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GTA WEST CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

The Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

1. Receipt of the following deputations:

- (a) Debbie Schaefer, Councillor, Ward 5, Township of King and on behalf of the Concerned Citizens of King Township Group;**
- (b) David Brand, resident of Kleinburg;**
- (c) David Brand on behalf of Ken Schwenger, President, Kleinburg and Area Ratepayers' Association;**
- (d) Stephen Roberts on behalf of Sustainable Vaughan;**

2. Receipt and referral to staff of the following communications:

- (a) Stephanie Jurrius, Legislative Specialist, Region of Peel, dated May 31, 2011, seeking endorsement of Peel Regional Council's resolution of May 26, 2011 regarding GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment (EA) Study;**
- (b) Stephanie Jurrius, Legislative Specialist, Region of Peel, dated May 31, 2011, regarding GTA West Corridor Draft Transportation Development Strategy;**
- (c) Barbara Karrandjas, Legislative Administrator, Town of Caledon, dated June 2, 2011, regarding GTA West Transportation Corridor Environmental Assessment Study – Draft Transportation Development Strategy;**
- (d) Ken Schwenger, President, Kleinburg and Area Ratepayers' Association, dated June 15, 2011;**
- (e) David Brand, resident of Kleinburg, dated June 15, 2011; and**

3. Receipt of the proposed resolution from Regional Councillor Schulte regarding the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment Study.

(The proposed resolution referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the June 15, 2011 meeting. A location map and two letters circulated at the meeting are attached to this report.)

Proposed Resolution submitted by Regional Councillor Schulte regarding the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment Study:

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has required municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe including York Region to plan for growth in accordance with the Provincial Growth Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Province has identified the GTA West Corridor in the Growth Plan as part of the required infrastructure to support growth, and

WHEREAS, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation is undertaking the multi-staged GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment study, and

WHEREAS, MTO has released a draft Transportation Development Strategy Report for public comment as part of Stage 1 of the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment study, and

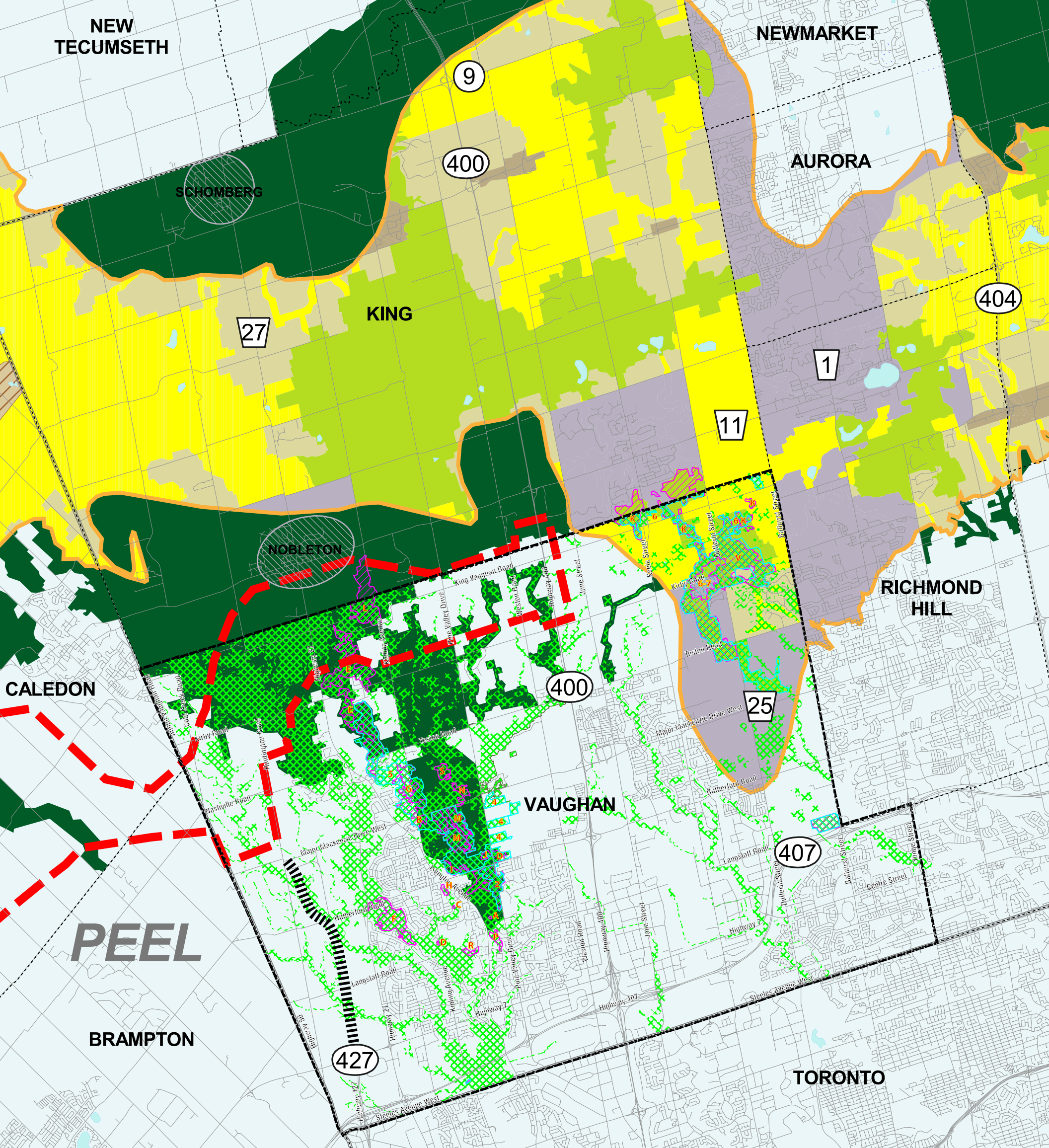
WHEREAS, Regional Council supports the expeditious completion of the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment study, and

