



Second phase of flood control underway

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Work on the latest phase of the flood control improvements to Groff Mill Creek are now underway in the Dumfries Conservation area off Dunbar Road.

The city is paying Network Site Services Ltd. \$516,620 to build a flood control berm across the creek upstream of the Canadian National /Canadian Pacific rail lines.

The construction will require the closure of part of the walking trail in the park and a small footbridge that crosses the creek will be removed. However, once the project is completed next spring, a new trail will be established on top of the berm.

The earth berm is the second part of a three-phase, \$1.7 million project by the City of Cambridge and the Region of Waterloo to control flooding along Groff Mill Creek. Flooding has become a problem in recent years as more and more rainwater from parking lots built along Hespeler Road drains into the creek. This resulted in part of Coronation Boulevard being washed away at the Galt Country Club on two occasions following major storms in 2005 and 2006.

The project includes: the recent widening and naturalization of the creek banks through the Galt Country Club with a bio-engineered channel; construction now of a earthen flood control berm upstream of the CN and CP railway within Dumfries Conservation Area and reconstruction of the Coronation Boulevard culvert next spring.

The new berm, which is slated to be completed by the end of next March, will be 143 metres long and about four metres high. Landscaping and reconstruction of the trail across the top of the berm will take place in the spring.



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