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RE: Zone Change Application at 1894-1922 Witmer Road Wilmot

The Nith Valley EcoBoosters is a group of local residents who are committed to achieving and supporting a long-term healthy environment in Wilmot and Wellesley Townships. The application for the zone change required to develop the proposed Hallman Pit is the first step toward the extraction of aggregate in an area that must be protected for future generations, not used for short term gain by a small number of individuals.

The members of the EcoBoosters support the position of Citizens for Safe Ground Water to encourage the Township of Wilmot to deny the zone change application for this property. There are many reasons for this, some more immediate than others, but all are crucial to a safe and healthy environment for the residents of Wilmot Township, the Region of Waterloo, and beyond.

Approving the Hallman Pit application would be a direct contradiction of the Climate Emergency recently declared by Wilmot Township. Allowing gravel pit extraction in a Source Water Protection Area would be taking unnecessary risks with the future of our ground water supply. Noise and dust created by the day to day operations of this pit will have negative health effects on the residents of the many established homes in the area. Introducing thousands of heavy vehicles to a secondary road will create not only traffic, but a permanent change to a rural natural landscape prized by citizens and visitors alike.

In the meantime, the Nith Valley EcoBoosters members agree with Citizens for Safe Ground Water in strongly encouraging Wilmot Township to consider as soon as possible the implementation of an Interim Control By-law (Planning Act. Sec.38) to allow the Township to properly review this situation and study the concerns put forward in a reasonable amount of time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Knezevich". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Tom Knezevich
Chairperson,
Nith Valley Ecoboosters