

NO PRESCRIBED BURN - HIGH PARK AND SOUTH HUMBER PARK



Due to the impacts of COVID-19, Urban Forestry will not undertake a prescribed burn in High Park and South Humber Park in 2021. Instead, efforts will be focused on working to complete long term planning, and evaluating progress in habitats being managed by fire to refine site specific goals and objectives.

Urban Forestry has been using fire as part of its natural area management program for black oak savannah habitats for over 20 years in three city parks: High Park, Lambton Park, and South Humber Park. Black oak savannah is a rare vegetation community that is at risk of extinction throughout North America. Fire sustains these sites by setting back competing vegetation, enriching the soil, and promoting the growth and germination of native seed banks

Prescribed burn management, in combination with native species planting and invasive species removal, will continue to be a valuable tool used in these rare habitats to ensure their longevity and proliferation. Alternative management actions will be carried out during 2021 to ensure these habitats continue to thrive, and we look forward to continuing with the prescribed burn program in 2022.