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Good morning Lou,

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At the August, 11, 2021 Planning and Economic Development Committee (<https://pub-niagararegion.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=17790>), Planning staff presented and brought forward a report seeking endorsement in principle on the Land Needs Assessment, which outlines the forecasted growth for the region, including the rationale.

Staff are reviewing your feedback and questions and will provide answers to you in the coming days.

Best regards,
Official Plan Team

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Comments

How do I subscribe to the official plan newsletter? I have been out of the loop on this and was horrified to see the population growth targets, plans to dedicate yet 7% more of our prime agricultural lands and 'protected' greenbelt countryside to more development in the same plan that claims to try to protect agricultural lands, natural watersheds and actually increases tree cover. Why "must" we target pop. growth to 647,000? How can the report claim to address climate change and develop a plan for enhancing natural environmental systems while targeting growth that will only remove more tree canopy and destroy more 'natural land' when we already have less than 10% in contrast to Toronto's 30%? (please correct me if I am wrong about that.) And how do you address the problem that so much of the housing on developed and developing lands is purchased as weekend homes that stand vacant for half or more of each year? With so much of the world's remaining natural forest lands going up in flames and farmlands entering into states of permanent drought, shouldn't whatever farmland and forest we have left really be 'protected' as the designation suggests, but does not seem to be done in practice? How can the region's carbon footprint be reduced with the

addition of so much more concrete, pavement and traffic in tandem with the removal of more trees and agricultural lands?

