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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 101 Meadowlily Road South

Staff and Councillors:

My wife enjoys hiking in the Meadowlily Woods area. Since I have quad tendon damage she advises me that it is uneven terrain and not suitable for me even with my walker.

However I am a native of the city in the forest, live downtown, and am concerned with the loss of green space surrounding the city and within the city.

1. Green space is not vacant land. It is a carbon capture area, which gives off oxygen.

Nature Conservancy of Canada is using some of their land and selling carbon offsets to companies who can not reach carbon neutral production, in the short or medium term.

Green space can be a source of income for private and public green space!

2. To protect green space the city could offer city owned unproductive land, ie. parking lots, such as being done to encourage affordable housing, in exchange for privately owned green space.

3. Offer property tax forgiveness, in exchange for letting land act as a carbon capture area.

The city's emphasis on concentrating development downtown, in old east London, and eventually in mall parking lots is to be applauded.

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