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**Subject:** Please say NO to MZO to force expansion of Hamilton's urban boundary

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Please say NO to the expansion of the urban boundary, we need our farmland especially now with America threatening us with tariffs! We need to think about climate change. I work in the housing industry, I know that farmland is easier to build on, but it isn't the only place or way to build efficiently. It isn't a way to build affordable housing either, now that we have these crazy tariffs, who will be able to afford a car to get to these subdivision homes?

from Save our Streams Hamilton:

"Speculators want Hamilton's Planning committee to approve a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) to force the expansion of Hamilton's firm urban boundary onto 200 acres of Hamilton's prime farmland, wetlands, water courses, woodlots and meadows.

They've convinced Habitat for Humanity Hamilton that this is not prime farmland and hinted they might allow Habitat to build a mere 2% of the housing as affordable. However, true affordability is diminished if a private vehicle is needed to get you to your home, and there are zero plans by the City to expand transit into forced urban sprawl areas. We hope Habitat for Humanity Hamilton, a valued community partner in affordable homebuilding in Hamilton, has not been co-opted by speculators merely to "charity-wash" this MZO. We support Habitat for Humanity but not this MZO"

Thank you, Natasha Huyer