Westminster Working Group - Community Connections



Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills ESA October 20, 2015



The Westminster Working Group

Dedicated to helping children, youth and families live a healthier life.

Neighbourhood Action Plan in 2010 to target 5 priority areas:

- Urban Planning
- Public Safety
- Active Transportation and Accessibility
- Availability of Food
- Physical Activity Opportunities





Council Resolution June 13, 2012

That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to work with the Westminster Working Group to develop a proposal, and business case, for a multi-use pathway from the Westminster neighbourhood to Commissioners Road, and report back to the Community Services Committee (CSC) within six months; it being noted that a petition with approximately 200 signatures supporting this endeavour was submitted to the CSC (petition is available for viewing in the City Clerks' office); it being further noted that the CSC received a presentation from S. Sinclair, Westminster Working Group Member, with respect to this matter.



Process to Date

WWG Council Resolution June 13, 2012 Trail
Standards
Adopted
by
Council
June 27,
2012

Staff met with WWG Sept. 2012 Preliminary
Management
Zones / Draft
ESA Study to
EEPAC Oct.
2012 (EEPAC no comments)

WMP ESA
Community
Connection
Update at
Public
Meeting
Oct. 2012

Update Report to CPSC Nov. 2012 Staff met with WWG Nov. 2012

TOR for Study
of ESA to
EEPAC
Jan. 2013
(EEPAC - no
comments)

Staff met with WWG Sept. 2013

Draft ESA
Study &
Management
Zones to
EEPAC
Oct. 2013

July 2014
Staff &
Consultants
Responses to
EEPAC's
Jan. 2014
Comments

Report to
CPSC &
Request for
Funding to
Complete ESA
Studies
Aug. 2014



Process to Date

Revised ESA
Study &
Management
Zones to
EEPAC
Sept. 2014

WMP ESA
Community
Connection
Update at
Public
Meeting
Oct. 2014

Staff met with WWG Nov. 2014

Responses to
EEPAC's Nov.
2014 Comments
provided to
EEPAC on April
2015 Agenda

Final Version of ESA Study &

Management Zones on City Website April 2015

Additional SAR Bird Survey by Consultant May 2015

TAG Invitation,
Management
Zones , Route
& TAG TOR
sent to TAG
Aug. 21, 2015

TAG
Meeting
& Walk
Sept.
10,
2015

TAG
Minutes
Circulated
by Staff to
TAG Sept.
11, 2015

TAG
Minutes
Received
by EEPAC
Sept. 17,
2015

Report to
Community
Services on
WWG Council
Resolution/
TAG Rec.



Trails Advisory Group

- A 2012 Council resolution specifies that; an ESA Trails Advisory Group be established representing all user groups with diverse membership, including the Thames Valley Trail Association, to comment on any trail related issues in ESAs that were not addressed or contemplated in the most current Conservation Master Plans.
- TAG members present on September 10th 2015 (and those who were invited but not did not attend*) included a representative from each of the member groups:
- Thames Valley Trail Association
- EEPAC
- Nature London
- Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
- Accessibility and Advisory Committee*
- Westminster Working Group (local community group)
- Adopt an ESA Group (Westminster Ponds / Pond Mills ESA)
- City Ecologist (facilitator)



Pathway Route Recommended by WWG & TAG





