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RE:DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 13564 & 13580 YONGE STREET (CITY FILE D01-21006 & D02-21011)

York Region Environmental Alliance (YREA) enthusiastically supports this project with its potential to raise the bar and provide an outstanding contribution to community development.

Finally, some exceptional modern design. We need to stop endorsing the dreadful faux architectural styles harking back inauthentically to bygone eras which do not reflect our place in the 21st century.

If this development could rise to LEED standards, incorporating as many of the 100 possible base points both in the building and its surrounding outdoor spaces with regards to environmental considerations, greater efficiency, reduced energy requirements, reuse of materials and resources it could go a long way to setting a better standard for development throughout Richmond Hill. Although the initial costs are higher, in the long term there would be substantial operating cost savings of benefit to its residents. This would also align well with Richmond Hill's commitment to sustainability and its Community Energy and Emissions Plan.

Located in a settlement area near amenities and public transit and complying with Provincial and York Region proposed intensification targets, developments such as this are an indication of why we do not need to expand urban boundaries into environmentally sensitive, rural or agricultural areas.

Please keep York Region Environmental Alliance apprised of progress on this application.

Sincerely
Gloria Marsh, Executive Director
York Region Environmental Alliance
Partnering for a greener planet