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Letter: Loss of Clarence wetlands impacts future generations

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I am fortunate to have experienced in my lifetime the pristine natural areas of Western New York, including wetlands.

I was able to experience the wonderful unique wildlife that these wetlands support e.g.: birds, frogs, turtles, plants.

There has been an explosion of development in Clarence and I am worried about wetlands and old growth forests being destroyed. I am not against projects in my backyard or development, but wetlands in Clarence are fast disappearing.

These wetlands retain tremendous amounts of water, like a big sponge, which prevent flooding of neighbors and other towns downstream from Tonawanda, Gott and Ransom Creeks. Wetlands also filter water and recharge the Onondaga aquifer which eventually will become somebody's drinking water.

Does every square inch of these sensitive areas need to be developed? Can we not share these areas with nature and preserve them for future generations?

Wetlands are considered among the most prolific ecosystems on our planet, let's preserve them for the quality of life of future generations. We are so lucky to have them.

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