

Bill No. 64
2012

By-law No. C.P.-1284(rt)-

A by-law to amend the Official Plan for the City of London, 1989 relating to the Environmentally Significant Areas within the park hierarchy system.

The Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. Amendment No. 514 to the Official Plan for the City of London Planning Area – 1989, as contained in the text attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, is adopted.
2. This by-law shall come into effect in accordance with subsection 17(38) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13*.

PASSED in Open Council on January 31, 2012.

Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – January 31, 2012
Second Reading – January 31, 2012
Third Reading – January 31, 2012

AMENDMENT NO. 514

to the

OFFICIAL PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LONDON

A. PURPOSE OF THIS AMENDMENT

The purpose of this Amendment is:

To add a new policy to Section 16.1 of the Official Plan to define and clarify the unique classification of Environmentally Significant Areas within the Park's Hierarchy System. To delete the reference in Section 18.2 requiring Conservation Master Plans to be consistent with the Bicycle Master Plan.

B. LOCATION OF THIS AMENDMENT

1. This Amendment applies to all lands located in the City of London.

C. BASIS OF THE AMENDMENT

Environmentally Significant Areas are listed as a component of the City-wide parks tier and as such they may be construed as being subject to the provisions in section 16.2.5 that characterize the purpose, service radius, size, topography, location and use of City-wide parks, notwithstanding the ESA policies of the Plan. Not all of the provisions within the City-wide park tier are compatible with the objectives and goals of an ESA. A new category for ESAs is required.

The Bicycle policies of the Official Plan refer to the Bicycle Master Plan as the framework to guide the development and implementation of a long-term comprehensive on and off-road commuter and recreational bicycling network. ESAs are guided by Conservation Master Plans unique to each individual ESA. The Official Plan requires all Conservation Master Plans to be consistent with the Bicycle Master Plan. The inclusion of Conservation Master Plans in the list of development applications is not considered appropriate, as a Conservation Master Plan is about environmental management and not development and therefore should be deleted from the list in Section 18.2 of the Official Plan.

D. THE AMENDMENT

The Official Plan for the City of London is hereby amended as follows:

1. Amending Section 16.1 of the Official Plan by adding a new policy:

16.1(xi) The provision of recreational opportunities within Environmentally Significant Areas is subject to the policies in Section 15 of the Official Plan.

2. Amending Section 16.2.5 of the Official Plan by deleting 16.2.5.v in its entirety.

3. Amending Section 16.2 of the Official Plan by adding a new policy:

16.2.8 Environmentally Significant Areas

Environmentally Significant Areas identified as components of the Natural Heritage System include lands that are to be maintained in their natural state through appropriate management for the purposes for which they have been recognized. These lands will be subject to the policies of Section 15.3. Details of the management and recreational use of identified ESAs may be contained within a Conservation Master Plan as provided for in policy 15.3.8 of the Plan.

4. Amending Section 18.2.13.v of the Official Plan by adding the word “and” in the third line after the words “zoning by-law amendments”.

5. Amending Section 18.2.13.v of the Official Plan by deleting the words “and Conservation Master Plans” from the fourth line.

