

*Les Amis de Meadowbrook*

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Dear Sirs,

An excerpt from Fairmont's "Green the Greens" initiative illustrates Fairmont's commitment to protecting the environment and using best environmental practices at its golf courses:

*Our expectation from the Audubon program is to promote ecologically sound land management and the "conservation of natural resources. This program provides information and advice for conducting proactive environmental projects on golf courses."..."Greening Our Greens" is just one way that Fairmont Hotels & Resorts strives to conserve natural resources for the enjoyment of future generations."*

Les Amis de Meadowbrook, a member group of the Green Coalition, was formed in 1989 to preserve and enhance Meadowbrook Golf Course, which is owned by Fairmont Hotels & Resorts. It is situated in the west end of Montreal, nine holes in Lachine, and nine holes in Cote St Luc. This land possesses valuable visual and physical features in terms of its flora, fauna and topography. It is the home of many different bird species, 2000 trees, and a wide assortment of other wildlife. Located only 15 minutes from downtown Montreal, the site has a great potential for recreational tourism and is accessible from the core of the city by train and bus.

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This oasis of green space, located in an area of asphalt and city sprawl, has been called the “lungs of the west end of Montreal”. It should remain green for future generations to enjoy, and for the health of all Montrealers.

Meadowbrook’s value to the larger community has just been recognized by the Office de consultation publique de Montréal (OPCM) which recommended that Meadowbrook, and the Little Saint Pierre River which runs through it, be added to Montreal’s list of protected green spaces or “ecoterritories”. The Commission goes on to suggest “the necessity of imposing a moratorium on all development projects in the ecoterritories’ natural spaces and buffer zones.” Copies of the briefs submitted to the OPCM by our members, as well as the OPCM’S press release are attached.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature, (observer status at the UN General Assembly), recommends that cities retain 8% of their land as green space. Montreal currently has 3.2%, down from 11.4% in 1978. Toronto has three times more than Montreal, and Vancouver seven times more. Montreal Island needs green space and Meadowbrook is an ideal ecoterritory.

Moreover, in addition to its ecological value, Meadowbrook acts as a buffer between heavy industry and adjacent residential neighbourhoods. Its proximity to an industrial park, and railway tracks on three sides, has been recognized as a safety risk. The Montreal Urban Community (MUC) has stated this over the years in reports and resolutions dating back to 1990.

You have expressed your commitment to the environment by your participation in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System. We would like to ask for your help to save Meadowbrook as a green space. This would be a further demonstration of Fairmont Hotels & Resorts’ commitment to good environmental practices as well as your sense of social responsibility to the community. Montrealers would be extremely grateful to Fairmont Hotels & Resorts if you could help preserve a prime recreational area only a short distance from downtown Montreal.

Les Amis de Meadowbrook would be happy to meet with you or your representatives, at your convenience, to begin a fruitful dialogue to discuss these issues. Thank you for your consideration,

Yours sincerely,

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