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Premier Dalton McGuinty
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David H. Glass
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Dear Premier McGuinty & Mr. Glass:

On behalf of Zoocheck Canada's many thousands of members, supporters and constituents, I am writing to urge you to protect 36 hectares of land east of the Eramosa Karst in upper Stoney Creek by designating it as parkland. This important parcel of land should not be subject to development of any kind.

As you know, in 2006 the Province gave 73 hectares of Karst land to the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority so it could be protected and preserved. Now the Ontario Realty Corporation must decide what happens to the adjacent land.

Zoocheck Canada joins with environmental groups, such as Friends of Eramosa Karst, as well as local residents, in asking that these lands also be preserved as parkland. It is essential that the building of houses or any other type of development not be allowed in this area so that the feeder streams that flow into the Karst can be better protected. We strongly believe that saving the adjacent land from development is in the long-term public interest.

I have personally visited the Eramosa Karst several times, so I know the area is unique and deserving of protection. I look forward to hearing how you will safeguard this local natural treasure.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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