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**Orange Prairie Detention Basins Restoration Project to Start February 4**

*Crews will begin to remove invasive plants and will utilize controlled burns near the basins*

Jan. 31, 2025 (Peoria, IL) Beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 4, and lasting through Thursday, Feb. 6, work to remove invasive trees and shrubs will occur along N Orange Prairie Road between W Sienna Lane and W Wood Sage Road, weather permitting.

The invasive plant removal work will include small brush pile burns near the three detention basins along Orange Prairie Road. These controlled burns will occur during daytime hours.

This work is part of the Orange Prairie Detention Basins Restoration Project. Over the next five years, restoration and repair work will occur at these detention basins. Along with the removal of invasive plants through mowing and select pesticide use, controlled burns will be utilized to help remove non-native plants.

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](#).



### **Orange Prairie Detention Basins 1**

Three detention basins are located along Orange Prairie Road. Basin 1 is located on the west side of Orange Prairie Road near Sienna Lane.



### **Orange Prairie Detention Basins 2 and 3**

Basins 2 and 3 are located on the east and west sides of Orange Prairie Road just south of Wood Sage Road.

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