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**To:** EEPAC / Trails Focus Group

**From:** Environmental and Parks Planning (E&PP)

**Date:** November 29/2016

**Re:** Addendum MVHF ESA NH Inv. & Eval. 2015

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E&PP is circulating this memo for EEPAC and the Trails Focus Group's information noting that EEPAC received the Terms of Reference (TOR) and the drafts (and final version) of the Phase 1 [Medway Valley Heritage Forest Environmentally Significant Area Conservation Master Plan \(MVHF ESA CMP\) Natural Heritage Inventory and Evaluation](#) reports by Dillon Consulting for comment. Two separate rounds of EEPAC comments were received and addressed by staff and Dillon:

- February 21, 2013 (CMP Phase 1 TOR circulated to EEPAC)
- January 15, 2014 (First Draft presented by Dillon to EEPAC and circ. for comments)
- December 11, 2014 (Second Draft presented by Dillon to EEPAC, City & Dillon responses provided to all EEPAC comments & Nature London comments)
- April 16, 2015 (Final version presented by Dillon, and, City & Dillon responses to EEPAC second round of comments provided)

Since that time the MVHF ESA CMP was put on hold during a nine week work stoppage in 2015 and then by Council who directed staff to update the Trail Standards in October 2015. In June 2016 the updated [Guidelines for Management Zones and Trails in ESAs document](#) was reviewed and endorsed by the Trails Focus Group (including an EEPAC representative) were approved by Council.

The Trail Guidelines were updated after the Phase 1 report was finalized. In order to align the document with updated process E&PP have attached the Addendum to the Natural Heritage Inventory and Evaluation MVHF ESA (south) for information for EEPAC and the Trails Focus Group. The MVHF ESA (south): Trail Compatibility Review for existing managed trails was completed by ecologists at Dillon Consulting following the updated Trail Guidelines. This Addendum will form part of the Planning and Environment Committee Report in February of 2017 to wrap up Phase 1 of the CMP before we launch Phase 2.