

Attention Major Taylor , Town Council and Clerks office

I have been a resident of Newmarket for 21 years and I am very concerned about the environmental impacts by homebuilders. I am strongly opposed to the development proposed for moraine land since this development will destroy important wetlands and forests and it will override existing protection from flooding. As a result, the proposed development strips these important features in my community and surrounding communities making us more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

The global crisis of biodiversity loss is happening in our town and my community. We can do something about it. The moraine is an exceptionally biodiverse area including many birds and forest types. Wildlife needs our help right now. We have the opportunity to protect wildlife habitat and maintain wildlife corridors to facilitate the movement of flora and fauna around. We can't lose this rare opportunity to secure and protect moraine lands from development.

It is wonderful to get outside and enjoy natural outdoor recreation (hiking, bird watching etc.) surrounded by the calming effects of wildlife and nature. Outdoor recreation is extremely beneficial as it increases people's well being and provides safer connected resilient communities. The destruction of these naturalized areas and increased higher densities creates opportunities for more isolation and increased criminal activities.

Our environment needs people's voices to be heard and oversee its protection. The monetary gains of developers must not be put ahead of our fragile environment.

I am opposed to the rolling back of environmental protections, opposed to the proposed development on moraine lands. I am asking you for your commitment to protect our environment and veto the roll back of environmental protections and not allow proposed development by Shining Hill or any developer on this sensitive land.

Regards

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