



Citizens Protecting Ojibway Wilderness

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Essex County citizens who are seeking more information about Windsor's Schwartz Report and its' potential impact on the Ojibway Complex now have a place to turn.

Citizens Protecting Ojibway Wilderness (CPOW) is a community organization made up of people from all walks of life and from all corners of Essex County who share a strong belief: The Ojibway Complex should remain completely protected from the proposed Schwartz truck bypass .

"We are attempting to research and organize the most effective protest possible", says founder Alan McKinnon: "The people who can best speak for Ojibway have been silenced by the City of Windsor, but someone has to step up and remind Essex County that Ojibway is a true miracle of nature. Ojibway deserves to have it's hard earned protection as a natural area enforced."



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The first issue of their newsletter is sure to ruffle some feathers, and that is its' intent says Mckinnon: "People deserve to know the political and procedural manipulations that have led to this insane idea ever being presented to the public. With 3% tree cover and the Emerald Ash borer only worsening Essex County's deforestation, all of our green spaces should be considered sacred.

"As a natural area with overlapping layers of government protection already in place, Ojibway should be taken off the table immediately."

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"We all want a solution to our border congestion problems, but suggesting that the most biologically rich site in Essex County should be sacrificed to overcome the NIMBY (not in my backyard) battles that have stalled our progress is really outdated thinking." Mr. Mckinnon concludes:

"I believe that the true heart of Essex County will always hold a place for Ojibway, and from the response we've had already, I can guarantee that there are many people willing to step forward in order to protect it."

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