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Chair and Members
Planning and Environment Committee
City of London

Re: Environmental Management Guidelines

The Urban League of London strongly supports the adoption of the updated Guidelines. The current 15 year old document is out of date and does not follow best practices that are being used in cities and municipalities across the country.

Some highlights from the new document include:

1. Consistency with the Natural Heritage policies in the London Plan as agreed to by the city and the development industry at the LPAT hearings.
2. Continues to use boundaries and buffer zones as a means of preserving ecosystems in our city.
3. Applies up to date science.
4. Highlights the use native pollinator friendly seed mixes to promote the establishment of pollinator and foraging habitat.
5. Recognizes climate change resilience as a consideration

The development of this document was the hard work and consultation and collaboration of the Urban League, First Nation communities, Nature London, EEPAC and the LDI led by city staff. We need to move to adopt these guidelines immediately as we move forward following the work of the London Plan, and taking steps toward real action in the Climate Emergency.

Sincerely,

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