

To County of Brant Development Services,

Regarding Zoning Amendments Application ZBA14-22-DN / Application Number PS2-OPA1-ZBA14-22-RC

The destruction of acres of MATURE Carolinian forest and meandering streams/ponds within The Oaks of St George golf course for urban development means many diverse species of plants, birds, insects, mammals and reptiles are at risk of losing their habitat.

I see in this development, the applicant is planning to remove the Grand River Conservation Authority Regulated Land, Watercourse, Waterbody and Wetland. Is this correct?



-  Regulation Limit (GRCA)
-  Regulated Watercourse (GRCA)
-  Regulated Waterbody (GRCA)
-  Wetland (GRCA)
- Floodplain (GRCA)
  -  Engineered
  -  Estimated
  -  Approximate
-  Special Policy Area
- Slope Valley (GRCA)
  -  Steep
  -  Oversteep
  -  Steep
- Slope Erosion (GRCA)
  -  Oversteep
  -  Toe

Building near or overfilling bodies of water i.e. natural ponds to build homes means many species especially amphibians are at risk i.e. frogs. The frogs

are the most endangered amphibian in Canada. Also, many rare and at risks species are found in the Carolinian forest and are at risk if this development gets approved.

Furthermore, Carolinian forest houses the greatest number of flora and fauna species than any other Canadian vegetation zone. It is said that:

"It is estimated that some 2,200 species of herbaceous plants are found here, including 64 species of ferns, at least 110 species of grasses, and over 130 different sedge species. There are 70 species of trees alone".

Moreover, it is important that we protect any Carolinian forest we have left in Canada whether big or small as it sadly makes up only 1% of total land in Canada. The Oaks of St George golf course is home to acres of mature Carolinian forest, it is not just an open green space. Thus it is imperative that the Oaks of St George golf course be protected from urban development due to the many diverse species that it habitats.

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