## Grey County Federation of Agriculture

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Grey County Federation of Agriculture would like to thank you for asking for our support on your motion.

We do support your motion in principal and would like to work with your municipality in bringing forth recommendations and strategies for preserving farmland.

We are losing 319 acres of farmland a day through development and this land cannot be reclaimed as farmland. When concrete has been poured and warehouses, shopping malls and subdivisions have been built, this land will not be productive land again.

GCFA can assist your municipality with information to help the council make informed decisions on Policy statements, climate change and land preservation through the official plan.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture has a website that can be supportive called 'Home Grown' and it explains the need for protecting our farmland. Please go to homegrownofa.ca and *take action*.

Dianne Booker

**GCFA President**