

LOCATION MAP



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Later this year, trail and servicing works will commence in E.S.P.A. #19 immediately west of Columbia Forest Court (see location map on reverse). All works will be carried out in accordance with municipal approvals and completed Environmental Assessments. Initial work in March 2010 will include some limited tree removal to facilitate soil sampling. Soils information will be used to complete the detailed design of the underground services that are required for the approved subdivisions west of the E.S.P.A. Construction of the trail and servicing works is anticipated in the fall of 2010.

The trail will be a primary pedestrian link between the residential neighbourhoods on the east and west sides of E.S.P.A. #19. The trail will serve as a travel route for school children, facilitate connectivity between neighbourhoods, and contribute to safe and affordable recreational opportunities as part of the west side trail system. The trail will likely be a three (3) metre-wide asphalt trail, with lighting in accordance with the *West Side Trail Master Plan*. Lighting is for public safety, but will be designed so that the illumination has low disturbance on the area ecology.

Beneath the trail will be a gravity sanitary sewer to service the subdivisions to the west in accordance with the *West Side Trunk Sanitary Sewers South Branch Class Environmental Assessment*. The eastern section of the service, where the woodlands are less dense and there are fewer mature trees, will be installed using an open cut with trench box. The western section of the service, where the topography is more rolling, will be installed using trenchless technology.

All works within E.S.P.A. #19 will be confined to a ten (10) metre working corridor in accordance with the completed Environmental Assessments. Following the installation of the trail and servicing infrastructure, the working corridor edges will be naturalized and trees will be replanted in accordance with an approved restoration plan. The alignment of the trail/servicing works was determined in 1996 through the *West Side Trunk Sanitary Sewers South Branch Class Environmental Assessment*. The alignment is through the narrowest part of E.S.P.A. #19 in a location that minimizes the loss of mature trees. A straight crossing is practical in this location, which is important for two reasons: (1) it allows for clear sightlines through the woodlands, a design principle to enhanced public safety; and (2) it facilitates trenchless servicing technology to minimize impacts on the natural environment. The alignment is sufficiently distanced from Clair Creek and wetlands to avoid ecological disturbance.

Should you have any questions, please free to contact us.

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