Waterloo Region is a great place to live, and Doug Ford is trying to destroy that.

If the provincial government’s proposed Bill 23 is passed along with proposed changes to Regional Planning, we will lose the progress we have made in our Official Plan to:

* Protect our precious groundwater,
* Create complete 15-minute communities and core renewal,
* Meet our climate action goals,
* Protect farmland and greenspace,
* Prevent urban sprawl,
* Improve public transit,
* Create a connected trail system to reduce car usage.

The Region may not be perfect, but our collaborative, barn-raising approach is what we do!

If Bill 23 is passed, it will:

* Over-ride the Region’s Official Plan that efficiently and cost-effectively coordinates policing, fire protection, paramedics, economic development and more with our seven municipal governments,
* Reduce the ability of the Grand River Conservation Authority to protect wetlands, natural areas and prevent development on environmentally sensitive land,
* Allow development in parts of the Ontario Greenbelt that was created to protect farmland and habitat for southern Ontario’s declining biodiverse plant and animal life,
* Reduce or eliminate our democratic rights to receive notice, comment, or even appeal proposed new developments that will impact our daily lives,
* Not likely meet Ford’s objectives of increasing housing according to experts but will significantly increase taxes while creating fewer homes, that are more expensive, and less sustainable.

What you can do:

The government is moving quickly on this, but we have to move faster.

Write or email your concerns immediately to the following local Conservative MPPs:

Mike Harris Jr - MPP Kitchener-Conestoga - [mike.harris@pc.ola.org](mailto:mike.harris@pc.ola.org)

Brian Riddell - MPP Cambridge - [brian.riddell@pc.ola.org](mailto:brian.riddell@pc.ola.org)

Jess Dixon - MPP Kitchener South - [jess.dixon@pc.ola.org](mailto:jess.dixon@pc.ola.org)

And copy:

Minister Steve Clark - [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org)

Premier Doug Ford - [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

For further information and help writing elected officials please visit [www.holdthelinewr.org](http://www.holdthelinewr.org)

On behalf of the Grand River Environmental Network, Hold The Line Waterloo Region, 50x30WR, The Nith Valley Ecoboosters, Smart Growth Waterloo Region, and many others.