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North York Community Council

RE: Zoning Bylaw Amendments to Protect Allen Greenway

To the Members of the North York Community Council,

The Allen Greenway is a 3 km long linear open space and park system on both sides of Allen Road between Highway 401 and Eglinton Avenue West (see: [Allen-Greenway-Guidebook C.-Bucksbaum Summer-2020 pages-compressed.pdf \(ecologicaldesignlab.ca\)](#)). The north section is secured by the Lawrence Allen Secondary Plan (see: <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/907d-cp-official-plan-SP-32-LawrenceAllen.pdf>). The Allen Greenway forms the central section of the 25 km long Northwest Cultural Trail (see: <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/aa/bgrd/backgroundfile-169568.pdf>).

The Allen Greenway connects with the 9 km long east west York Beltline Park/Kay Gardner Beltline Park.

The Allen Greenway is an active transportation route and cultural corridor extending through the Lawrence Heights, Marlee Ville and Little Jamaica communities. These communities are deficient in parkland and are subject to many development applications.

There are Transportation Services owned and maintained lands which form part of the open space system. Some of these lands are zoned O (Open Space) but some lands are zoned for uses which do not protect for the open space system. In order to protect these City owned lands from being sold off, these properties need to be zoned as O (Open Space).

Recommendations:

City Council directs the Director of Community Planning, North York District to initiate and complete by the end of 2023 a zoning by-law amendment for the following properties in order to protect for the Allen Greenway:

East side of Allen Road

1. City owned lands being used as a public north south walkway between Allen Road and the west side of 12 Flemington Road, Unison Health & Community Services (to O zone).
2. City owned lands being used as a public north south walkway between Lawrence Avenue West and Dell Park Avenue (to O zone).

3. City owned lands being used as a public open space between Fraserwood Park and Glengrove Avenue West (to O zone).
4. City owned lands being used as a public north south walkway between Glengrove Avenue West and Glencairn Avenue (to O zone).
5. City owned lands being used as a public open space between Glencairn Avenue to the east west section of Hillmount Avenue (to O zone).
6. City owned lands being used as a public north south walkway between the east west section of Hillmount Avenue and Viewmount Park (to O zone).
7. City owned lands being used as a public north south walkway between Elm Ridge Drive and Eglinton Avenue West (to O zone).

West side of Allen Road

1. City owned lands being used as a north south walkway between Lawrence Avenue West and east side of 25 Elway Court (to O zone).
2. City owned lands being used as a public open space between the east side of 672 Coldstream Avenue and Glengrove Avenue West (to O zone).
3. City owned lands being used as a public open space between the east side of 200 Glen Park Avenue to the east west section of Hillmount Avenue (to O zone).
4. City owned lands being used as a public north south walkway between the east west section of Hillmount Avenue to Viewmount Avenue (to OR zone).
5. City owned lands being used as a public open space between Ridelle Avenue and Elm Ridge Drive (to O zone).
6. City owned lands being used as a north south walkway between Elm Ridge Drive to Eglinton Avenue West (to O zone).

Best regards,

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