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To the Committee as a whole,

I am not a current Hamilton resident but am gravely concerned with the Hamilton expansion proposal. I previously lived in Hamilton and currently Haldimand County for many years and know how valuable our farmlands are. I strongly urge you to stop the urban sprawl and look at all the empty building lots in Hamilton for development instead.

There are dozens of watercourses, wetlands, woodlots and meadows in the parcel near the airport and they should be protected in a time of climate crisis and biodiversity loss. The field studies to determine species at risk in this area and natural habitat are outdated and don't conform to city requirements that they be no less than five years old. New studies should be done before any rezoning occurs. The 2023 Subwatershed Study and Stormwater Master Plan provided is not based on an approved Terms of Reference and appears to be missing a number of items. Your own staff have confirmed the expansion lands are all prime farmland.

Please do not make the grave mistake of rezoning these crucial areas. We need our farmlands and vital ecosystems to balance the harms human development produces to the land we need to survive.

Sincerely,

Sheri Gay

Haldimand County Resident