From: Laura Palumbo

**Sent:** Friday, August 5, 2022 11:51 AM

To: <a href="mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca">clerk@hamilton.ca</a>

Subject: Written Delegation, General Issues Committee General Issues Committee

Dear General Issues Committee,

I am writing in response to the Draft Climate Plan for the City of Hamilton, and in support of the 'Restore Hamilton' Plan outlined by Hamilton's Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) including the following:

- Meeting the Targets of the Global Biodiversity Framework: The City of Hamilton should achieve the Global Biodiversity Framework's targets for 2030 at a local scale, including committing to protecting 30% of our lands and waters by 2030.
- **Permanently Protect Our Farmland and Natural Areas:** The City of Hamilton should endorse the Made in Hamilton Greenbelt Plan and advocate and take steps to ensure that our farmland and natural areas are permanently protected by inclusion in the Greenbelt Plan.
- **Growing An Equitable Hamilton Nature Network:** The City of Hamilton should support and recognize the importance of protecting and growing our Hamilton Nature Network to combat inequitable impacts of climate change while providing benefit to local communities.
- Investing in Natural Solutions: The City of Hamilton should commit at least \$10 million per year to purchase and restore natural lands and waters.

I am a Ward Two resident with a small child, and committed to my own actions in supporting our city through sustainable practices and changing behaviours to reach these goals but this can't be done with a change to the infrastructure.

Our children deserve a healthy, equitable and vibrant future -- please review and protect the incredible biodiversity and farmland we have here in Hamilton.

| Thank you,               |
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| Laura                    |
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| Laura Palumbo, (she/her) |
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I acknowledge that I reside on Anishinabewaki  $oldowspace \sim \mathcal{N} \cdot \mathcal{N}$ , Attiwonderonk (Neutral), Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation land. I understand that acknowledgement of land rights is not enough, and am working to learn new ways to raise awareness and actions of solidarity for Indigenous organizations and communities in Onón:takon (Hamilton) and beyond. Learn more about the land we occupy here.