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UTRCA Approval Process

The UTRCA notes that Alternative I does not include a recommendation for "land raising." We have indicated that we prefer Alternative I but we also must clarify that the UTRCA regulatory process under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act provides an opportunity for a proponent to make application for development or site alteration within the regulated area. Such an application would need to be reviewed on its specific merits and the review would consider the available technical information and the approved policy of the UTRCA for administering the permit process. Updated Regulatory Flood Plain mapping is a critical information requirement for the consideration of any filling proposals that may be pursued by the City or private proponents. As noted earlier, the UTRCA is updating the Regulatory Flood Plain information for the Mud Creek Subwatershed and once this updated information is available, we will be able to evaluate proposals, such as the filling that was contemplated in Alternative 2. We remain available to consult with private proponents or the City on the need for the updated flood plain modelling and other permit requirements and process questions.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to discuss outstanding concerns with the Mud Creek study. We look forward to subsequent involvement in this process and we remain committed to working in cooperation with the City of London on all subwatershed initiatives.

Yours truly,

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