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**Subject:** Million dollar roads to nowhere**From:** Mike Gill**Sent:** November 5, 2023 3:10 PM

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**Subject:** Fwd: Million dollar roads to nowhere

I have been reading about this horrible plan to pave over the wetlands at 140 Garner Rd. in Hamilton for many years. It cannot go ahead. You are aware that the wetland feeds Ancaster Creek which runs through 10 kilometers of sensitive environmental lands. This affects hundreds of properties in Hamilton and will have a drastic effect on plants and animals that live here.

I am outraged and it absolutely must be stopped.

Michael Gill  
resident of ward 14, Hamilton, ON

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Save our Streams Hamilton via ActionNetwork.org** <[info+sustainable-steeltown-info@email.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info+sustainable-steeltown-info@email.actionnetwork.org)>

Date: Sun, Nov 5, 2023 at 1:04 PM

Subject: Million dollar roads to nowhere

To:

## MILLION DOLLAR ROADS THROUGH HAMILTON WETLANDS

Warehouse development on top of Hamilton farmland and wetlands was referred to as "industrial sprawl" at the October 31 Planning meeting where Councillors got a look at the proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan. [Item 11.2 on the agenda](#). The \$10 Million per km network will be partially funded **through the tax levy** and will blanket the 1300 acre parcel with roads that plough through wetlands, woodlots, streams, hedgerows and habitat. It is a plan designed to suit warehouse developers and based on a natural heritage map of Hamilton that was created way back in 2011 and desperately needs updating.

To get an idea of what is coming for the AEGD watch [this short promo video](#) of the proposal for 370 Garner Road E which gleefully demonstrates how their mammoth buildings will wipe out a headwater tributary of the Ancaster creek, many kilometers of hedgerows, unevaluated wetlands and unprotected woodlots.

The [warehouse complex](#) that ONE Properties, Urban Solutions and Sergio Manchia wish to drop onto the Garner Marsh, headwaters of Ancaster Creek is at 140 Garner Road east in the northwest corner of the AEGD (at "H" on the map below). That application ended up at the Ontario Land Tribunal when the HCA refused to issue a permit to "move the marsh".

Some concerns with the road network are:

-A \$500 Million dollar construction price tag, a percentage of which **taxpayers will be funding**. Exactly what percentage is unclear. What we do know is that future repairs, maintenance, replacement of roadways will be borne 100% by taxpayers. Hamilton is currently behind in infrastructure repairs by \$2 Billion so building more roads when we cannot maintain the ones we currently own would only add to the deficit. Further understanding is required before this expense is approved.

-Three of the roads on the Transportation Master Plan plough through the urban expansion area farmland which the province has now promised to remove from the urban area. This plan should not be approved until the urban expansion area roads are removed. Why approve an inaccurate map? Forced urban expansion areas are indicated in hatched yellow below.

-Reliance on an outdated natural heritage map from 2011 which does not identify all the wetlands, woodlots, creeks and hedgerows in this 1300 acre parcel.

This plan needs to wait until the cost to both nature and the public purse can be evaluated. Ramming roads through wetlands to accommodate industrial sprawl is no longer acceptable in the face of the climate and biodiversity crises.

Please take five minutes and use [THIS LINK](#) to copy and paste straight into your "To" box the contact emails of all councillors and the Mayor and urge them in your own words to put the

brakes on this multi million dollar roads through wetlands scheme at the council meeting on Wednesday, November 9.

**Please send your email by noon on Tuesday November 8 so it appears on the public agenda for the Wednesday council meeting.**

Read Environment Hamilton's take [HERE](#)

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## **PROVINCE ROLLS BACK URBAN EXPANSION AND GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you to everyone who wrote and called MPPs and Councillors, rallied, attended meetings and generally pressured the Ontario government to backtrack on its plans to develop on the Greenbelt and the Urban Expansion lands. People power has won the day! Stay tuned for a newsletter next week to let everyone know what steps we can take to make sure our urban boundary is restored and 5400 acres of prime farmland is saved.

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## **PLEASE SUPPORT JOURNALISTS WHO LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED**

If you haven't yet read the explosive Narwhal article above you can find it [HERE](#)

And read in CBC Hamilton about the direct copy / paste from Urban Solutions' emails to the Ministry straight into our official plan [HERE](#)

And read in the Spec about Hamilton council's call for the RCMP to extend their Greenbelt probe to include Hamilton's forced urban expansion [HERE](#)

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