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Chair and Members of the Committee of the Whole
City Hall, City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario
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Dear Chair and Members of the Committee of the Whole,

RE: Natural Heritage Network Inventory and Improvements Study Completion and Recommendations. Amendment to the Vaughan Official Plan 2010 (file #25.5.4)

The Building Industry and Land Development Association is in receipt of the April 14th Staff Report for the *Natural Heritage Network Inventory and Improvements Study Completion and Recommendations Amendment to the Vaughan Official Plan 2010 (File #25.5.4)*, and we offer you the following comments.

Firstly, we acknowledge and appreciate the effort of City Staff to organize a meeting on April 9th with BILD York Chapter members to discuss the study and recommendations. Extensive discussion took place at the meeting and we appreciate Staff's ongoing commitment to our group.

At a site-specific scale, we recognize that there were several items that were raised by representatives of the landowner group(s) and we understand that they have submitted these detailed technical comments to the Committee. BILD appreciates that at the meeting, Senior Staff expressed a willingness to continue these discussion at the block plan level.

On a city-wide basis, BILD York Chapter members believe that the City's method of evaluating wetlands and the size parameter to determine if a woodlot would be considered a core feature, could be strengthened to directly align with the Regional Official Plan.

Of particular interest to BILD York Chapter members is the forthcoming habitat compensation protocol. BILD recognizes that this protocol will aid in the implementation of Vaughan's Natural Heritage Network and we trust that it will be brought back, as part of this public OPA process. We would be happy to help facilitate conversations between the City and the Development Industry on this matter, when appropriate.

BILD would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the aforementioned City Staff Report and we look forward to meeting with Staff again. Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

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