



May 28, 2014

Chair and Members of the Planning and Growth Management Committee
Toronto City Council
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: PG33.17 CLARIFICATION Re. Greenbelt Urban River Valley Designation

We would like to clarify the position stated in our letter dated May 23. CCFEW fully supports the council resolution MM48.12. We do not support the recommendations in the May 2, 2014 Staff Report.

The Council decision recommended Greenbelt Urban River Valley designation for the for public lands in the Humber and Don River Valleys and Etobicoke Creek. The Staff Report recommends the much less significant designation of River Valley Connections in the Official Plan.

While we recognize that because the public lands are discontinuous, the protected area will be discontinuous as well, we reject the notion that this will weaken the perceived importance of the river valleys as a whole. Recognition of the river valley connections in the Official Plan is a welcome addition, but it is not a substitute for Urban River Valley designation.

We urge you to proceed with the designation of public lands in the Humber and Don River Valleys and Etobicoke Creek as Greenbelt Urban River Valleys.

Sincerely,

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