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Hello Clerk

As an Environmental Engineer and Conservation biologist I see two glaring issues with the staff suggestion to “raise and widen” safari road.

1. The geo technical requirements to raise and widen this road in a wetland are significant and extremely expensive. Climate change more intense weather and more severe flooding. Any engineers report will outline that it is VERY conceivable that this road will need never ending costly repairs and maintenance that Hamilton cannot afford.

2. We desperately need working and function wetlands to MITIGATE flooding now and into the future, there erecting a dam in the middle of a wetland does the exact opposite. It applies more pressure to other areas and flooding becomes more destructive anliability for this could fall upon the City of Hamilton for poor planning and inadequate. We are in a biodiversity crisis and this wetland is an extremely important habitat for many rare and threatened flora and fauna. Including Jefferson salamanders and 4 species of endangered bats. This area also serves as a Federally protected migratory bird act territory.

Please make the right financial, engineering and species management decision.

This road has been closed for years, it does not markedly affect the lives of those living there and the traffic patterns in the area allow for anyone to go around.

Thank you

Peter Appleton