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To Hamilton Council,

As a resident of Hamilton and a campaigner for the conservation of critical biodiversity and sustainable, climate-smart land-use planning, I strongly urge you to say no to two applications from land speculators to force expansion of Hamilton's firm urban boundary onto 3800 acres of prime soil, wetlands and forests.

All of the urban expansion areas have been identified by Planning Staff as Class One soil. We cannot afford to lose this prime agricultural land. Only 5% of the Canadian landmass is arable land and only 0.5% of that 5% is Class One soil. In a time of uncertain trade and growing impacts of climate change, it is crucial to protect this key source for local food production.

Additionally, sprawl means adding to the already massive infrastructure deficit of \$5.2 billion. Hamiltonians will be the ones who pick up the tab for the lifetime costs to maintain new roads, sewers, drinking water etc. The luxury detached homes planned for these sites will in no way address the crisis of affordable housing, indeed it will mean that already limited construction resources such as labour and materials will be diverted from building the dense, mixed, mid-rise housing in walkable communities within urban boundaries that is truly what we need.

Southern Ontario has already lost over 70% of its original wetlands and further loss will have dire consequences for our drinking water supply and ability to adapt to more extreme weather from climate change.

Please do the right thing for Hamiltonians now and future generations and vote no to urban boundary expansion.

Sincerely,

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Katie Krelove |