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Over to HRM

The Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes wilderness area announcement is wonderful news for outdoor enthusiasts, nature lovers and the city of Halifax. Environment Minister Mark Parent and Natural Resources Minister David Morse deserve our thanks for this wise, far-sighted decision.

There's just one dangling issue: Developers own a considerable swath of land on the east side of the wilderness area. Much of it is lake-front property on Susies Lake, Quarry Lake, and Fox Lake – all lakes that are part of the main canoe loop in the wilderness area. If this land is developed, it will ruin much of the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes wilderness experience.

HRM's regional plan says that the city will acquire this land for a regional park. It's now over to Mayor Peter Kelly to finish the job that Mark Parent and David Morse started – get that land back from developers and turn it into a park.

Dan Hutt, Dartmouth

Great contribution

Congratulations to Mark Parent for giving Nova Scotians the wilderness areas around Blue Mountain and Birch Cove Lakes. This is a tremendous contribution and we hope that many more valuable pieces of land will be announced soon, to get up to that 12 per cent we all want.

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