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February 04, 2026

Matt Weil
Fire Chief – North Oakland County Fire Authority
P.O. Box 129
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Dear Chief Weil,

This letter serves as a supplement to a forthcoming burn permit application to be submitted by Plantwise, LLC., and Oakland County Parks and Recreation staff to carry out prescribed burns at Rose Oaks County Park this spring.

Pursuant to natural resource management of the property and maintenance of park natural areas, Oakland County Parks and Recreation (OCPR) desires to carry out prescribed burns in the areas delineated on the enclosed map. The prescribed burns will assist in controlling invasive species and aid in the restoration of natural communities within the park. Burn notification cards will be sent out by OCPR to immediate park neighbors in the next two weeks. OCPR staff is coordinating deputy presence at all burns with Lieutenant Dennis Servis, Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Rose Oaks is owned by the County of Oakland. As such, selection of prescribed burn contractor Plantwise, LLC. was made in accordance with standard Oakland County purchasing practices. Plantwise, LLC. has met the insurance requirements of Oakland County's risk management department and has conducted over 450 successful burns encompassing over 5,000 acres throughout Michigan. OCPR fully authorizes Plantwise, LLC. to apply for and sign a controlled burn permit with the North Oakland County Fire Authority. Pending successful application, contractor Plantwise, LLC. is authorized by the County to carry out the prescribed burn in accordance with burn permit requirements.

Oakland County Parks has authorized Natural Resources staff to conduct prescribed burns in a limited capacity. Staff member Kegan Schildberg has undergone training with the Ohio DNR and attained a Prescribed Burn Manager certification and will be overseeing all staff in conducting prescribed burn operations. The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission fully authorizes Kegan Schildberg to apply for and sign a controlled burn permit. Pending successful application, Natural Resources staff are authorized by the County to carry out the prescribed burn in accordance with burn permit requirements.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns, I'm happy to provide additional information. We also welcome North Oakland County Fire Authority observation and presence at the burns. The Rose Township Supervisor, Brad Stilwell, has been copied for continuity in communication.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Cook-Maylen".

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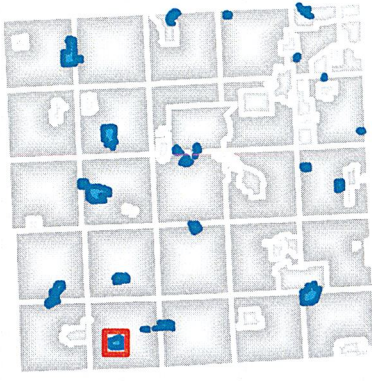
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Ward".

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cc: Brad Stilwell – Rose Township Supervisor

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Chris Ward – Parks Director



Rose Oaks

10501 Buckhorn Lake Road
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- FY26 Burn Maps (All PRP) -

FY26 Burn Units

Burn PRP

NR Staff

PlantWise LLC

Trails

-- Mixed Use Trail

Park Boundary

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OC Roads

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