



May 21, 2011

ATTENTION LANDOWNER - NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL WORK ON PROPERTY

FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

Dear Landowner:

Tallgrass Restoration was pleased to present the details of this project at the informational meeting held on 2/8/11 at The Elm Grove Village Hall. Tallgrass presented the details of this project and answered all your questions. Posted on the SG website www.squiresgrove.com are the meeting minutes for your review.

It should be noted that the Tallgrass field personnel are not available to answer the specific questions you may have regarding the project during the herbicide applications. Squires Grove Management Association (SGMA) requests that any additional questions or comments of concern be addressed directly to your representatives on the SGMA Board of Directors and not the Tallgrass personnel working around the pond. You will find their contact information on the same website.

Tallgrass Restoration will be conducting an herbicide application around the pond to treat the existing vegetation in preparation for the prairie restoration. The key to a successful prairie restoration is adequate site preparation prior to the planting. Tallgrass Restoration will spray the project area three times this summer and once next spring in preparation for a spring 2012 planting. The herbicide will prepare the planting area by killing off any competing vegetation and thinning the seed bank. We will only target the vegetation on the land, from the water up the bank to a pre-determined height. We will not treat vegetation in the pond.

The herbicide that we will use is approved for use around water and if applied according to the label, will not harm any organisms in the pond. The first application should occur within the next couple weeks, mid to late May. Prior to any applications we will post placards around the treatment area. This will be your indicator that the herbicide has been applied. On the placards there will be a recommended time that people should stay out of the treatment area. The herbicide is rain fast in one hour and the general recommended restriction time from the treatment zone is 12 hours. Please remain out of the treatment zone until after the time on the placards.

The vegetation will begin to die within a couple of days and will look similar to the second photo below. Additional sunlight will reach the ground and new weeds will germinate with the increased sunlight. The second application should occur in 4-6 weeks after the first application. By this time the new weeds have grown to a height of a few inches. The third application should occur roughly after the same amount of time has passed. All sprayings will be done by our trained, licensed staff.

Sincerely,

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