

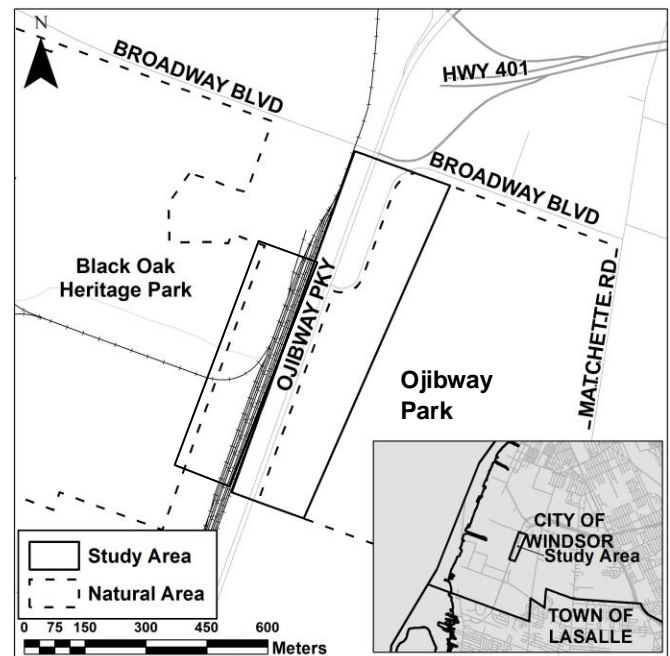
# Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Public Information Centre #3

## The Study

In 2020, the City of Windsor initiated 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 will provide a connection for local tallgrass prairie plant communities and safe passage opportunities for wildlife, including species at risk. The proposed Wildlife Crossing thereby reduces landscape fragmentation through improvement of habitat connectivity in the Ojibway Prairie Complex.

## The Study Process

The study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements for a Schedule 'C' project as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (amended in 2023) document, which is an approved process under the Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*. This study will address Phases 1 – 4 of the Class EA process.



## Public Information Centre #3

Consultation with the public, Indigenous groups, key stakeholders, and regulatory agencies is an important component of the Class EA process. Public Information Centre #2 was held from April 19, 2021, to May 3, 2021. Key feedback received during this event was to consider a Wildlife Crossing that connects the Ojibway Park and Black Oak Heritage Park. Accordingly, the Study Team has identified and evaluated additional design options for the Wildlife Crossing and identified a preferred design that is proposed to cross the Ojibway Parkway and ETR tracks and will connect Ojibway Park with the natural areas associated with Black Oak Heritage Park. Public Information Centre #3 is being hosted to present the updated preferred design. This event is being hosted in two formats:

**Virtual Public Consultation:** A project information package will be made available on the project webpage, starting Monday, December 18, 2023. Interested individuals are invited to review this information on their own time and submit any comments by January 26, 2024 using the online comment form. The project information package and online comment form will be available on:

<https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Construction/Environmental-Assessments-Master-Plans/Pages/Ojibway-Parkway-Wildlife-Crossing-Class-Environmental-Assessment.aspx>

**In-person Open House:** In addition to the Virtual Public Consultation, the Study Team will be hosting an In-person Open House on Thursday, January 18, 2024, from 2 pm – 4 pm and 6 pm – 8 pm at the Ojibway Nature Centre (5200 Matchett Rd, Windsor, ON N9C 4E8). Interested individuals are invited to attend this event where they will have the opportunity to meet with Study Team Members and ask any questions and submit comments.

If you have any questions or would like to submit questions and comments via email, please contact the following Study Team Members:

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