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To: Mayor Horwath and City Councillors,

I was very baffled and confused regarding the vote last week on the Dickenson Road West properties, 6 – 4 in favour of warehouse development. Some City Councillors and City Planners/staffers are apparently willing to trade wetlands, woodlands, and farmland for mammoth warehouse complexes that do not meet even the minimum standards for the Eco-Industrial Park.

These soul-less masses of concrete and asphalt do not offer a solution to Hamilton's housing crisis, so why waste time and energy on them?

It is well-known that these grey squat buildings do not provide high density employment. According to the provincial mandate, the 50 jobs/hectare requirement must be close to 2,000 employees for this development. With new automated technologies, robotics, and Artificial Intelligence (AI), it may require 4 programmers to run routine maintenance. There is no huge employment growth with this new development. Do you see any humans in this picture?



Historically speaking, these warehouses provide a low tax base revenue and Hamilton taxpayers will be expected to support the infrastructure.

In conclusion, I am flummoxed that anyone would choose warehouses which offer neither critical housing nor employment and which exist only when wetlands and woodlands and farmland are destroyed. We know that these lush, green spaces have a true benefit to Hamiltonians, yet they are being sacrificed for the benefit of the Developers. Please tell me how you can possibly sanction this choice.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Covert