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*Environmentally
Sensitive Areas
(abotting the
landfill & its
expansion -
being invaded;
Contradicting the
Region's own
policy)*

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The Chairman and Members
of Regional Council
The Regional Municipality of Halton
1151 Bronte Road
Oakville, Ontario

Mr. Chairman and Members:

Re: Environmentally Sensitive Areas - Access Study -
Interim Waste Disposal Plan - Existing Burlington
Landfill Site - Neighbours Within the E.S.A.

Councillor Mulkewich has asked that Council be given a copy of the letter that has been sent to all landowners owning lands within environmentally sensitive areas in Halton and in particular, in environmentally sensitive area no. 37 which are the lands on the Escarpment and in the public complementary use areas of the Parkway Belt West Plan neighbouring the existing Burlington Landfill Site.

Councillor Mulkewich has asked that a copy of the letter that has been sent to those landowners be submitted to Council for its information, along with a copy of the list of those to whom the letter was sent.

Both of those items are attached for your information.

Yours very truly,

Dennis Y. Perlin
Chief Administrative Officer

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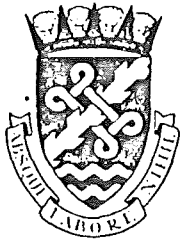
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Dear Landowner,

Regional Council has asked that I write to you to describe the environmental significance of your property and communicate our interest in its protection. The Regional Municipality of Halton's Official Plan has identified 37 Environmentally Sensitive Areas in Halton and one of them includes the wooded portion of your property. These Environmentally Sensitive Areas, or ESA's, are land and water areas containing natural features or ecological functions of outstanding Provincial or Regional significance. They are remnant natural areas left mainly undisturbed during the time that much of the landscape was being cultivated and urbanized. For this reason, ESA's, for the most part, occur in river valleys and swamps or along the rocky and wooded Niagara Escarpment.

The public of Halton has always insisted on preservation of the natural environment as a high priority and Regional Council has maintained this position wherever possible. To assist in this, several field studies of the ESA's biological features have been prepared and an audio-visual presentation known as "Halton's Environment: A Legacy Worth Protecting" has been produced and may be loaned to groups and individuals for showings on request.

Many ESA's are public areas such as Crawford Lake, the Hilton Falls Conservation Area and the Halton Regional Forest, while many others are partly or entirely privately owned. All these areas are valuable for sheltering wildlife, preserving rare plants, filtering and replenishing groundwater, protecting fisheries, and providing educational and scientific research opportunities.

Please be assured that the Region has no plans to buy, develop or in any way trespass on the peace and enjoyment of your property. Our policy is to assist in maintaining the natural environment by requiring an Environmental Impact Assessment whenever a landowner within the ESA proposes a development that may change or effect

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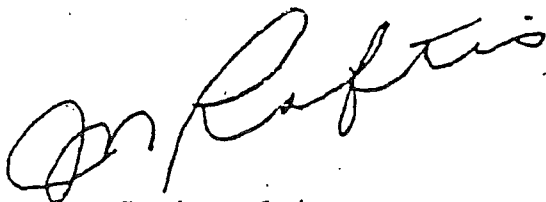
the natural features of the ESA. This also applies in the case of municipality or government agency proposals. The Environmental Impact Assessment Study does not prohibit development necessarily but does help in protecting natural features and assisting decision makers by providing all the environmental information available, the possible alternatives and the methods of reducing damage to the natural area.

I am now able to communicate with you, an ESA landowner, because a recent study was completed by a summer student which identifies ownership and useage patterns in each ESA. As a landowner, I am sure you appreciate the beauty and significance of these natural areas and the value of protecting them as much as possible.

Halton is fortunate to have a technical advisory group composed of local citizens known as the Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee. These individuals are both scientific experts and laymen who assist the Region in identifying and studying Environmentally Sensitive Areas. A member of this Committee would be pleased to visit with you in your home and discuss the natural features of the Environmentally Sensitive Area which you own. They would also be able to show you the studies I previously mentioned and the audio-visual presentation on Halton's ESA's.

If, as a result of reading this letter, you have further questions, or would like someone to meet with you, please call Ms. Patricia Herring at 827-2151, ext. 311 or write to her at the Halton Regional Planning and Development Department, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, L6J 6E1.

Yours truly,



Jack Raftis, P. Eng.
Regional Chairman

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