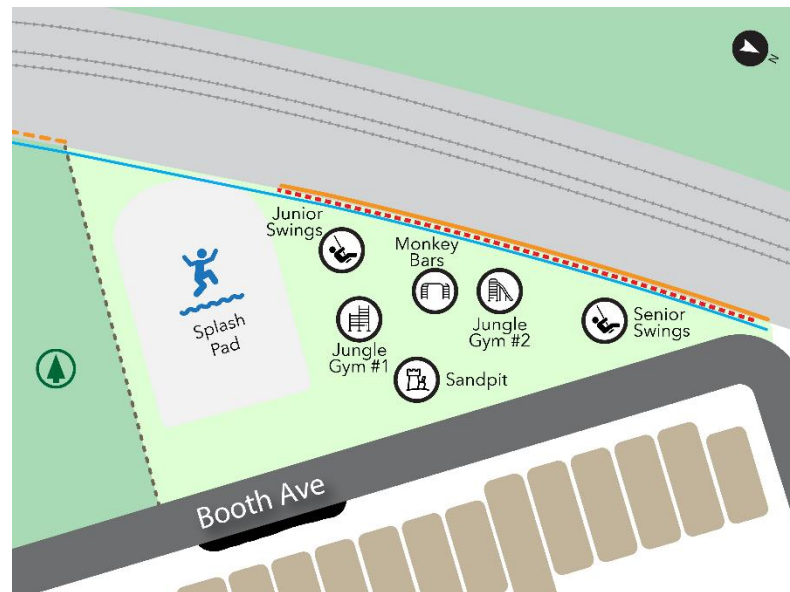
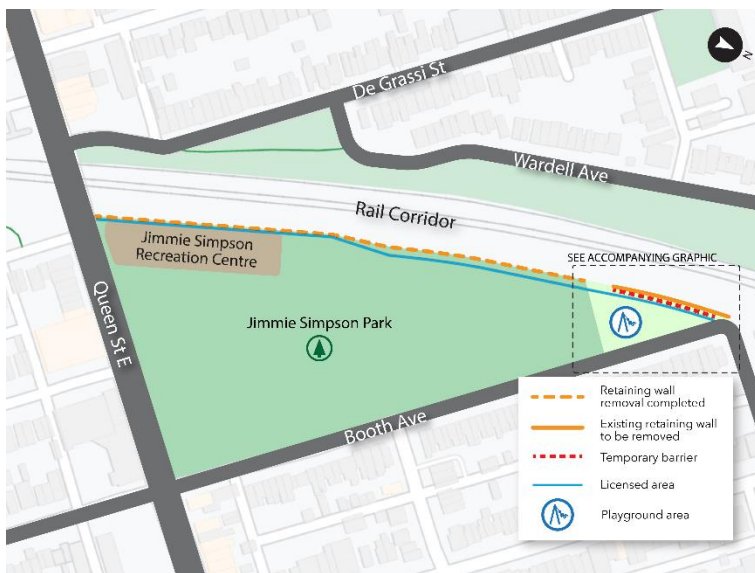


# Update: Jimmie Simpson Park retaining wall demolition & reconstruction

**Expected start date:** As early as Friday, November 10, 2023

**Duration:** Eight months

**Hours of work:** Monday - Friday between 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. with limited overnight work



## What is happening?

- As early as Friday, November 10, 2023, work will continue to remove and replace the existing retaining wall at Jimmie Simpson Park, on the western side of the playground area identified on the map above.
- All work will occur within the lands licensed by the City of Toronto to Metrolinx.
- Temporary construction fencing will be placed in front of the existing retaining wall to delineate the work area. The fencing will be installed adjacent to the playground area in locations that accord with safety clearance requirements. This will occur within the 2-metre licensed area.

- After the construction fencing is installed, a temporary three-meter high-barrier will be placed between the existing retaining wall and the playground. The temporary barrier will have a concrete base with chain link fence on top.
- The existing retaining wall will then be carefully demolished and removed.
- The retaining wall removal behind the junior swing set will take place over one night between 12:01 a.m. - 5:30 a.m.
- Work to remove the existing retaining wall will be contained within fencing and will only take place during times when the playground is not in use.
- There will also be designated personnel who will be monitoring safety conditions while work is taking place.
- Metrolinx will adhere to all safety and security requirements while working within the licensed area.
- No heavy construction machinery will enter the park; all major works will be done from within the rail corridor.
- Once the existing retaining wall is demolished and removed, construction of the new retaining wall will commence. The new retaining wall is required to support the rail corridor and a new noise barrier and will have the benefit of creating more space in the park. The retaining wall and noise barriers were designed in consultation with the local community and were included in the scope of a design competition.

### Hours of work

- Most of the work will take place during the day, Monday - Friday between 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- A limited amount of overnight work will be required.
- Demolition of the existing retaining wall will take approximately one week to complete.
- Construction of the new retaining wall will take approximately eight months to complete.

### What to Expect

- The current chain link fence, existing concrete retaining wall, and vegetation (shrubs and weeds) between the Lakeshore East rail corridor and the Jimmie Simpson Park playground will be removed. The chain link fence behind the wading pool will remain in place. No trees will be removed. Temporary construction fencing and a three-metre high barrier will be installed in front of the existing retaining wall to separate the work zone.
- Work will be coordinated to limit disruption to park users.
- Filter cloth will be installed on the fencing to mitigate dust.
- Temporary barriers will be removed from the park once the new retaining wall is built.
- Noise from construction equipment including excavators, lifts, saws, loaders, and drills and other hand tools can be expected.
- No heavy construction machinery will enter the park; all major works will be done from within the rail corridor.
- Site lighting will be positioned downward and away from residential properties.

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