

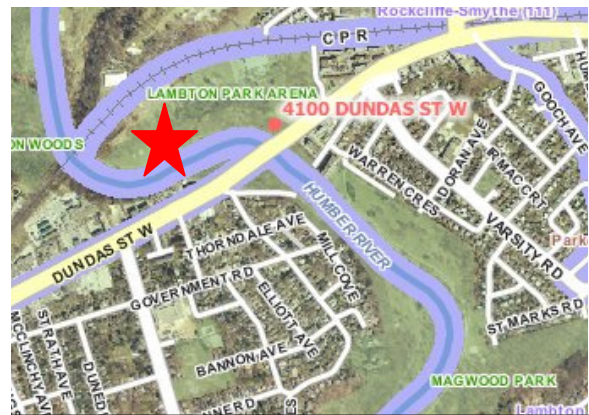
**City of Toronto Urban Forestry is planning to undertake a prescribed (or “controlled”) burn in Lambton Park and South Humber Parks in early spring 2009.** Weather conditions and ground conditions are currently being monitored by City staff and burn consultants to determine the appropriate time window for the prescribed burns. The actual date of the prescribed burns will be announced in a News Release with 48-hours’ notice when ideal weather conditions can be expected. The proposed burn locations are identified by red stars on the maps below. This notice will be posted again 24 hours prior to the burn throughout the parks and distributed to the local community. Given current weather conditions the burn may occur within the period of late March to mid April 2009.

Prescribed burns are part of Urban Forestry’s long-term management goal to restore and protect Toronto’s rare black oak woodlands and savannahs. A prescribed burn is a deliberately set and carefully controlled low fire that consumes dried leaves, small twigs and grass stems, but does not harm larger trees. Prairie plants including black oaks respond to modified site conditions following the burn, and grow more vigorously than they would have in the absence of the fire.

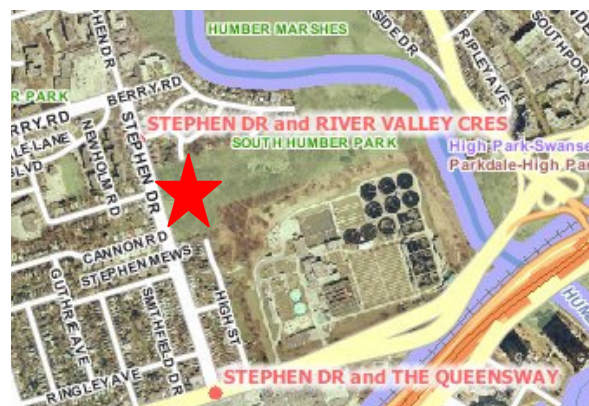
Under ideal weather conditions, the smoke from the prescribed burn will lift and will not affect surrounding neighbourhoods. It is possible however that some smoke from burning vegetation will reach some of the residential areas near the park.

A fire boss with extensive provincial fire fighting and prescribed burning experience has written the past burn plans and has completed the burn plans for 2009. “Fire Boss” is an Ontario designation for a certified individual who has full responsibility for planning and carrying out the burn with a qualified crew. City staff from Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division will assist with the burns, and Toronto Fire and Police Services will assist as required by the fire boss.

The prescribed burns in Lambton Park and South Humber Park follows the tremendous success of the restoration program in High Park, initiated in 2000. This is the fourth operational burn at both sites.



Lambton Park Burn Site Spring 2009



South Humber Park Burn Site Spring 2009

**For more information about the Lambton and South Humber Parks prescribed burn program and ongoing forest restoration management, please call Urban Forestry at 416-392-0380 or visit [www.toronto.ca/trees](http://www.toronto.ca/trees) under ‘Ravines’.**

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