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Dear Mayor and Wilmot Council members:

I am sure that you realize that the opportunity for rare to acquire the Schneider donation is an extraordinary one. This kind of gift probably comes along for a municipality at best once every few generations.

I can't imagine that a parking lot could be created that could handle the number of cars that show up on busy weekends and holidays. If this is a question of liability, there will often be roadside parking even with a parking lot, which there is all across southern Ontario at trailheads and parks on busy days. How is liability handled in all these cases?

My family has enjoyed the use of this property in all seasons for over 20 years. It's much more serene and uplifting than Laurel Creek or any of the other trails in the Region which are often closer to buildings than this property, and/or which often do not allow for loops to get back to your car without having to retrace your steps. The uplifting power of being in nature for even a short period is profound and should never be underestimated. It's mind-boggling to think that you might let the opportunity to preserve this gem slip through your fingers.

Sincerely,

Alex McCulloch

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