

ONE SITE, MANY CONCERNS



Friends of Simcoe Forests Inc.



ORGANICS PROCESSING FACILITY (OPF)
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITY (MMF)

WHY?

It's NOT the right thing to do!

Early in the twentieth century much of Simcoe County had been degraded to desert like wasteland through deforestation. This is why conservation and tree protection by laws were created. Hold Simcoe County ecologically responsible for the care of our lands and forests.

Have you seen the Orr Lake Tract lately?



TARGETED SITE FREELE TRACT

2976 HORSESHOE VALLEY RD WEST

WHAT'S AN OPF? It's an organics processing facility.

An OPF is an industrial facility where organics (green bin materials such as yard waste, pet waste and diapers) decompose. The main by-product of decomposition is highly flammable and hard to extinguish methane gas. The possibility of converting processed materials into products is possible but is highly dependent on the technology chosen.

WHAT'S AN MMF? It's a materials management facility.

An MMF is an industrial facility where waste from multiple garbage trucks and other vehicles dump (sometimes highly flammable and toxic), sort and process garbage before being loaded onto tractor trailers and shipped to processing and disposal facilities.

INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES BELONG IN INDUSTRIAL ZONES!

- ▶ Pristine forests zoned "agricultural" need to be protected and kept from being converted into "industrial" zoned land.
- ▶ High-risk industrial facilities should not be placed dangerously near wetland and recharge areas of Springwater Township aquifers.
- ▶ The Freele Tract does not have industrial infrastructure with water or emergency response nearby. (The nearest firehall is 10.69 kilometers away)

**Reject Our Agricultural Rezoning
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- ▶ What is the real cost to develop a forest that needs: environmental studies, traffic studies, water studies?
- ▶ What is the real cost to rezone a forest to industrial usage?
- ▶ What is the real cost for changing the steep grade of Horseshoe Valley Rd?
- ▶ What is the real cost to develop a site that has no existing support services of hydro, water or sewage?
- ▶ What is the real cost to clear a forest and build a kilometre of industrial roadway access?
- ▶ What is the real cost to cut down 11 acres of towering pine trees and mixed forest to prepare a building site, erect security fences within the environmentally fragile centre of a forest with wetlands and natural water drainage?
- ▶ What is the real cost to tourism and local businesses disrupted by road and building construction?
- ▶ What is the real cost of lives placed at risk from tractor trailers and industrial garbage trucks creating traffic on primarily family car tourist and commuter route?
- ▶ What is the real cost of shipping garbage North, only to ship it South again?
- ▶ What is the real cost to the environment and economy by placing this facility so far away from sources, markets and end users?

Simcoe County's present waste management plan is flexible and cost effective. This is in the opinion of the county's own consultant.

The Friends of Simcoe Forests Inc. is a non-profit organization consisting of concerned citizens within the region of Simcoe County. We oppose the site proposed and selected site by Simcoe County for construction of an MMF and OPF.

The selected site is located in the agriculturally zoned 207 acre Freele Forest Tract.

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