



Tree Management for the Third Crossing

Protecting wildlife and their habitat is a key part of conserving Kingston's biodiversity and the project team is dedicated to protecting the ecosystem within the Project Area. Experts have and will continue to conduct surveys of plants and wildlife around the Third Crossing project area.

To determine the potential for adverse effects to Species at Risk and their habitat; the study area has been extensively investigated. Removal of some vegetation will be required during the construction of the project. To accommodate this vegetation and tree removal many measures have and will continue to be undertaken: surveys will be done in advance of excavation activities to assess for any sensitive vegetation and tree species, which if identified, will then be avoided or relocated to other suitable locations, as feasible and appropriate; the removal of shoreline vegetation will be minimized to the extent possible; the landscape improvement works will be seen as an opportunity for a degree of ecological restoration on the west side lands and ecological compensation on the east side lands; a Natural Heritage Protection and Enhancement Plan will be prepared and include detailed design measures related to wetland restoration, aquatic habitat enhancements as well as stabilizing and rehabilitating the shoreline shallows.

Tree Management Plan

The tree management plan considers the use of cut trees by offering them to

Indigenous nations as well as working with the past president of the Ontario Woodland Association to provide them with a limited number of trees. We have offered trees to several Indigenous nations and participated with one Indigenous nation who expressed interest in some trees. As part of the tree management plan, the project team has been able to reduce the impact area and number of trees to be removed to accommodate construction activity. Also as part of the tree restoration plan for every healthy tree taken down at least one, if not more, trees will be planted as compensation.

With respect to permits for this work, we have already received approval from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNRF). Our environmental work with Parks Canada on the Detailed Impact Assessment (DIA) is related to in-water work associated with the bridge.

Tree removal on the east approach

Since we started early works for the project, we have been communicating with near neighbours on the east shore and interested residents on tree removal, tree management and restoration among other elements. In August the Third Crossing project team offered to meet with east side residents and about 15 residents went on a guided walk to inform residents about tree removal on the east approach, the tree management plan, wildlife management, the development of our tree restoration plan and to provide a better understanding of the connectivity and paths on the east side.

Continued communication through construction activity

We appreciate your patience as we start to have more site presence on both the east and west approaches. As work continues we want to ensure we have good

communications with our near neighbours. If at any time you would like to speak with member of the project team, please email us at

thirdcrossing@cityofkingston.ca and a team member will be in touch.

About The Third Crossing Bridge

Once completed, the new 1.2 km bridge will connect the east and west sides of Kingston over the Cataraqui River. The two-lane bridge will improve emergency services, increase active transportation through a multi-use pedestrian and bike pathway, create greater business connectivity and enhance the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Kingston. The bridge is jointly funded by the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and the City of Kingston.

Keeping You Connected

Learn more about Third Crossing at our website:

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Your comments and participation continue to be important to the project team and to the success of the overall project. Please contact us or join our newsletter.

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