KILALLY OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

OVERVIEW

The Kilally Fields park site has been identified for active recreation through the Kilally Open Space Plan in 1999. The Kilally Open Space Master Plan was completed to develop site specific strategies for the Kilally Open Space Corridor for access, circulation, active, and passive recreation opportunities. This included:

1) Gathering public input into the development of the master plan
2) Applying the municipal Environmentally Significant Area (ESA) boundary delineation criteria to the study area
3) Preparing conceptual layout plans for the development of active recreation areas, trail links, and passive recreation opportunities
4) Investigating potentially significant archaeological sites
5) Developing an environmental management strategy identifying sensitive features and critical habitats requiring protection and areas suitable for active recreation

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROJECT SITE

Establish areas for active recreation along Adelaide St in the existing agricultural field with vehicular access, parking, and illumination

Create preferred pedestrian circulation routes and recommend closing of some existing trails

Establish environmental buffer for features surrounding agricultural site identified for active recreation

CONCERNS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED

Noise, lighting, traffic, and parking associated with sports fields

Protection and health of the ESA

Potential impacts of increased public use near private property

KILALLY MEADOWS ESA FACTS

The City of London currently has only one cricket pitch at North London Athletic Fields and it is an undersized pitch. There is an increase in the popularity of cricket. There are 4 cricket clubs participating in the area. They play league games on Saturday and Sundays. The one cricket pitch is not enough to meet the needs of the 4 groups' game times.

Recent loss of the Fanshawe Optimist Little League diamond due to Fanshawe Park Road widening as well as the loss of 15 ball diamonds at the Dreamers Complex (privately owned land on Exeter Road).

The North London Baseball Association has seen an increase in the popularity of baseball at the younger ages. These players will eventually require larger diamonds. The City of London doesn’t have many large size diamonds in the north end of the city for them to play on.