

## **Support the October 1<sup>st</sup> Harvest Ontario Walk against Highway 413**

The WALK will take place on Saturday, October 1, 2022 along the length of the proposed highway.

The protest has been spearheaded by Mississauga Climate Action, GASP (Grandmothers Act to Save the Planet), and Environmental Defence.

The objective of the protest is to convince Stephen Guilbeault (Federal Minister of the Environment), to conduct a full environment assessment because the proposed 413 highway could lead to significant environmental damage.

A full environmental assessment could take 3-5 years.

The primary concerns are: the environmental ramifications worsening climate change, the loss of prime agricultural land, and incursions into the Greenbelt. Additional concerns include: urban sprawl, the high cost of the proposal and unplanned, unmanaged development by private companies (large numbers of independent developers own swaths of land along the proposed route).

The walk has been divided into eleven segments of about 5 kms each along paved country roads. It will start from both ends of the proposed highway (Vaughan to Halton), meeting in the middle at the Brampton Fairgrounds. A rally will take place at the fairgrounds starting roughly at 1pm. Plans for the Brampton Fairgrounds rally are still unfolding, and a parallel bicycle route has also been organized for that day.

Various environmental and volunteer organizations have taken responsibility for the segments and for getting participants back to their transportation. All the segments will start at the same time (10 AM).

The “North of Nine Groups” segment is 4 kms long and runs along Healey Road from The Gore Road to Airport Road. In addition to MC<sup>2</sup>, the other groups "North of Highway 9" committed to support the walk are: CCAT (Concerned Citizens of Adjala Tosorontio) and Ladies of the Line (Adjala), Food and Water First, and NDACT (North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce). All of these organizations will solicit their members to join.

Environmental Defence will assist in directing individuals outside of any organizations or groups to join in one of the segments (see <https://environmentaldefence.ca/howtostop413/>).