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Attention: Springwater Township Clerk Renee Chaperon
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Planning & Development Department
Township of Springwater
2231 Nursery Road
Minesing, ON L9X 1A8

**Re: Part Lot 2, Concession 1
2976 Horseshoe Valley Road West
Township of Springwater
Environmental Resource Recovery Centre
County File: SC-OPA-1602
Township Files: OP-2016-005 and ZB-2016-021**

I am in receipt of the notice of a Statutory Public Meeting for the above noted Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments

I am opposed to the proposed amendments for the following reasons:

1. The County of Simcoe's expressed desire to locate the facility, if possible, on lands already owned by the County resulted in the inclusion of County-owned forests in the candidate waste disposal facility sites;
2. Given that the vast majority of County landholdings are County Forests, this resulted in 50% of the candidate sites for a waste disposal facility being within woodlands;
3. If you consider just the County-owned sites that were under consideration, 82% of the sites were woodland areas. This is an overwhelming proportion of candidate sites within areas that most residents of the County would consider to be protected from development;
4. County Forests should not be considered as a viable option for the construction of infrastructure and should have been excluded from the site selection process based on both natural heritage as well as social and cultural impacts to the broader community; and,
5. The decision-making matrix that was used during the Part 1 – 3 site selection process was not consistent with the requirements of the Provincial Policy Statement. In addition, the Scoped Environmental Impact Study has not demonstrated that there will be no negative impact to areas of provincial interest, such as woodlands, wetlands, wildlife habitat and habitat of endangered and threatened species, as required by the *Planning Act* as well as the Simcoe and Springwater Official Plans.

I support the Township's request that the County provide a Business Case in support of the proposed use, as outlined in the Township's March 2, 2016 resolution however, the underlying site selection process and site-specific environmental investigations are not, in my opinion, consistent with the requirements of the *Planning Act*, the Provincial Policy Statement, the Simcoe County Official Plan or the Township of Springwater Official Plan.

Based on the above, I would ask that the Township not approve the Official Plan or Zoning By-Law Amendments.

I would like to be notified of the adoption or refusal of the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments.

Yours truly,

Name: _____

Address: _____
