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### Controlled Burns To Be Conducted

*In rain gardens at Arbor Oaks Park, the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the bio-detention basin at Ann Arbor Parkview Condos*

**ANN ARBOR, MI** - Controlled burns will be conducted on Tuesday, April 11 in rain gardens and stormwater features at Arbor Oaks Park, the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Ann Arbor Parkview Condos. Controlled burns help reduce invasive species and encourage native plants to thrive. Deep rooted native plants make soils more absorbent. Spongier soils reduce runoff which can cause problems downstream.

Ecologically, it is important to burn these natural areas so that the prairie-like ecosystems continue to flourish. Funding for this work is provided in part by the City of Ann Arbor Systems Planning Unit and the Waste Water Treatment Plant and work is coordinated by the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office (WCWRC).

The burns will be conducted by a professional contractor, PlantWise, LLC. Burn plans have been developed for each site and a burn permit has been obtained from the Fire Department.

For more information on WCWRC controlled burns visit,  
<https://www.washtenaw.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2403>.

*Our Mission: We seek to inspire the residents and communities of Washtenaw County to protect surface water and the environment while maintaining necessary drainage. Within the authority granted to our office, we provide resources to reduce flooding, dispose of home toxics, and improve water quality.*

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