

Green Door Alliance



News

Agriculture Preserve Easements Enforced

The GDA is delighted that the Ontario Legislature (all political parties) joined in support for Bill 16, an Act respecting the Duffins Rouge Agriculture Preserve. The Bill amends the **Conservation Land Act** to include agriculture land and guarantees that an easement is a valid control that can only be amended or released by the Minister of Natural Resources.

The Agriculture Preserve lands are now protected 'in perpetuity' and the Pickering Council and developer/speculators who conspired to remove the easements so the Preserve could be urbanized have been defeated--a great day for conservation.

Now, Ontario Pickering and Durham can start planning for agriculture. Credit can be made available for farm infrastructure--farmer market buildings, cold storage, a meat packing plant. With modest encouragement farm entrepreneurs will provide near urban organic and free range farm produce. Urban Toronto will be one step closer to food security. Speculators will see that Ontario's Green Belt can not be compromised. *The developer cat has been belled.*

See: A VISION FOR THE AGRICULTURE PRESERVE under REPORTS

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