

Foss, Aaron (MNRF)

From: Lee, Scott (MNRF)
Sent: February-02-16 2:52 PM
To: Seabert, Erin (MNRF)
Subject: FW: hello
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Sent: February-02-16 2:21 PM
To: Lee, Scott (MNRF)

Subject: hello

I am writing in concerns of the KNL development of South March Highlands.

I grew up in that forest. (It is the best part of Kanata).

I submitted some comments, thanks to being informed about the review by TreeOttawa..

I have been trying to get that forest protected for about 10 years now. And pretty pressingly for the last 3 years.

the local municipal councilors all know me. lol

anyhow,

I prepared these two studies sometime ago, I really hope you are able to look at them.

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(there are a lot of photos in the album.. it shows the historical destruction - alteration of the land. // highlights are attached as pics to this email)

this 2nd album contains plans for a compromise with existing KNL plans - // middle path approach

that will not 'kill the community forest of Kanata'.

It will protect trees and wildlife, and also more effectively incorporate what has 'evolved by human use' into the plan of how Kanata becomes (and less of this pre-planned car-dependency everywhere; its pretty insane

actually; compromises the quality of the living environment. and disenables a more human friendly community.

It also advocates for a green bridge over the terry fox extension road . (I know that landscape better than the back of my hand. And most of the deer have gone since that extension road moved in. Car traffic (and sounds) do not add to the richness of the environment. But having a green bridge over the road, will help remedy some problems. And even encourage those suburbanites to realize and take notice of somethings they drive by in haste - a natural playground; not fake greens. //when incorporated into living a healthy lifestyle in Kanata, you will discover what suburbia was invented for - the benefits of the city and country.

I would really love to be able to meet and go over all and any details.. Because those development plans have really made me hate what is becoming of my hometown, for sometime now. it makes me worry every time I go out there and enjoy myself, just by myself, or with friends and family. (My parents took me and my brothers there, pretty well as soon as we entered the world.) Those trails, are known so well. they are natural gem and healthy lifestyle safe haven for real human beings. (and not gerbils inhabiting goodlife fitness. sorry couldn't help myself). Kanata's community forest (SouthMarch Highlands is kinda a new title. We always referred to them as the Beaverpond trails behind Kanata Lakes, on Goulbourn Forced Road.) Its pretty well a 'Gatineau Park' without the maintenance costs.

I have been saying it for some time now, so long as that forest is threatened, that forest is MINE. // in spirit, it pretty well is. but really, its property of earth, and it belongs to everyone (that does not compromise it).

Its the real community forest of Kanata. And with the right planning, who knows, it could 'evolve' into something, or encourage other things, that profoundly influence ways in which urban sprawl in Canada happens.

And also reassess the possibility or design for building urban areas for people first, and not cars.

thank you for letting me share.

please, take time and review the slideshow. // I know it might not be the cleanest presentation. if there is any confusion, I am at your service.

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Foss, Aaron (MNRF)

From: Lee, Scott (MNRF)
Sent: February-10-16 9:04 AM
To: Seabert, Erin (MNRF)
Subject: Fw: "overall benefit" application by KNL (EBR 012-6270)

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: T1
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 8:36 AM
To: Lee, Scott (MNRF)
Subject: "overall benefit" application by KNL (EBR 012-6270)

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February 10, 2016

by email -

Dear Mr. Lee:

Re: "overall benefit" permit application by Kanata Lakes North Development Inc.(KNL)
- EBR 012-6270

Is this someone's idea of a joke?

Remove up to 120 Butternut trees as well as damage and destroy the habitat of these trees.

Kill, harm and harass Blanding's Turtle as well as destroy up to 124 hectares (ha) of its habitat.

Kill, harm and harass Least Bittern as well as damage up to 10.9 ha of its habitat.

All in order to build a residential development in the City of Ottawa.

That's Absurd. Ridiculous. Irrational. Outrageous.

KNL's development plan is not sustainable.

Its environmental impact is significant and cannot be mitigated.

The overall benefit permit requested by KNL for this development should not be granted.

KNL must demonstrate a net benefit to the species.

It is impossible to imagine how anything resembling an "overall benefit" can come from destroying more than 100 ha of Blanding's Turtle habitat.

The proposal to create "nesting and overwintering habitat near or adjacent to suitable wetland habitat" is highly speculative as experience demonstrates that wild species seldom follow our dictates with respect to populating "created" habitat.

Given the placement of this proposed development within the already protected South March Highlands, the right thing to do is to reject this proposal based on the future risks to numerous species and immediate damage that would be done were the development to proceed.

This is a massive project that will have a major impact in removing what is an important natural area.

It should be and must be rejected.

