

Letter Supporting the The MacLeod Estate Trail Linkage Project

Dear Chair and Members of the Authority,

We are writing to express our strong support for the Macleod Estate Trail Linkage Project. The potential to "complete the Macleod Trail" by connecting the trail to the existing Oak Ridges Trail, creating a seamless trail connection to the entire Macleod's Landing community is an exciting one for not only for the surrounding community but for the residents of Richmond Hill as well. We proudly reside in the Macleod Estate and pride ourselves with giving the community the opportunity to experience this heritage landmark and its surrounding beauty. The positive externalities benefitting the community of enjoying the estate and providing safer access to the existing Oak Ridges Trail by far outweigh the negative externalities of having the trail run adjacent to our property. **NIMBY**, an acronym for "Not In My Backyard," describes the phenomenon in which residents of a neighbourhood designate a new development (such as the Macleod trail linkage) as inappropriate or unwanted for their local area. Having the proposed trail run the entire length of our property, may put many people in the position of being a NIMBY. We however, will not allow the disease to afflict us. The trail linkage achieved widespread community acceptance whose benefits far exceed any negative concerns that may exist. Extending the Macleod trail will allow the community to experience the assets of our town while improving our quality of life through the enjoyment of nature.

We pledge our total support, cooperation and energy towards the implementation of the Macleod Trail Linkage project. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can do anything to enhance or advance this remarkable opportunity.

Yours truly,

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