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Mr. Richard Stromberg
Ontario Growth Secretariat
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Stromberg:

Re: Coordinated Land Use Planning Review

As you know, on May 21, 2015 I submitted comments on behalf of my client, the North Gwillimbury Forest Alliance, with respect to the Greenbelt Plan designations of Maple Lake Estates and the adjacent "Site B" in the Town of Georgina.

I recently received a submission of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority specific to these properties (Baldwin to Stromberg, May 25, 2015), which advocates redesignation of the Maple Lake Estates property to Protected Countryside, and of Site B to Towns and Villages, to permit a transfer of development approvals from the former to the latter.

There is a misrepresentation, doubtless unintended, in the May 25, 2015 letter that I would like to correct. The letter states:

"While development and site alteration is [sic] not permitted in provincially significant wetlands . . . , the MNR recognized by letter (October 2004) the legal status of the Registered Plan of Subdivision to be implemented as approved."

The Ministry of Natural Resources did send the letter referred to (Farrell to Nelson, October 18, 2004). However, not mentioned in the May 25, 2015 letter is that in March 2015, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry wrote the Conservation Authority rescinding the 2004 letter, indicating it is now superseded by the Conservation Authority's regulatory powers (Farrell to Baldwin, March 11, 2015). I enclose both letters for your information.

Yours sincerely,

[original signed by]

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cc. Rob Baldwin