



New Online Resources

 #GraysGreen:

Every Wednesday @hgparkway will feature environmental tweets on our Twitter feed.

#GraysGreen is our new campaign promoting wildlife, species at risk awareness and Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway environmental works. Want to learn more? Then join us every Wednesday on Twitter @hgparkway.

 Pinterest:

Are you on Pinterest?

So are we! Follow 'Herb Gray Parkway' for our most educational and entertaining Parkway content. Pins featuring Q&A videos, construction photography, kids' activities and more! Come visit us on Pinterest www.pinterest.com/hgparkway.

 LinkedIn:

The Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway is now on LinkedIn. As one of the most significant infrastructure projects currently underway in Canada, this project involves a vast network of talented industry professionals working to make the Parkway a reality. Connect with Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway on LinkedIn and learn more as we work to deliver the Ontario access road portion of a new end-to-end border transportation system for Windsor-Detroit.

Roundabout Installed at Children's Safety Village

You couldn't help but smile at the sight of it. Youngsters driving Jeeps through the streets of the Children's Safety Village, stopping at lights, yielding the right-of-way, and going through the new Parkway roundabout feature just like mom and dad do. The newest addition has been turning heads and causing visitors to our local Safety Village to go around in circles, all for the sake of learning new traffic safety rules. It was priceless.

The Children's Safety Village in partnership with Amico Infrastructures worked together to create a replica of the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway multi-lane roundabout that has been open to traffic since November 2012. On hand to mark the opening of the new feature was Justin Amicone of Amico and Michael Lucier, Executive Director for the Windsor-Essex Children's Safety Village.

"The Safety Village is immensely proud to collaborate on this project. Roundabouts are a new traffic feature that are being incorporated more and more into our road network. This new element will help us continue to deliver compelling hands-on educational opportunities to help our community children, youth, adults and seniors stay safe, wherever they are and whatever they are doing."
— Michael Lucier, Executive Director, Children's Safety Village

The new roundabout safety education program, both in the classroom and on the tiny streets of the Safety Village, will help make kids more aware of how to successfully navigate roundabouts – information they can share with their older siblings and parents.

To learn more about roundabouts visit www.ontario.ca/roundabout or check out some of our Parkway roundabout educational videos here at www.youtube.com/hgparkway.

"Amico is pleased to partner with the Safety Village and the Ministry of Transportation for this new educational feature for our community. As the prime local sub-contractor working on the Parkway, we see our role in the project as much more than builders but also as investors in the long-term betterment of this community."
— Dominic Amicone, President, Amico



We Need Your Help

Have you seen any reptiles or amphibians in your yards or while you have been out for walks? Please report your observations in one of five ways:

1. Online at ontarionature.org/atlas
2. By phone at 416-444-8419, extension 243 or 1-800-440-2366
3. Via e-mail at atlas@ontarionature.org
4. By fax at 416-444-9866
5. By mail at Ontario Nature, 214 King Street West Suite 612, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 3S6.

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Learning Opportunity at Elder College

Elder College is offering a behind-the-scenes look at the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway during three sessions that will be held Wednesdays from October 2 -12, 2013.

Garfield Dales, Manager, Project Delivery from the Ministry of Transportation, and various project team staff working to deliver the Parkway, will speak to participants about one of Ontario's largest infrastructure investments. Throughout the three sessions the team will discuss the process undertaken to complete Ontario's most extensive environmental assessment, how the Parkway is being delivered through an alternative financing and procurement model – a public-private partnership model, and discuss construction processes. These sessions will provide the audience an in-depth look at a project that is ranked number 30 on Canada's Top 100 infrastructure projects of 2013.

For more information or to register for this course please call 519-253-3000.

Danshab Enterprises wins Mother Earth Award

We are proud to announce that on April 25, 2013, Danshab Enterprises received a Mother Earth Award from Canvas Campus for its role in transplanting species at risk for the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway. The award was presented to senior team leader, David White, and ecosystem project manager, Eric Fields, by respected scientist, David Suzuki.

Working in collaboration with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA), Danshab Enterprises has been instrumental in the relocation of more than 13,000 species at risk plants in the area.

Traffic & Construction Updates:

Traffic Notes:

Highway 401

In June, traffic shifted east to facilitate the construction of the future Highway 401 between the east limit of the project and the roundabout.

Highway 401 between North Talbot Road Bridge and Howard Avenue has seen multiple lane shifts and asphalt applications as the roadway and Parkway infrastructure is being built. This included paving shoulders once the Highway 3 Bridge was removed in November 2012.

Highway 3

Construction of the Geraedts (T-8), Cousineau (T-9), Hearthwood (T-10A), Oliver Estates (T-11) Tunnels, Bridge 9, and the future section of Highway 3 is underway between the Cabana Road/Todd Lane and Howard Avenue intersections. This work has been made possible through the rerouting of traffic in this corridor to the diversions (D-4, D-5, D-6, D-7, D-8 and D-14) in 2012.

