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Dear Head of Council:

**RE: Phase 2 Consultation on Urban River Valleys to Grow the Greenbelt:
Proposed amendments to the Greenbelt Plan (2017) and Greenbelt Area
Boundary Regulation (O. Reg 59/05) and Ideas for Adding more Urban River
Valleys to the Greenbelt**

I am writing today to announce that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) is launching the next phase in its consultation on Growing the Greenbelt.

In Ontario's 2020 and 2021 budgets, the government committed to protecting and expanding the Greenbelt.

In the spring of 2021, our government held consultations focused on ways to grow the size and enhance the quality of the Greenbelt, which included seeking ideas for adding, expanding and further protecting Greenbelt lands.

Since the close of the [first phase of consultation](#), our government has been undertaking work to identify potential boundaries to grow the Greenbelt that takes a balanced approach to supporting smart growth to create much-needed housing and jobs.

As a result, this phase of the consultation (Phase 2) will seek feedback on both:

1. **Proposed amendments to the Greenbelt Plan (2017) and the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation (O. Reg 59/05)** that includes the addition of 13 new and expanded Urban River Valley areas. The consultation is open for 30 days and ends on April 23, 2022; and
2. **Ideas for adding more Urban River Valleys to the Greenbelt** through new Urban River Valleys and expansions to existing Urban River Valleys that could include tributaries or parcels of publicly owned land. This part of the consultation is open for 30 days and ends on April 23, 2022.

This proposal is about growing the size and quality of the Greenbelt, and the government will not consider the removal of any lands from the existing Greenbelt, nor will it consider any changes that reduce existing policy protections in the Greenbelt.

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For more information on these proposals, please visit [ERO 019-4485 - Proposed Amendment to the Greenbelt Plan - Growing the size of the Greenbelt](#) and [Ontario.ca/Greenbelt](#) where you will find information including the proposed amendments to Greenbelt Plan Schedules 1, 2 and 4, proposed mapping amendments to the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation (O. Reg 59/05) and interactive mapping displaying the proposed URV additions at various scales.

If you have any questions about the consultation, please contact the ministry at greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca

I look forward to receiving your input on this proposal.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

c: Planning Head and/or Clerks