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Do you have any talking points? Here's a start. I can't go into too many details at this point.

Dear Mayor Bevilacqua and Councilors,

As you know the earth is in environmental crisis. Biodiversity disappearing faster than in the time of the dinosaurs; climate change; and a range of impacts that further threaten living species, clean water, air and soil.

Municipal decisions are where the rubber hits the road; where the fate of species is decided by land management decisions. The City's latest Official Plan has set the City in a new direction to work toward sustainability of Vaughan's people, economy, AND it's natural heritage. We commend Vaughan's Council and City management for this.

In the case of natural heritage on private property, including that owned by developers, I hope that the City can take the approach of working with the owners to help them see the bigger picture of what the natural heritage network means for the health of the small piece of the planet in our care and how losing it inch by inch will weaken the larger network or break a link in the continuous chain needed to support species over a much larger area.

You're about to make a critical decision. Please make it in favour of the planet's threatened life-support system. Please use every instrument available to save the Vaughan's natural heritage.

Sincerely yours,  
Martha Bell