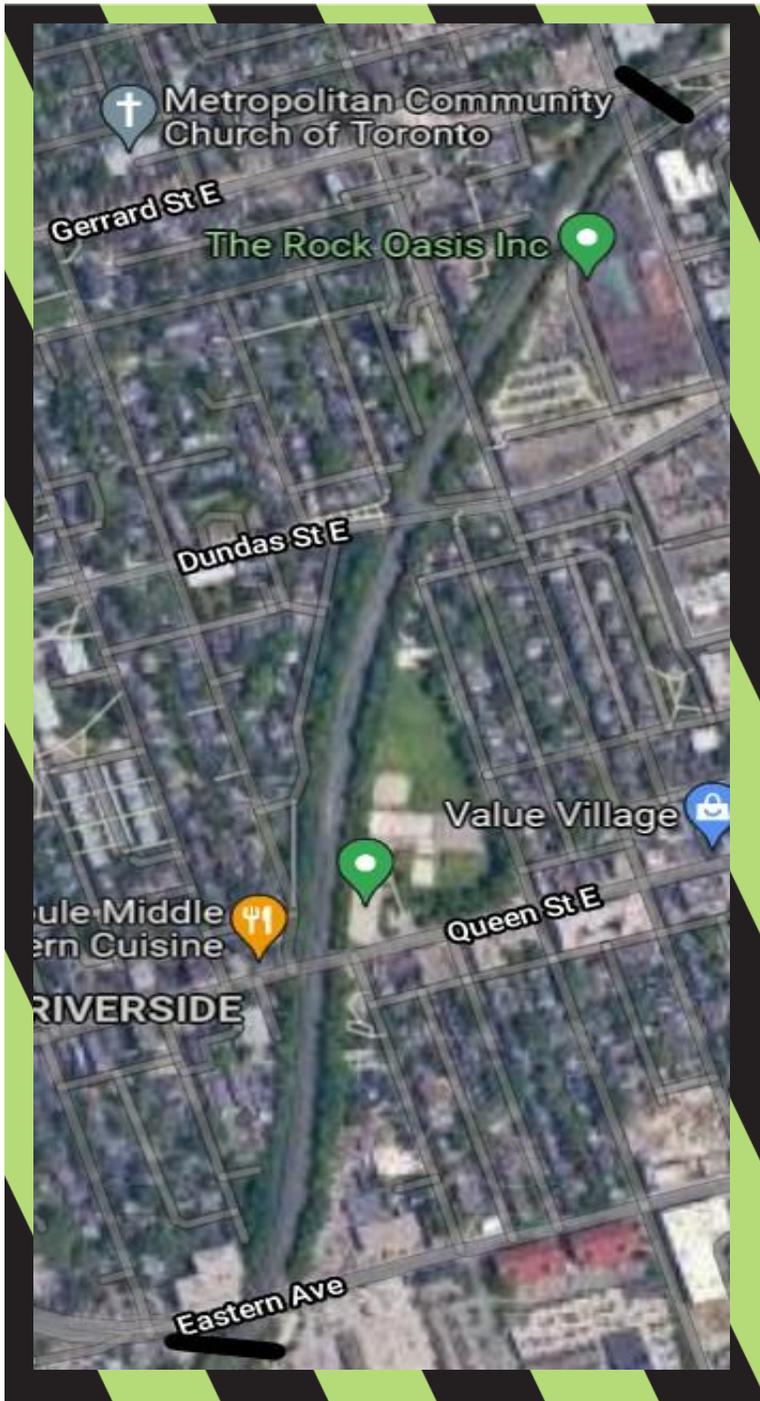


Vegetation and Tree Clearing - Inside Lakeshore East Joint Corridor

January 2022



Background

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

GO Expansion will transform the GO network from a commuter service to a new all-day, all-direction, schedule free travel option. More than a rush hour commuter service, GO will offer more service with faster trains, more stations and seamless connections to a regional rapid transit network.

Along this section of the Lakeshore corridor, trees will be removed for a future fourth track and electrification. Metrolinx will remove trees to protect customers, crews and our neighbours, as trees and wires do not mix.

Our proactive approach to replanting and reforestation goes over and above all regulatory requirements for trees removed for GO Expansion. We are working with municipalities and conservation authorities on replanting to enhance the health of local ecosystems, which started before any tree removals began and will increase the tree cover in the region. Since 2020, Metrolinx and its partners have replanted more than 24,000 trees.

Along the corridor we are also working with communities to bring more trees to the areas that will be impacted.

What work is taking place?

Crews will clear/remove and prune designated trees and vegetation located in Metrolinx property along the south side of the Lakeshore East Rail Corridor, between Eastern Avenue and Gerrard Street East.

For more information on the GO Expansion vegetation removal and compensation program, visit metrolinx.com/vegetation or scan the QR code below:



Timing and what to expect

- This work will begin in January 2022 and continue to the end of March 2022.
 - Dates are tentative, and work may be rescheduled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.
 - Most work will take place between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays, and weekends.
 - 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.
 - Invasive tree species will be chipped on site, while wood from native trees may be relocated for reuse.
 - Additional trees for the Ontario line project will be removed later in 2022, pending approval from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) on the environmental assessment for the joint corridor.

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

If you have any questions about this work or would like to be included on future email communications from us, please do not hesitate to call us at 416-202-3900 or email us at TorontoEast@metrolinx.com

When near construction, please be safe and respect all safety measures.

Thank you for your patience as we work to transform the rail corridor in your area.

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