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Dear Mayor and Councillors.

As final budget decisions are being made, citizens are counting on you to appropriately fund initiatives to prevent and remediate further flooding disasters in Hamilton. All projects should be analyzed within a Climate Crisis and Biodiversity Framework.

Development beyond existing infrastructure should be put on hold to provide more funds to repair old pipes and to expand permeable surfaces. Urban native tree planting should be accelerated and all remaining wetlands protected. Swift action now could save the City and citizens millions of dollars over the next decade.

Sincerely,

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