

Letters to Editor

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### **Deserves protection**

It is not surprising that the people of HRM are so pleased that a wilderness protection area has been established at the outskirts of the city. What a wonderful contrast to the "inferno" of the Bayers Lake Business Park. Nova Scotia is slowly but surely moving forward to achieve the target of 12 per cent of our land base being protected. The government deserves our congratulations and support.

In Cumberland County, there is no land that enjoys the protection of the Wilderness Area Protection Act of Nova Scotia (except for a small finger reaching into the county as part of the Economy River Wilderness area in Colchester). We have the Chignecto Game Sanctuary (approximately 21,000 hectares, with minimal protection), plus adjoining Crown lands of several thousand acres. Much of that land would be ideal as a protected area. Much of it deserves and needs the protection that is afforded by that particular legislation.

Cumberland is a large county. We deserve to have some of our special land protected as well. I urge people in Cumberland to speak to our MLAs to work towards that goal. Why should good things only happen elsewhere?

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