

NEWS RELEASE **for immediate release** **Green Coalition**

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Montreal City Hall - Council Chamber

Commission permanente du conseil sur la mise en valeur du territoire et du patrimoine

Green Coalition activists urge that amendments to the development plan be stopped- Spot-zoning to alter the flood-plain map in 3 parts of Pierrefonds

In 2 cases, changing the 20-year flood-zone would permit construction in 2 "écoterritoires" that are to be protected by the new Natural Spaces Protection Policy. One of the cases is the colossal Cheval Blanc Miami-Beach style project. Following extensive public hearings on the Policy in April and May, the Office de consultation publique de Montréal's report published in June urged the City to adopt the policy quickly and recommended that a **Moratorium be placed on all construction in the écoterritoires and their buffer zones.**

Also, the amendments would permit the artificial reconfiguration of a marshland **within the limits of Bois-de-Liesse Nature-Park.** It is part of Ruisseau Bertrand's flood-plain in the park.

Permitting the amendments is inappropriate:

1. Natural Spaces Policy and Moratorium pending at City Council
2. More study needed on marshland proposal
3. Each of the 3 cases should be reviewed separately given their important impacts.
- 4.Errors were glaring in both the English /French public notices.

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