## Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Notice of Study Completion

# WINDSOR ONTARIO, CANADA

#### The Study

The City of Windsor has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study to consider the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway to re-establish an ecological connection between the natural areas associated with Black Oak Heritage Park and Ojibway Park. The Wildlife Crossing would provide a connection for local tallgrass prairie plant communities and safe passage opportunities for wildlife, including species at risk. The proposed Wildlife Crossing would thereby reduce landscape fragmentation through improvement of habitat connectivity in the Ojibway Prairie Complex. The Wildlife Crossing would also improve safety of the travelling public on Ojibway Parkway by reducing wildlife-vehicle interactions.

#### **The Study Process**

The Study was completed in accordance with the requirements for a Schedule 'C' project as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class

Black Oak
Heritage Park

Study Area

Natural Area

Town of
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Environmental Assessment (amended in 2023) document, which is an approved process under the Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*. This study addressed Phases 1 through 4 of the Class EA process.

### **Environmental Study Report**

An Environmental Study Report (ESR) has been prepared to document the planning, decision-making and consultation process for this study. The ESR was endorsed by the City of Windsor Council on July 22, 2024. The ESR is available on project website for review starting from **August 1, 2024, to September 6, 2024**: https://CityW.ca/Ojibway-wildlife-crossing.

Interested persons may provide written comments to the following project contact by **September 6, 2024**:

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In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study, or that conditions be imposed, only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester's contact information and full name. Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested, how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. The request should be sent to the City staff identified above, as well as the following contacts:

Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
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Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
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