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### **Flamborough's Ecology Protected in Perpetuity** **FORCE Applauds Province's Permanent Greenbelt**

The Province of Ontario released its Permanent Greenbelt Protection Legislation, draft regulations and detailed land-use planning maps today. Together, this action protects a further one million acres of Ontario greenspace.

Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment, FORCE, applauds the long-term vision demonstrated by the Province. "Protecting our greenspace will create a major legacy for us, our children and their children. And it's not just about nature. It's about our health and about providing a sustainable economy," said Graham Flint, Chair of FORCE.

The Greenbelt legislation and plan puts Ecology First for Flamborough, in perpetuity. FORCE is pleased to see protection for provincially significant wetlands, watersheds, environmentally sensitive areas, and other significant natural features.

"When we look at the big picture, we see the entire Government of Ontario speaking and we see it saying "Ecology First" and quarries only in places where they don't threaten the ecology. We look forward to working with all parties to implement that vision" " said Mr. Flint.

Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment (FORCE) is a federally registered not for profit corporation. It is a citizen-based advocacy group with hundreds of supporters in Campbellville, Kilbride, Mountsberg, Freelon, and Carlisle. FORCE was formed in June 2004 to protect our natural and built environments in the face of a proposed large-scale, below the established groundwater table, aggregate development.

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