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Subject: Comments on ZAC-18-048 and 25T-201809 at 387, 397, 405 and 409 Hamilton Drive, Ancaster for SNGREC

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Sekon (Hello),

Included are my comments on ZAC-18-048 and 25T-201809 at 387, 397, 405 and 409 Hamilton Drive, Ancaster.

The concerns about species at risk on this site mean that nothing should be approved before proper studies have been completed and the concept plan has been reevaluated.

Any category 2 and 3 Butternut trees on this property need to be avoided and protected and thus all butternut trees must be assessed by a Butternut health expert before continuing. Work should be carried out to identify if any more butternut trees exist that are not currently mapped so they can be assessed as well. All located trees can be avoided through modifications to the concept plan for this site. As mentioned in [O. Reg. 830/21: EXEMPTIONS - SPECIES SUBJECT TO SPECIES CONSERVATION CHARGES](#), Butternut requires a 25m buffer (for 50cm DBH) from any work to protect roots, and I encourage using a 25m buffer for any size of tree. The hop tree should also be protected.

An EIS would further be required as the fact that some sensitive species exist means there may be more as well.

Please contact Kayanase Nursery and Ecological Restoration to engage them on seed collection and plant rescue, especially on the note of the butternut trees.

By Telephone: 519-770-0013 or 519-732-6668 or 519-751-0568 to contact a Department Lead

Ecological Services: restoration@kayanase.ca

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Further, the removal of trees requires offsetting at a 10:1 tree replacement ratio regardless of tree species or size and 1:1 for each dead tree or snag. These plantings should be site-appropriate native species (as should all landscaping) and could be planted in collaboration with other groups (on their properties) such as the Hamilton Conservation Authority, City of Hamilton, or Six Nations of the Grand River.

To fulfill duty to consult, we require meaningful consultation on this matter which means direct communication and consistent updates on the application. I look forward to receiving further updates and communication on this application.

References:

O. Reg. 830/21: EXEMPTIONS - SPECIES SUBJECT TO SPECIES CONSERVATION CHARGES:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/210830#BK28>

Niá:wen (thank you),

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