

September 30, 2007

Hon. Dalton McGuinty
Room 281, Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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Dear Premier McGuinty

I am writing today in support of the City of Hamilton and local residents in their fight to preserve lands adjacent to the Eramosa Karst Conservation Area in the Trinity neighbourhood of Stoney Creek.

Over the past few months while I have been out knocking on doors and attending events in the Upper Stoney Creek area, residents have told time and again that they are concerned about a lack of parks and insufficient green spaces in their neighbourhoods. They are concerned that as Stoney Creek continues to develop, fewer and fewer green spaces will remain.

The Eramosa Karst Conservation Area is already protected from development. However, its preservation is strongly tied to the protection of the surrounding lands as well, some of which contain streams and other features that feed into the karst. Experts that have studied the karst and surrounding areas have expressed concern that plans for a housing development on these "feeder" properties will alter water flows and erosion patterns in the karst.

The City of Hamilton passed a resolution earlier this month to request that you authorize the transfer of an 80-acre feeder property currently owned by the Province of Ontario over to the Hamilton Conservation Authority to ensure its protection from development.

Mr. Premier, I fully support this resolution and ask that you address the concerns of local residents and City Council immediately. The Eramosa Karst is a rare wonder of nature that should be protected, explored and enjoyed for generations.

In closing, please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Tim Hudak,
PC candidate for
Niagara West-Glanbrook