Huron Church Road

Construction and opening of the new section of Highway 3 between Pulford Street and Grand Marais Road West, and the current construction of the Grand Marais (T-3), Pulford (T-4), and Oakwood (T-5) Tunnels, Bridges 7 and 8, and the future section of Highway 3 is underway between the E.C. Row Expressway and the Cabana Road/Todd Lane intersection. This work has been made possible through the rerouting of traffic in this corridor to the diversions (D-1, D-2, D-3 and the D1-D2 connector) in 2012.

E.C. Row Expressway

Geotechnical work and the construction of Bridge 4 (Malden Road Overpass E.C. Row Expressway westbound) and Bridge 5 (Malden Road Overpass E.C. Row Expressway eastbound) triggered the single lane configuration for E.C. Row Expressway between Ojibway Parkway and the Huron Church Road interchange. Construction began in summer 2012 and is expected to take two years to complete.

Construction Progress Updates:

Since construction began, over 1.9 million hours of work on the Parkway have been logged by thousands of workers. Here are some of the things these workers have been able to accomplish:

- We completed pile driving for all structures except Bridge 12 (Howard Avenue) and the Cousineau Tunnel.
- We have installed new culverts for the Wolfe Drain near Cousineau Road and Highway 401.
- We have excavated 2.3 million m³ of excess earth and used 1.2 million m³ of excavated earth to build embankments.



Danshab Enterprises senior team leader, David White (left), and ecosystem project manager, Eric Fields (right), accept a Mother Earth award from presenter, David Suzuki.

Photo provided by the Walpole Island Heritage Centre.

People Profile

Meet Some of the Team

The Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway is creating and supporting jobs across the region and helping to stimulate our local economy. Design and construction of the Parkway is also providing training for people in our community and creating unique partnerships. In each issue of this newsletter, we'll introduce you to at least one person involved with the Parkway.

Q. What is your name and position?

A. Stephane Savoie, Steward of LiUNA! Local 625 from Bot Construction Group.

Q. Where are you from?

A. Windsor, Ontario

Q. What type of work are you doing on the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway project?

A. I'm a grade man. My work involves creating a proper grade along Parkway surfaces. I make sure that we have a level base or the specified slope as the foundation for construction.



Q. How long will you be working on the project?

A. I will be working here for the duration of the project.

Q. When people find out that you are working on the Parkway project what do they typically say?

A. Typically, people comment that it must be cool to work on a project that is so widely known across Canada. They find the high profile of it pretty interesting.

Q. What has been the most rewarding part of your work on the project so far?

A. The experience has been invaluable. I've learned a lot. It's also a good feeling to know that I've been a part of building such an important project that's right here in Windsor.

Q. Do you have anything else you would like our readers to know about your experience working on this project?

A. I'm proud to be working here as a member of the local LiUNA! team. It would be great to see more people getting involved in the trades to be part of historic projects like this one.

Construction Progress Updates Continued:

- We opened Bridge 10 (west of St. Clair College) and Bridge 11 (west of Howard Avenue), Bridge 13 (future off-ramp from Highway 401 to Highway 3) and Bridge 15 (North Talbot Road Bridge).
- We opened the Hearthwood Tunnel (T-10B) to Highway 3 and Highway 401 traffic in April 2013. Once construction is complete, this tunnel will carry Highway 3 traffic while the twinned Hearthwood Tunnel (T-10A) to the north of T-10B will carry Highway 401 traffic.
- We installed a permanent noise barrier between Pulford Street and Grand Marais Road.
- We completed construction of the new Spring Garden Road to Bethlehem Avenue.
- We completed construction of the Grand Marais Drain.

We want to extend our sincerest thanks to the community for their patience as we work to complete the Parkway project. Please visit www.hgparkway.ca or follow us on Twitter @hgparkway for the latest traffic and construction information.

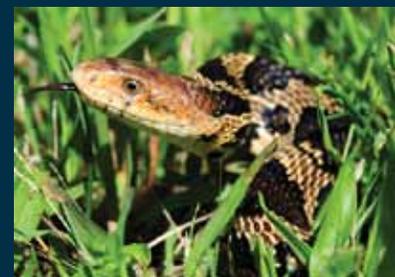
Meet Freddie the Foxsnake

Hello. My name is Freddie the Eastern Foxsnake. I'm an extremely gentle species at risk snake living in beautiful Windsor-Essex County. If we ever have a chance to meet in person, don't be overwhelmed by my size. At 8 years of age I am 1.2 metres long. In fact, I'm still growing and could grow to be as long as 1.5 metres. My species is Ontario's second largest snake.

My friends and I vary in colour from yellow to light brown. We have a row of relatively large, dark brown dorsal blotches with smaller dark blotches running laterally. I have to say, I'm very beautiful to look at and many people are intrigued by my colouration. There is something else really important you should know about me – I am harmless to people.

