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Update on Tekakwitha Island and Bay restoration project

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The Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (KEPO) is pleased to announce the beginning of construction for the Tekakwitha Island and Bay restoration project. The selected contractor, Rice Mohawk Landscaping (RML), will begin construction activities in the coming days, and work is expected to continue through October. KEPO staff and the project consultant, GEO Morphix Ltd., will be present on-site throughout the duration of the work.

Construction activities will result in closures of portions of the Island at different times throughout the project. RML and KEPO are working hard to limit the closures as much as possible, and clearly marked detours will be installed to divert pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The road to the Marina will remain accessible.

Major project elements include dredging a portion of the Bay, aquatic plant harvesting, the creation of two natural zones on the Island, a small beach for community members, and enhancements to the shoreline.

Project details and updates can be found at www.kahnawakeenvironment.com or www.facebook.com/kahnawakeenvironment. Questions or concerns can be directed to bayproject@mck.ca or **450-635-0600**.