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Dear Neighbour:

**Re: Invitation to a Public Information Open House for the Medway Valley Heritage Forest ESA Trail Plan**

You are receiving this letter because you live in the neighbourhood of The Medway Valley Heritage Forest Environmentally Significant Area. The City has been working with Stantec Consulting and an Advisory Group of citizens to develop a Trail Master Plan for the section of the Medway Valley ESA between Fanshawe Park Road and Sunningdale Road. A section of this trail system has already been installed following the first phase of sanitary sewer construction in the southern portion of the valley in 2007. This existing paved trail generally follows the access road required to maintain the sanitary sewer.

The second phase of sewer construction was completed in the winter of 2010. There were several changes made in the construction that resulted in substantial cost savings and efficiencies. During this time there have also been changes in legislation, policy and practice that must now be considered in the process and selection of a final trail plan. Notable among these changes is the new Species at Risk legislation, the 2009 Council moratorium on any new asphalt in ESAs and the City's new draft *Planning and Design Standards for Sustainable Trails in Environmentally Significant Areas*.

We are now at an appropriate stage in this planning process where public input, comments and preferences on various trail options being considered is important to include in the evaluation process. Along with other technical information, this input will be used by the consultant to evaluate the trail options and recommend one that best fits the trail standards while recognizing the unique situation in the Medway Valley.

**What:** Public Open House for the Medway Valley Heritage Forest ESA Trail Plan

**Where:** Sunningdale Golf and Country Club located at 465 Sunningdale Road West

**When:** Wednesday December 7

**Time:** from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

**Presentation:** 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. on the history and purpose of the project

Members of the study team will be present to answer your questions. A short presentation by Stantec will be made to provide an overview of the project. Following the presentation there will be time for questions, comments (in writing or verbal) and additional opportunity to review the trail options in more detail.

If you have any other questions about the study, you may contact the undersigned weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or Robin Campbell at Stantec Consulting [robin.campbell@stantec.com](mailto:robin.campbell@stantec.com).

Refreshments will be available.

Thank you very much for your time and interest.

Yours sincerely,

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