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Subject: Regarding Shining Hill Estates

Hello,

It is in my opinion that Shining Hill Estates should **not be** allowed to build a new development at the current environmentally protected area. Climate change is the single largest issue the world faces today, and we will not solve said issue by reallocating more land that is currently protected for housing developments. Likewise, not only are we on a trajectory of grave proportions, we are in a (human caused) sixth mass extinction. Human beings are the cause of nearly 68% population decline in the [last four decades](#). The appropriate step forward is *not* to allocate *more* land for residential use, we need to be preserving our green spaces and animal diversity as much as possible. Is there no limit to what human beings will consume? With the last breath of nature taken, will humans look back and feel remorse?

As this article states, the area has been protected since the '90s. As a late-twenties millennial who wants nothing more than to own his own home, this is **not the way**. I would rather preserve our Canadian ecology first and foremost. Likewise, with the current state of the unstable housing situation, it is obvious these homes will simply be bought up by already wealthy multiple-property owning landlords as a way to further cement their wealth. So not only does the conversion of this site enable wildlife decline, it enables the disparity between the wealthy and the not. No matter if you slap a fancy elegant name on the development. The only people who want this development, are those that can profit from it. Which is a small group.

I believe the choice is obvious.

Leave the already protected area as it is; protected.

Thank you.