



## Third Crossing east shore landscaping and site restoration engagement summary – Summer – Fall 2021

### Engagement Overview

The purpose of engaging residents on the final design of the landscaping and site restoration for the east shore of the bridge was to allow residents to view the final designs that are planned the east shore that will restore areas in the project site that were required to support the bridge construction; to gain an understanding of the considerations given to the landscaping and site restoration plans; and to ask questions of the project team.

The Project Team engaged residents through the following approach.

- Held meetings with key stakeholders and consultants, including internal City departments such as Forestry & Public Works, an Indigenous ethnobotanist to provide expertise on native and invasive species as part of final design development.
- Presented the final designs on the City’s Get Involved engagement platform for three weeks from August 17, 2021 to September 7, 2021 encouraging residents to review the plans and ask questions of the project team.
- Encouraged residents to ask questions of the project team through the City’s Get Involved platform or through connecting with the team through the project email at [thirdcrossing@cityofkingston.ca](mailto:thirdcrossing@cityofkingston.ca)

### Summary of feedback

- On the [City’s Get Involved platform](#) there were 770 visits to the engagement page and 547 downloads of the display boards. 13 questions/ comments were asked of the project team.
- The team also received six comments via email through the [Third Crossing inbox](#) relating to the final design of the east shore landscaping and restoration

## Comment themes and suggestions

In terms of comments, input was received on the following key themes.

- Consideration for the types of trees being planted. Along with the planned deciduous trees being planted, comments were received to consider planting coniferous trees. The team has reviewed these comments and will add several coniferous trees as part of the project.
- In addition to trees, comments were received in support of adding shrubs to the planting list. The project team will review a list of shrubs with key stakeholders to evaluate which ones are appropriate to add to the planting list.
- Comments were received regarding invasive species concerns and that the plant selections will avoid the use of invasive species as part of the planting list.
- Received feedback on landscaping elements that will be considered as part of future engagement and design of MacLean Trail Park.
- Comments on the road design and active transportation elements on the east shore around Hwy 15 and Gore Rd. These elements were part of an earlier engagements on east shore road design and active transportation in 2020 for Hwy 15 and Gore Rd intersection and Gore Rd and Point St. Mark Dr. intersection. To review the engagement and the final designs, visit the [project website engagement page](#).

## Next steps

Construction for the east shore landscaping and site restoration is anticipated to begin in late fall 2021 and carry through until the summer 2022. Stay tuned for future engagement on the final design of components of the bridge and site restoration and landscaping works on the west shore including opportunities to explore ideas for cultural heritage interpretation and public art.

## Learn more

For more information and updates on the [Third Crossing project website](#).