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Hi Jeff,

I would like the following email to members of Wilmot Council be included in the public record.

Thanks.

Dorothy

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Dear members of Wilmot Township Council and the Region of Waterloo Council,

The following letter was published in The Waterloo Region Record today and I want to make sure that you got the message that I was conveying in my letter.

It is time for a major change in the way development takes place so that the value of our land for not only growing food, but also protecting our water sources, is given a priority. The fact that we are in a climate crisis makes this change critical to the future health and wellbeing of our population. I agree with Mike Farwell 's comment, in his recent opinion piece in The Record, about change being inevitable and constant. Using farmland for both housing and industry has been the norm for many years. Many of us live on land that was once farmed. Hundreds of acres of farmland continue to be lost daily in this province which has

some of the best agricultural land in the country. Our municipalities in Waterloo Region have acknowledged that we are in a climate crisis. The Region's Official Plan, which was approved in 2022, recognized this. Areas have been designated for housing and industry that minimize the impact on productive farmland. The change needed now is for our current politicians to stand up for protecting farmland and support the intent of the Official Plan.

Dorothy Wilson

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