

Hello

I am disturbed to hear that the Conservation Plan for the Ontario Reformatory has weakened the efforts of conservation of the land and protection of the heritage aspects at the site.

I urge you to think of the loss of value to the people of Guelph and surrounding areas in years to come if this land is lost to development.

No doubt the former OR site is a valuable piece of property for development, but the land in its natural state is a gem that cannot be measured in cash but in human health and wellbeing. I go to the OR to find peace and quiet and to protect my mental health - there are many other people who go as well to walk, hike, and relieve their stress by spending time in natural surroundings.

I am a member of the Yorklands Green Hub and I support Urban Park Guelph in their efforts to acquire a National Urban Park..

The following issues are important to us:

- mitigating climate change
- advancing healing, understanding and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples
- ensuring future public access to as much green space as possible
- protection of wildlife
- Heritage conservation

Please do not let this land be swallowed up by greedy developers.

Thank you for your consideration of a greater need by the public citizens of Ontario to maintain as much of the land as possible in its natural state.

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