

Community Spotlight:



Advocating for livable, sustainable communities and responsible development

What inspired the creation of Millcroft Greenspace Alliance?

A proposed housing development now threatens the Millcroft Golf Course greenspace. This vital greenspace was engineered as a dual-purpose green infrastructure for neighbourhood stormwater management and as a golf course.

The Millcroft community was created with an amendment to the City of Burlington's Official Plan that specified that the golf course property would be protected greenspace in perpetuity, whether or not the golf course continues to operate. The golf course has matured over the past 37 years, with significant tree canopy today.

Why is infrastructure to manage stormwater so important?

As temperatures continue to rise, the frequency and intensity of unprecedented precipitation events, combined with the loss of greenspace in urban areas, are causing an increase in urban flooding. Today, 97% of flooding is caused by traditional stormwater systems becoming overwhelmed, compared to 3% caused when streams or rivers overflow. Flooding threatens human safety, disrupts

transportation and daily routines, increases insurance costs, and can have a lasting impact on mental health.

Greenspace is a recommended solution, such as the Greenbelt, City parks, and private gardens and lawns.

What are the main things that MGA advocates for?

MGA has worked with Burlington City Council and Halton Regional Council on close to 40 occasions since 2020. Issues include climate change, the tree canopy, grading and drainage, and development applications that could better balance these concerns. We've met with local MPs and MPPs to raise awareness about all of these issues, and we recently advocated at the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), providing accurate context to the Millcroft Greens development application.



How does the MGA fund itself?

The MGA volunteer group does significant research to support its advocacy work; however, professional representation is required in situations such as the OLT. We welcome donations via our [website!](https://millcroftgreenspacealliance.ca/)

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