

**From:** The McClenaghans  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 26, 2013 3:57 PM  
**To:** Lysynski, Heather  
**Cc:** Sandy Levin  
**Subject:** ESA's

Heather: Is it possible that you might distribute this communication to the members of the Planning and Environment Committee of Council?

I wish to make known to the Planning and Environment Committee my concern with the proposed cuts to the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority allocations for their management of the various Environmentally Significant Areas within the City boundaries in the 2014 city budget. Friends of the Coves Subwatershed Inc. is a volunteer, not for profit organization that has been involved with the rehabilitation of the Coves Environmentally Significant Area for a significant number of years. With the growing awareness of the great natural beauty of these areas comes the responsibility to make sure that these areas are used appropriately. That is, quite simply, not abused. This requires both education and management that ensures that the rules and regulations created through city policies and by-laws are adhered to. We who are most familiar with these areas are aware of the growing number of off leash dogs, all terrain vehicles, bicycles and motor bikes and even horses that trespass in areas where they should not be. To see the efforts of the hundreds of volunteers who have worked thousands of hours in the interest of preserving these natural areas go for naught is deeply disturbing.

We urge you to make certain that appropriate funds are made available to ensure that ESA's are adequately protected and that the rules are enforced in order that these places are preserved for the enjoyment of future generations.

Sincerely,

Thom McClenaghan

President  
Friends of the Coves Subwatershed Inc