

## BurlingtonGreen

***"In the end our society will be defined not only by what we create, but by what we refuse to destroy"*** (J.C. Sawhill, President, The Nature Society)

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Dear Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr, Mayors and Councillors:

BurlingtonGreen is in full support of the initiative to establish the Mount Nemo Heritage System as proposed by PERL (Protecting Escarpment Rural Lands).

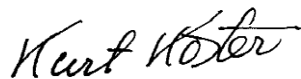
We believe it is of critical importance that our leaders together with the current generation assume the responsibility of ensuring our natural places remain protected. The health of the environment, citizens and generations yet to come depends on this protection.

With the province's Places to Grow mandate, pressures on many Halton lands including the United Nations designated World Biosphere Reserve: the Niagara Escarpment will rise. At the same time, it is expected that more than ever before, these higher density populations will depend upon the "escape" nearby destinations such as Mount Nemo provide to connect with the natural world.

The ecological "value" of the Mount Nemo area is significant and has been described as "one of the most diverse and highly functioning ecosystems in the GTA and deserves protection" (City of Burlington's State of the Environment report). Combined with the global recognition of UNESCO, the environmental merits to support this NHS designation are clear. Consistent with the Region's commitment to create a sustainable future along with assuring credibility on the world's stage, we are confident that you will agree to support this initiative.

Please support this opportunity before you today, as it will result in an irreplaceable legacy for the future.

Respectfully,



Kurt Koster

Chair,

**BurlingtonGreen**

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