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## Letter of Information

This research is being conducted by a team of nine graduate students in the project course SURP 824 – Land Use and Real Estate Project at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. The course is supervised by Dr. David Gordon (Director and Professor of the School of Urban and Regional Planning at Queen's University).

**What is this study about?** Second-year graduate students complete a project course intended to give students experience in preparing a plan under conditions that simulate professional practice. This year, the Land Use and Real Estate Project course focuses on re-imagining the Sir John A. Macdonald (SJAM) Parkway as a linear park from LeBreton Flats to Mud Lake in the City of Ottawa. The study will require interviews to gather background information about the SJAM Parkway and receive input on the opportunities and challenges most relevant to this study. Should you wish to participate in our study, you will be provided with a list of interview questions that you can respond to via email. There are no known physical, psychological, economic, or social risks associated with this study.

**Is my participation voluntary?** Yes. Although it would be greatly appreciated if you would answer all material as frankly as possible. You should not feel obliged to answer any material that you find objectionable or that makes you feel uncomfortable. You may also withdraw from this study at any time without any negative consequences by advising the project managers.

**What will happen to my responses?** We will keep your responses confidential. Only the project group members will have access to this information. To help us ensure confidentiality, please do not put your name on any of the study answer sheets. The data may also be published in professional journals or presented at conferences, but any such presentations will be of general findings and will never breach individual confidentiality. Should you be interested, you are entitled to a copy of the findings.

**Will I be compensated for my participation?** Study participants will not be receiving compensation.

**What if I have concerns?** Any questions about study participation may be directed to the project managers, Dilys Huang at [dilys.huang@queensu.ca](mailto:dilys.huang@queensu.ca) (613-770-8585), Molly Smith at [mollyhsmith9@gmail.com](mailto:mollyhsmith9@gmail.com) (519-835-5240); or the project supervisor, Dr. David Gordon at [gordond@queensu.ca](mailto:gordond@queensu.ca) (613-533-6000 x 77063). Any ethical concerns about the study may be directed to the Chair of the General Research Ethics Board at [chair.GREB@queensu.ca](mailto:chair.GREB@queensu.ca).

Thank you for your time. Your interest in participating in this research study is greatly appreciated.

*This study has been granted clearance according to the recommended principles of Canadian ethics guidelines, and Queen's University's policies.*