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Hello City Councillors,

Please, please, vote to protect and save the wetlands on Garner Road in Ancaster.

I am a 18 year resident of Ancaster, and long-time Hamiltonian and I am so disappointed in our councillors and the lack of preservation that they have shown in light of the Brandon house and preserving Hamilton sustainability in these recent times. Business and benefit of few at the cost of our environment which is important to all.

These wetlands serve our environment and environmental community and cannot be simply "moved". McMaster University biologist James Quinn said he's concerned "mucking around" with the headwaters to Ancaster Creek will undermine efforts to improve its water quality downstream, including by the university. He said Ontario has already lost too many wetlands, which mitigate flooding and climate change, and it's not easy to create a new one, even with the right depth and hydrology, because it's not in the spot nature chose.

"You don't just pick it up and move it," Quinn said. "For that to develop into something like this (existing one) would take a very long time," he said.

"Especially the species that are living here, for them to find this new wetland, they're not going to wait around for this new wetland to become a decent wetland." This bulldozing may destroy the precious Ancaster Creek and Tiffany falls. Please vote to move this warehouse development elsewhere and preserve our wetlands, sacred to waterways in the area and the health of our environment.

Please, please save the wetlands and do not allow this warehouse motion to pass.

Sincerely, Bianca Beraldo