

Hello

This is an invitation for a representative of your group or organization (listed below) to participate in the Trails Focus Group as part of the 2016 Planning and Design Standards for Trails in ESAs review and update process.

Please select a Trails Focus Group (TFG) representative by **January 6, 2016**. The TFG representative is welcome to submit comments on the current version of the [Planning and Design Standards for Trails in ESAs](#) (attached and in the link) using the attached Comment Form by **January 6, 2016**.

I have attached a PDF of the "Trail Standards Comments to Date" based on the application of the 2012 version of the Standards to avoid the need to re-submit any of these comments. These existing comments will be considered through the upcoming process.

WHO: Trails Focus Group (TFG) The TFG shall be comprised of:

- 1 representative from Thames Valley Trail Association (TVTA)
- 1 representative from Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC)
- 1 representative from Nature London (NL)
- 1 representative from Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA)
- 1 representative from Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)
- 1 representative from each Adopt an ESA Group
- 1 representative from Western
- City staff and Consultants to facilitate process

WHAT: The Role of Trails Focus Group

The TFG will meet several times to work with staff and consultants on the Trail Standards Update process. To help improve and streamline the Trails Standards the TFG will:

1. Provide comment on the current Trail Standards;
2. Attend 3 or 4 meetings;
3. Attend a site visit(s) if necessary to help to resolve issues;
4. Review the draft of the revised Trail Standards.

WHERE: TFG Meetings held at London City Hall, 300 Dufferin Avenue, Second Floor in one of the Committee Rooms (# TBD) – a light supper will be provided

WHEN: TFG Meeting Dates and Times

- Meeting 1: Wednesday Jan. 27, 2016 from 5pm -7pm
- Meeting 2: Thursday Feb. 23, 2016 from 5pm -7pm
- Meeting 3: Thursday April 14, 2016 from 5pm -7pm
- Meeting 4: Thursday May 5, 2016 from 5pm -7pm

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions about the process or the material. Thanks so much for your assistance and keep up the great stewardship.

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