

# OPINION

## Preserving the Upton Farms as a green belt

The Upton Farm, located on BOTH sides of the Trans Canada Highway between the North River Causeway and the traffic light by the Upton Road, was part of the Federal Agricultural Research Farm.

The fields and mixed woods, start by Beach Grove Forest Division and run along the shore of the North River to the proposed location of the arterial highway.

The land was transferred to Canada Lands, whose mandate it is to dispose at it for the best price. However there is also an obligation by Canada Lands to consider public uses of the land. The Provincial Governments and Cities are usually offered the land before other plans are developed.

As it stands now, plans are in the works for a high density SUBDIVISION on the area adjoining the forest at Beach Grove.

A petition with over 1,000 names has been presented to the Prime Minister, copied to the Minister responsible for Canada Lands, Lawrence Cannon as well as Minister Peter MacKay, responsible for ACOA. (See copy below)

A copy of the wording of the petition has also been forwarded to the Provincial Minister of Forestry, Mr. Ballem, who recently, responding to a media question, gave a positive reply suggesting some interest on the part of the Province for preserving this land for future generations, either in the form of an urban forest or just a green belt along the North River.

Most people are unaware of what is about to happen to this beautiful example of the Island landscape, but once aware are pleased and eager for an opportunity to lend their voices to preserving this pristine land for future generations, this beautiful slice of the Island

landscape located so beautifully along the banks of the North River.

We ask you and your like minded family and friends to lend your voice to the already submitted petition by forwarding a short e-mailing or written note in support of leaving the Upton Farm as a green belt and free of urban development, to the addresses of the following people.

Please do it immediately, time is of the essence.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper: pm@pm.gc.ca.

Transport Minister Cannon, responsible for Canada Lands: cannon.l@parl.gc.ca.

Minister responsible for ACOA and the Atlantic Provinces: mackay.p@parl.gc.ca

(Ask that it be copied to Kevin MacAdam, who works in the Ministers office).

Premier Binns: pgbins@gov.pe.ca.

Minister of Forestry J. Ballem: jwballe@gov.pe.ca.

City Councilor Cecil Villard: cfvillard56@hotmail.com.

Please note: Letters of support for the Upton Farm Petition can be mailed to all MP's on Parliament Hill without postage.

Also, please, visit and urge other people to do the same: [www.UptonFarm.Wordpress.com](http://www.UptonFarm.Wordpress.com).

For further information, or if you want to work with us and join our meetings, please call: 892-3839.

A line from Joni Mitchell's song, - "they paved over Paradise and put up a parking lot" very much relates to this unfortunate project, let us hope we can get it changed.

Thank you for your support,  
The Upton Farm Preservation  
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## Old Ink Cartridge x 12 = New Tree

After a promising first year of operation, last year the INKredible Recycling Program collected a total of 250 ink cartridges on campus here at UPEI. The program is aimed at getting students, faculty and staff environmentally active by having them bring their used ink cartridges to one of six drop-off locations on campus. The Environmental and Sustainability Society (ESS) then donates the cartridges to the PEI Humane Society who are in turn subsidized for recycling them.

With the fall semester over, ESS students ran to the ink cartridge collection sites in hopes of discovering full collection boxes and unprecedented numbers of small, compact recycling opportunities. Hope and anticipation was quickly followed by disappointment and anguish. 45. 45 ink cartridges collected on campus in the first semester. That's 45 ink cartridges for about 4000 students. Let's assume that every student on campus had at least one "big" paper to print in the semester, a few assignments, maybe a lab report, and numerous unnecessary, even ridiculous printing pursuits

- that's got to leave more than 45 empty cartridges. Even factoring laziness and the accessibility of the garbage can, there still must be some of you out there who either didn't know about the program, were scared to ask where the drop-off boxes were or chose not to recycle. Recycle.

Drop-off locations here: Robertson Library, Kelly Building, MAPUS Lounge, "the New Residence," AVC lobby, the Bookstore. Six. Count them. There's boxes at these locations that you can place your empty ink cartridge in. If you have trouble finding the boxes, ask someone where they are. It's worth it. For every 12 cartridges that get donated, THINKGREEN sponsors the planting of a tree through the Tree Canada Foundation. As an ink cartridge recycler, you'll be making a contribution to Humane Society, your forests, and a little bit less of a contribution to your landfill. Your environment appreciates the effort.

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