

Vegetation and Tree Clearing

Spring 2021

Background

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

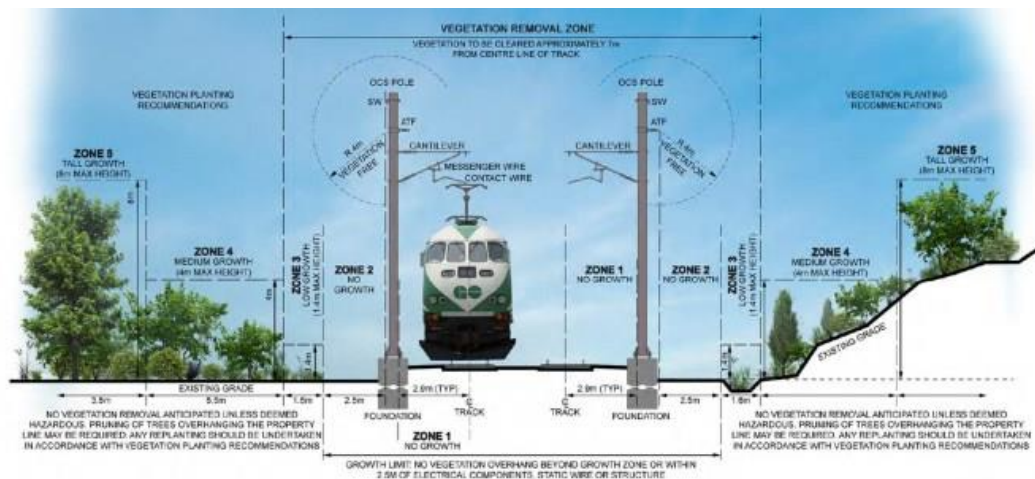
To allow for **fast, quiet, electrified, two-way, all-day service**, Metrolinx will build new track, signals, rail facilities and electrification infrastructure, modify and build bridges, and improve crossings across the core segments of the GO rail network.

Ongoing vegetation control inside rail corridors is essential to operating safe and reliable GO train service while protecting for space for new infrastructure. Our long-term strategy is based on other successful vegetation management programs that support regional rail services around the world

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?

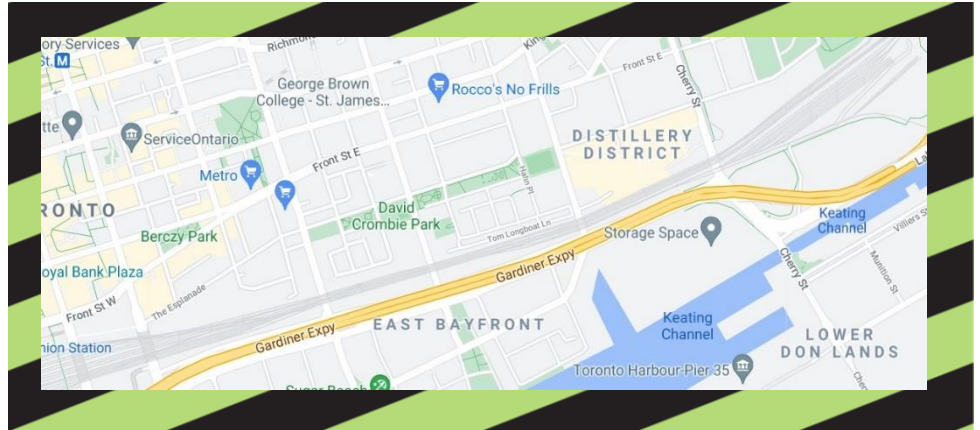
Crews will clear/remove and prune designated trees and vegetation located within Union Station East Rail Corridor, between Union Station and Queen Street, and areas along the south side near the Don Yard.



Once cleared, growth control zones will be established to manage vegetation inside the corridors over the long term.

Timing and what to expect

- This work will begin late July into August 2021 and crews will work across this stretch of corridor for approximately four to six weeks.
- These dates are tentative, and work may be rescheduled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.
- Majority of work will take place between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays, and possibly on weekends.
- Work will be conducted as quickly and efficiently as possible to minimize disturbances.
- 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 and blue stakes within the rail corridor for trees identified for removal or pruning.
- Invasive tree species will be chipped on site, while wood from native trees may be taken off site for reuse.

**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.

For more information on the GO Expansion vegetation removal and compensation program, visit <http://www.metrolinx.com/en/greaterregion/projects/vegetation-management.aspx>

Questions

We're here for you. 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

**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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