

Fences on the Parkway

The fence system of the Windsor-Essex Parkway was designed to address security, protection of species at risk adjacent to the corridor, and noise impacts.

Security Fencing

Chain link fencing (1.8 metres or 6 feet in height) will be provided along the Parkway right-of-way boundary where it is adjacent to private lands. This is consistent with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) standard practices for highway rights-of-ways.

The boundary will not be fenced where it is adjacent to public land. This will help maintain wildlife corridors and will allow for pedestrian access. In addition, the boundary will not be fenced where the right-of-way intersects local roads or cul-de-sacs.

The fence will be set back one foot from the boundary onto Parkway land to allow for construction of the fence itself and for future maintenance. Landscape planting will be provided on the Parkway side of the fence.

Approximately 30 community access points will be provided along the Parkway. For security reasons, no gates will be provided in the boundary fence from individual lots.

The same 1.8 m (6 ft) high chain link fencing as on the Parkway private lands boundary will be used along Highway 401. The fencing will be installed near or at the top/toe of the slope of the highway to provide a safety barrier between the highway and to control access.

Permanent Snake Fencing

In some locations between Todd Lane and Matchette Road, permanent snake fence barrier will be provided to redirect species at risk snakes away from roads and traffic. Permanent snake fence will be 1.2 m or 1.8 m high chain link fencing with a grid like barrier along the bottom half to preclude snakes from climbing the fence.

Noise Barriers

Noise barriers are required in locations as determined during the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) study and documented in the approved Environmental Assessment Report to provide noise mitigation. The barriers will be constructed as walls, earth berms or a combination of walls and berms.

The Parkway's aesthetic design has been developed with input from residents and stakeholders. Based on feedback collected during the DRIC study, a natural Tallgrass Prairie theme known as "Carolinian Canada" was selected for the Parkway, and will be applied in the aesthetic treatment of noise walls.

In some cases, noise walls or permanent snake fence barrier will be placed instead of chain link fencing to serve a multiple purpose.

If you have any concerns regarding construction of the Parkway, please contact or visit the Windsor Essex Mobility Group's Public Liaison Office at 1-877-937-5929, 2187 Huron Church Road Suite 340, or wep-plo@wemg.ca.

