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Ms. Janice Seline
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Dear Ms. Seline:

Thank you for letter and petition regarding the cutting of trees on private lands associated with the Kanata Lakes North development.

The Kanata Lakes North residential development was approved by the City of Ottawa and subsequently referred to the Ontario Municipal Board in 2006. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has since been working with Kanata North Limited to ensure this development complies with regulatory requirements within our mandate. Blanding's turtle, butternut and least bittern are the three species at risk impacted by this development. These species are protected by the *Endangered Species Act, 2007*. Consequently, ministry staff were significantly engaged in ensuring avoidance and mitigation and the overall benefit requirements for these species are incorporated into the development plan and the resulting Overall Benefit Permit.

I understand the City of Ottawa issued the tree-cutting permit associated with this development. Please contact the City of Ottawa directly to know more about their regulatory approvals that relate to the Kanata Lakes North development.

Again, thank you for writing.

Best,

Kathryn McGarry
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry