

LOCAL FARMING MATTERS

MAKE FARMLAND PROTECTION AN ELECTION ISSUE

- Our agricultural land is a **finite and non-renewable resource**.
- **The rate of farmland loss is increasing**. The latest Census of Agriculture (2016-2021) shows the rate of farmland loss increased from 175 acres to 319 acres/day.
- **Farmland is the backbone of the agri-food sector**, which contributes over \$47 billion to the GDP annually and employs over 837,000 Ontarians.
- **Farmland provides ecosystem services** like flood mitigation and carbon sequestration, all of which will benefit the communities that surround them. **These services will also be vital to the fight against climate change.**
- We need to plan for **higher-density housing options** in areas already developed that will preserve local natural resources, provide affordable housing options, and that will contribute to complete communities.
- **Democratically passed legislation, like the Planning Act, should be followed 100% of the time**. Tools that bypass this legislation, like Minister's Zoning Orders or "Strong Mayor Powers" jeopardize farmland, natural habitats, and waste tax money that has already been spent to create local Official Plans.

I want my elected officials to make farmland preservation a priority.

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