

# Group fears rampant NE development after lot severance approved

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An environmental watchdog group says land-use plans on the Niagara Escarpment have been seriously hurt now that Natural Resources Minister Jerry Ouellette has granted a development permit to a popular tourist farm on Bell School Line.

The Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment (CONE) fears Mr. Ouellette's decision to allow the 65-acre Springridge Farm to build a new home on its property violates provisions set up to protect the 750-km escarpment. It was designated a World Biosphere Reserve by the United Nations in 1990.

"What it looks like is an apparent move away from escarpment protection," said CONE executive director Jason Thorne of the decision. "There are lots of people who would love to have a lot severed, but for the integrity of the escarpment as a whole, we have to have restrictions on these things. It's set a very dangerous precedent."

The application for a permit was approved by the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) in September, 2001 and was appealed to the Environmental Review Tribunal, on behalf of CONE and a local neighbour, in January of 2002.

The tribunal turned down the original

application but last December, Mr. Ouellette overruled the tribunal's decision and approved Springridge Farm's application.

The ministry's director of communications, Gordon Prisco, said when a hearing officer disagrees with the Niagara Escarpment Commission, the minister must make the final decision.

"It was based on the merits of the individual case," he said. "This is a (family-owned) business with student tours and a drop-in shop. It's pretty harmless. They

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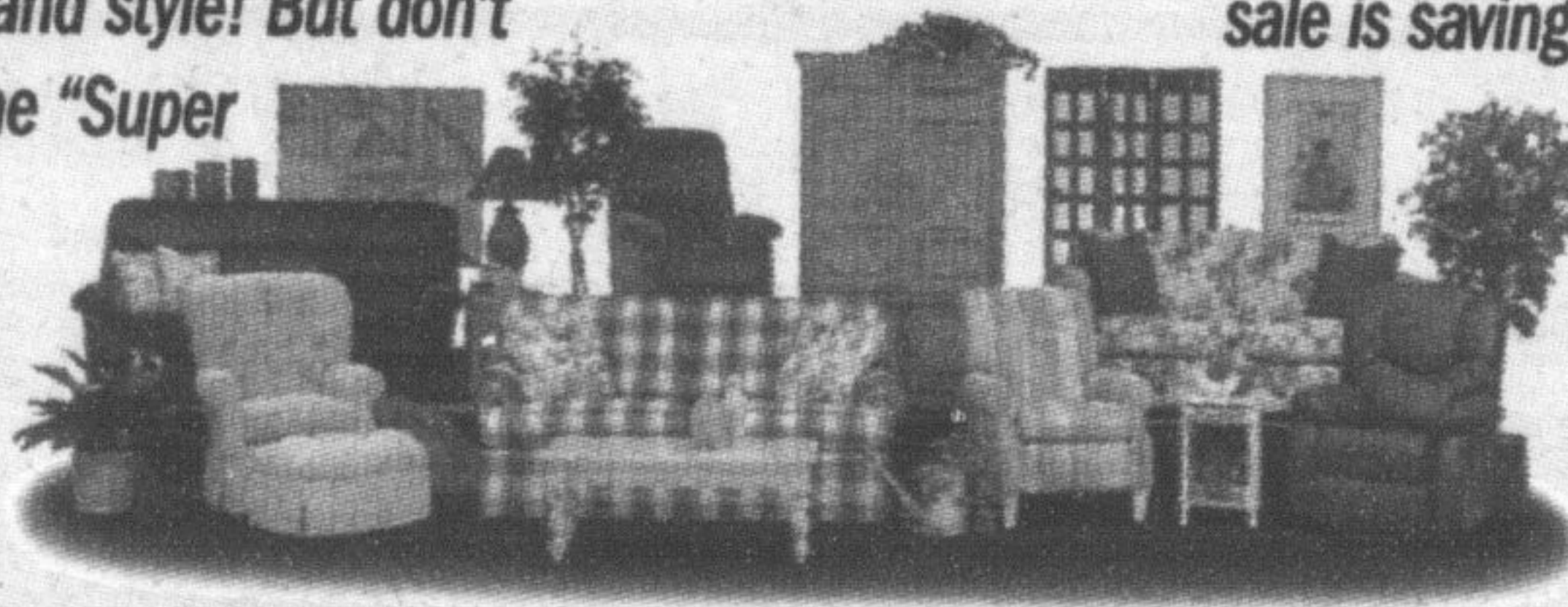
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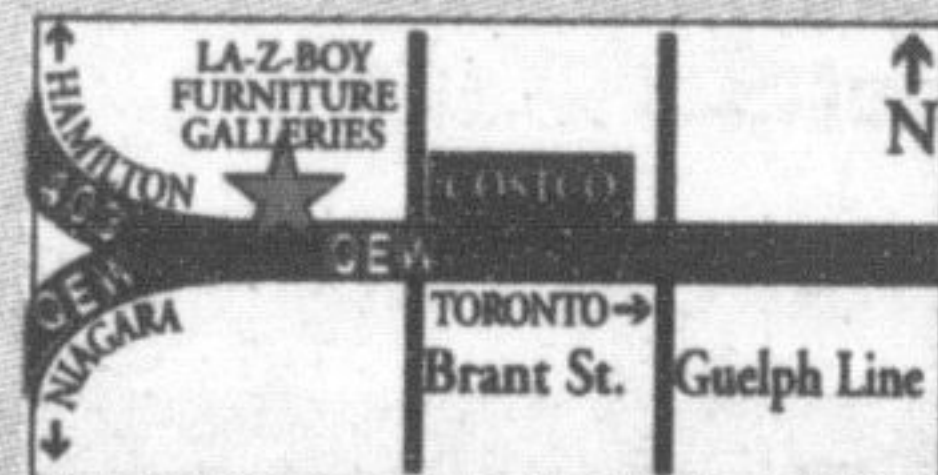


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