



## PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE FOR THE NATURAL HERITAGE NETWORK (NHN) STUDY PHASES 2 - 4

Thursday May 22, 2014 - 6:30 p.m. (open house), 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (presentations and discussion)

### VAUGHAN CITY HALL, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

On Thursday, May 22, 2014, the City of Vaughan will host an Open House to obtain public input into an important project that the City is currently undertaking as part of the refinement of the Vaughan Official Plan (VOP 2010) and the implementation of *Green Directions Vaughan*, the City's Community Sustainability and Environmental Master Plan.

#### About the Natural Heritage Network Study

The City of Vaughan Official Plan (VOP 2010), adopted by Council in September 2010, designates a Natural Heritage Network (NHN) which is made up of a system of significant natural features such as valleylands, wetlands and woodlands. The Natural Heritage Network Study is aimed at protecting and conserving such resources in the City and providing for any necessary changes to the VOP 2010.

#### Study Process

The City and its consultants are currently completing Phases 2 - 4 of the Study, which includes completing field work, refining the Natural Heritage Network, confirming ecosystem targets, identifying guidelines for land securement and engaging with the public and stakeholders.



A key component of the Study process is consultation with interested stakeholders and the public throughout the development of the NHN. A community forum was held in November 2013 in collaboration with the public consultation process for the City's Climate Action Plan. This forum provided participants with an opportunity to learn more about the project, to provide input into the NHN targets and criteria, as well as learn about the various mechanisms available for land securement.

#### Purpose of This Open House:

The upcoming Open House is an opportunity to learn more about the NHN Study, to discuss the proposed refinements to the NHN and the NHN scenario(s) in relation to ecosystem targets, learn about the various mechanisms available for land securement, and present potential changes to the VOP 2010, which will also be subject to a future Public Hearing. We hope you will be able to join us!

If you have any questions about the Natural Heritage Network Study, please contact Tony Iacobelli, Senior Environmental Planner at 905-832-8585 ext. 8630, via email [tony.iacobelli@vaughan.ca](mailto:tony.iacobelli@vaughan.ca) or visit the project [website](#).