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**Subject:** Please reconsider intensification

Hello,

I'm writing because Hamilton is in Canada's Carolinian zone, which has 70% of Canada's biodiversity in less than 1% of Canada's landmass. We have more at-risk species here than anywhere else in Canada. We also have one of the best agricultural regions, including one of only two soft fruit growing regions.

To develop either greenspace or agricultural land would be a mistake that we can't undo. Hamilton has an opportunity to change course. Halting intensification, and preserving the limited greenspace and agricultural land that we have, would send a message to voters that the City is learning from the mistakes made with water custodianship, and is taking on the responsibility of being good stewards of the lands that clean our air, improve water management, feed and house native flora and fauna, and help maintain local food security.

Please let me know how the City plans to research and evaluate the losses that intensification would cost.

Thank you,

Liz