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## CONTROLLED/PRESCRIBED BURN

Towar Gardens Neighborhood Meridian Charter Township, Ingham County

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Ingham County Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann will conduct the annual controlled/prescribed burn in the Towar Gardens neighborhood between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022, weather permitting. The burn areas are shown on the attached map in yellow.

"This buffer area planted in native flowers and grasses will thrive better after the controlled burn which targets the early season invasive and non-native vegetation," according to Drain Commissioner Lindemann. Native plants are important because they filter and cleanse the runoff before it enters the water. They also have deeper root systems that hold the soil and increase its porosity.

Historically, fire was a common feature of the Midwest landscape. Reintroducing fire helps to curb non-native invasive species and gives the native fire-adaptive plants a chance to renew.

The burn will be conducted by David Borneman, LLC. David Borneman, its President, has over 32 years of professional experience conducting prescribed, ecological burns on thousands of acres.

The whole procedure should take only a few hours. The Meridian Township Fire Department will be in attendance. The neighborhood has received notice of this event by mail.

For additional information, questions can be directed to Drain Engineer Angie Cosman at 517-719-5431.

