



Research Notes and References for 413

A great article by a Caledon resident from the magazine, In the Hills.

<https://www.inthehills.ca/2022/03/why-highway-413-is-a-bad-idea/>

A comprehensive overview of the main reasons to stop the highway.

<https://environmentaldefence.ca/stop-the-413-3/>

Recent newspaper articles about the 413 controversy.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-highway-413-is-proposed-to-carve-through-farmland-in-caledon-ont/>

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/editorials/2021/04/05/highway-413-was-always-a-bad-idea-ties-between-developers-and-the-ford-government-should-be-the-final-straw.html>

An estimate from the 2022 Ontario budget outlining the \$25 Billion to be spent on highway expansion. This includes the estimated \$10 billion for the 413.

<https://ontario.transportaction.ca/ontarios-budget-2022-transportation-highlights/>

The time estimate of 12 to 25 years is based on the recently completed 427 extension which took three years to build and runs a distance of 6.6 kms. If the 413 proceeds at the pace of the 427 project (2.2kms of new highway/year) it will take 25 YEARS to build the 413. If the pace of construction is increased to 4.4kms/year it will take 13 YEARS to build the 413.

<https://canada.constructconnect.com/dcn/news/infrastructure/2017/03/highway-427-expansion-price-and-contract-details-announced-1022609w>

To see the Province of Ontario's soil classification descriptions, go here.

<http://omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/classify.htm#cap>

You will find two very informative maps in this study. One on p.128 shows Land Use in the Caledon portion of the 413. One on p.138 shows the Soil Quality in the Caledon portion of the 413. If you go to p.149 you can read a summary of the findings.

<https://www.highway413.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Chapter4LandUseSocioEconomicEnvironment.pdf>

This study completed by the Region of Peel shows that the farmland in the 413 corridor in Caledon is the best there is! See LEAR scores on p.31.

<https://www.peelregion.ca/planning/paawg/pdf/LEAR-Presentation.pdf>

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture's comment on the Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation Plan.

<https://ofa.on.ca/resources/ofa-submission-to-the-ministry-of-transportation-regarding-the-greater-golden-horseshoe-transportation-plan/>

The statistic on farmland destruction at 319 acres a day is taken from this Ontario Federation of Agriculture press release.

<https://ofa.on.ca/newsroom/ontario-farmland-under-intense-pressure/>

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture's position on farmland preservation is: "OFA believes that the highest and best use of our arable land is for agriculture. Land capable of supporting agricultural activity is a strategic non-renewable resource worthy of preserving as it ensures a safe, sustainable supply of food, fibre and fuel for Ontario, Canada and the world."

<https://ofa.on.ca/issues/land-use-policy-farmland-preservation/>