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Reference GRIDS2/MCR

Submission for the May 17 statutory public meeting.

The city of Hamilton should uphold the decision to freeze the existing urban boundary for the following reasons:

Protect farmland – once it is gone, it is gone forever.

Climate resilience – we need strong, healthy ecosystems, with lots of protected land to offset the effects of climate change and promote species diversity, prevent the loss of vital habitat for endangered species.

Watershed protection - we need to stop draining, filling in, paving over and polluting our watersheds. Abundant clean water is necessary for all life and to be healthy.

Furthermore, there is enough vacant land and underused land in the existing urban boundary to accommodate all the projected population growth over the planning time frame.

We have an opportunity to create a high population density downtown core that will be an economic and social stimulus to the downtown.

This vacant land or underused land is often already serviced with sewers, water, electricity, telephone and cable, sidewalks and roads, streetlights, even transit. The city will save money by developing these lands first with higher density housing. It is well known that urban sprawl is much more expensive for the city to service than existing lands within the urban boundary.

For these reasons I am opposed to expanding the urban boundary.

Sincerely,

John Boddy