



September 28, 2007

Premier Dalton McGuinty
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier McGuinty,

I am writing to you on behalf of the board of directors of Environment Hamilton, a not-for-profit environmental organization based in Hamilton. We are writing to urge you to expand the area of conservation land protected as part of the Eramosa Karst provincial ANSI. More specifically, we are endorsing the request that has already been made by the City of Hamilton for an additional 80 acres of land, located at the south west corner of Rymal Road and Second Road East, to be transferred from the Ontario Realty Corporation to the Hamilton Conservation Authority for inclusion in the existing conservation area. We understand that the Hamilton Conservation Authority's Board of Directors has publicly announced its willingness to accept these additional lands should the province approve their transfer to conservation status.

We agree with both the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Conservation Authority that inclusion of these lands is critical to ensuring that not only the physical elements of the karst formations are preserved, but that the hydrogeological elements are protected as well. We also believe that the province is in an ideal position at this point to make expansion of the protected area reality, given that land ownership rests with the Ontario Realty Corporation.

In closing, we hope that the province makes the right decision here to do what is in its power to protect this significant natural feature. It is important to do this so that the residents of Hamilton as well as all Ontarians, now and in the future, can enjoy and learn from the Eramosa Karst formation.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding this important request.

Yours truly,

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