

New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project



Construction is Complete

Construction is now complete on the New Brighton Park Shoreline Habitat Restoration Project!

The focus now turns to monitoring and maintenance to ensure the newly planted native trees, shrubs, marsh plants and grasses establish successfully.

Temporary fencing will remain in place around the newly planted areas to protect the new plants. The temporary orange fence within the wetland is to deter Canada geese from feeding on the young marsh plants during this sensitive stage of establishment.

It's anticipated that signs and other interpretive information focusing on the ecology of Burrard Inlet and current and historical First Nations values will be incorporated this fall. Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation continue to work with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations to finalize this component of the project.

Final Construction Summary

Final construction-related activities included the following:

- Final landscaping around the wetland feature
- Planting of native trees, shrubs and grasses including:
 - Approximately 25,000 salt marsh plugs, 200 native trees and 4,000 coastal shrubs on the newly constructed wetland
- Installation of park features including picnic tables, view decks and gravel pathways, amongst others
- Installation of temporary and final fences to protect the sensitive wetland, particularly during the plant establishment phase

A plant maintenance crew will be on-site periodically through the summer to ensure the plant installations are watered and maintained. Formal monitoring of the wetland restoration project, including an assessment of vegetation establishment, is anticipated to start following the summer period.

Project Background

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority are working together to restore habitat in New Brighton Park. The project was developed in collaboration with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. The continued involvement of these three Nations is considered to be a key component of project delivery.

The tidal wetland at New Brighton Park is anticipated to provide critical habitat for juvenile salmon that migrate along the Burrard Inlet shoreline as they head out to sea. With planting now complete, this wetland is also anticipated to provide resting and feeding habitat for local shorebirds.



September 2016 – Prior to the start of construction



July 2017 – Construction complete

For More Information

For more information about the project, please visit vancouver.ca/newbrightonsaltmarsh or portvancouver.com/new-brighton-park-shoreline-habitat-restoration-project/.

For more information about the Habitat Enhancement Program, please visit portvancouver.com/habitatenhancement.