

Dear Office de Consultation Publique de Montréal,

I write to you to express my opinion in regards to the Pierrefonds-Ouest development project. I sincerely believe residential or any type of development in this area would be a grave mistake.

I know the park of L'Anse-à-L'Orme well and abhor the idea of the devastation of this serene and pristine area of nature. L'Anse-à-L'Orme stands as one of the last remaining areas of nature that is native to Montreal and it also inhabits a rare biodiversity of flora and fauna that is singular solely to this area. The area itself has wetlands, most active and populated of Montreal, which any severe tampering or destruction is a crime. Ridiculously enough, from the view of Google Maps trucks and mass amounts of dirt can be seen in the wetlands of L'Anse-à-L'Orme. Development in the area already has illegally commenced without the proper permissions and permits. The handling of which is politically weak.

The overall handling of this project legally and politically has been suspicious, discriminatory and disorganized. The government of Montreal has acted negligently and selectively in favor of the residential development. The city of Montreal has a reputation, not inaccurately, of the least environmentally protective and sustainable government. If the city took a stance in the environmental favour, they would emerge environmental role models and positively influence other cities. The environmental, legal and political consequences to the development could be significant and disfavor Denis Coderre's re-election in the fall.

Instead of developing this indispensable nature area, conserve and protect it so that our environmental heritage can be rescued and saved.

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