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**Comment: EIS - Rapp Road Mixed Use Projects**

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed mixed use project for the Rapp Road area.

It is my opinion that the EIS has not adequately addressed the long term environmental issues surrounding the proposed development as it relates to Pine Bush preservation.

The Pine Bush is a bio-geographic island, meaning its isolated from similar eco-systems. In other words plants and animals found in one section must have continuous or nearly continuous areas in order to migrate back and forth.

If this project goes forward the preserve which was set aside adjacent to Crossgates will be completely isolated from similar environs further increasing the chances that it will disappear. As considerable time and effort and resources have been expended to preserve this area – it is my opinion that these expenditures will have been wasted – and that the Town of Guilderland and the region as a whole will have lost a precious resource forever.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion on this matter. I would have rather presented at the hearing. It's unfortunate that circumstances prevent a full hearing. Perhaps, it's a warning. Nature will have it's way in the end – that man is but a fleeting speck as seen on a geographic time-scale.

Most sincerely,

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