WHEREAS, the proposed GTA West Corridor through the City of Vaughan will bisect the Greenbelt and the Natural Heritage System in Vaughan, encompassing the Purpleville Creek headwaters (endangered red side dace habitat)/East Humber River environmentally significant area (ESA #127)/Humber River/Cold Creek environmental policy areas; and

WHEREAS, the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment study recognizes that the natural features of this area are important and must be protected, and

WHEREAS, the Greenbelt Plan policy 4.2.1.2(d) stipulates that “*New or expanding infrastructure shall avoid key natural heritage features or key hydrologic features unless need has been demonstrated and it has been established that there is no reasonable alternative*”, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regional Council request MTO to confirm in Stage 2 of the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment study that the proposed GTA West Corridor through the City of Vaughan has less socio/environmental negative impacts than an alternative corridor that crosses the Oak Ridges Moraine.



COMPOSITE MAP

South-west Region of York
Environmental Features and
GTA West Transportation Corridor Study Area

- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area
- Natural Core Area
- Natural Linkage Area
- Countryside Area
- Settlement Area
- Greenbelt Plan Area
- Environmentally Significant Areas
- Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest
- Core Natural Heritage Features
- GTA West Corridor Preliminary Planning Study Area

City of Vaughan
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Index of Environmentally Significant Areas			
	Area Name	ESA #	Watershed
A	Boyd's Rock Cress	20	Humber River
B	Boyd Forest	29	Humber River
C	Carex Peckii Area No. 2	23	Humber River
D	Clarence Street Forest	16	Humber River
E	East Humber River	127	Humber River
F	Elder Mills Forest	17	Humber River
G	Glassgo	32	Humber River
H	Graham's Forest	24	Humber River
I	Graham's Forest Complex	25	Humber River
J	Graham's Woods	27	Humber River
K	King-Vaughan Complex	137	Humber River
L	King Creek Forest	56	Humber River
M	Kortright Area	28	Humber River
N	McFayden Forest	30	Humber River
O	McLeans's Forest	26	Humber River
P	Pine Grove Forest	19	Humber River
Q	Pine Valley Forest	21	Humber River
R	Smith's Beech Forest	18	Humber River
S	Sprengel's Forest	31	Humber River
T	Woodbridge Cut	15	Humber River
U	Baker's Wood's	128	Don River
V	McGill Area	73	Don River

Index of Areas Natural and Scientific Interest		
	Area Name	
1	Woodbridge Cut	Provincially Significant
2	Boyd Conservation Area & Adjacent Lands	Provincially Significant
3	Bakers Woods	Provincially Significant
4	Kleinburg Woodlots	Regionally Significant
5	Humber River	Regionally Significant
6	Maple Uplands and Kettle Wetlands	Regionally Significant
7	Oak Ridges Moraine Maple Spur	Regionally Significant

