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### A Brief Requesting the Saving of the Land Scheduled to be Developed in L'Anse-a-L'orme

I am formally requesting that this land in Pierrefonds West be protected and saved via the creation of a nature park – either federal, provincial or municipal. I ask that all 365 hectares be protected and made into a park for the enjoyment of all people throughout Montreal.

This land is home to many threatened and endangered species – more than 100 species of birds, mammals, reptiles like snakes and turtles, a herd of deer, insects and all the trees, flowers and plants found there. Developing this area would eliminate a massive amount of biodiversity and the last major undeveloped natural space on the island. It would involve destroying 185 hectares of wilderness-wetlands-farmland in western Pierrefonds to build 5500 plus homes.

The City of Montreal itself recommended that all boroughs on the island try to save an amount of green space of 10%. I live in Dorval and 2 of the biggest green spaces are the golf courses. One has been developed and the other one is slowly being taken back by the airport. With the loss of these green spaces, Dorval will have around 2% green space left! For boroughs like Dorval, the citizens will need to be able to go elsewhere, which is why preserving this area is so important. With the densification of transport centers being encouraged, suburbs are losing their green space and more and more citizens are sharing smaller spaces.

People need green spaces for their health and happiness. More than half the housing proposed could be built on other sites by densifying existing areas which would also eliminate the need to build more infrastructure. You could also redevelop housing by redeveloping large parking lots, brown fields and low density industrial sprawl. Better urban planning would enable you to add more housing while still protecting this land.

For Montreal's and Canada's anniversary, it would be a huge gesture to all citizens at present and in future to protect this land and designate it as a park – either federal, provincial or municipal. Future generations would enjoy it, and it would mean so much more to them as a green space than as developed land. It would be a legacy that could be enjoyed by people as long as it is protected. Developers would definitely be on the side of developing this area for profits. By saving this area, future generations would remember yourselves as being those who protected and put aside this area as a park. It would be great if you could have this type of vision and are able to put aside immediate profitability for future enjoyment of citizens now and in the future. Once this area is developed, it cannot be brought back! Houses can always be rebuilt.

I am asking you for myself and all citizens now and in future to protect our heritage and ensure the enjoyment of this area now and for future generations.

Thank you.