Foss, Aaron (MNRF)

From: Lee, Scott (MNRF)
Sent: February-18-16 8:19 AM
To: Seabert, Erin (MNRF)
Subject: FW: :an application by developer to destroy wildlife habitat and show an Overall Benefit EBR 012-6270

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Another one for the list

From: L. Scott Lee
1/16 7:56 PM

Cc: Premier of Ontario | Première ministre de l'Ontario

Subject: :an application by developer to destroy wildlife habitat and show an Overall Benefit EBR 012-6270

February 17, 2016 ~ sent by e-mail

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Re: EBR 012-6270

Dear Mr. Lee:

I am writing as a resident of Ottawa, Ontario to express my concerns re the application by Kanata Lakes North Development Inc. (KNL) for a permit for activities with conditions to achieve overall benefit to the species - ESA s.17(2) (c).

This application will not provide an "overall benefit" for the wetland habitats and species involved. The permit would allow the destruction of 124 hectares of Blanding's Turtle habitat, the removal up to 120 Butternut trees, and the "harming and harassing" of Least Bittern—species designated as either endangered or threatened.

For these reasons themselves, there is no justification for allowing this permit to be granted.

Wildlife ecologists, naturalists and conservation groups have also noted further reasons for rejecting this permit application to destroy the habitats of Blanding's Turtle, Least Bittern, and Butternut trees.

For example, the KNL application does not mention other species at risk also found on the site, including Whip-poor-will and American Ginseng.

The Ministry defines an “overall benefit” as more than ‘no net loss’ or an exchange of ‘like for like.’ The overall benefit in this definition “is grounded in the protection and recovery of the species at risk and must include more than mitigation measures or ‘replacing’ what is lost.”

But KNL’s proposed measures are mostly untested ideas in mitigation, such as the fencing that would be erected to force Blanding’s Turtles into corridors; and the construction of new nesting and overwintering sites outside their home range that the turtles may not find or use. .

Once again, please do not approve this application. There is no “overall benefit” for endangered species and their wetland habitats.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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cc: fellow residents, and green-space ~ conservation ~ naturalists ~ groups

Ontario Premier Wynne

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January 5, 2016

Re: Instrument Proposal Notice: EBR Registry Number: 012-627
Ministry Reference Number: MNRF INST 1/16
Ministry: Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Date Proposal loaded to Registry: January 04, 2016
Proponent: Kanata Lakes North Development Inc.
2193 Arch St.
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada K1G 3H5

Instrument Type: Permit for activities with conditions
to achieve overall benefit to the species-
ESA s. 17(2)(c)

Dear Mr. Scott Lee,

Thank you for your patience. The above noted proposal
notice to permit activities with conditions to achieve
overall benefit to the species: Least Bittern, Blandings,

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turtle and Butternut Trees should not be permitted or granted approval.

I have followed the proposal for years now. I have read and listened to reports from experts, naturalists, river keepers, neighbors, attended public meeting and driven by the property daily.

At no time has there been any mitigation proposal made that would improve the habitats for the species listed. The property was included in the OMB mandated urban expansion lands by the developer without grading review or oversight. The property is between an environmentally controversial road expansion and the Carp River with its expanding flood plain. All maps shown to the public, that I have seen, used old flood plan data which jeopardises plans for mitigation down from the bluff. These lands were never considered or proposed for urban expansion until purchased by the current owners as the land is just either flood plain or bluff.

Given the terrain of cliff and old pasture in the flood plain of the Carp River, the lower portion is providing habitat for the Least Bittern among many other nesting and migratory species. Mitigation down river on this property is impossible because of the geography. Planning to use another down river property for this purpose is impractical.

Evidence of Blanding Turtle is obvious. The fact the bluff is also a turtle nesting area excludes the property from development or mitigation when the one kilometer nesting buffer is applied.

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Given the presence of so many Butter Nut Trees on the property and the regulations governing this species (I was instructed to leave a tree to grow on my septic hill), there has been no mitigation process proposed that would increase or even maintain the trees in their current location.

Accommodating the stormwater management, infrastructure of roads, utilities, yards, set backs, bridges and houses would leave no room to also maintain the existing trees and replanting or seeding new trees after construction does not offer a tree survival rate that engenders optimism.

The proposal to build this residential development, in my opinion, has the probable effect of adversely affecting Butternut Trees, Blanding Turtles and Least Bitterns populations and their habitat.

The proposed permit conditions would not, in any way, provide benefits that exceed the adverse effects on the species listed, and others not noted, as well as their habitat.

Thank you again for your patience.

