

To: Saskatoon City Council,

I am a Saskatoon dweller who has a great appreciation for nature & am aware of how much it adds to our mental health as well as to general well-being.

It greatly disturbs to see how bit by bit the city is encroaching on the small amount of natural grasslands & the swale areas (small & north east sections) that is left. The recent plans from the province indicate that once again traffic will really decimate the swale areas. I realize that it is the provincial government that is in charge of highways but I feel the City Council can exert some influence over decisions regarding the future plans. I urge you to not endorse the Planning Study for Phase 2 of the freeway. Can you picture 8 lanes, plus cloverleafs in the swale area!! Rarely can an area that contains endangered species recover once it has been invaded.

Please seriously consider urging the powers to be to ensure a thorough environmental impact study for that area.

Sincerely  
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