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Dear Mr. Trepanier,

Re: Greenbelt Master Plan Review

The Ottawa Food Policy Council (OFPC) extends its congratulations to the National Capital Commission on the release of the draft *Greenbelt Master Plan Review Summary: Land Designations, Policies and Sector Plans*. We are encouraged to see the prioritization of “production of food for people as the primary use of Greenbelt farmlands,” support for greater farm diversity, smaller farm parcels and sustainable practices; local food production leading to regional food security; value-added activities; orchards, community gardens and scale-appropriate renewable energy to support farm operations.

The OFPC provides policy support for a food system in Ottawa that emphasizes social equity, economic viability, and environmental sustainability through the entire food cycle and in which food is celebrated and enjoyed. We look forward to supporting the NCC as it implements the strategy, which will lead to Ottawa demonstrating leadership in Canada by showcasing sustainability, self-reliance and livability through a vibrant, healthy, accessible local food system. In addition to lending our support for the Greenbelt Master Plan, note that we are a key stakeholder in the Capital Urban Lands Master Plan.

Signed,



Christina Marchant, Chair
on behalf of the Ottawa Food Policy Council