

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

### 3.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – 3207 Woodhull Road (O-9429/Z-9430)

- Karen Auzins, 3207 Woodhull Road: Yes. We are here. Thank you. My name is Karen Auzins and I live at 3207 Woodhull Road. I'd like to thank you for giving me this opportunity. The Thames Talbot Land Trust (TTLT) mission is to protect, conserve and restore nature and by doing so contributing to a stable climate, human well-being and healthy habitats for all species. Daria Koscinski, Executive Director of Thames Talbot Land Trust is in attendance and would be happy to explain any questions you may have about the Land Trust. If you look at the map of the property, you will see that over half of it consists of wetlands and woodlands. We have left this area undisturbed and let Mother Nature look after it and she has done a very good job by keeping an ecosystem intact and providing a secure habitat for the plants and animals that live there, many of which are species at risk. We are now making this application severance so we can donate this land to TTLT so that the Trust can make it possible for Mother Nature to continue her job in perpetuity. A founding member of the Trust, Mary Kerr, stated "A Land Trust is really a promise made to future generations." The completion of this severance will make it possible for us to donate these lands to TTLT and will help fulfill that promise. It will also help contribute to the City of London's Climate Emergency Action Plan and to Canada's promise of protecting thirty percent of the world's wild places by 2030. I would like to thank everyone who has worked with us and will continue to work with us to complete the necessary steps to finalize this requested severance. Thank you very much for giving me that opportunity and I'm sure Daria can answer questions if there are any of those for Land Trust.
- Daria Koscinski, Thames Talbot Land Trust: Hi. Thank you very much for the question. The Thames Talbot Land Trust has a Land Securement Strategy that we work on and every parcel is prioritized for securement. With these lands, there are two concurrent severances. One is in Middlesex Center, right adjacent to the City of London parcels so both of them are being severed and donated to Thames Talbot Land Trust. The final Nature Reserve will consist of both of those parcels but the Dingman Creek Corridor is one of the priority areas that the Thames Talbot Land Trust is focusing on because it is an important wildlife corridor and it has very high biodiversity so it is one of our focal strategic areas for securement.