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**Subject:** Prioritize our Ecosystem and Stop Urban Sprawl

**Importance:** High

I'm calling on all Hamilton government to please stand up against farmland development for profit. We are in a climate emergency and need to protect this valuable human resource. Please be on the right side of history, protect our land, and care about sustaining a liveable ecosystem for our children, with the ability to grow our own food. Suburban sprawl helps no one but the developers, and it's criminal to allow them to dictate what happens to our land.

Much of the existing downtown Hamilton is ripe for development density (building up!) but requires investment in both affordable mixed-use housing as well as access to public transportation. This is where we need you to focus the attention of developers, to help create a richer urban fabric, not more suburbs where few can afford to live. We have a responsibility to help Hamilton grow in a sustainable way, and this would still be great for the economy.

Action13 created this video to plead our case:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=WZQZOi2c8v4>

I implore you to prioritize our agricultural land.

Sincerely,  
Jill Tonini