

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Thank you to our councillor, Maureen Wilson, and city council for the time and effort you put in trying to make Hamilton a better city.

We are writing to urge council to act quickly on solutions for Immediate Climate Action.

What helped our family, especially our grandchildren overcome the isolation and anxiety of Covid was accessing parks, nature trails and the RBG.

But how do we explain to them climate extremes, the daily loss of original wetlands, farmland and green spaces?

Hamilton needs to 1) meet the targets of the Global Diversity Framework, 2) endorse the Made in Hamilton Greenbelt Plan which would protect and add to our greenspace, reduce flooding and carbon emissions, improve water quality, provide recreation and decrease urban heat island effects.

Having lived in Hamilton all of our lives it's great to see all the building cranes. But we must also provide parks and access to greenspace for everyone.

Jewels like Cootes Paradise, Spencer Creek and the Waterfront must be protected. Investing in nature means investing in our community, health and jobs.

Let's make Hamilton a leader in protecting and increasing our natural environment.

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