

ESA Restoration Project

Westminster Ponds / Pond Mills Winter-Spring 2017

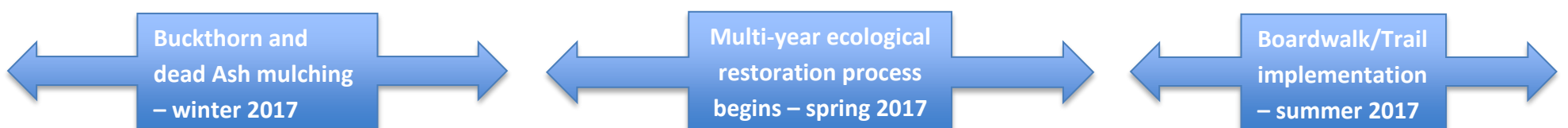
The City of London is undertaking a project to protect and enhance the Westminster Ponds / Pond Mills Environmentally Significant Area (ESA) consistent with the Conservation Master Plan (CMP), including the installation of an accessible trail, accessible boardwalk and an extensive, ecological restoration project.

Great care will be taken to protect native trees, plant communities and local drainage patterns within the ESA. However, due to the severe infestation by buckthorn and standing dead ash trees, the majority of the buckthorn and dead ash trees must be mulched this winter in order to allow the ecological restoration and adaptive management process to begin. **Trails in this part of the ESA will be temporarily closed for only a few weeks this winter while this work proceeds.**

The implementation of the CMP recommendations, restoration and trail locations were carefully reviewed through EEPAC, TFAC and the Trails Advisory Group (TAG), and the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) who participated in the CMP process.

The City was generously awarded with a Canada 150 Community Infrastructure grant for the implementation of the accessible trails.

Timeline



Legend

- Proposed Accessible Granular Trail
- Proposed Accessible Boardwalk
- Existing Trail to be Removed
- Existing Trail to Remain
- Nature Reserve Zone
- Natural Environment Zone
- EWPE - Eastern Wood-Pewee (Special Concern) North South Environmental 2015
- Accessible Connections on Dearness Home Grounds
- Ecological Restoration Area (approximate)
- Contours
- W.E. Saunders Cabin Site
- Parking

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