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**"Our Mission: To Preserve and Protect
the Integrity of Meadowlily Woods."**

**City Clerk's Office
Attn: Linda Rowe
Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
London City Hall
300 Dufferin Street
London, Ontario**

Sunday, 8 January 2012

RE: Thames Valley Corridor Plan, Final Report

Mayor Fontana and Members of London City Council,

We, the members of the Friends of Meadowlily Woods Community Association, would like to request an opportunity to give feedback regarding the Thames Valley Corridor Plan Final Report before you today in a public meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee, Monday, 9 January 2012.

As one of the many community and neighbourhood associations that have participated in the process of the Thames Valley Corridor Plan we would like to thank the Planning Division staff, the City of London and all participants that have been a part of the development of this plan to protect and preserve one of London's most important natural and heritage resources, the Thames River and its vast ecological treasures. This is a great effort to recognize the role the Thames River plays in the lives of most Londoners.

Our community association has been a part of many meetings regarding the protection and preservation of one of those significant natural and heritage resources, Meadowlily Woods Environmentally Significant Area and its environs. We are largely in support of many of the initiatives and actions plans laid out by Mr. Bruce Page and the staff that have been a part of drawing up this final report of the Thames Valley Corridor Plan (note page 22 of the report and page 30 of the Action Plan).

Our only concern is that the location of the proposed extension of the multi-use Thames Valley Parkway noted in Figures 5b and 5c of the Appendix in the areas adjacent to Meadowlily Woods Environmentally Significant Area not encroach upon the buffers and hedgerows of the Environmentally Significant Area. It has been suggested by the consultants associated with the Meadowlily Area Secondary Plan as well as by the Urban Forester for the city, Ivan Listar, that no development of any kind be considered that would disturb these margins as they protect the forest interior of the area and its protected and endangered species, many of which are located in the hedgerows and thickets surrounding Meadowlily Woods ESA. We ask that all Planning Staff be directed to protect and preserve these buffers and hedgerows in conjunction with any future plans for the Meadowlily Area.

We ask that this matter be considered along with the recommendations made by the Thames Valley Corridor Plan for the Meadowlily Area. We ask also that this letter be added to the communications for the public meeting being held about this matter, tomorrow, Monday, January 9.

Respectfully Submitted,

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