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Hi Everyone,

I'm asking you all to please vote to end the reduction of development charges on green space. We need to grow food and keep our wetlands for the future health of the people in our region and beyond. If companies really want to build on green space, they should not get a discount to do it.

The land surrounding the airport was designated industrial before Covid and climate change was noticeable. Both of these things indicate relying on an airport as a source of income is a terrible idea.

If you can't stop development of the land at least make it less affordable to develop. I understand you have competition with other municipalities for the tax dollars these companies will provide but if not now, in the future, we will need the farm land, carbon sinks and runoff protection this green space offers, much more than tax \$\$\$. I'm sure you've heard the saying, "you can't eat money." Please, think hard about that!

Also, at a time when many people can't afford a roof over their heads, the last thing those fighting to keep their head's covered is the larger tax bill the DC discounts cause.

Sincerely,

Erica Hall