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Presentation Topic

Regional Plan / Natural Heritage and Water Resource Systems

Presentation includes slides

Yes

Previously presented topic

No

Presentation Details

My presentation outlines the scientific case for protecting and enhancing ecosystem services in Niagara. Ecosystem services are ecological functions that underlie healthy living and a healthy economy. Ecosystem services include flood protection, air purification, carbon storage, pollination, and climate change resilience. Ecosystem services are free, but worth billions of dollars, and they are far more expensive to replace than to protect. I will urge Niagara Region to adopt strong measures to protect and restore ecosystem services by supporting strong Natural Heritage and Water Resource systems in the Official Plan.

Video Consent

Yes

