

Keep the Greenbelt Green

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**1/4 of Canada's
Species At Risk**

**1/3 of Canada's
rare and
Endangered
species**

Fragmented and diminished habitat



**Niagara Region has
54 Species at Risk**

Cities + Agriculture+ Nature= Niagara

- 25% of Canada's population lies between Toronto, ON, and Windsor, ON
- This is 0.25% of Canada's area
- This is where Carolinian Forest exists
- **What is Carolinian Forest, anyways?**









This evening and this generation's questions:

- (1) How could your municipality be impacted directly, or indirectly, by removal of Greenbelt protections?
- (2) What cultural and local barriers exist to taking action?
- (3) Why should we bother and care?
- (4) What's next, and how can we act?



A belt holds things up to avoid embarrassing and avoidable consequences

- We can't be “anti-development”- but we can develop more wisely
- All eyes are on *your* municipality internationally – good cause to lead by example and celebrate
- Ecosystem services provide \$ millions to flood control, soil stability, urban cooling, carbon sequestration, mental and biological health
- Decisions made *now* will impact the next generation of wildlife and humans alike

Thank you, Council

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