



NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

MILL POND PARK STORMWATER ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSEMENT AND PARK REVITALIZATION MASTER PLAN

The City of Richmond Hill is undertaking two (2) comprehensive studies for the rehabilitation and renewal of Mill Pond Park:

- A **Stormwater Environmental Assessment** will be completed to evaluate existing stormwater drainage within the Mill Pond Park study area and to propose options for rehabilitation of Mill Pond, the Heritage Estates Stormwater Facility and valleyland sites north and south of Mill Pond. This study will evaluate a number of options and determine the best rehabilitation solution to improve water quality, reduce erosion and prevent flooding in the area. The study is being conducted as a Schedule B in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.
- At the same time, a **Park Revitalization Master Plan** will be completed to guide the phased revitalization of the park and stormwater management works. Existing and potential new outdoor recreation facilities, trails and natural heritage enhancement projects will be discussed with the community. The projects will be prioritized for implementation over time to reduce disruption to park users as much as possible. Park revitalization options will be aimed at preserving Mill Pond Park's environmental and historical qualities while ensuring the park meets the recreation needs of the community and continues its legacy as a place to celebrate, recreate and enjoy nature.

The study areas for both projects – the **Stormwater Environmental Assessment** and the **Park Revitalization Master Plan** - are shown in the attached map. Mill Pond Park is located east of Bathurst Street, south of Elgin Mills Road and north of Major Mackenzie Drive.



To facilitate community input, a number of events will take place over the course of both projects. A self-guided walking tour will be posted on the City's website this spring to seek public input on park improvement areas. Additionally, the first Public Open House is targeted to be held in the fall of 2021 and a second one in 2022. The notices of the open house sessions will be mailed to homes in the nearby neighbourhood and information will also be available on the City's website, where all relevant project information can also be found at RichmondHill.ca/MillPondProject.

Should you have any questions or comments, require further information, or wish to be added to the study mailing list for future updates, please use the below contact information based on the topic of interest:

Stormwater Environmental Assessment:

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Park Revitalization Master Plan:

Park and Natural Heritage Planning

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