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EVERGREEN

Imagine your city with nature

...at a Public Open House for Evergreen Commons at the Brick Works

On **Tuesday, November 29**, or **Thursday, December 1, 2005 7-9 p.m.** (agendas will be identical) to find out how you can help create an exciting new community centre. Add your thoughts to the master planning process and hear updates from Evergreen and our consulting team. Discussion points will include:

- Respecting the site's industrial heritage
- Using green design technologies (adapted to a heritage site)
- Ensuring that natural habitats are protected
- Addressing accessibility issues.

Location: YMCA Central Toronto, 20 Grosvenor Street (west of Yonge St., south of Wellesley St.)

Please RSVP to:

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Who is Evergreen?

Established in 1991, Evergreen is a registered Canadian charitable organization (BN 131815763 RR0001). Evergreen's mission is to bring communities and nature together for the benefit of both. We engage people in creating and sustaining healthy, dynamic outdoor spaces - in our schools, our communities and our homes. We believe that local stewardship creates vibrant neighbourhoods, a healthy natural environment and a sustainable society for all.

What is Evergreen Commons at the Brick Works?

Working with the City of Toronto, and Toronto and Region Conservation, Evergreen has developed an innovative plan in order to transform the Don Valley Brick Works site into an environmental community centre that is built upon the themes of nature, culture and community. At Evergreen Commons at the Brick Works, you will be able to experience how nature enriches the places in which we live, work and play.

The Don Valley Brick Works is a site of tremendous historical, ecological and geological significance. For 100 years, it produced bricks that helped build the skyline of our city. Acquired by Toronto and Region Conservation in 1989, much of the site has been turned into a natural regeneration park connecting with the Lower Don watershed. However, despite being designated a significant heritage property, 14 of the 16 remaining buildings remain in a deteriorating state, fenced off from public use and subject to ongoing vandalism.

Showcasing the best in green design, Evergreen Commons at the Brick Works will be a place to enjoy nature in the heart of the city, rekindle community ties, and learn more about our rich national heritage. Our plans will include:

- The preservation and regeneration of industrial heritage buildings
- Programming activities for the entire family including children's camps, climbing walls, ropes courses, pottery classes and ice skating
- Training and career opportunities for youth-at-risk
- An organic restaurant and farmer's market
- A native plant nursery and garden centre.

To learn more, please visit www.evergreen.ca or call **416-596-1495**

How will this project be funded?

Along with big ideas come big price tags. At this stage in the planning process, Evergreen estimates that the cost of this project will be \$40 million. Thanks to an incredible showing of initial support, \$15.5 million has already been pledged. For more information on how you can help make Evergreen Commons at the Brick Works a reality, please contact:
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