

QUARTERLY CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE



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Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA), Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Bridging North America (BNA) are committed to protecting the environment both on and adjacent to the Gordie Howe International Bridge site. A diverse approach is being implemented to limit any potential adverse effects on the natural environment, cultural resources, and neighbouring residents and businesses. Through daily inspections, several integrated environmental components are regularly assessed to determine the effectiveness of current actions and guide future improvements. On the Canadian and US monitoring and mitigation throughout the life of the Project, in accordance with commitments in the approved Environmental Assessment Report and Federal Screening Report in Canada and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) in the US.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Read the latest quarterly Canadian environmental update below. This information covers activities from July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021.

- The design of permanent Species at Risk (SAR) fencing was finalized, and installation of the fence is expected to be complete by the end of 2021.
- Bird nesting mitigation measures were implemented throughout the site using a variety of methods such as falconry and dog patrols.
- Invasive species mapping was conducted. Herbicide application was conducted to control invasive species on the Port of Entry lands.
- Hydroseeding occurred in multiple areas that had been regraded to increase vegetation coverage and prevent transport of soil to offsite receptors.
- Regular air quality monitoring and vegetation maintenance continued.
- BNA completed Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment activities for the Sandwich Street corridor. BNA has addressed comments received on the Stage 1 report and have re-submitted it to the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI) for acceptance. The Stage 2 report will be submitted following Stage 1 acceptance. Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment activities were completed by WDBA in June 2021 along Sandwich Street at 10 locations beginning at the Watkins Street intersection and progressing to the Detroit Street intersection. Further Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment activities were completed by WDBA in August and September 2021 on both sides of Sandwich Street beginning at the Detroit Street intersection and progressing to Chewett Street intersection. The Stage 3 report is being compiled and will be submitted following MHSTCI Stage 2 report acceptance. All work was performed in consultation with First Nations communities.