

August 16, 2016

Hon. Kathryn McGarry- Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
498 Eagle Street North  
Cambridge, Ontario N3H 1C2

Re: Ojibway Prairie Windsor, ON

Dear Hon. McGarry:

Congratulations on your appointment as Minister. My letter is concerning Ojibway Prairie, Windsor ON and negative impacts from an adjacent big box (roadways 5 m away). An ESA permit was granted for Coco Paving's big box development that provided an Overall Benefit for 4 species for construction and roadway improvements.

How will 17 additional unconsidered endangered and threatened species, including the Blanding's turtle, be provided an Overall Benefit from the development's construction and roadway improvements? How will 21 endangered and threatened species be provided an Overall Benefit from the development's future traffic? The Minister did not consider the delayed or indirect effects of roads on any of these species.

A possible solution for Overall Benefit could be the closure of the adjacent section of Matchette Rd, from Titcombe to Sprucewood. Thank you for your time on protecting an unprecedented amount of SAR species in this incredible globally endangered ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Cc Premier Kathleen Wynne  
Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
Heather Riddell, Acting Resources Operations Supervisor, Aylmer District

Ojibway Prairie  
Endangered Species

Species with red square have been newly designated endangered or threatened since the 8 year case started (2007).



Threatened Species



An indicator of biodiversity loss include the numbers of species that are identified as "at risk" (i.e., extirpated, endangered, threatened or of special concern and the pace at which species are added to the at-risk categories. (Natural Heritage Reference Manual, p. 18). Since the City has approved the development in 2007, 10 species have been added or uplisted to either endangered or threatened.