Not impressed by a talking snake? Maybe you will be impressed by a tweeting snake. Join me on Twitter so we can get to know each other. I would love to have you follow me and we can experience some remarkable adventures together. I will take you through the prairies in the marsh, around the dune shoreline and around the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway. The Parkway and surrounding areas are where I have some of my most exciting adventures. While we explore the hibernacula and Parkway restoration sites together, perhaps I can even introduce you to my family and friends. I have lots of information to share. So come on, what are you waiting for? Follow me @ParkwayFreddie.

Also, check back here because I am going to have my own feature column in each issue of the Parkway Community Newsletter. If you have any questions for me you can tweet me at @ParkwayFreddie or send me an email at detroit.river@ontario.ca.



Did you know that the Blanding's Turtle is a species at risk located right here in Windsor-Essex County? Although they look like fun, it's important that when we see our turtle friends in nature we leave them there to go home to their families. Why not make this craft and you can create your very own turtle pet?

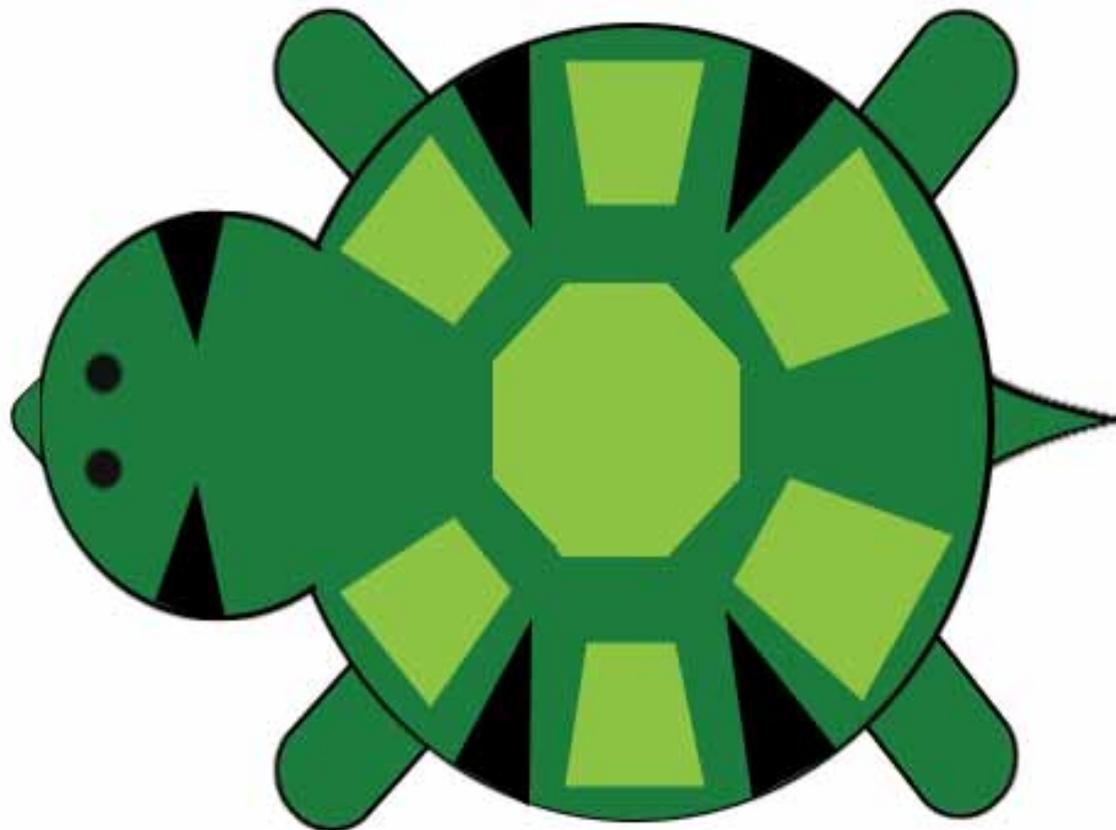
Materials Needed:

- Scissors
- Tape or glue

Directions

Important: make sure you ask an adult for help using scissors.

- Cut along the outside of the turtle outline.
- Next, cut out the black triangle slits on the turtle body and head.
- Overlap the now separated slits and glue or tape the sides together.
- Gently fold out the legs, tail and neck of your new turtle pet so that he or she rests flat on a table and enjoy.



Free Family Fun Weekend

Are you looking for something fun to do with the family this summer? Look no further. We want you to come and check out the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway exhibit at Canada South Science City during Free Family Fun Weekend, August 9 and 10.

Surrounded by stunning graphics that immerse visitors in the Parkway, the exhibit features many fun zones for kids of all ages to experience and learn. If you have been before, come and see if you can spot some of the new additions we have made to the display.

Free Admission
Canada South Science City
930 Marion Avenue, Windsor
August 9 & 10

Come out and visit the exhibit and everything else Science City has to offer. Science City is open Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. More information about Canada South Science City can be found by visiting their website at www.cssciencecity.com.



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