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Alex,

Please deny two applications from land speculators to force expansion of Hamilton's firm urban boundary onto 3800 acres of

prime soil, wetlands and forests. Elfrida developers are promising exclusively "large luxury homes"--not what we need! Please continue to protect Hamilton farmland and build affordable homes inside the urban boundary, close to transit, amenities and jobs. We cannot afford to lose any prime soil: only 5% of the Canadian landmass is arable land and only 0.5% of that is Class One soil. All of the urban expansion areas have been identified by planning staff as Class One soil. This is important for food security.

Green space is also vital for biodiversity, protection from extreme weather, and mental health.

Sprawl also means adding to our 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,

stormwater and drinking water.

Thank you.

Neal Bonnor