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December 10th, 2007

Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk c/o Town of Markham 101 Town Centre Boulevard Markham, ON, L3R 9W3

Dear Ms. Birrell:

Further to a telephone conversation with town staff, where we discussed the merits of developing a watershed strategy for the Petticoat Creek watershed, I am writing to request a funding contribution of \$10,000 from the Town of Markham. Regional Councillor Jack Heath indicated that the Town of Markham would be interested in supporting this study. Funding for this watershed study will include financial contributions from the Regional Municipalities of York and Durham, the province, and the City of Pickering.

TRCA has also received funding from the EcoAction Community Funding Program to undertake a stewardship program, the Healthy Headwaters Initiative, for the Petticoat Creek This stewardship project will commence in the New Year and will be complementary to the watershed planning exercise.

We are currently working on the terms of reference for this study and the overall study design. Once we have completed internal reviews of these documents, copies will be forwarded to the Town of Markham for review prior to circulation to external stakeholders.

It is our intention to have the watershed strategy completed within six months. As discussed, the Petticoat Watershed Strategy will be succinct, building upon the knowledgebase and management recommendations advanced in the neighbouring Duffins, Carruthers, and Rouge watersheds. TRCA has covered a considerable portion of the costs for the strategy production in the development of background studies and materials. We are asking for our partner municipalities located within the Petticoat watershed, to contribute funding towards the facilitation and consultation costs of the watershed strategy development.

The portion of the Petticoat Creek watershed that is included within Markham is significant because of the trail linkages it offers between Markham and Lake Ontario through the East. This area is also very crucial to the implementation of TRCA's Terrestrial Natural Heritage System. The development of this watershed strategy will complete watershed planning for all

A copy of the Authority resolution to undertake this study and a map of the study area are RECEIVED To mation.

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If you have any questions regarding this study or the funding request, please contact me at 416 661-6600 ext. 5385.

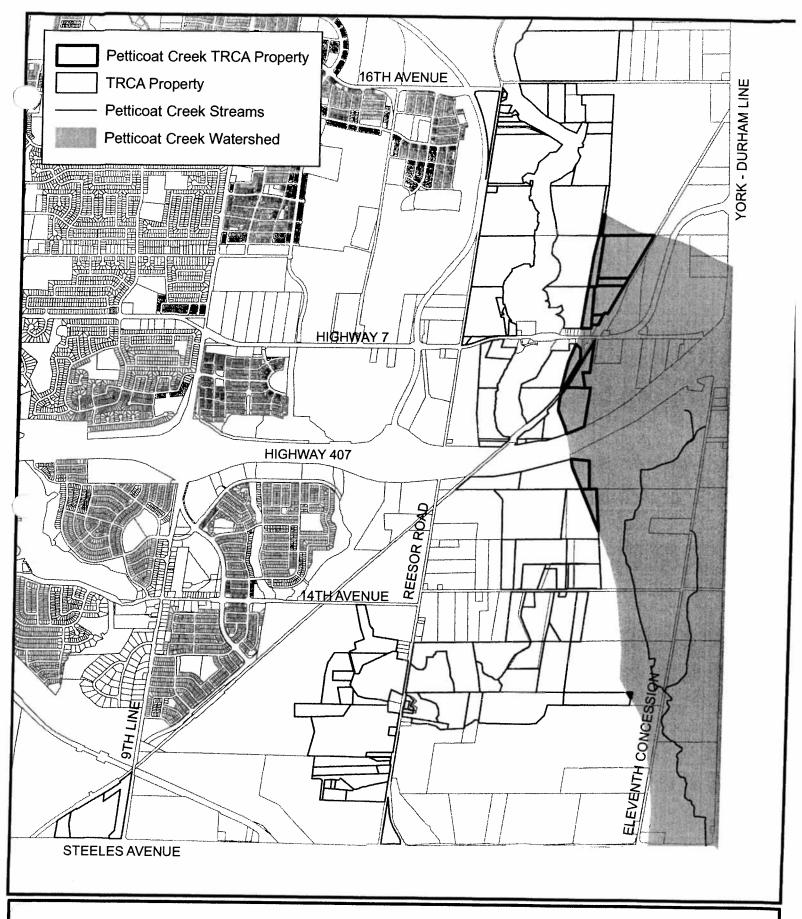
Yours truly,

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