



June 16, 2015

Mr. Jeffrey Abrams, City Clerk  
City of Vaughan  
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CW:	<u>June 16/15</u>
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Attention: Mayor Bevilacqua and Members of Council

**Your worship and Members of Council:**

**Re: Natural Heritage Study  
Amendments to the Vaughan Official Plan 2010  
June 16, 2015 Committee of the Whole**

We are landowners in Block 42 and object to the adoption of certain policies as currently recommended in the Natural Heritage Study.

There are several issues that remain unresolved, but we particularly object to the depiction of Woodlands that fall below the regional criteria of 0.5 ha in area and the notion compensation is required, even if the Woodlands are deemed non-significant. The original drafts of the NHN study recommended the 0.5 ha criteria, but somewhere in the process it was reduced to 0.2 ha. The compensation policies have not been addressed in the NHN and therefore we ask that Council adopt compensation principles at the same time the OPA is approved.

In addition, the NHN study does not distinguish a hierarchy of valleylands and asserts all valleylands are "significant" regardless of features or function which has a significant implication for future buffer requirements.

The Official Plan Amendment dealing with the Natural Heritage System will be heard by Council in September. We urge Council to direct staff to develop all the necessary policies including compensation protocols and have everything heard at once in a more comprehensive fashion.

Yours truly,

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