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**Subject:** Comments on 559 Garner Road East, Ancaster - ZAC-24-047/UHOPA-21-010 for SNGREC

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Sekon (Hello),

Included are my comments on 559 Garner Road East, Ancaster - ZAC-24-047/UHOPA-21-010 on behalf of Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council – Lands and Resources Department.

My primary concern with this development is ensuring sufficient tree replacements are completed for all that are removed. We expect a 10:1 ratio paired with a monitoring plan to ensure planting success and tree survival. This ratio exceeds the City of Hamilton's insufficient ratio of 1:1. The 10:1 ratio considers compensation for impacts to First Nations treaty rights, growth time, and the fact that this land will never go back to being a natural space. For the 10:1 ratio and any landscaping occurring, it is imperative to plant native species. Additionally, it is important to conduct a plant study to identify what tree and plant species are slated to be removed, and how many of each. I am happy to discuss ways to meet this tree ratio criteria, especially given the limited space on the property.

Yellow flag iris is a highly invasive plant species which is visibly identifiable on the property line of this site via Google Streetview (regrettably it is 2014 coverage). If it still exists, any existing yellow flag iris needs to be removed, with a management plan prepared to keep it from coming back or proliferating. This may require collaboration with the proponents of the adjacent proposed development.

If any wetlands exist on the property and will be removed, these must be replaced elsewhere at a 4:1 area ratio. Some is visible on the property to the north, so this requires investigation.

I wish to be updated on this Official Plan Amendment and Zoning by-law amendment. Thank you for taking my comments.

Niá:wen (thank you),

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