

To whom it may concern.

Any planned development of the L'anse a L'orme wetlands and forest area should be delayed and even cancelled outright. This is the last remaining natural area of the West Island, and home to numerous birds and wildlife already dealing with a shrinking environment due to the over development of the area over the past few years. When we first moved to the west island more than 30 years ago, we were attracted to the open fields and forested areas where we could take a leisurely walk and enjoy the solitude. At the local farms, you could go for hay rides in the summer and sleigh rides in the winter. Cross country skiing and snow-shoeing was a simple matter of walking out the back door. Much of that has gone now with the farm fields and forests replaced by city streets, dense housing and shopping centers.

We do not need more development! We need more green spaces and natural areas so that we, and our children can continue to enjoy the area as we still do! Our kids and grand kids will thank us in years to come, and the animals and remaining wildlife will have a place to live and thrive.....in peace!

Thank you.

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