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Subject: Hamilton boundary expansion - ward 3

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Im writing in support of retaining the current hamilton city boundary for 4 reasons

1. The cost of new infrastructure for low density brand new sprawl comes at the expense of current Hamilton residents and will lead to higher property taxes yet will be used by few. We are already under strain.
2. There is infrastructure within the current city needing repair and improvements. We have watermain breaks regularly and several major transit routes needing repair and repaving (barton comes to mind) water main break at barton and gage last weekend to name a recent example.
3. We have some of the best farmland & watershed which although may be currently under-utilized we will rely on in the near future ad climate change puts other farmland climates at risk. We need access to local food.
4. The lower city is full of burned out and boarded up buildings which can be and should be torn down or adaptively reused to provide housing. We need to support the core instead of suburban flight. We need affordable housing with access to public transit and core services.

While a large home on a cul-de-sac is lovely, the city of Hamilton should not be footing the bill for the infrastructure to support low density development while the majority of the city has unmet infrastructure needs, budget shortfalls, and burnt out and boarded up buildings.

We need to clean up the downtown and make it attractive to invest here before building outside the boundary.

Thank you,
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