

## City View Ditch Rehabilitation (CP000857) Frequently Asked Questions

	Questions	Responses
1	I do not currently have a ditch, will this affect me?	The City View storm drainage system has historically relied on a ditch and culvert system. The design team is reviewing past and present patterns to determine the most effective design in the right of way in front of each property. Individual property details will be available through the detailed design process and subsequent public information sessions.
2	When is the design work expected to begin?	The engineering design of the ditch, driveway crossings, roadway crossings, and reinstatements will take place over a 5-year period which started in 2024 and is expected to end in 2028. The design work is separated into 5 phases.
3	When is construction work expected to begin?	Construction is expected to start for Phase 1 in summer 2025, with the following phases following yearly, pending all necessary funding/approvals. Notices to affected residents will be sent in advance of construction and a public info session will be held with details in advance of each subsequent phase.
4	When will we be notified with details about the construction along our street?	There will be a phase-specific Public Information Session (PIS) for each phase of the project. The PIS will take place upon completion of the detailed design stage, to provide affected residents with an opportunity to review and discuss the recommended design. For Phase 1, a PIS will be completed in April 2025. Details of this PIS will be communicated via mail to homeowners a minimum of two weeks in advance.
5	What will happen in my front yard?	It is expected that a standard ditch will be (re)established along the roadway in the City-owned property (right of way) to convey storm/sump pump water towards established storm sewer networks. A typical ditch section is shown below:    Starting   Star
6	What is the width and depth of the ditch?	The minimum depth of the ditch is 0.85 m from the road surface. The width will vary depending on property slope but

		will generally be between 4 and 7 metres. All grading will occur in the City's right of way.
7	Will the ditch fix drainage issues in my yard?	The ditch is designed to convey surficial stormwater to specified outlets. Any localized drainage issues on private property are the resident's responsibility to direct the drainage to the ditches.
8	Will the City maintain the grass in the ditches?	No, it is the resident's responsibility to cut the grass around and within the ditch in accordance with the City's Use and Care of Roads By-law.
9	Will any work take place on private property?	If there is an engineering requirement for work on your property, the City of Ottawa will notify you ahead of construction for a consent to enter agreement.
10	Does this project affect the road width?	No, there will be no change to the road platform width.
11	What will happen to front yard features (eg, fences, trees, shrubs, etc.) hard landscaping features, etc.)?	Landscaping features that exist within the right of way and impacted by the ditching will be removed and disposed of offsite. The City's Forestry group is being consulted for direction where trees may be impacted. If you have questions regarding encroachments within the right of way, please contact the project team.
12	A tree is close to the property line, what will happen to it?	The Project team along with the City's Forestry group, will work closely together to minimize impact on existing trees not within the ditch path. Low limbs that overhang the construction zone will require pruning to allow the construction to proceed. This work will be done by an arbourist.
13	What will happen to my front yard irrigation system?	The contractor will not locate or protect private irrigation networks existing in the City's right of way. Homeowners are responsible to relocate irrigation networks on City property prior to construction. The City will not be responsible for damage to irrigation networks located on City property. Homeowners will be notified when work is to occur on their roadway a minimum of two weeks in advance. We encourage residents to contact the project team to identify and confirm that private irrigation systems have been disconnected or relocated, if required.
14	What will happen to my driveway/walkway?	For affected properties, a new culvert pipe will be placed under driveways/walkways in the right of way to permit continuous water conveyance through the ditch as needed. For asphalt/concrete driveways/walkways, the contractor will complete a saw cut line across the driveway at the removal/reinstatement limits. After the culvert installation, the driveway will be reinstated to match existing conditions. For

		interlock driveways, the contractor will remove and salvage existing interlock. Once the culvert is installed, the contractor will reinstate the interlock per existing conditions.
15	Can you replace my whole driveway?	Only the portions of a driveway impacted by the project, within the right of way, will be reinstated by this project.
16	Will my utility services be interrupted during construction?	There are currently no known expectations that private services will be affected. The contractor will be required to locate utilities prior to construction and must exercise caution when digging around buried utilities. Any planned service disruptions will be communicated to the affected residents prior to construction.
17	Will the road be rehabilitated as well?	At this time, only portions of the road directly affected by this project (i.e. road crossing culvert replacement) will be reinstated to existing surface conditions.
18	How will access to driveways be managed throughout construction?	Access to driveways and laneways is to be maintained during most construction activity. However, there will be instances where private access will be impacted in order to allow for the installation of culverts or other drainages features required underneath driveways. Driveway access closures will be worked out with the contractor a minimum of 24 hours in advance of impacting an entrance, with parking passes provided for this interruption.
19	Will on-street parking be removed because of this ditching project?	Parking may need to be temporarily prohibited during construction. This will be temporary and only during construction activities. Appropriate signage will be posted.
20	Will property line markers/monuments be preserved or disturbed over the course of the project?	Markers/monuments will be protected during the works.
21	Will roads be closed and traffic detoured during construction?	There will be intermittent road closures. Local and emergency vehicle access will be maintained at all times. Notification will be provided via mail to affected residents a minimum of one week in advance of any temporary roadway closures.