

Ontario Protects Hamilton Land

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The Ontario government and St. Marys Cement have reached an agreement that will ensure a quarry near Flamborough will not be built and protect local wetlands and water supply.

The agreement covers 530 acres of agricultural land in Ontario's Greenbelt. A conservation easement will be placed on title to ensure that no quarry will be built on these lands and that the province maintains its conservation purposes for the future.

As a result of the agreement, the parties have agreed to withdraw all current or future litigation. The province has also agreed to pay St. Marys Cement \$15 million toward the costs the company has incurred on the project.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing will return zoning responsibility for the lands to the City of Hamilton, so that St. Marys Cement or any future owner of the property will have to apply to the local municipality for any planning approvals.