



17 March 2021

Chairman Emmerson and Members of Regional Council
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Chairman Emmerson and Members of Council:

RE: Response to Proposed 2051 Forecast and Land Needs Assessment Report

We would like to express our concern and surprise in response to the Proposed 2051 Forecast and Land Needs Assessment Report, dated March 5, 2021 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Planner.

Through a history of working with the Town and the Region and in collaboration with Royalpark Homes over the past ten years to plan the Green Earth Village (GEV) sustainable community concept, we have supported East Gwillimbury's role in growth management and the future of the community. Through a variety of initiatives including incorporation of sustainable technologies resulting in the donation of the Solar Flower in Fall 2018, an initiative made solely possible due to the Green Earth Village partnership, generates enough energy to power the parking lot lights and vehicle charging stations at the East Gwillimbury Town Hall.

The staff report, as noted above, continues to apply higher growth ratios despite previous direction from Regional Council to consider otherwise, effectually taking the stance of employing the outdated Plan by pipe process towards future growth. The "preliminary mapping" on Map 2, attachment 4 looks like a zoning map not a regional structure map.

With this we are disheartened by the staff's characterization of growth in north York Region, whereby Regional staff have decidedly limited the tools available to Regional Council in the efforts toward planning for sustainable growth and development in a comprehensive and cohesive manner. Effectively, we ask that all East Gwillimbury whitebelt lands within the Urban Boundary be included to comprehensively plan for a complete community.

We further request that Regional Council refer this report back to staff with direction to continue working with the Town of East Gwillimbury in support of planning for and executing a well-planned growth strategy to create forward thinking, innovative, well planned communities.

Sincerely,
SIGNATURE COMMUNITIES INC.

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Vice President