

The Thames River Anglers Association

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Submitted To:

City of London regarding the Upper Thames Conservation Authorities' Strategic Plan for 2017 to 2019
Via email: Heather Woolsey hwoolsey@london.ca City Clerk's office

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Presented By:

Robert Huber – (President, TRAA)

The Thames River Anglers Association (TRAA) has been dedicated to protecting and sustaining a viable multi-species fishery within our namesake watershed for over 25 years through education, environmental advocacy and grassroots projects that help to rehabilitate the river.



Objective:

To communicate our organizational support for the drafted Upper Thames Conservation Authority Strategic Plan for 2017 to 2019.

The members of the board of the TRAA have reviewed the proposed plan and would like to share the following feedback:

We feel that the plan is ambitious and very comprehensive. In particular we are impressed to see that they are targeting all watersheds for a full grade level improvement by 2037. This will not be easy to accomplish but with appropriate funding and well planned projects it will not only benefit the communities and ecosystems that rely on those rivers but also help to make progress against the City of London's phosphorus reduction targets as part of the Great Lakes Water Quality Act.

We are also optimistic that additional supplemental funding through the Clean and Wastewater Infrastructure Program may be successfully applied for and granted towards many of the initiatives highlighted in this plan.

Our organization has worked closely with the UTRCA for over 2 decades and we would like to continue to extend our support for their projects, monitoring efforts and the availability of our feet in waders or hands holding shovels to help them achieve these goals. Hopefully the City of London sees any additional budgetary requests as well warranted and valuable enough to justify given how much interest the community has taken in improving the health of the entire Thames River Watershed. Included within this plan are the projects that will help achieve our other strategic plans and efforts to enrich the lives of everyone who relies on the river regionally and downstream.

We thank you for the opportunity to share our feedback.

Thank you,
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