

## **Natural Resources Committee**

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To: Planning Commission

From: Natural Resources Committee

RE: Beavercreek Road Concept Plan Implementation Upland Habitat

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The Natural Resources Committee reviewed a presentation by Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Senior Planner at the October 9, 2019, NRC meeting, which provided background on upland habitat areas in the adopted Beavercreek Road Concept Plan.

While a fair amount of the area identified as upland habitat in the adopted plan is already protected by OCMC 17.49

Natural Resources Overlay District, OCMC 17.44 Geologic

Hazards and OCMC 17.41 Tree protection, we feel that there is a need for additional protection to retain high-value habitat directly abutting protected water features. The Natural Resources Committee believes that new code should be created to address these areas as part of the Beavercreek Road Concept Plan Zoning and Code Amendments.



Areas 3 and 4 as identified in the city map below are of specific interest to this committee as they are contiguous to large habitat areas. We support additional protection in Area 2 in locations that abut the identified and protected stream. Area 1 may merit additional protection if analysis shows enough tree area located outside of the Natural Resource Overlay District.

We look forward to working with city staff on any proposed code amendments.

