

# Sauvons l'Anse-à-l'Orme



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Brief on the proposed Cour Turcot Nature Park  
Presented to the Office de la consultation publique de Montréal  
on behalf of Sauvons l'Anse-à-l'Orme  
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Sauvons l'Anse-à-l'Orme is a citizens group formed in 2015 in reaction to an announcement by the Mayors of Pierrefonds and Montreal that a housing development was planned in the l'Anse-à-l'Orme corridor located in Pierrefonds West. For three years our volunteers have raised awareness about the ecological value of this land in its natural state and the need to protect all of it to ensure the integrity of this wildlife corridor. Over 20,000 people support our work by signing our petition and following our efforts to create a National Urban park featuring the l'Anse-à-l'Orme corridor. It has been through this public awareness campaign that I have learned, and continue to learn the important role natural spaces, such as l'Anse-à-l'Orme and the Falaise St-Jacques, play in proximity to large urban areas. Their protection is paramount to our survival as a thriving, healthy city capable of withstanding the ravages of climate change.

In such environmentally challenging times, it is also essential that new green spaces be created wherever possible and Sauvons l'Anse-a-l'Orme applauds the work of the Plante administration to create a new nature park in the Cour Turcott as part of the major restructuring work on the Turcott Yards.

We also support the work of the group Sauvons la falaise to bring attention to the threats and vulnerability that the St-Jacques escarpment has experienced throughout the construction period, most disappointingly, the clearcut of two hectares of trees. It is our recommendation that the founders of Sauvons la falaise be consulted at every step of this project's fruition. In support of their work we echo their demands that:

1. the falaise St-Jacques should be an integral part of the new Grand Parc Turcot
2. the public must be consulted on all plans for the falaise
3. the falaise remain natural and the biodiversity found there be protected and enhanced with plantings of native species.
4. that no more trees be removed

In conclusion, the creation of a new nature park on the land adjacent to the Turcott restructuring project is an impressive and welcome initiative by the Plante administration but to be a truly amazing 'gateway to Montreal' it must include the falaise St-Jacques.

Thank you

