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Dear Karen Redman and Regional Councillors:

Is the Waterloo Regional Government just a puppet of the provincial government?

Why was the official plan scrapped? It was an excellent plan.

The protection of farmland and a countryside line is of prime importance.

The provincial government should not be dictating these policy changes.

Doug Ford's provincial government has been very disrespectful of protecting our first-class farmland, one of our greatest treasures.

This Wilmot land assembly is simply in the wrong location with far too many negative impacts for our communities. This bungled assembly is a fiasco and must be stopped.

This Wilmot site simply comes at too high of a cost to our farms, environment, water, and rural communities.

“Mega-industrial developments of this scale need to be where there is the infrastructure and thousands of potential employees - not a 50 km round trip from our urban centres of Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge where there is already the necessary infrastructure and it was always assumed that any industrial developments would be built on the thousands of acres of already approved employment lands.”

It is high time that the Waterloo Regional Government gets old aggregate sites, grey and brown lands “shovel ready” for whatever unknown industry this province wants to foist upon us.

Where are the thousands of acres of already approved employment lands located?

How many acres of undeveloped land are near the airport? For what reasons are they not being developed?

We must nurture and care for our precious farmland to provide food for us and others and to maintain our sovereignty.

We cannot afford to have a battery plant in close proximity to food production. It is too dangerous. We know what happened in Elmira. We do not need another fiasco like that next to food producing farms.

Pauline Duench Miller