

June 14, 2015

Burlington City Council

**Re: Staff Report Recommending Endorsement of Ontario Government Engagement Proposal and Providing the 2014 Cootes to Escarpment Ecopark System Project Progress Report**

BurlingtonGreen is a strong supporter of the Cootes to Escarpment Ecopark System and is pleased to see the current progress report and the recommendation to Council for endorsement of the Ontario Government Engagement Proposal. We echo the findings of the communications consulting firm engaged to assist with the proposal that:

- the Ecopark is a worthy and exciting project;
- not enough people know about it;
- any request for senior government assistance must be fully endorsed and supported by all of the partner agencies; and
- this request for assistance must be stated clearly and succinctly

Your receipt of the progress report and support of this proposal to the Ontario government will be a significant step towards continuing to secure this natural heritage jewel in our community.

BurlingtonGreen has been a partner with both the Royal Botanical Gardens and Conservation Halton in habitat restoration events over several years that have provided many citizens, particularly the youth of Burlington, with a deep personal connection to this Ecopark. We will also promote the adoption of the Ontario Government Engagement Proposal when meeting in the near future with MPP Eleanor McMahon.

We look forward to continuing to support the recognition and success of the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System, and ask every Councillor and the Mayor to accept the progress report and endorse the Ontario Government Engagement Proposal.

Best regards,



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President, BurlingtonGreen