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I just heard that the idea of reducing DCs for industrial developers is going around. Taxpayers do not want wetlands made I to industrial parks. So, here are some points I want to be very clear on:

1. Hamilton taxpayers should be fully consulted before the final vote in April since any discounts on industrial DCs will be transferred to taxpayers.
2. You should support the proposed new DC rate of \$41.48 per square foot f9or all industrial development on greenfields.
3. You also support a further Industrial DC increase for developers who build on unserviced farmland where there is no existing infrastructure, compared to those that build on [brownfields](#) within the urban area where infrastructure already exists. Farms should not be paved over where there are plenty of brownfields around.
4. Any developer who is successful in having their lands added to the Urban Area by forcing the expansion of Hamilton's urban boundary must pay the full costs of urbanization. Although, they should not be forcing said expansion in the first place.
5. Every Councillor on the committee expressed their strong desire to reduce the tax burden on residents during the recent budget period. This is their chance to ensure that developers, not taxpayers pay for growth.

There is an alarming trend I Ontario to destroy farms and wetlands and to make the average person pay for the profits of developers. These trends need to stop.

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