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Mayor Allan Ails and Council
Town of Erin
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By email to: Allan.Ails@Erin.ca and Council@Erin.ca

Re: Town of Erin Urban Center Wastewater Servicing Class Environmental Study Report

Dear Mayor Ails and Council Members:

The Coalition for the West Credit River is following up on our previous [correspondence dated 18 February 2021](#) as we have not yet received a response to our questions that were laid out as a precursor to a meeting with Council. Please let us know when we can expect answers to our questions so we can move forward with scheduling a meeting.

Also, on 25 February 2021, the Coalition filed a [Designation Request](#) with The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, under Subsection 9(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act*. We have since received acknowledgement that the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada has commenced the review of our request, and that *"If designated, to proceed with the Project, the Town of Erin would be required to submit an Initial Project Description, thereby commencing the planning phase of the IAA. In that case, the planning phase would include the Agency determining whether a federal impact assessment is required."*

The Coalition and local residents of Erin have noticed that work on the subject lands has commenced, with a forested area being cut and burned, and site grading within the areas classified as (see Addendum 1):

1. Provincially significant West Credit River Wetland Complex
2. Species-at-Risk Woodlands
3. Greenbelt Natural Heritage System

There have been no Endangered Species Act or Ontario Water Resources Act permits or approvals issued for this work by MECP, and this work is contrary to natural heritage policies of the provincial Planning Act.

Consequently, we are suggesting that it would be prudent, reasonable and democratic for the Town of Erin to suspend all work on the Erin Wastewater Treatment Plant project out of respect for the federal review process that has now been initiated.

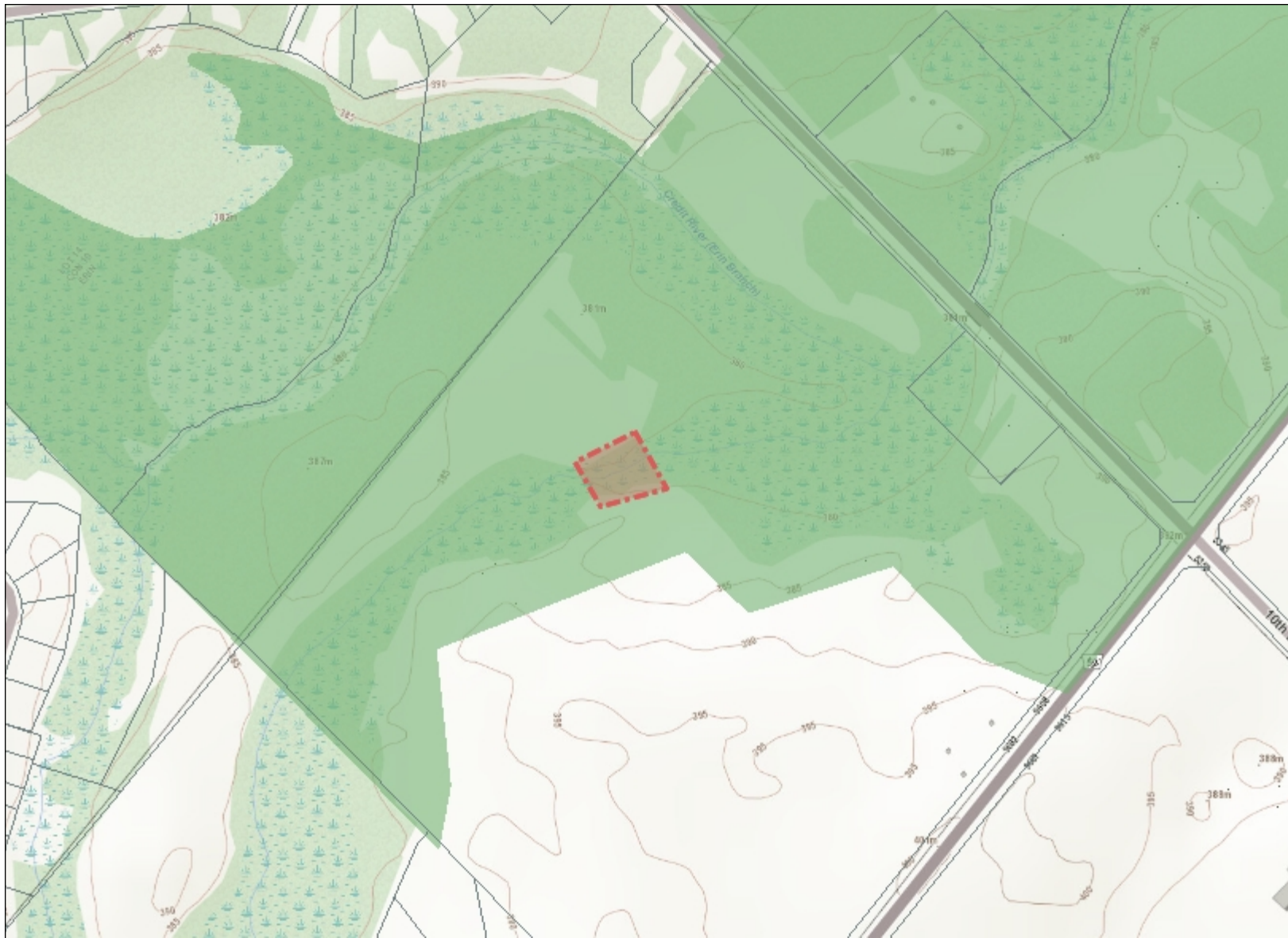
We look forward to receiving answers to our questions, as well as a response to our request for all work to immediately stop in connection with the proposed Project.

Respectfully,



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Belfountain Community Organization

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Legend

-  Assessment Parcel
-  Woodland
-  Conservation Reserve
-  Provincial Park
-  Natural Heritage System
-  Ecoregion
- Wetland**
 -  Provincially Significant Wetland Evaluated
 -  Non - Provincially Significant Wetland Evaluated
 -  Unevaluated Wetland
- Area of Natural Heritage & Scientific Interest (ANSI)**
 -  Provincially Significant Life Science ANSI
 -  Provincially Significant Earth Science ANSI
- Greenbelt Plan**
 -  Boundary
 -  Greenbelt External Connections
- Land Use Designations**
 -  Protected Countryside
 -  Greenbelt: Towns and Villages
 -  Greenbelt: Hamlets
 -  Urban River Valley
 -  Greenbelt: Specialty Crop Area
- Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP)**
 -  Boundary
 -  Parks and Open Space System
- Land Use Designations**
 -  Escarpment Natural Area
 -  Escarpment Protection Area
 -  Escarpment Rural Area
 -  Mineral Resource Extraction Area
 -  Escarpment Recreation Area
 -  Urban Area
 -  Minor Urban Centre
- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORM)**
 -  Boundary
- Land Use Designations**
 -  Natural Core Area
 -  Natural Linkage Area
 -  Countryside Area
 -  Rural Settlement
 -  Palgrave Estates Residential Community
 -  Settlement Area



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