

Dear Editor,

RE: "Home construction project bulldozes over protests", the Gazette, Saturday, Feb. 17

There is a very limited supply of ecologically valuable natural space left on the Island of Montreal. City of Montreal officials need to explain to the public how they intend to meet their commitments to preserve 6% of Montreal Island under their Natural Spaces Policy, while preparing for major construction in the Anse à l'Orme ecoterritory - up to 4,500 housing units. Contrary to the current thinking of city officials, sodding over the Miron Dump will not replace the Anse à l'Orme ecoterritory. Montreal has the infamous distinction of having the smallest amount of natural space conserved of almost all North American cities. Let the City of Montreal take another look at where they place their housing projects before this inglorious distinction becomes cast in concrete.

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