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Please:

- fulfill your promise to reduce the tax burden by stopping discounts for development charges of green space (development charges for green spaces should be much, much higher!)
- stop urban sprawl (the long-term costs of urban sprawl are greater than the revenue from property taxes)
- preserve wetlands, which provide flood protection and other environmental benefits to slow climate change
- focus instead on redeveloping Hamilton's core and brownfields with population intensification and better recreational facilities and commercial districts
- learn from Burlington and Oakville which are highly ranked as "most livable" municipalities

Thank you.

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