

November 3, 2014.

My name is Lisa Mintz.

Speaking as a resident of Lachine, WE WANT A PARK!

I love where I live! It is the most tranquil and quiet place I have lived in Montreal. I feel like I am living in the country. It is such a gift. I have better health and more peace of mind than I ever have. I sleep better and I work better. The only thing that would make it better would be the establishment of a beautiful park.

I was so excited when I heard that Meadowbrook Golf Course was going to be saved from development! It is practically in my backyard! Then the **Schéma d'aménagement** was published, and I saw, on map 20 (p.96), which designated key land uses, that the Lachine side of Meadowbrook, MY side, was not zoned as Greenspace at all, but rather as high density residential map 32 (p 127). I was stunned. I had thought that this Greenspace was designated to become a park for the residents of St. Pierre who so desperately need it!

I had thought, that because the various governments had unanimously agreed that there were to be 300 meter setbacks from rail yards after the Lac Megantic tragedy, that it would be impossible to build on Meadowbrook, and Meadowbrook would become the Greenspace we so desperately need. Not only for me, but for future generations. Apparently not. Even after winning the Merrill Henderson Award in September 2014 as leaders in railway safety and protection, these setbacks are not being honoured. Meadowbrook is still zoned as high density residential housing and not as a Greenspace.

I am not against high density housing, rather I am all for it, but why don't they build on one of the brown spaces rather than an established Greenspace? There are lots of them in Lachine.

Two commissions, the Labreque Commission Report 2009 and the OCPM 2014 have recommended that Meadowbrook be turned into a public park . Montreal lags behind every other major city in Canada in terms of Greenspace. We need to keep what we have!

My street is filled with children, who currently are playing in the postage stamp sized Rosedale park. I speak for all of Lachinois when I say they deserve fresh air and green spaces to play in for their health and welfare. They deserve a place for their children to play in, and their children's children. And such a space is already there, just waiting to become a huge public park, if only the Mayor of Lachine would change the zoning.

Appendix A

de développer des scénarios visant la protection du site du golf de Meadowbrook et sa transformation en parc nature, en grand parc urbain ou en écoterritoire dans la perspective d'une trame verte reliant ce site à la falaise Saint-Jacques. Labrecque Commission (actual title **Rapport d'étude publique et recommandations sur le Bilan 2007-2008 de la Politique de protection et de mise en valeur des milieux naturels** (2009) p20

À cet égard, le site du golf de Meadowbrook, un grand espace vert situé à proximité du centre-ville, a retenu particulièrement l'attention de la commission. Rappelons que la Commission permanente du conseil d'agglomération sur les grands équipements et les activités d'intérêt avait recommandé en 2009 de développer des scénarios visant la protection de ce site et sa transformation en parc-nature, en grand parc urbain ou en écoterritoire, dans la perspective d'une continuité verte reliant ce site à la falaise Saint-Jacques.⁵⁶⁶

Section 3.6.1 p143 Project de plan de Developpment de montreal rapport de consultation 28 jan 2014
R-22 La commission reprend à son compte la recommandation de la Commission permanente du conseil de l'agglomération de développer des scénarios visant la protection du site du golf de Meadowbrook et sa transformation en parc-nature, en grand parc urbain ou en écoterritoire, dans la perspective d'une continuité verte reliant ce site à la falaise Saint-Jacques qui devrait être protégée, elle aussi. P 142

OCPM

AVANT-PROJET DE

POLITIQUE DE PROTECTION ET DE MISE EN VALEUR

DES MILIEUX NATURELS

(VILLE DE MONTRÉAL RAPPORT DE CONSULTATION PUBLIQUE p30

Le 31 mai 2004

La commission est d'avis que le golf Meadowbrook et le ruisseau Petit-Saint-Pierre qui serpente à travers ce dernier méritent une attention particulière. Elle recommande donc à la Ville d'en faire un écoterritoire.

La commission souhaite que toutes les îles entourant Montréal soient