

1. Ontario Place Redevelopment and Environmental Concerns

- The Ontario Place redevelopment project has raised significant environmental concerns. The Cultural Landscape Foundation (TCLF) highlighted that the proposed redevelopment threatens the unique cultural landscape of Ontario Place, including the removal of nearly 1,600 trees and the construction of a large spa complex that could alter the site's historical and ecological integrity. [Spacing+1 Environmental Registry of Ontario+1 TCLF](#)
- Additionally, Spacing Toronto reported that the Haudenosaunee Development Institute has expressed concerns over inadequate consultation regarding the Ontario Place project, citing potential infringements on treaty rights and the need for proper engagement with Indigenous communities. [Spacing](#)

2. Environmental Bill of Rights and Public Consultation

- The Ontario Auditor General's 2021 report criticized the provincial government for failing to consult the public on decisions with significant environmental impacts, such as amendments to the Environmental Assessment Act and the Conservation Authorities Act. This oversight undermines the objectives of the Environmental Bill of Rights, which aims to ensure public participation in environmental decision-making. [Law Times](#)
- Ecojustice also condemned the suspension of public participation under the Environmental Bill of Rights during the COVID-19 pandemic, arguing that it represented a significant erosion of environmental protections and public accountability. [Ecojustice](#)

3. Public Health Implications of Environmental Degradation

- A study reported by The Guardian found that toxic "forever chemicals" (PFAS) are widespread in the Great Lakes basin, including Lake Ontario. These chemicals, which are linked to serious health issues such as cancer and kidney disease, are persistent in the environment and pose significant public health risks. [The Guardian](#)
- Furthermore, The Pointer discussed concerns over Ontario's sewage infrastructure, noting that outdated systems contribute to the release of untreated sewage into Lake Ontario, leading to health advisories and potential waterborne diseases. [The Pointer](#)

References

1. Environmental Impact Reports:

- a. The Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Ontario Place Redevelopment provides detailed information on the project's environmental assessments and planned mitigations. [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#)

2. Government and Auditor General Reports:

- a. The Ontario Auditor General's 2021 report on the operation of the Environmental Bill of Rights offers insights into the government's compliance with public consultation requirements. [Law Times](#)

3. News Articles and Studies:

- a. The Guardian's article on PFAS contamination in the Great Lakes basin highlights the prevalence of these harmful chemicals.
- b. The Pointer's discussion on sewage infrastructure issues in Ontario provides context on environmental health concerns. [The Guardian](#)+1[The Pointer](#)+1[The Pointer](#)