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## **Trails is Environmental Significant Area's. (660 Sunningdale road E)**

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I have just received the notification via the London Free Press Saturday, and do not have time to make a comprehensive presentation on such short notice re: 'Planning and design standard for trails in ESA's.'.

Here are my concerns in regards to the Sergautis lands, that have an ESA designation (4 ha bushlot), and is subject to an application for development.

1. According to the science and studies undertaken, the ESA designation is not justified, but is designated by the City in the expectation that the bordering lands in the township will be evaluated at some time in the future, and together will form a complex that would qualify the bushlot as an ESA at some future time. To avoid delay in our application that has been held up, we have accepted that designation, but with the expectation that the bushlot within that designation be kept in private ownership and available to the new community that will develop in the future. Part of the development plans for the community include a developer seeded community association that will become the owner/manager of the bushlot within the ESA designation, and will also have access to proposed community gardens and trails within the township lands.

2. There are existing trails and an agricultural road within the ESA that have been maintained and used continuously by me and my family and others since 1986. From time to time trees are blown down or fall across the trails and require removal, together with dead trees (as a result of ash bore and other infestations) that are dangerous left standing.

3. The agricultural road thru the bushlot has been used for access to small scale maple syrup production, firewood and connecting the fields that are owned by the applicant in the township. It is expected that the development of the Sergautis lands may take a decade or two to develop in stages, and during the development the various fields that are not subject to development in the short term will remain in agricultural use (cash crops), and it may be useful to have the option of using that road for the mentioned purposes.

I respectfully suggest that in the Case of the Sergautis lands, a grandfathering exemption be granted to permit the continuation of uses. As the owner and future developer of the lands, I am interested in preserving the bushlot as an important environmental feature, and believe that it will be a long term asset to the future community, but less so if reasonable access and maintenance is prohibited. If at all possible, kindly bring forward my concerns at the public meeting tonight and I look forward to some reasonable assurances from the City that access, and existing uses within the ESA now, and in the future will not be prohibited.

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