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Cc: MacKenzie, John

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Mr. Abrams,

Could you please add this to Communications for the Item on the Natural Heritage Network Study for today's meeting, as I am unable to attend?

Thanks You.

Deb

To: Mayor and Members of Council

I want to thank you for ensuring this important item gets adopted before the summer break. I am away in Ottawa for Candidate M.P. training or I would be at Committee to address this very important issue. As you know there have been many engaged residents on this issue who have attended multiple sessions over the past three years. I am hoping that several can address you today, however I know many are working and will be unable to attend again. Please review their comments from the past Committee sessions on this item.

It has been a long process with much fact finding and adjustment of lines, as staff has tried to achieve accuracy and balance the many interests on the last remaining green lands in Vaughan. Achieving the important balance will ensure a healthy, sustainable future for Vaughan and keep it as one of the most attractive places to live in the GTA. I am hopeful you will adopt the recommendations of staff as they have worked very hard to achieve that balance, despite the heavy lobbying from many in the development industry.

As we intensify and Vaughan looks more like what is arising at Bathurst and Centre (the Region has mandated we develop our new community areas at 70 people and jobs per hectare), we will depend even more heavily on the remaining green lands to absorb and manage the storm water, filter our air, provide a shrinking habitat for wildlife and provide the much needed passive recreation space for our ever growing population. Please recognize how much our residents care about our green lands and support the staff recommendation.

Best Regards!

Deb Schulte