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VIA E-MAIL: exc@toronto.ca

City Executive Committee, City of Toronto
c/o Jennifer Forkes
10th floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: EX27.8 Toronto Ravine Strategy

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of the Executive Committee,

We would like to express our strong support for the proposed Ravine Strategy. We hope that the strategy is accompanied by sufficient funding to make its implementation effective. The strategy will only be useful if it is actually funded and implemented.

For years, the City's ravines have been allowed to deteriorate. One of our directors, John Bossons, will make a presentation to you illustrating the current state of the ravine that is closest to us, the Vale of Avoca/Yellow Creek ravine. This ravine is both park and nature preserve, providing a valuable recreational resource for the tens of thousands of citizens who live in the midtown Yonge Street corridor. The extent of its deterioration is an indictment of the low priority City Council has given to funding ravine maintenance.

We urge you to approve the policies and proposals set out in the Ravine Strategy and urge you to budget sufficient funds to implement it.

The City's ravines have been called "Toronto's lungs." Right now, the 'lungs' that are adjacent to us are on life support. The residents of midtown Toronto expect better.

Sincerely,



Debbie Briggs
President