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Subject: Delay decision on Hamilton Urban Sprawl Plan!

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To: Mayor Eisenberger and Members of Hamilton City Council

Re: A Request for Public Consultation on Massive Urban Sprawl Plans

The proposal by Hamilton City Council to replace 5,000 acres of farmland and rural lands with residential sprawl is unfathomable in our present era of climate crisis. Minimally, there should be a delay on this decision until there can be appropriate public consultation and environmental assessment. Was City Council's declaration of a climate emergency a greenwashing exercise? Should City Council not take a stand against the Ford government's weakening of the Environmental Assessment Act and the Endangered Species Act? We need to protect our foodlands and our natural spaces. Hamilton could be a leader in City planning, instead of bowing to the wishes of developers and paying tribute to the rule of the almighty dollar. It is time to take action in protecting what little we have left and to think about what lies ahead for future generations if we don't.

Sincerely,

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