

## RT. HON. HERB GRAY PARKWAY PRESCRIBED BURNS OF TALLGRASS PRAIRIE

Permits received under the *Endangered Species Act* 2007 for the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway include protection and restoration requirements for plant and animal species at risk and their habitat, the Tallgrass Prairie ecosystem found in Windsor and Essex County. Prescribed burns – deliberately set, carefully controlled and closely monitored fires – are the most effective management tool for Tallgrass Prairie maintenance, conservation and restoration.

Prescribed burns are carried out on a regular basis on prairie areas throughout Windsor and Essex County. The fall 2013 Parkway prescribed burns are expected to be completed by December 1, 2013. Parkway Infrastructure Constructors has retained Wildfire Specialists Inc. to conduct prescribed burns in the following locations:

- selected sites within the Chappus restoration area between Matchette Road and Malden Road
- the Todd Lane restoration area east of 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- a small site in the vicinity of the former Gratiot Street, west of Huron Church Road and south of the Grand Marais Drain
- a site in the Spring Garden Natural Area south of Fazio Drive
- a site south of Highway 3, north of St. Clair Avenue.

Prescribed burns will be undertaken and monitored by trained professionals with extensive experience, under very specific controlled and safe conditions taking into consideration wind speed and direction as critical factors. The burn period for each site is of limited duration.



The locations of the prescribed burns (above) are Tallgrass Prairie areas that are being restored in accordance with Permits issued under the Endangered Species Act

We appreciate your cooperation during this time. Signs will be placed at the burn site locations indicating when a controlled burn is in progress. Should you have questions or concerns please contact the Windsor Essex Mobility Group Public Liaison Office at 1-877-937-5929 or via e-mail at [hgp-plo@wemg.ca](mailto:hgp-plo@wemg.ca). For project inquiries, please visit [www.hgparkway.ca](http://www.hgparkway.ca) or contact:

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