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Southern Michigan*

March 13, 2021

Dear Preserve Neighbor,

This spring Legacy plans to conduct a prescribed burn at our Lloyd and Mable Johnson Preserve on Platt Road. We plan to burn much of the property's recently restored tallgrass prairie. Legacy has contracted with PlantWise, LLC for implementation of this work. PlantWise is a Michigan company that has conducted safe prescribed burns on well over 500 properties in their 23 years.

Prescribed burns are used as a management tool to reduce the number of invasive species and give native plants a competitive advantage. Timing of these burns is important in determining the success of inhibiting non-native growth, while stimulating native plants. Prairie habitats are especially adapted to and dependent on fire. Shown to the right is a photo from a prescribed burn at Washtenaw County's River Raisin Preserve. This photo shows a typical prairie burn in terms of flame height.



Prescribed burns require specific weather conditions so we cannot give the exact date of the burn in advance. On the day of the burn there will be signs located on nearby roads, and the township and the local fire departments will be notified. If you would like to be notified the day of the burn, please contact me. You are also welcome to come and watch! Let me know in advance if you would like to attend and I will follow up with a meeting time and place when that information is available.

Legacy is excited about restoring the ecologies of our preserves and happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have. I can be reached directly at 734-780-6402 and allene@legacylandconservancy.org.

Sincerely,

Allene Smith
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