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To whom it may concern,

I am a fifth generation resident of Woodbridge and my children and grandchildren are sixth and seventh generation.

Our river valleys are the lungs of our communities. Toronto is enhanced and made more livable because of its valleys and ravines.

We have a unique opportunity to set aside the green space we still have in the property of the Toronto Board of Trade Golf course. It will allow the citizens of Vaughan to continue to experience first hand nature and fresh air as the people of Toronto do in High Park. The trees clean our air and offer a sound filter.

Also, we should consider the possibilities of a flood in the valley similar to the one that occurred during Hurricane Hazel. I lived through that flood. The valley was a lake during that time and lives were lost. As flood plain lines are redrawn this must be considered. People forget that nature can be overwhelming and unforgiving. With climate change and more severe storms we are already seeing how much more we need to be prepared and leave more space in our valleys. They will provide natural flood control for the excess water as development paves over more of our land.

I haven't mentioned traffic congestion and pollution which we are already experiencing in Woodbridge. For those who need to commute, it is becoming ever more difficult and dangerous.

Please consider and reduce the development plans so Woodbridge and Vaughan can continue to be a lovely place to live.

Sincerely,

Joan Reid-Bicknell

Sent from my iPhone