

Hello, I ask the clerk of each level of government to include my letter in agendas as Official Correspondence.

The Region of Waterloo is on the verge of running our aquifers dry. No amount of new equipment and engineering can put more water in the ground than is already there. Do the right thing and cancel the Wilmot Land Grab.

"We never know the value of water till the well is dry." Let's not go there. Any given water table can only supply a certain amount of water at any given point in time. The water level is either stable, rising or falling. For every 770 acres of farmland or bush, a 1/2" of rain would contribute 8.7 million imperial gallons of water to a water table (not taking into account what the crops, trees or other vegetation would take in). Erecting massive structures and paving over that are would instead cause all that water to be sent to storm sewers, rivers and eventually Lake Erie. Even drainage tile in the fields will prevent the rainwater and freshet (snow melt) from entering the water table.

We demand a Blue Belt to protect water as this critical resource, maybe even with public oversight. Having a website displaying the level of the water table vs demand that's available to the public would show all of us how well the aquifers, supply system and consumption management are performing.

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