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Dear Karen Redman and Regional Councillors:

How is the purchase of 550 acres of land going to solve the financial woes of Wilmot Township?

Where will the Region get enough money to purchase all this land?

Do you even care that you will be destroying the homes and livelihood of these farmers and landowners who have been under prolonged psychological stress?

No one should be pressured or harassed to sell their land or have it expropriated.

How many people are 'quietly approving' this land assembly? I bet it's not as many as are opposed!

So now it's for an industrial park, not just a mega-industrial site.

Have you noticed how many businesses have closed their doors in this region? Hudson's Bay and Peavy are two large companies that are recently gone.

Seems like Wilmot needs something big to happen so that they can proceed with building all those houses between Baden and New Hamburg to create 'Hambadenberg.'

Where are they going to get their water and sewage facilities? A pipeline from Lake Erie will be needed for water. That will cost millions. A new sewage treatment facility will also be needed.

There is land closer to the 401 that could be developed. There are gravel pits that could be rehabilitated. The Region does have industrial lands in other areas. But, no, you just have to go after prime farmland that produces food.

This is a time when we need to ramp up food production in Ontario, so that we are not dependent on the USA. If a country cannot feed its inhabitants, it may lose its sovereignty.

If the plan might be for a battery manufacturing facility, that is pie in the sky! The automotive industry is cutting back production, and if Trump's tariffs continue or increase, production of vehicles may come to a grinding halt.

The environmental impact in destroying this farmland will be disastrous. How many species will become extinct? Our natural heritage, wildlife and ecosystems need to be protected. Otherwise, we may eventually be doomed to death like the dinosaurs.

There have been no public meetings and no information about costs. We don't know what the good paying jobs will be, or if there will even be any. The non-disclosure agreement is legal intimidation!

What will future generations - your grandchildren, think of your reckless destruction of farmland, just for financial gain?

Whatever this project might be, it will negatively impact farmland, food growth and water access. This land assembly in Wilmot is not in the right place and it must be stopped. Wake up and start working on preparing land that has already been designated as industrial land. Your descendants will thank you, and you will be remembered in history for doing the right thing. STOP the Wilmot Land Assembly!

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