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As we approach 2022 facing a climate emergency, it seems to me that Hamilton should be considering a better infrastructure solution to sewage overflow than putting an overflow pipe into Ancaster Creek. Having woken up in a flooded basement last week after a heavy downpour, I understand the desire and the need for a solution. I just think that in this day and age, there has to be an option that does not involve additional pollution of our natural areas. That option should be firmly OFF THE TABLE!

As a city, we need to be better stewards of the land on which we live. We need to plan with future environmental needs in mind and upgrade our existing infrastructure in anticipation. We should not be falling back on outdated and dangerous practices that shift but do not solve the problem. We owe this to our children and future residents of the city - and to ourselves.

Before looking at spreading the urban boundaries and creating new infrastructure, let's get our house in order. If we can't maintain the environment within our current footprint, we shouldn't be looking at expanding it.

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