

I am writing this brief to participate in the public consultation on Pierrefonds West. I would like to see the entire l'Anse-a-l'Orme corridor become a protected area. It is becoming much rarer to find big nature parks in the middle of cities or the suburbs. Everything is becoming so industrialized, that it is important to keep whatever little remainder of nature that we have left around us. These types of parks provide a nice space for families to spend an afternoon together, for sports and recreation, for the elderly to take walks and get out of the house, for whatever wildlife is left nearby to have a place to live and all of these things are equally important. We all often reconnect when in nature because it gives us a break from our busy lives. Having these spaces close by is ideal for this because there aren't many left and not everyone has the chance to go out of their way to find them. Also, having green spaces can help with air pollution due to the large amount of trees and has many other benefits that cannot be replaced. We would not benefit from their removal in the long-run.

L'anse-a-l'orme or any green space found in the west island is unique and irreplaceable. It can never be naturally re-created oppositely to a huge housing development, which can be built anywhere and elsewhere.

Thank
you,

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