

To the Mayor and members of council,

Firstly, thank you to those who listened to the many presentations and who supported eliminating bridges from the Medway ESA Conservation Master Plan.

As a long time member of Lambeth Community Association, Friends of Dingman Creek and Urban League I have attended many meetings @ city hall and community public information meetings. After all is said and done, I fully empathize with the oral presentation given by Mady Hymowitz @ last Monday evenings council meeting in response to her impression of the process in which decisions are made at city hall.

Listening to the majority presentations which supported leaving the Medway in a natural state, without asphalt or bridges, I got the strong impression that all the studies and expertise were again being channelled to support a pre-determined city agenda to promote transportation and connectivity when the protection and preservation of wild spaces, environmentally significant areas and their associated riparian landscapes, should supersede all else. I have lived long enough to see significant loss of woodlands, marshlands and wildlife and know these will never be restored by city planning or planting boulevard trees. We hardly deserve to be called "The forest City".

The only hope is for the protection of what little wild spaces we have left. I request that you will vote to "do no harm" and minimize hard surfaces and bridges in the Medway Valley.

Enclosed please find my previous submission in response to The city's proposal for the Medway Valley.

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