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Orange Prairie Detention Basins Prescribed Prairie Burns to Occur March 3

Crews will utilize controlled burns near the basins to remove invasive plant species

Feb. 28, 2025 (Peoria, IL) Beginning at 9 am on Monday, March 3, weather permitting, prescribed prairie burns will occur near the Orange Prairie Detention Basins.

The prescribed burns on Monday will occur near Basins 1 and 3 and should conclude by 3 pm. If weather conditions hold steady, a prescribed burn near Basin 2 will occur from 9 am to 3 pm on Tuesday, March 4.

This work is part of the Orange Prairie Detention Basins Restoration Project. The benefits of controlled burns include:

- Promoting new growth for wildflowers and other plants.
- Recycling nutrients back into the soil.
- Improving the overall ecosystem health for plants and animals.
- Minimizing insects and the spread of plant diseases.

More information on the City's current and upcoming green infrastructure projects can be found [here](#).

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