

To: Mayor and City Councillors

It has come to our attention that the plan developed for the Reformatory Lands includes residential development. GUFF strongly supports turning these lands into parkland as advocated by the Guelph National Urban Park Development committee. This area is well-used by many Guelphites now as a park, It provides an "anchor" area park along the river and Guelph's eastern border. Maintaining it as public parkland respects the indigenous use of the area and also the historic commitment to public ownership.

As the committee for the National Urban Park states:

"The Conservation Plan needs to avoid prescribing future land use; that's the job of zoning and planning."

GUFF requests that Council fix this part of the plan and ensure that the City supports ensuring this area remains as parkland and that the appropriate areas become a Heritage Conservation District.

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"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is NOW." Better still, let's care for and preserve the ones we have.