

# Family sells land for regional forest

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The property north of Aurora Road in Ballantrae was surrounded by farms when Paul Calandra's family bought it in 1970.

"Now it's literally the last remaining piece of land that has not gone toward housing," said Mr. Calandra, whose family is offering to sell 60 of the 92 acres to York Region.

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Last week, a regional council committee accepted the Calandra's price of \$325,000.

The sale is a move that makes sense, he said, considering the former farm is

among the several patches of York Regional Forest lining up through the area between McCowan Road and Hwy. 48.

The Calandra's, through the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, placed a legal easement on the land last year to ensure it cannot be developed.

They will continue to live on the eastern portion of the property.

The region says it considers the purchase a high priority and would draw the necessary money from its greenlands property securement reserve and from the provincially funded Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation.

Ceremonies to mark the easement and sale are expected next month. The region is planning for a partnership with the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and volunteers that will refor-

est the moraine land and add it to the regional forest.

The Oak Ridges Trail, which winds along the length of the moraine, runs through the property, which also contains underground flows feeding a pair of Black River tributary streams.

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Mr. Calandra, who this year ran unsuccessfully for the Conservative nomination in the new federal riding of Oak Ridges-Markham, admitted he has mixed feelings about parting with the land but is satisfied it will remain unspoiled.

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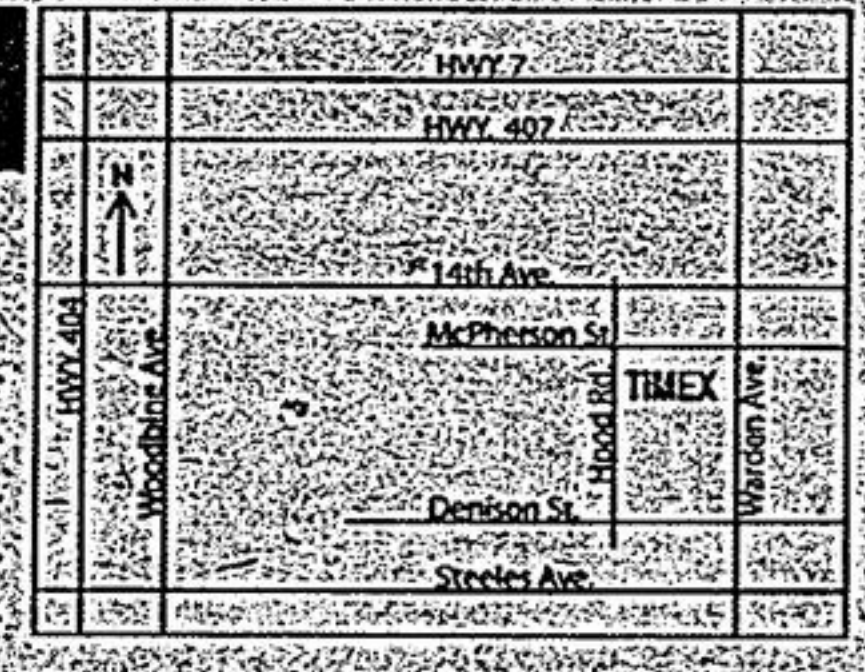
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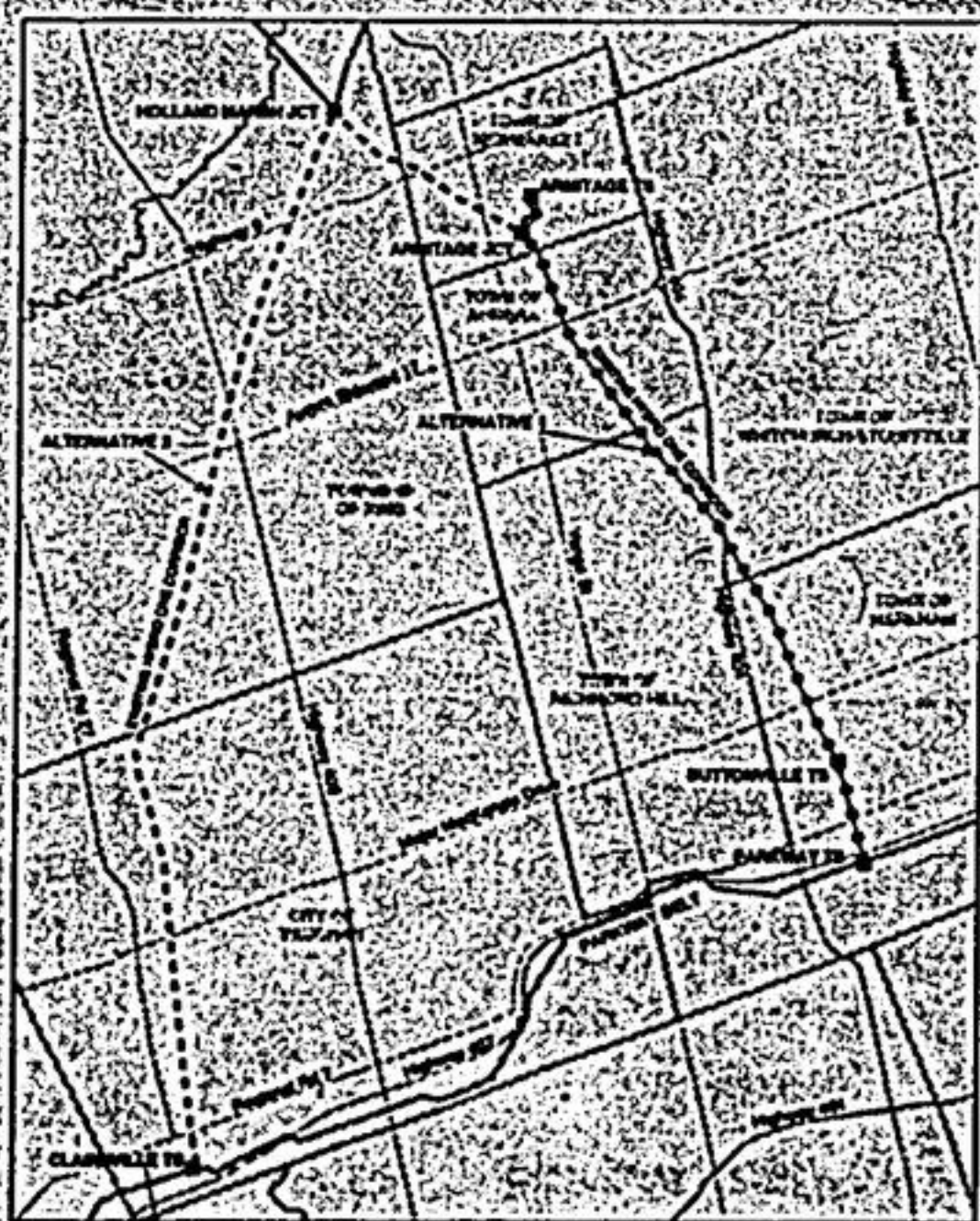
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