

THE TAYLOR MASSEY PROJECT

Celebrating and Protecting Taylor Massey Creek

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Councillors
Planning and Growth Management Committee
City of Toronto

Re: PG34.24: Greenbelt Urban River Valley Designation in Toronto.

The Taylor Massey Project, a community organization focused on restoring Taylor Massey Creek, hopes that the Committee will move forward with Urban River Valley (URV) designation of public lands in the Don and Humber River Valleys as well as Etobicoke Creek, and supports the recommendation in the staff report to seek an OP amendment to identify lands along these rivers as Greenbelt Valley Connections.

We also support the need to grow the Greenbelt into Toronto with the URV designation of public lands along these rivers.

In particular, we urge the City to ensure the following areas of the Taylor Massey valley corridor are included in the amendment to the OP and the URV designation:

- The southern quarter of the Creek, from Victoria Park Avenue to the forks of the Don and consisting Taylor Creek Park, the Goulding Estate, and the Notley and Ferris ravines;
- Dentonia Park, a City-owned golf course, located between Pharmacy and Victoria Park; and,
- Warden Woods Park, an extraordinarily natural area located Warden and Pharmacy.

With so much intensification occurring in the general vicinity of these three natural areas, and with a significant need for society to better appreciate and adopt a conservation ethic, we believe that there will be tremendous educational, cultural, and ecological benefits to the amended OP and the URV designation.

Again, we ask you to approve the amendment of the OP, to extend the Greenbelt in to Toronto with the URV designation, and to include most of the southern half of Taylor Massey Creek in the areas of the Don River to be included in the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,

Andrew McCammon
On behalf of the Board