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Sent: January 5, 2021 10:47 PM
To: Clerks <clerks@newmarket.ca>
Subject: Re: EPA and Shining Hill Estates

Good evening,

I am a Newmarket resident passionate about the Oak Ridges Moraine, and I feel very strongly about not developing land protected by the EPA. With no remaining area in Newmarket undeveloped, please leave the land alone. It is protected by the EPA (and a part of the Oak Ridges Moraine, which has been protected since the 90's) so the fact that this is up for debate already seems ridiculous. People fought for years to protect these lands, and they did not fight for this protection act simply to turn it over twenty or thirty or even fifty years later. We need this area for the delicate eco system, which is already overwhelmed by our constantly-progressing urban sprawl. This is an area with wildlife and natural beauty many residents enjoy to walk through. Many creatures without voices call it home who should not be replaced by more homes and shopping purely in the name of greed. These lands have a value that extends behind the financial aspects, so please grow a backbone and stand up to these proposed changes. Protected area should stay protected.

After discussing with someone who thought the farm land only could be developed, I think it would be best to return the farm land to natural forest. Should we set a precedent now that environmental protection areas are open for discussion, rezoning, and developing, it will really push more areas to follow and be permitted. We are at an essential turning point with climate change, and the actions we take now can either start to save the future, or completely destroy it.

Thank you for your time. See you at the virtual public meeting.

Sincerely,
Nicole Blom