

September 2, 2016

We are writing on behalf of a group of concerned citizens that reside or are future residents of the Empire Victory/Lush community off of Green Mountain Road in Stoney Creek. Just recently, we have been informed via local media that the Terrapure Landfill site on Green Mountain road is planning on expanding, instead of closing, which is what we were advised when we first purchased to build our homes in this area. In response to this, a small group of us (3 families), began canvassing in the local area with a petition against this expansion and to inform area residents of this proposal. Attached to this email, you will find the signatures that we have obtained thus far. We have been unable to reach all residents, but we will continue our efforts and send forward additional signatures in the near future. Please note, these signatures only include current residents in the Victory home area and a few existing residents off of mud street. There are another group of residents in the future Lush phase of Empire builders that are not represented here as they have not been advised of this potential change unless they have been reading the stoney creek news or the few articles that are found within the Hamilton spectator. To be fair in representation, it is important that someone reaches out to the future home owners of lush as well, to ensure they have their feedback heard. Since starting this, we have also been contacted by residents in other areas affected by this expansion off of Mud street, Hamilton, and they are also attempting to inform their neighbours, and get signatures that demonstrate to those making the ultimate decision on this proposal that those most impacted by these changes are not in agreement.

In walking around and talking with hundreds of area residents, we realize that we were all given a common message upon purchasing our homes, that the landfill would be closing by 2018, and all share very similar concerns. If we knew there was even a possibility that the landfill site would remain active for another 16-22 years, as in the new proposal, a large majority of us would not have bought homes in this area. We feel this this new ownership by Terrapure and new plans for this site are completely unethical and unfair for the residents who purchased on the assumption that this was closing.

In the report offered by Terrapure that outlines alternatives to meet the demands of the local industry, they chose the option of expanding the site 4.5 meters higher, adding an additional 7 million tonnes of waste to the site, which would increase the lifespan of the site for another 20 years. They claim that it is all nonhazardous materials that will have no ill health affects to the local community. By saying this, how can you explain the most recent fire at the site that "Can't be explained". They claim to not accept any combustible materials or hazardous materials, but how can we really know for sure. However, as residents that live across from the Terrapure stoney creek site, we are all concerned about the potential health impacts for ourselves, our children and our future children. If they cannot give us 100% guarantee that our health will not be impacted, then we do not feel this is a feasible alternative. In doing research on this issue, we have discovered that even with the most advanced lining systems that they claim to have, there is always a possibility of degradation and leakage to the local water systems, which may not be detected for many years. This is not a chance that we want to take on our lives or the lives of our children. We do not want to be considered "statistics" in the future of the number of residents affected by living near a local industrial landfill site.

Terrapure Stoney Creek claims to have sent out thousands of notices to local residents inviting them to local meetings in June and August to listen to their concerns about the proposal and their chosen alternative. In walking through and talking to hundreds of area residents, many did not receive a notice at all, and those that did received it just a day prior to the meeting date, giving the residents no opportunity to share their feedback/concerns. We urge the city/Minister of the Environment to host another meeting prior to making your final decision, to listen to the concerns of the area residents. If you give us enough notice of a meeting, we will do our part, as a small community group, to inform residents directly, to ensure there is a good representation of the people who will be most impacted by these changes. Many whom we talked to, identified that if they were properly informed, they would have attended a public meeting. There is also a facebook group in this local area, that we can share updates about what's happening, to ensure that the residents are keeping informed about this proposal.

Prior to making the final decision, we urge the Minister of the Environment to physically come to the site to see how incredibly close it is to local residents, physically see the hundreds of children that are outside playing in the area outside their homes, in the soccer park across from the landfill site, and that wait for a bus in a bus stop location on Green Mountain road, directly across from the dump site. Have a look on first road west, where the proposed elementary school area is and the proposed park, to visualize how many students/children/families will be impacted with having an active site in this area. Think about being a resident yourself in this surrounding area, and how safe you would feel not knowing really what is going into the landfill area, and potentially leaching into the water systems that you bathe/shower in, wash your hands in and drink. We urge Minister Murray, to make your decision based on the consideration of the number of human lives that can be impacted by this decision, and not purely based on greed and dollar figures (economic impacts) that will be made based on the final decision. The only alternative that we feel is realistic that would ensure full safety of the community, is alternative #2 in the Terrapure proposal-Establish a new disposal site elsewhere in the city that is FAR away from residential homes.

The attached petitions that you will see signed by area residents is to fight against the Terrapure proposal the Ministry of the Environment to expand the local landfill site. But we also urge the Minister/Ministry to consider human impact and move the site to a location far away from area residents and close the existing site as we were informed was happening, when we purchased our homes. Not only is the value of our homes impacted by this decision, but by making a decision to expand or just keep it open, you are risking the lives of thousands of area residents.

