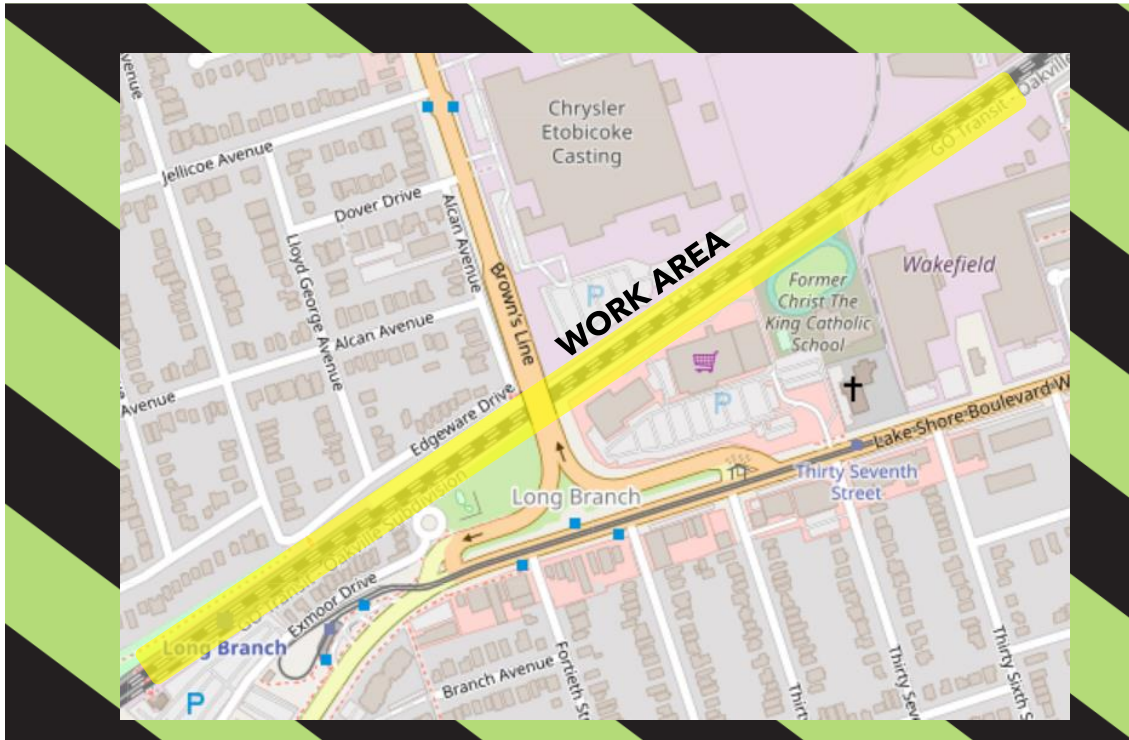


# Vegetation and Tree Clearing

Sept 6, 2022 - December 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.

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 required for electrification, and to reduce the need for more future maintenance to ensure corridor safety.

Our proactive approach to replanting and reforestation goes over and above all regulatory requirements for native 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 planted more than 25,000 native trees and shrubs in Toronto and surrounding regions.

**What work is taking place?**

Crews will clear/remove and prune designated trees and vegetation located in Metrolinx property along the Lakeshore West Corridor, approximately between the Wakefield Canada Inc. land to the Long Branch GO Station

For all trees located on Metrolinx property, Metrolinx works in partnership with the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA) and follows a detailed, science-based plan for planting new trees and keeping the region green. Overall, our practice is to plant more trees than we remove as we build new transit.

For more information on the GO Expansion vegetation removal and compensation program, visit [metrolinx.com/en/greaterregion/projects/vegetation-management](https://metrolinx.com/en/greaterregion/projects/vegetation-management) or scan the QR code below:

**Timing and what to expect**

- This work will begin as early as September 6<sup>th</sup> 2022.
  - Dates are tentative, and work may be rescheduled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.
  - Most work will take place between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays, and on weekends as required.
  - 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 repurposed.

**Long-term local benefits to the community**

Limit the frequency of future vegetation maintenance, by doing this work now.

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 call us at 416-202-6911 or email us at [TorontoWest@metrolinx.com](mailto:TorontoWest@metrolinx.com)

**When near construction areas, please be safe and respect all safety measures in place.**

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

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