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Dear Hamilton Council

We are very concerned that council has been asked to consider a 37-per-cent discount in development charges for the AEGD lands. Do you want to make it easier for developers to destroy precious wetlands, and then have taxpayers pay for this?

This area, so rich in wetlands, is important for significant wildlife species and for farmland. As the highest point of land between lakes Ontario and Erie, it's also where four watercourses spring forth: the Welland River, Twenty Mile Creek, Ancaster Creek and Tiffany Creek.

The AEGD doesn't fare well under financial scrutiny. Infrastructure will be very costly, for a long time. The road network alone is pegged at \$500 million. Some of these costs will be covered by developers, but there will be a shortfall which must be made up by taxpayers.

Please consider these matters carefully, and vote for maintaining the ecosystems all of life depends on.

Rose Janson and Family