

### **About us**

### **Agricultural activities**

- Cereal crops, hay, commercial greenhouses, equestrian, beekeeping, gardens, small orchards
- 4<sup>th</sup> generation farm families
  - High intensity farming employing 130+ people

### **Agricultural Innovation**

- Extensive rain water catchment
- Water re-cycling capacity
- Water retention ponds

#### Well water reliance

Cold Creek Address	Acres
11801	2
11811	52
11831	35
11420	15
11871	35
11741	3
Total	139

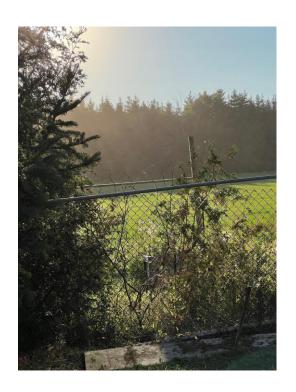
# Impacts Of Illegal Truck Yards

- Unfair competition with compliant trucking and logistics businesses
- Damage to food production, natural drainage and watersheds
  - Loss of farm land, soil compaction, perimeter berms
- Pollution
  - 24 x 7 dust, light and noise
  - potentially toxic illegal fill used to create truck parking
  - oil, gas and other fluids seeping into the soil
- Damaged roads
- Loss of appeal and community culture
  - local community character dominated by trucks and container storage
- Residential property value reduced
- Driving hazard Hwy 50, Cold Creek Rd. and Nashville Rd. intersection danger

## **Truck Yard Pollution**









Oil spill 11621 Cold Creek Rd. Illegal Truck Yard

Truck yard dust impacts 11420 Cold Creek Rd.

# Governance Comparison

Metric	Town of Caledon	City of Vaughan
Area	688.82 km <sup>2</sup>	272.44 km <sup>2</sup>
Population (2021 Census data)	76,581	323,103
Enforcement resources - illegal truck yards and fill	Dedicated Team:  Manager  Officers (2)  Coordinator  Zoning Admin  Prosecutor	None dedicated
Truck yard compliance guide - website content	yes	None
Illegal truck yard injunction(s)	\$1 million fine	No injunctions filed

# **Our Ask – Give Us Back Our Community**

- Permanently block illegal truck yard access to road allowance (illegal entrance)
  - Both City of Vaughan and York Region roads
- File injunctions against illegal truck yards
- Close all truck yard entrances on Cold Creek Rd and Vaughan King Road
- Implement tough 'fill' bylaw and penalties (soil, stone, gravel, asphalt, etc.)
- Increase fines to overcome 'fines a cost of business'
- Limit heavy vehicles on Cold Creek Rd and King Vaughan Road
- License legal truck yards as a business
- Require paving of all truck yards
- Require drains with oil/fuel catchment in all truck yards

# Thank you for your time and attention.

I would be pleased to respond to any questions.

For further information and to continue the dialogue, my email is mark.hopkins.pmp@gmail.com