



Notice of Project Update Meeting

West London Dyke Reconstruction – Phases 9-13

Date: April 3, 2025

Re: Reconstruction of West London Dyke Phases 9-13 from Cavendish Park to Kensington Bridge

Dear Resident,

The City of London (City), in partnership with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA), is undertaking a capital construction project to reconstruct the West London Dyke between Cavendish Park to Kensington Bridge. The purpose of this notice is to provide background information on the project and invite you to a Public Update Meeting prior to construction this Fall 2025.

Background

The West London Dyke (WLD) is approximately 2,300 meters long. It runs along the west bank of the North Branch of the Thames River from Oxford Street to the Forks of the Thames River and then along the west bank of the Main Branch to the west side of the Wharncliffe Road Bridge. The City owns the dyke and through an agreement, the UTRCA undertakes major maintenance activities.

The West London Dyke is primarily an engineered structure which protects life and property during periods of extreme river flows. In addition to servicing a critical flood control function, the dyke is also an integral component of the City's recreational pathway system. Its location at The Forks of the Thames makes it a prominent structure in the downtown area of the City.

Work Completed

Between 2007 and 2023, the City and UTRCA have completed the necessary upgrades to the WLD between Oxford Street West and Kensington Bridge in order to protect against the 250-year flood level. These works were completed with the benefit and assistance of both provincial and federal funding.

Upcoming Construction

Stantec Consulting has undertaken the detailed design for the next phase of dyke reconstruction between Cavendish Park and Kensington Bridge at Queens Avenue (Phases 9-13). The design will consist of an earth berm starting at Cavendish Park, transitioning to a near vertical wall with geogrid reinforcement from the east limit of Cavendish Park to Wharncliffe Avenue bridge and then transition back to an earth berm through Mitchell A. Baran Park to Kensington Bridge (Figure 1). Construction will also include a new hand railing, pedestrian pathway and landscape features as part of an extension to the Thames Valley Parkway.

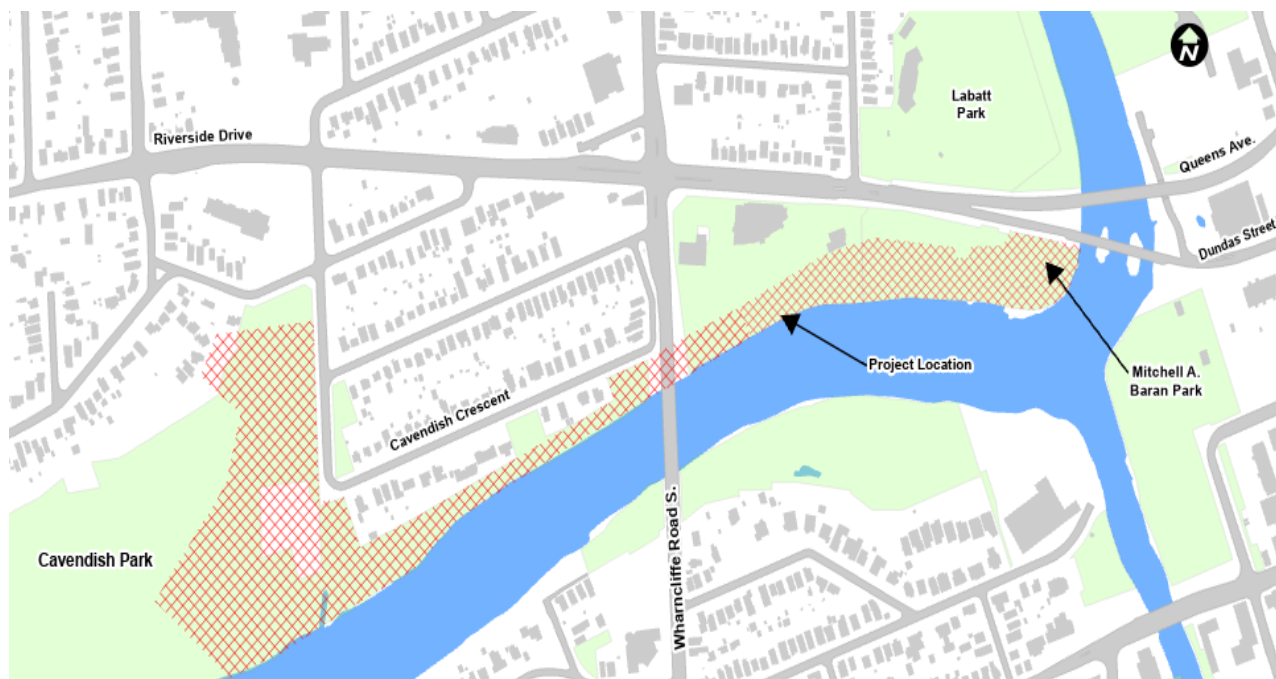


Figure 1: Project Limits of Phase 9-13 of the West London Dyke Reconstruction

Detours of the Thames Valley Parkway are to be expected for bicycles and pedestrians throughout the length of the project.

Tree Removals and Restoration Plans

The City is finalizing the project design and the anticipated tree impacts. Tree removals will commence in Fall 2025. A Tree Removal Notice will be mailed in advance of this work indicating the number and extent of removals required to complete the necessary upgrades to the dyke. While some trees in the project area may not be preserved due to the location of their root system, the tree's current health and/or other health and safety reasons, the City strives to preserve as many trees as possible through the construction. The tree removal and landscaping restoration plans will be shown at the public update meeting and will be available on the City's website after the meeting.

Construction Schedule

Construction of the works will begin in Fall 2025 and is anticipated to be completed in 2027, with restoration works to be completed in Spring 2028. Future park upgrades and restoration will commence upon completion of the dyke reconstruction work.

Public Update Meeting

The City and UTRCA are hosting a Public Update Meeting (PUM) as an opportunity for interested persons to learn more about this project and to provide input and comments to the project team. The Public Update Meeting details are as follows:

Date: Thursday, May 8th, 2025

Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm (open house format)

Location: Kinsman Recreation Centre, 20 Granville Street, London ON

All poster boards shown at the PUM will be posted to the website following the meeting. For more information, updates, or to join the mailing list, please check the website: <https://getinvolved.london.ca/WestLondonDyke>.

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