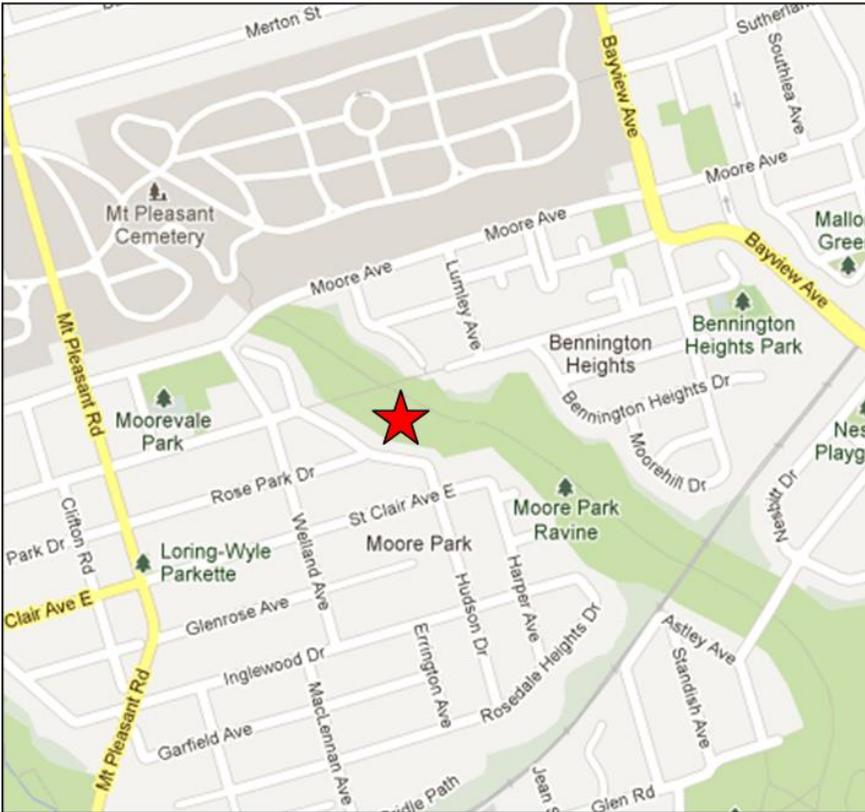


NOTICE OF PROJECT COMMENCEMENT MUD CREEK RESTORATION – REACH 5 (PHASE 2)



During the summer of 2013, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) in partnership with the City of Toronto, completed the first phase of channel restoration work along “Reach 5” of Mud Creek, located south of the Heath Street Pedestrian Bridge (east of Mount Pleasant and south of Moore Avenue). TRCA is preparing to continue with Phase 2 of the prescribed works along the remainder of Reach 5 located behind 107 Hudson Drive.

The objectives of the project are to address slope instability, ongoing erosion, and woody debris blockages through a reconfiguration of the existing channel geometry and the replacement of failing erosion control structures with new structures appropriate for the current flow regime. Design details to develop the appropriate channel form were developed from a detailed geomorphic assessment of Mud Creek completed by Toronto Water as part of a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.

In general, the remaining scope of work for Reach 5 includes removal of woody debris within the channel, and channel erosion control protection with rock and native plants.

Urban Forestry will implement a high-quality forest management plan to replace trees removed during Phase 1, increase species diversity, and add to the ecological value of the Moore Park Ravine. Restoration will begin with the installation of several hundred live stakes and bare root shrubs over the winter of 2015 to help stabilize the newly constructed channel. Further removals of invasive trees along the slope above the creek followed by aggressive replanting of numerous native trees and shrubs will be carried out as part of the ongoing management plan, which includes ongoing monitoring and care to ensure proper establishment and long term success. Additional information on the forest management plan by Urban Forestry is available at the following webpage:

www.toronto.ca/trees/ravines.htm

Due to limited space for construction equipment and materials at the project site and the need to protect the public from the hazards of construction, **approximately 250 metres of the Beltline Trail south of the Heath Street East pedestrian bridge will need to be closed** during periods of active construction, typically Monday to Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM. To minimize the impacts of construction on trail users, the trail will be re-opened whenever possible, at a minimum of evenings, weekends and holidays.

Work is expected to start during the week of January 5th, 2015 pending the receipt of necessary permits and is expected to take approximately 12 weeks to complete, excluding final site restoration, which will be completed in the spring of 2015 as weather conditions permit.

For updated information, please visit the project website at <http://trca.on.ca/mudcreek5> or contact:

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