

DRCC presents: Ecohighway

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Meet the panelists

Dan Lebedyk

Biologist/Ecologist, ERCA

Dan Lebedyk administers, coordinates, and implements ongoing habitat restoration, enhancement, and management initiatives on Conservation Authority properties; providing biological input into Municipal Plan Review; and is a local expert on the Essex region's natural heritage features. Dan also provides technical input into various Species at Risk Recovery Plans/Strategies/Assessments.

Dan was a member of the Environmental Core Agency Consultation Group (ECACG) for the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway and assisted in the protection and relocation of SAR during the project.



Russ Jones

Lead Field Biologist, Parkway Project

Russ Jones was the lead field biologist on the parkway project from 2011 to 2018. He was involved in all aspects of the endangered species program, from the initial snake and plant salvage efforts to the post-construction monitoring of those relocated species. Even before this project was conceived, Russ was involved in research and recovery efforts of the areas foxsnakes and massasauga rattlesnakes. It is this local knowledge and experience that helped Russ contribute to this monumental effort. In fact, his background is so entwined in this project that his childhood home fell within the footprint of this project and was ultimately demolished and converted into a snake hibernation feature, which in his opinion is a wonderfully fitting legacy on this landscape. Today Russ continues to be a part of the team doing invasive species management in the savannah that was the neighbourhood he was raised in.



Season Snyder

Ecologist, Wood Environment and Infrastructure

Season Snyder is a Senior Plant Ecologist with Wood Environment and Infrastructure and the President of Tallgrass Ontario. Season has over 20 years of experience in grassland ecosystems in the United States and Canada. She specializes in the design of scientific-based field studies for species at risk and their habitats, development and implementation of ecological restoration plans, permitting and environmental approvals. Currently, Season is the lead ecologist for the management of 170 ha of created and restored grassland habitat within the urban - natural areas matrix in Windsor, Ontario. The lands are used for recreation, education and conservation purposes. She was also a co-author on the award-winning Landscape Restoration Plan for the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway and continues to provide advice on long-term habitat management



About Ecohighway

Ecohighway is a film featuring actions, challenges and lessons learned in protecting species at risk in the construction of the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway, Windsor, Ontario