



citizens coalition

of GREATER FORT ERIE

TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL HERITAGE

*Fort Erie has a rich,
natural heritage.
Our beautiful
landscapes and the
wildlife that inhabits
them, make this a
special place in which
to live, work and relax.*

*Our natural heritage
is also a key asset
supporting many
sectors of the region's
economy and quality
of life.*

The **Citizens' Coalition of Greater Fort Erie (CCGFE)** was incorporated in 2010. Our primary area of focus includes Fort Erie, Stevensville, Crystal Beach, Ridgeway and the adjoining lands which form Greater Fort Erie.

CCGFE's objective is to support development which will enhance the town's natural and man-made character and provide meaningful long-term employment possibilities while protecting the culturally and ecologically valuable lands and waters of the area.

Greater Fort Erie is home to one of the most diverse and endangered ecosystems in the country, the Carolinian life zone. This unique landscape; which extends south of a line running from Grand Bend to Toronto, contains 25% of Canada's population but less than one percent of its land area. It is one of the most ecologically diverse landscapes in the province and the most threatened. Combined with the fact that many of its species are near the northern limit of their distribution, the Carolinian life zone has the greatest number and concentration of species at risk in Canada. **CCGFE** intends to help conserve this valuable land while at the same time supporting development which respects the environmental and residents' concerns.

Join with **CCGFE** in our efforts to lobby against one of the most dangerous assaults on the mosaic of farmlands and forests of Carolinian Canada; a proposed NASCAR-style speedway development on 821 acres in Fort Erie. We object to the re-classification of "Good General Agricultural Land" through a provincial planning loop-hole called a "Special Policy Area", in order to make way for this project and its inherent threats to the our landscape and lifestyle. We have filed our objection with the Ontario Municipal Board Appeals Court, and are in urgent need of donations to support this process.

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