



LONDON DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

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Ministry Natural Resources and Forestry
Resources and Planning Department
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Dear Ministry Staff,

The London Development Institute (LDI) is a member-based organization representing most land developers in the London area. LDI has been the leading voice on development issues in our City for more than 40 years. Our goal, working with our partners in local government and the community, is to build a better London.

Our membership has direct involvement with Conservation Authorities (CA) throughout the Province of Ontario and most often with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority in London. Our comments are based on the day-to day interface our members have and continue to experience with Conservation Authorities.

LDI wants to thank the Provincial Government for their commitment in supporting housing supply in Ontario. Your efforts will provide housing availability and affordability for all.

LDI is supportive of the proposed changes to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System to provide clarity and greater certainty to how significant wetlands are assessed and identified and the streamlining of the development decision process.

This new certainty will reduce direct costs of development through a more streamlined evaluation process as well as a reduction in the time required for processing development applications. This will deliver more homes faster.

It will be helpful to identify the requirements and qualifications of a professional wetland evaluator during the implementation phase of the proposed changes.

LDI looks forward to the consultation process regarding the development of regulations to implement the improvements to the Conservation Authority Act and the Planning Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Wallace', is written over a light blue background.

Mike Wallace
Executive Director