From: Grand River Conservation Authority

To: <u>Eowyn Spencer</u> **Subject:** FW: For GRCA Board

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Dear GRCA Board Members,

I'd like to register my concern about the Grand River Conservation lands being at risk.

You can read about the big picture on this blog on the Environmental Defense website: *Premier Ford's greenspace carve outs: Coming soon to a Conservation Area near you* https://environmentaldefence.ca/2024/08/14/premier-fords-greenspace-carve-outs-coming-soon-to-a-conservation-area-near-you/

I'd like the GRCA Board members to note that "mitigation" of ecologically sensitive lands is not good enough - they need to be protected! Why the disposition policy is silent on the issue of species at risk. How are financial contributions to conservation land purchases made by local municipalities accounted for if land is sold!

Please do not cut and cap total public delegations - 10 out of 17 meetings in the last year and a half had ZERO delegations. This move to cut delegations when people actually engage with issues is undemocratic and sends a message that public input is not welcome or wanted.

Thank you, Christa Hesselink