



COMMUNITY FORUM FOR THE NATURAL HERITAGE NETWORK (NHN) STUDY PHASES 2 - 4 AND COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP)

Wednesday November 13, 2013 - 6:30 p.m. (open house), 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (presentations followed by working sessions)

VAUGHAN CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER

On Wednesday, November 13, 2013, the City of Vaughan will host a Community Forum to seek community input into two important projects that the City is currently undertaking as part of *Green Directions Vaughan*, the City's Community Sustainability and Environmental Master Plan. The Natural Heritage Network Study is aimed at protecting and conserving natural heritage resources in the City and the Community Climate Action Plan is aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions generated by the Vaughan community.

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 significant natural features such as valleylands, wetlands and woodlands. The City and its consultants are currently completing Phases 2 - 4 of the process, 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.

About the Community Climate Action Plan

As part of the actions identified under *Green Directions Vaughan*, the City is developing a Greenhouse Gas Emission Community Action Plan that will identify a vision, emission reduction targets, a series of emission reduction actions, and an implementation strategy to guide the Vaughan community in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Purpose of This Community Forum:

The Community Forum is an exciting opportunity to learn more about these projects and to help shape the vision and actions for the Community Climate Action Plan, provide input to the NHN targets and criteria, as well as learn about the various mechanisms available for land securement. The open house portion provides individuals with an additional opportunity to ask questions of the project teams and learn more about these and other City of Vaughan initiatives and related community group activities occurring in Vaughan. 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 or visit the project [website](#).

If you have any questions about the Climate Action Plan, please contact Chris Wolnik, Manager Environmental Sustainability, at 905-832-8585 x 8633, via email chris.wolnik@vaughan.ca or visit the project [website](#) or share your ideas online using [IdeaScale](#).