

# ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT'S KEMPTVILLE PRISON PLAN: AN EARTH DAY WEBINAR AND PRESS CONFERENCE

Monday, April 22, 2024  
12:00pm – 1:00pm  
Livestream on YouTube

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## WHAT?

The Coalition Against the Proposed Prison (CAPP) invites journalists, municipal, provincial, and federal officials, as well as environmentalists and members of the public to attend a press conference and webinar. During this Earth Day event, speakers will:

- Share new research findings on the anticipated environmental impacts and economic costs of the planned Eastern Ontario Correctional Complex the Government of Ontario wants to build on the grounds of the former Kemptville Agricultural College farm;
- Disclose new details concerning the Kemptville prison obtained through appeals to previously blocked freedom of information requests;
- Provide an update on the legal fight to stop the Kemptville prison on the grounds that the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Infrastructure Ontario failed to abide by provincial planning laws and policies when the government decided to build a prison on designated prime agricultural land in Kemptville; and
- Conclude with a discussion on other avenues CAPP is contemplating should the Government of Ontario not abandon its short-sighted and costly plans for Kemptville, enact a prison construction moratorium, and invest in measures that will actually enhance community well-being and safety in the long-term.

## WHY?

In August 2020, the Government of Ontario announced a series of wasteful prison infrastructure projects, including a proposed “correctional complex” slated for construction on the grounds of the former Kemptville Agricultural College farm in North Grenville. Ever since, local residents and their allies have been fighting to save the farmland and stop the Kemptville prison from being built on the college property that features prime agricultural land, floodplain and a Rideau River watershed creek, while also advocating for community-based alternatives to criminalization and incarceration. This project does not belong in any backyard. It needs to be stopped.

## WHO?

The CAPP Earth Day webinar and press conference will include Kemptville residents and researchers from the Department of Criminology at the University of Ottawa.

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## WHERE?

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## DONATIONS TO CAPP'S FIGHT VIA THE SMALL CHANGE FUND

Charitable donations to the Small Change Fund's “Save the Kemptville Farmland” campaign are encouraged via <https://smallchangefund.ca/project/save-the-kemptville-farmland/>.

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