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Re: Provincially Significant Wetlands, Maple Leaf Estate Property

Dear Minister Mauro and Minister McGarry,

It's been brought to my attention as critic for Municipal Affairs that a planning issue in the Town of Georgina has fallen through the cracks of provincial oversight.

I'm sure you've heard from other interested parties about the situation with the Maple Leaf Estate property in the North Gwillimbury Forest. Plans submitted a quarter of a century ago had sat dormant but have now found their way to the Region of York.

I hope you wholeheartedly agree – it makes no sense to allow nearly 1,100 mobile homes to be built on the Paradise Beach-Island Grove Provincially Significant Wetlands. This is in direct contravention of the Provincial Policy Statement.

It is up to you, Ministers, to stand against this egregious local planning error which is

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contrary to the intent of provincial policy. This plan would split the North Gwillimbury Forest and destroy Provincially Significant Wetlands.

One or both of your Ministries must take immediate action and inform the Region of York that this development cannot proceed.

I trust you will agree and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Percy Hatfield', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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