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Controlled Burns To Be Conducted
In stormwater features at West Park

ANN ARBOR, MI - Controlled burns will be conducted on Friday, April 14th in stormwater features at West Park. 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 by the City of Ann Arbor Systems Planning Unit 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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