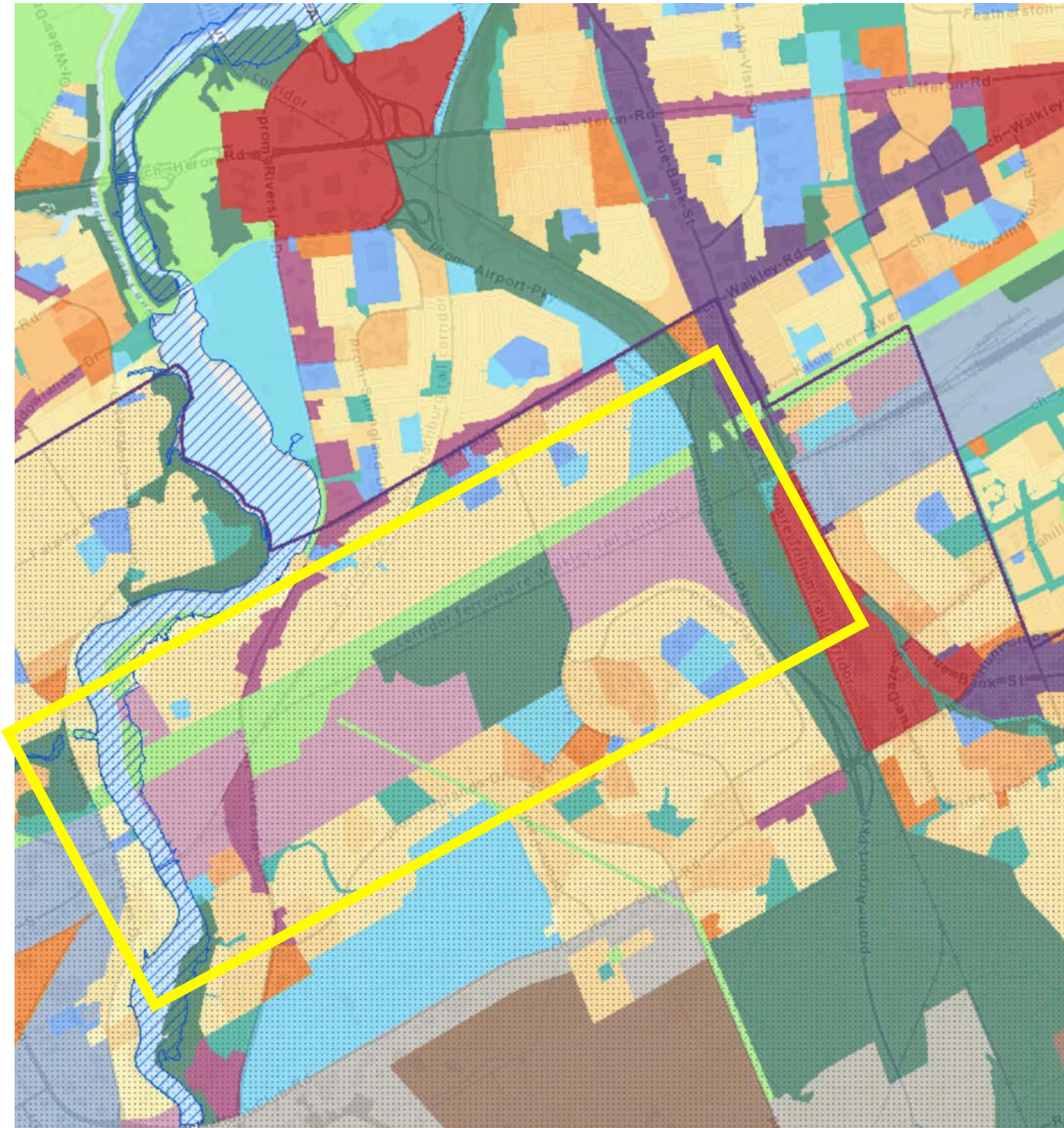


Protecting the Southern Corridor

Asking NCC to withdraw their request to rezoning of huge forested greenspace.



Greenspace Alliance, Hunt Club Community Association, Riverside Park Community Association, OSEAN

The situation:

- Large **FORESTED** areas of federally owned NCC land
- Zoning changed from Greenspace and even Environmental Protection to “Development reserve”

