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OPINION

Micron can do better than filling in 200 acres of wetlands (Your Letters)

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Micron Technology would destroy more than 200 acres of wetlands, like these along Burnet Road, in the town of Clay to build a semiconductor manufacturing complex. Glenn Coin | gcoin@syracuse.com









By Your Letters

To the Editor:

I am concerned about, and oppose, <u>Micron's</u> plans to fill 200 acres of wetlands, in the process of building their upcoming project (<u>"Micron plans to fill in hundreds of acres of wetlands. You can offer your opinion," May 31, 2024).</u>

Wetlands are invaluable in so many complex ways. Surely, in this day and age, our thinking has evolved beyond this old formula for development. Nowadays, there are all sorts of exciting and innovate ways that developers, and cities, are coming up with to not only preserve natural habitats and ecosystems, but also create them. This makes the world more habitable, now and in the future, for not only humans, but all the wild beings that we share this planet with, and which all life on earth is vitally dependent on, whether we acknowledge it or not. Micron's plan to offset the destruction of 200 acres of wetland by purchasing other wetlands is nothing more than greenwashing.

In light of the impending ecological difficulties that lie ahead for the planet, due to a rapidly warming planet, and the massive loss of natural habitat, it is imperative that we do the absolute least harmful thing when planning out building sites. When devising building plans, developers cannot continue to treat the natural world as if it has no intrinsic value, as if it is acceptable to wipe out entire ecosystems with little thought or concern, as if the well-being of our own lives is separate from, and has no connection to the well-being and health of the natural world.

Developers can, and must, do better when it comes to safeguarding our invaluable ecosystems. Local, state and federal governments must hold them accountable. Business as usual doesn't cut it anymore. Micron can figure out a better plan than filling in 200 acres of wetlands ... if they want to. And if someone holds them accountable.

Ann Pilcher Jamesville

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