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Bat Houses Installed on April 30

Protecting wildlife and their habitat is a key part of conserving Kingston's biodiversity. As the Third Crossing progresses the project team is working hard to protect the rich variety of life and ecosystem near the future bridge. Experts have and will continue to conduct surveys of plants and wildlife around the Third Crossing project area.

As part of our work with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry four bat houses were installed on April 30, 2019 on the east shore of the Cataraqui River. Areas of installation were carefully selected so that the bat houses have the best chance of attracting native bats. The mix of standard and nursery bat houses were installed in the north side of the meadow on the Pittsburgh Library property in accordance with the Bat House Builder's Handbook published by Bat Conservation International.

A future 18 bat houses are also planned to offset the removal of the 35 snag trees within the east bridge approach. The location of these future bat houses will be developed as part of the landscaping plans for the Third Crossing and may also include other locations in the Kingston area. The bat houses are planned on a replacement ratio of 10 bat houses per hectare of impacted woodlands.

The Third Crossing Project Team

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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.

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