

# W.W. Ashley Park Dry Storm Pond Project Update

## BACKGROUND

The City of Saskatoon is upgrading the storm water system to reduce flood risk for residential and business properties near the 1st Street/Dufferin Avenue and Taylor Street/Broadway Avenue intersections.

When intense rainfall occurs, storm water will drain into a newly constructed dry storm pond in the nearby W.W. Ashley District Park rather than flood intersections. It will then slowly drain into the storm water system and to the river.

## SCHEDULE

Construction of the dry storm pond at W.W. Ashley District Park begins with the excavation of the dry pond in early 2021. The remaining phases (storm sewer pipes, outlet-inlet structure and landscape construction) will be scheduled between May and November 2021.

A full-sized sports field was developed last summer at Aden Bowman Collegiate to replace the existing field in W.W. Ashley District Park, with brand new terrain, trees, seating and irrigation—ready for public use in May 2021.

## PROJECT FUNDING

W.W. Ashley Park Dry Storm Pond is the first of nine projects that will address flooding at Saskatoon's most flood-prone areas through the nine-year \$54 million Flood Control Strategy. The Government of Canada is contributing 40% of the eligible construction costs up to a maximum of \$21.6 million.

## ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

Learn more about the W.W. Ashley Park Dry Storm Pond at [saskatoon.ca/engage](https://saskatoon.ca/engage). Properties adjacent to the park will receive a construction notice with important information prior to the excavation work planned for early 2021.

In the meantime, we ask that residents sign up to receive project updates. To sign up, please email us at [constructionupdates@saskatoon.ca](mailto:constructionupdates@saskatoon.ca) from your preferred email address with "W.W. Ashley District Park" as the subject to provide your name and address.

## DESIGN

### *Feedback Included*

Your feedback at the summer 2019 open house was incorporated in the design of the storm pond:

- Pathway around the top of the storm pond (above the slope crest) allows for direct access through the site.
- Walking paths and wheelchair accessibility were incorporated with two ramps connecting to a common sitting area.
- Existing fences along Lansdowne Avenue and Albert Avenue will be removed.
- Side slopes of the pond were optimized and softened, to contain the required storm water volume for a 1-in-10-year storm and incorporate green space use.
- Green space is large enough for dog walking, kite flying, and regular family park uses.
- Pond base is large enough for a sports field and other informal recreational activities.
- Pond features terraces with seating, planting areas, trash receptacles and other amenities.



## FINAL PROJECT RENDERINGS

