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Montréal, March 25, 2021 - The Green Coalition has lost a four year court battle to protect Technoparc's unique wetland ecosystem in the St. Laurent borough. This ecosystem shelters the largest variety of bird species recorded on Montreal Island.

In its application for a permanent injunction, the Green Coalition asked the court to stop development, reverse the environmental damage already done, and conserve the area in perpetuity. But before the injunction was heard, thousands of trees were felled; a dike and a road were built that drained important marshes, causing a marked decline in the bird population.

In the February 2020 injunction hearing, renowned wildlife Biologist Rodger Titman told the Superior Court that: "This habitat is being severely fragmented and there are plans to fragment it further We need to ensure that not even the smallest marsh is lost."

The judgment on the permanent injunction was rendered March 1, 2021, and we have lost. The Green Coalition respectfully disagrees with both the reasoning and the outcome, but has decided not to appeal the case.

We are nonetheless aghast that Quebec environmental law, which purports to protect the environment and wetlands in particular, can be used to turn this:

Petit-marais Hubert Reeves



Courtoisie Hubert Gendron 2015 . . . avant la destruction

into this:



Courtoisie TechnoparcOiseaux 3 juin 2018

The Green Coalition does not accept this destruction of our irreplaceable ecosystems and will not give up until the Government of Quebec starts protecting our environment.

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