We welcome meetings/discussions with key stakeholders regarding our concerns further. We will continue to send you petition signatures as we have them available.

Sincerely,

Sherry and Koray Beduk, John and Kelly Kewell, Jessica and Chris Szeier (on behalf of the local area residents)

**From:** Ilona Clark  
**Sent:** Friday, August 19, 2016 1:17 PM  
**To:** Conley, Doug  
**Cc:** Ribaric, Robert  
**Subject:** Re: Battlefield Neighbourhood  
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Hi Doug,

I just want to reach out and say thank you. The traffic light is now back to working great and there are crews there this week working on the water lines in the flower beds.

I (the neighbourhood) very much appreciate your quick response on this.

Also, I've read your letter in SC news this week (Aug 18) regarding Terrapure seeking to increase hazardous waste in our community. I'm with you on this. Terrapure shouldn't get the go ahead to continue piling on in an area with so many new residents and families and potentially a school. It's time to close down. Aside from the unappealing look of the site, it's odd that the papers don't speak about the foul odour. I often wonder how the new homes surrounding the area can stand it - in the summer it smells like animal carcasses. It can't be healthy for the residents and for the kids doing healthy sport activity next door at Heritage Green complex. This is an area no longer fit for hazardous waste dumpage and the Ministry needs to acknowledge that and rule in the residents' favour.

Best regards,

Ilona

**From:** Akhilesh Chaturvedi]

**Sent:** September-05-16 7:17 PM

**To:** Akhilesh Chaturvedi

**Subject:** Oppose the proposal of extension to Terrapure Landfill area located at mountain area of Stoney Creek

Dear Sir / Madam,

This is Akhilesh Chaturvedi, the home owner of Empire Victory Community, writing an e-mail to oppose the proposal that is suggested by the 'Terrapure' to extend the period for Landfill site located at mountain area of Stoney Creek.

Due to the open existing landfill site, the surrounding environment is not considered safe to the community people who live near by landfill site as we feel abnormal smell frequently while passing it. Through the smell, the toxic air is being breathed by us and thus we inhale (introduce) toxic residue in our body. This will impact ones immunity system over the period of time. Because it not immediately reacted to the ones health doesn't mean that smell is safe.

Also by extending the period to dump the waste in the same referenced site may damage the water/waste water lines considering the overweight pressure. At this stage (by considering existing circumstances) the 'Terrapure' is considering more dumping of waste is safe to the above referenced site, but what happens if after one year or two year serious incident happens to the surrounding communities health? At that time to implement corrective action for any future incident, the 'Terrapue' is to think as a preventative actions that once initially proposed site is full with dumping it must be closed as promised. If the previous trend for your established specifications were satisfactory in the past considering rational weight of dump may give you negative trend and new incidents if the capacity increased to above referenced landfill area.

Final decision is up to the Ministry, but I believe that i expressed my concern properly in a manner that can reflect my feeling for opposing the proposal that is suggested by the 'Terrapure' to extend the period for Landfill site located at mountain area of Stoney Creek.

Thanks for your time to read and consider my above e-mail for the referenced subject.

Truly,

Akhilesh Chaturvedi

Sent: September-04-16 8:24 PM

To: pmiller-co@ndp.on.ca; bob.bratina@parl.gc.ca; Conley, Doug; Office of the Mayor; Richard Leitner; jophardt@thespec.com; gmurray.mpp@liberal.ola.org; info@terrapurestoneycreek.com; 'victoryservice@empirecommunities.com

Subject: Terrapura Landfill

Hello,

as a new Homeowner living in the Empire Victory Community, I was pretty surprised when one of the Neighbors living in the same community dropped by over the Week just to tell us that the Landfill up the road wasn't closing, like we have been informed by our Real Estate Agent when we bought the House back in February. He, back then, told us that Empire Communities assured him that the Landfill was closing in the next five to ten years so that an Elementary School could be build on the Corner Green Mountain Road and First Road.

We have also been told that Terrapura was so nice to hold a Town-hall Meeting about that Topic without inviting any of the Empire Victory Residents.

Since this in itself would leaves a pale taste in my mouth I would like to know if the decision has already been made to expand the Landfill on Green Mountain Road, or what there is we could do to stop this.

If that decision has already been made to expand at all costs, I, and many others living here, will sell as long as we can without losing too much on our investments.

As we already wondered in the last couple of Month, you can already see this process starting by the popping up Real Estate signs basically on all corners of the Development. We until last week wondered why, but it at least feels better to put a Name to the whole Situation.

If the rate of selling continues. It will leave the Idea of turning this part of upper Stoney Creek into a flourishing upper scale suburban Community into, well, basically more space for the landfill to expand to.

Since I do not contemplate that this is in any interest to the City of Hamilton nor the State of Ontario, I would strongly suggest rethinking the possibility of expanding the landfill in the process.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Marcus and Katie Eberhardt  
Stoney Creek, ON