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I am at [REDACTED] and fully support ADU's being built wherever possible.

The Province is attempting to force new car-dependent suburbs on prime agricultural soil in a land grab for their developer friends.

To avoid bulldozing farmland, to meet population forecasts, Hamilton can instead choose to allow for 'gentle' density with a mix of housing within the existing urban boundary.

One way Hamilton City Hall is hoping to do this is by encouraging ADUs, a form of urban infill development that can generate more living spaces within existing residential neighbourhoods. This, in turn, can increase density levels in a way that justifies enhanced public transit and makes grocery stores and other neighbourhood amenities more viable in the area. Accommodating more people in urban areas means less need to expand outwards.

ADU's can **increase the availability of rental units across** urban suburban neighbourhoods and in rural settlement areas. They increase the range of rental options available in a municipality, opening the door for someone to live in an already established residential neighbourhood in a house with a yard and garden access.

ADUs can help **people become or remain homeowners.** A rental unit in or on a residential property might make a home purchase viable for a first-time buyer with rental revenue helping to pay for a mortgage. An ADU might also be what enables a current homeowner to remain in their home by providing the revenue required to cover on-going costs.

ADUs can also enable extended families to support each other – The opportunity to establish a suite in an existing home or a backyard, can enable a primary resident to create housing for adult children or aging parents on site but in separate living spaces. This enables everyone to have their own living space on a family property but with supports nearby –something that might be essential in the case of elderly family members.