

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

To: Chair and Members, Planning and Environment Committee

Cc: Matt Brown, Ward 7 Councillor

Re: Medway Valley Heritage Forest ESA North – Preferred Trail Options

It is my hope that the trail option that is ultimately chosen for the Medway Valley Heritage Forest ESA North will be the one that provides the most protection to the existing natural features from disturbance in both the short term (construction) and long term (ongoing use). Please keep in mind that, among other criteria, an Environmentally Significant Area is host to rare ecological features and/or sensitive or at-risk flora or fauna. An “ESA” designation ensures that maintaining ecological integrity be the first consideration over all other planned uses.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

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