

The Great Debate: How do we use our water and land?

What should be done with the land around Cootes Paradise Marsh? As our population in Ontario, specifically in Burlington and Hamilton grows, how we use the land becomes very important. Many local groups have ideas on how the land should be used.

STAKEHOLDERS:

City Councillors (Hamilton and/or Burlington)

It is the role of council,

- to represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the city
- to determine which services the city provides
- to keep the city growing and healthy
- to maintain and spend the city's money in a responsible manner

Adapted from <<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page8390.aspx>>

(Hamilton) Naturalists' Club

This organization started in 1919 as the Hamilton Bird Protection Society. Their goals are

- to promote the enjoyment of nature through environmental appreciation and conservation
- to foster public interest and education in the appreciation and study of nature
- to encourage the conservation of natural resources and environmental protection

From <<http://hamiltonnature.org/about-us/about-the-hnc/>>

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

As the VOICE of anglers and hunters, the OFAH professionally represents Ontario's anglers and hunters, their hunting and fishing rights and traditions, and their passion for hunting and fishing and for fish and wildlife conservation. The OFAH supports and seeks to enhance Ontario's rich traditions of hunting and fishing and the quality of life they represent.

From <<https://www.ofah.org/about-us/who-we-are/>>

Business Improvement

Hamilton:

The Hamilton Business Improvement Area has two-fold mandate:

- To improve, beautify and maintain public lands and buildings within the BIA, beyond that which is provided by the municipality at large and
- To promote the area as a business and shopping area.

From <<http://www.investinhamilton.ca/?s=mandate>>

Halton:

Burlington Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) has a mandate to enhance the growth prospects of our existing companies and bring new high-value firms to the community. Our focus is on growing the economic base to sustain our competitive and prosperous community. BEDC is the first point of contact for companies seeking to invest or expand in Burlington.

From <<http://bedc.ca/investment-profile/>>

Ontario Federation of Agriculture (Farmers)

Mission: Farms and Food Forever.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture is Canada's largest voluntary farm organization representing the interest of Ontario farm families. As a farmer-led organization we understand farm issues and we champion the interests of Ontario's farming community with governments and the public. We are the voice of Ontario farmers for a sustainable farming and food sector.

From <<https://ofa.on.ca/>>

ArcelorMittal Dofasco

ArcelorMittal Dofasco plays a key role in North America's advanced manufacturing supply chain working with the top automotive, energy, packaging and construction brands to develop lighter, stronger and more sustainable products – from cans to cars.

From <<http://dofasco.arcelormittal.com/who-we-are/at-a-glance/about-dofasco.aspx>>

Conservation Authority**Hamilton:**

Hamilton Conservation Authority, located at the western end of Lake Ontario, is the area's largest environmental management agency, and is dedicated to the conservation and enjoyment of watershed lands and water resources. The HCA works to ensure healthy streams and healthy communities in which human needs are met in balance with the needs of the natural environment, now and in the future.

From <<https://conservationhamilton.ca/about-us/>>

Halton:

Conservation Halton works to protect, restore and manage natural resources in the watershed from Lake Ontario to Niagara Escarpment. Spanning (1000 Sq. Km) of land, 17 flowing creeks, approximately 26 km of Lake Ontario shoreline, extensive forest cover and 80 kilometres of Ontario's Niagara Escarpment, their mandate is to create avenues for sustainable synergy between the natural world and the 450,000 residents that make up the Halton watershed.

From <<http://www.conservationhalton.ca/about-us>>

I (Name _____) represent the group _____

Our group believes Cootes Paradise Marsh should be used for: