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Hi Miss Norio, I want to speak to the Public Works Committee regarding the Proposed Lament drain. This drain is in notl and includes the Regions York Rd ditch. The York rd ditch is also receiving 60 acres of intensified farm land drainage. This has taken place without the necessary permits issued by the Region. Further more the farmer that is draining to York rd illegally has also illegally diverted the Hwy 405 road drainage onto my property and then into the Region ditch.

All of this water is having damaging effects on the York rd ditch, damaging private property and bring phagmites and pollution onto Provincially protected lands in the greenbelt.

5 years ago the Transportation group were made aware and the comment was "we don't have a problem with this" WOW. Being landowners of lower elevation we are within ours right to protect our lands. I have research the Regions 2017 Complete Streets Design Guidelines and the Regions Model Urban Design Guidelines. An interesting point #6 Preserve farmland and natural resources. Not sure if the staff member 5 years ago was aware of this mandate.

The farm to the north also has a pond on it to irrigate world class grapes making world class wines and your road ditch flows into this pond, pollution. So the Region has turned a blind eye to the farmer illegally draining to York rd BUT has told another farmer "we don't have a problem with this". My property has the less than 1% of remaining Carolinian forest in notl. The Region is down to 11%. From the NPCA a 30% coverage is ideal for a healthy eco system. The natural resource part. Also this is expensive land the Regions water is having an adverse affect on. We have made it clear that litigation is quite possible for damages as a last resort, like always a practical approach is the first step. That includes the Region taking landowners concerns seriously.

We have invited Region staff for a site visit but we have not received a reply.

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