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Subject: Important: Shining Hill Estates - Please do not allow to be developed (Jan 18th Meeting)

Hello,

I am writing to you today to express concern that lands that have been designated environmental /green space are now at risk of being developed. Protections of lands are so essential; green space is so important. It surprises us that The Town of Newmarket is even considering this; the lands were protected, please keep them that way.

From our research, we have learned that the area is part of The Oak Ridges Moraine. It was protected for 30+ years and formally protected for 17 years. It has known sensitivities ecologically and is protected by provincial regulations governing its use to stop development.

We live here in Newmarket with our family. We love our town; we are for the growth and rejuvenation of our existing infrastructure; however, the urban sprawl is out of control in most of the GTA subdivisions being built are destroying nature as we know it. We need fields, wetlands, forests and other natural areas, not only as human beings but for the animals and indigenous plant life that lives there too. We need a balance; please do not approve this to be developed. Fight for what is right: do not let the development happen.

Thank you for your time.

With sincere hope,

Ashley & Patrick Arkeveld