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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,  
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS

**80 SIMMONDS DRIVE  
(WILSON FARMHOUSE)**

IN THE CITY OF GUELPH,  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

TO: Ontario Heritage Trust  
The Ontario Heritage Centre  
10 Adelaide St. East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

AND: City of Guelph  
Guelph, ON  
N1H 3A1

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Guelph is intending to designate portions of the property known as 80 Simmonds Drive (Wilson Farmhouse) as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

***LOCATION:***

The property, 80 Simmonds Drive (Wilson Farmhouse), is located at the west corner of Simmonds Drive and Webster Street, at the southeast corner of Wilson Farm Park.

***WHY THE PROPERTY IS BEING DESIGNATED:***

The Wilson Farmhouse is a representative example of late 19th century farmhouse architecture once common in rural areas surrounding the City of Guelph. The estimated date of construction for the Wilson farmhouse is the late 1880s.

The architecture of the 1.5-storey house conforms with Ontario Vernacular Gothic Revival farmhouse construction of the later 19th century including: original massing, form and proportions of the house; the white (yellow) pressed clay brick construction; and the lancet arch window in the gable of the south façade. The double-arched main floor window in the east façade is a noteworthy integration of Italianate design with Ontario Vernacular Gothic Revival style.

The Wilson farmhouse is associated with the Wilson family, Irish immigrant settlers who purchased lands that included the subject property from the Canada Company in 1836. Members of the Wilson family farmed these lands for over a century until 1943 when the farm was sold to the Kennedy family. Two black walnut trees on the subject property are included as heritage attributes of the property to be designated.

The subject property is worthy of designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as it meets two of the prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, according to Ontario Regulation 9/06 made under the Ontario Heritage Act. The heritage attributes of the Wilson farmhouse display: design or physical value and historical or associative value.

***WHAT IS TO BE PROTECTED BY DESIGNATION:***

- Original gable rooflines of the main house block and tail with the exception of west slope of the tail roof;
- All exterior walls of clay brick and the original bonding pattern, jointing and tooling with the exception of west wall of the tail;
- Fieldstone foundation wall exterior with the exception of west wall of the tail;
- All extant exterior wood elements of the original house design - verge, soffits, frieze, cornices with the exception of west wall of the tail;
- All original window and door openings and their functional and decorative components – frames, sashes, muntins, glazing, sills, heads, jambs and mouldings, with the exception of: west door, main floor window and dormer of the tail; right-hand main floor window and upper gable window on east façade of tail;
- Lancet (pointed) arch window in the gable on south facade;
- Italianate window on east facade;
- Front door within east façade porch;
- Presence of a porch on the east façade that has the footprint and single-storey height of the existing front door entrance porch;
- (2) two existing large, mature black walnut trees.

Visit [heritageguelph.ca](http://heritageguelph.ca) for more information about the proposed designation, or contact:

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Any person may, before the 30th day of April, 2011, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Guelph, a notice of objection to this proposed designation, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If a notice of objection is received, the Council of the City of Guelph shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

**Dated** at Guelph, Ontario, this 31st day of March, 2011.

Lois Giles,  
City Clerk  
City Hall, 59 Carden St.  
Guelph, Ontario  
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