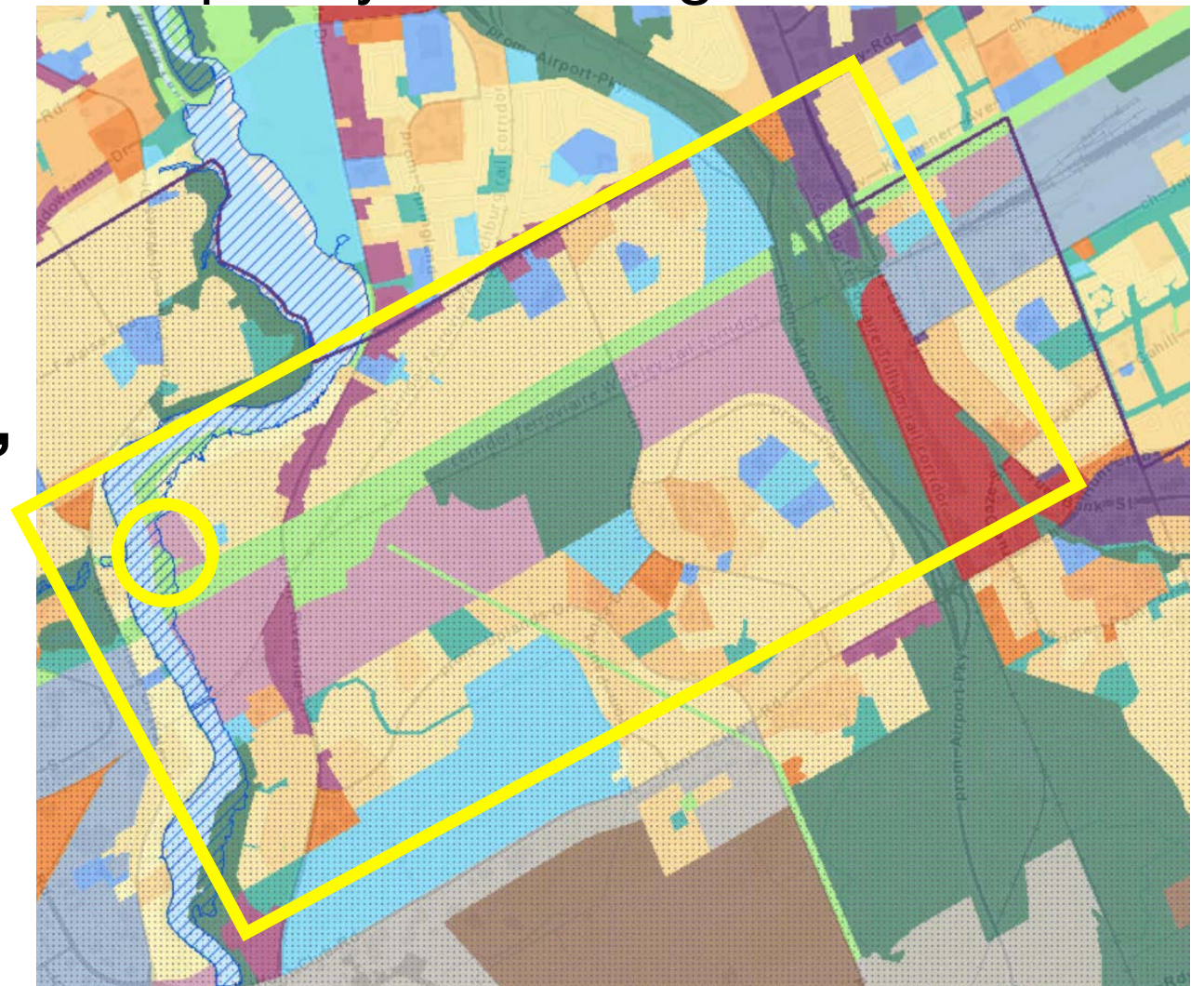
The issue for the Airport Parkway to Rideau River area:

- No consultation, no transparency, no public notice
- Changes made under the guise of the Municipal Bylaw Zoning Reform
- Changes made AFTER the first draft
- City has remained silent

Loss of greenspace for residents,

**Loss of tree canopy
(river ward is ~25%)**

Loss of biodiversity





In the city's own study, this area was given a high environmental rating

***This is the privatization of public land.
Citizens lose important biodiversity and forested greenspace

Why is NCC doing this?

The NCC is supposed to find \$65 Million in "Savings" in 2025
The NCC budget is proposing to divest land assets in the tune of \$45 Mil

Or to "help" the city meet the neighbourhood designation?

From the Ottawa Field Naturalist Club

“McCarthy Woods is the **highest quality forest habitat inside** the Greenbelt

And is in fact **better than** a large majority of the **habitat IN** the Greenbelt

But these woods do not exist in a vacuum, and are not static.

Retaining the buffer space and allowing the expansion and recovery of natural vegetation AROUND the woods would allow for the sustainable populations of most if not all species it currently has.....

You can't **just plant quality habitat like that**. The whole is truly much greater than the sum of its parts. These intact remnants of what our healthy habitats are SUPPOSED to look like **are incredibly rare** [in Ottawa]. **Only a fraction** of the greenspace in Ottawa is in a condition like this

McCarthy Meadows is not truly separate from the woods, and a large number of wildlife species benefit from the habitat heterogeneity and/or ecotones.

In 2005 the report by Dan Brunton suggest that indeed significant ecological features are present in the “meadows” proper.

Joint Committee meeting on December 17th

Possible Solutions:

Solution 1:

A. Convince the NCC to withdraw this request and the city can revert back to Zoning Draft 1 which protects this area.

B. If the NCC still wants to develop this land, they can move forward in the future with appropriate transparency and consultation

How this happens?

Email ALL MPs affected (Naqvi, McGuinty, Vandenbeld + Carney

Solution 2: NCC does not withdrawal

A. Ask the city to stop PROACTIVE Rezoning. Develop a secondary plan for this area **before** rushing a development reserve designation.

The city agrees to Draft 1 and proceed with transparent discussion with
Ask the NCC (and/or relevant MPs) to withdraw this request and the city revert back to Draft 1

How this happens?

**Requires a motion from Councillor Brockington (in process),
agreement with city staff AND support from a majority of the
councillors in the Joint Committee**

Actions the RPCA has already taken:

Incredible collaboration with Hunt Club Community Association, OSEAN, and Greenspace Alliance.

Reaching out to Councillors and MPs and NCC

Working with OSEAN to develop a public engagement strategy,

Email Templates and two in-person walks on December 13.

Family Walk with Crafts at 9:30 am

Adult and older youth at 11 am

Greenspace Stewardship Walk

Saturday December 13

11:00 - 12:00

3320 Paul Anka Drive
Hunt Club - Riverside Community Center



Join OSEAN, Bird-Friendly Ottawa and local environmental groups to learn more about the McCarthy Meadows and Airport Forest.

These important local Greenspaces are federal property and are slated for redevelopment in the recent Ottawa Zoning Bylaw Reform.

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RSVP on our google form: <https://forms.gle/q57V4ZWiqqB66GsF7>



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