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**Subject:** Rosewood Estates Development

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Please consider this email as my protest against this proposed development.  
I am totally in agreement with the content of the following attachment.  
Please do the right thing.

1. Vote against the loss of 632 mature trees to build 17 'estate homes on oversized lots' with no consideration of the housing crisis and housing affordability, Hamilton's Urban Forest Strategy or the out of date Ministry letter concerning the species at risk.
2. Vote to direct staff to update this secondary plan and zoning in order to proactively protect several remaining unprotected sections of this woodlot and the wetland west of Tollgate Drive from further development.

Your voice is needed to speak against this development application which will be heard at the Hamilton Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. Deadline to request to delegate or send an email to the City is Monday, April 28, 2025 at noon. If you want to send a quick pre-recorded video, please send it by Friday, April 25 by noon. Instructions below.

The proposal for "Rosewood Estates - Estate Homes on Oversized Lots" by Elite Developments is to build 17 low density luxury houses on 'oversized estate lots', a sound wall and berm to the north, a retaining wall to the south, and a stormwater pond. Braithwaite Ave will also be extended to Hamilton Drive.

All of this will result in regrading of the lot and the loss of virtually all of the lot's 632 mature trees including 56 'Heritage Trees' many of which could be over a century old. Six types of species at risk bats, Butternuts, a Common Hopetree, an American Chestnut and loads of other wildlife are also present.

The Ministry's (MECP) Species at Risk Letter of Advice dated 2018, is out of date. The proposal has changed substantially since that time, and new species found on the property have been designated as endangered since it was written. A new Letter of Advice is required.

The Staff report and appendices are at item 8.1 [HERE](#)

Read the full Environmental Impact Statement and other submissions

This property is entirely within a Significant Woodlot which is listed on Hamilton's Official Plan [Natural Heritage System map](#) as a Core Area. Core Areas are protected... but...



there is also a [Secondary Plan](#) for this area which designates this property as "low density residential" meaning development is permitted because Secondary Plans trump (sorry) the Official Plan. The zoning also permits development.

Join us in asking the Planning Committee to:

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