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Office of the Mayor & Council
County of Oxford

By email: clerksoffice@oxfordcounty.ca

Dear Mayor/Chief and Council,

Re: Grand River Conservation Authority's Conservation Areas Strategy – Consultation Period

The Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) manages water and other natural resources on behalf of 38 municipalities and about one million residents of the Grand River watershed. The GRCA is a partnership of watershed municipalities and provides an avenue to work together, addressing environmental issues and opportunities that serve to benefit the entire Grand River watershed.

Under the *Conservation Authorities Act*, each Conservation Authority in Ontario is required to prepare a Conservation Areas Strategy (Strategy). The goal of the Strategy is to provide an integrated, high-level framework that helps guide and inform future decision-making on all GRCA-owned and controlled lands.

The GRCA has prepared a draft Strategy and is inviting municipalities, the Six Nations of the Grand River, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and the public to review and comment on the Strategy.

The draft Strategy and comment survey are available on the GRCA's website (www.grandriver.ca/ConservationAreasStrategy) and comments may be submitted until October 4, 2024. Two public information sessions on the draft Strategy will be held in September and will be advertised on the GRCA's website and social media. Presentations to councils or staff are available upon request.

Inquiries regarding the Strategy can be directed to Megan Kitchen, Land Management Analyst, at email: mkitchen@grandriver.ca.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris White".

Chris White, Chair