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Foss, Aaron (MNRF)

From: Lee, Scott (MNRF)
Sent: February-18-16 8:17 AM
To: Seabert, Erin (MNRF)
Subject: FW: EBR Registry Number: 012-6270

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Dear Mr. Lee:

I filled out the submission form for comments online, but received a server error when I hit the 'Save' button. Since I don't know whether my comments were received, and today is the deadline, I'm sending a copy to you directly.

Thank you for your attention on this matter, and sorry if this is a duplicate,

Dear MNRF: I was going to select various items contained in the submission from Kanata Lakes North Development Inc. (**EBR Registry Number: 012-6270**) for comments, but on reading the document realized each item would need a discussion and there isn't enough space or time. The whole document points out the complete lack of understanding of the environment. There are proposals to create research projects to study/mitigate the effects of destroying habitat AFTER the habitat has been destroyed. There are unresearched proposals to create alternate habitats, to make up for destroyed habitats. Creating a storm runoff pond does not create a pond habitat, since not only the runoff pond will not always contain water but shows a complete lack of understanding what a habitat is. A habitat is not one species; it is a complex web of species from many interwoven taxa, such as bacteria, plants, crustaceans, fish, and animals. A habitat takes many years to create and develop. A storm runoff area would take years to start to develop into a pond, even if the pond were designed to always contain water. Regarding the turtles, there is no mention on how existing turtles could be relocated before construction begins (an impossible concept anyway). Do they think the turtles will see heavy construction equipment and think about walking to a safe place? Do they think creating hibernacula will entice

turtles to leave their usual hibernation areas - maybe by reading signs? Many turtles return to the same spots year after year to breed or hibernate; presumably the Blanding's does the same. Nature Canada: "Blanding's Turtles tend to return to the same overwintering habitats that largely remain a mystery to researchers." If researchers don't yet understand their overwintering habitats, how can the KLMD company know how to design a 'replacement' habitat? And do they know how to design nesting areas? The Blanding's turtles require a permanent pond - one that always contains water - so they can hibernate in the mud at the bottom. A storm runoff pond does not qualify at all. Then there's the impact that new houses, paths, roads, and human activities will have on the existing flora and fauna. Certainly the least bittern will leave the area because they are sensitive to disturbance, not to mention there will be a lack of food (small fish and crustaceans) and nesting material (marsh plants) for years. They have the advantage they can fly away - where to is another problem. The turtles, if any are left after their existing habitat is bulldozed, and they haven't been flattened, won't survive. I appeal to the MNR to refuse the application for development, since the proposed permit conditions CERTAINLY WILL NOT provide ANY benefit that exceeds the adverse effects on the species as well as their habitat. Yours sincerely, ~~xxxxxxxx~~

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To Mr. Scott Lee

Resource Operations Supervisor

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Kemptville, Ont.

Concern: KNL group's permit request
to kill, harm and harass "Blanding's turtles -
listed as a "threatened species". (North of Kanata Lakes)

Sir,

How does KNL group's application say how it will
achieve an "overall benefit" for the species being

impacted!? We are expecting a full length public
proposal! - We all are strongly opposed to more
environmental destruction!

Feb. 15, 2016.

Foss, Aaron (MNRF)

From: Lee, Scott (MNRF)
Sent: February-17-16 9:18 AM
To: Seabert, Erin (MNRF)
Subject: FW: EBR No. 012-6270

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From: Ic
Sent: !
To: Lee, Scott (MNRF)
Subject: EBR No. 012-6270

I am writing in support of the submission made by the Greenspace Alliance in Ottawa. I can see no valid reason for assuming that the developer has any chance, perhaps even any intention, of providing a suitable alternative to the habitat for the endangered or threatened species (Blanding's Turtle, Least Bittern, and the other accompanying species that will be threatened, harassed or killed in this development. The area is one that should be protected, not developed and I am not at all convinced that the measures proposed as mitigation will be in any way effective. There seems to be to be no reason for having endangered species legislation if the government is prepared to allow critical habitat to be destroyed. Please do not allow this to happen.

Foss, Aaron (MNRF)

From: Lee, Scott (MNRF)
Sent: February-17-16 1:39 PM
To: Seabert, Erin (MNRF)
Subject: FW: KNL's "overall benefit" permit application under the Endangered Species Act

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Sent: February-17-16 11:59 AM
To: Lee, Scott (MNRF)
Subject: KNL's "overall benefit" permit application under the Endangered Species Act

Hi Mr. Lee,

One of the Endangered Species in the proposed development area is Blandings Turtle. This species requires an extensive area for its summer migration (can travel several miles from its hibernating site). To even suggest that the destruction of much of the habitat for the SAR species in this area will give rise to an "overall benefit" is ludicrous. Therefore, the "overall benefit" permit application should be denied.