



Picture taken by the gate into the former Kortright Waterfowl Park on Niska Rd. Part of the Hanlon Creek Conservation Area. (Note the resident deer behind the gate)

Will this land be sold by the GRCA for development?

You Can Help Protect Guelph's Conservation Lands

WHEN: Saturday, June 17 from 11 AM to 12

Please give one hour of your time and join us on a walk.

We want to prevent the sell-off of part of the former Niska Waterfowl Park, part of the Hanlon Creek Conservation Area owned by the Grand River Conservation Authority. Please walk with us to show that you support us in protecting our greenspace from development. **Meet at the corner of Ptarmigan Drive and Niska Rd. (bus stop on Guelph Transit Route 7)** Experience the nature and history of this unique and beautiful part of Guelph on the Speed River. Thank you in advance Refreshments will be served so please RSVP to saveniska@gmail.com or twitter us @SpeedRiverLands

Nature Reserve or Apartments???

The Hanlon Creek Conservation is under Threat! The GRCA wants the Ontario Municipal Board to allow development on 8 hectares of Conservation zoned greenspace on Niska Rd in the Speed River Valleylands.

Please Come to the Ontario Municipal Board Pre-Hearing on June 21 at 10:00 AM at the Provincial Offences Court (Guelph), Court Room 3, Beside Guelph City Hall on Carden Street

Lets the fill the seats to show you care!

The simple act of being there lets the City of Guelph and the Grand River Conservation Authority know that you support the Heritage Speed River Working Group and Dr. Hugh Whiteley's OPA #48 Appeal to Ontario Municipal Board ***against the change in use of the former Niska Waterfowl Park (part of the Hanlon Creek Conservation Area lands) from Open Space and Parkland to Medium and low-density Housing. 100% of the original purchase price to protect this area as a nature reserve was paid for out of public dollars. Grand River Conservation Authority as the current landowner paid 10%. but stands to gain the most financially if the land is sold for development.*** With Guelph's new Increased housing density targets we need all our open spaces and parkland especially this unique area by the Speed River. The land was purchased in 1977 to protect it from development.

You can make a difference! Please come to the prehearing on June 21.

ACTION ITEM: If you believe that a nature reserve is a better use of Guelph's conservation land than allowing urban sprawl to continue to destroy greenspace next to the Speed River, there is something you can do: Please contact the GRCA and let them know that public river valley lands should not be sold for development:

Email the GRCA Chair Helen Jowett, Vice Chair Chris White, and Board members of the Grand River Conservation Authority at grca@grandriver.ca, or post on the GRCA twitter feeds @grandriverca and @grandriverparks and on their Facebook page. Let the GRCA know that you do not support the sell off of part of the Hanlon Creek Conservation lands on Niska Rd. in Guelph. Protect our greenspace

Thank you for your time and support .