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I am writing today to ask the MRC Roussillon to come up with an alterative way to deal with the developers regarding the draft by-law PR-215. I wish for the Châteauguay-Léry green corridor not to be developed by these developers. Here are my reasons why:

I am a resident of Châteauguay for 30 years, I moved here for the nature and beauty of Châteauguay. If I had wished to live in an overpopulated concrete structure, ridden with traffic jams, I would have remained in Montréal.

In the past few years, I have seen more and more rezoning, destroying more and more forested lands. I am a nature lover and I feed birds, raccoons, skunks and groundhogs; they have all lived harmoniously on my property as I had woods out the back. They were destroyed to allow new housing to be created. I have gone from 20 different kinds of birds at my feeders to 2 kinds, one being annoying pigeons. The skunks, groundhogs have disappeared, the raccoons now live on and below my deck? I do not know what has happened to them or what will happen to the ones remaining. I am sure they will go to the corridor vert that starts up the street from where I live?

In the year 2020 we are discussing greenhouse emissions and how to get them under control, we are discussing the need for forests and the positive effect they have on the earth. In the past few years, I have seen more development in Châteauguay than ever before. I notice a great increase in the number of cars on the roads and the lineups growing greater all the time, cars idling while waiting 3 to 4 light changes to get over the Arthur-Laberge bridge before they continue their journey, Châteauguay does not have a proper infrastructure to tolerate more development, and I believe this is why Mercier has stopped continuing to develop their land, also this is not a way to protect the land.

Then we have our water problems, I am still trying to get over not being able to use water for 5 weeks this summer. It is often brown and for some reason produces mould. We have calls monthly about not using the water. Nothing to do with saving the corridor vert but problems we live with as residents, one of my concerns is the impact of more development happening in this region and the quality of life that we will be left with here in Châteauguay.

In these stressful times, people go to these forests to be amongst nature and to regenerate, it has made a great difference in our lives to have this space available for us to enjoy. It is a sanctuary, that makes a difference in our everyday living.

The forest plays a huge role to our ecosystem, it houses many species and animals. I understand that humans feel that we are more important than they are, but we are not, we need these ecosystems in our society in order to survive. The MRC in approving this project would be doing a great injustice to this system.

In the zoom meeting that I attended it was said that groups and governments could be approached for funding of this land to pay the developers to not develop. I do not understand

why this has not been done. I am not sure that the MRC understand the importance of keeping the land intact and undisturbed. I ask that you go after this funding and that you keep this area protected from development. We need it, our species need it and Châteauguay in its current position can not support it without investing a great deal of money into its current infrastructures, which I don't think it has to do. There has already been a great number of building and it has not reflected in better services to date, so what is the purpose of destroying such a paradise.

I beg of the MRC to reconsider passing this bill for the sake of our current generation and for the sake of our future generation and that the MRC Roussillon come up with other governments a way to make this a huge regional park.

Thank you,
Alanna Murphy
A concerned Châteauguay resident