

Dear Editor,

Countering heat islands is an important argument in support of preserving existing green space and creating new ones. Brett Bundale's article in yesterday's paper brought a tear to my eye, and after I stopped laughing, I was incensed at the shameless hypocrisy of Aeroport de Montreal's (ADM) latest ploy to cover up its huge ecological footprint and paint itself green. *"To combat hot spots, the city of Montreal has teamed up with the Conseil régional de l'environnement de Montréal and the Conférence régionale des élus, a regional development group, to create more green spaces with the help of concerned businesses."*

ADM's vp. Christianne Beaulieu is on record as stating, "Creating green spaces is not our problem" (See [ADM: 'It's not our role to preserve city's greenspace'](#) ). Please let's stop dressing the wolf in sheep's guise.

When Helen Fotopolous says, "We need to start building a greener city," I couldn't agree more, however, would it not be better to start by preserving the few green spaces that we have left?

When the *Direction de la sante publique, Montreal*, shows a map (below) of the HOT spots that encircle Trudeau Airport, there is one large green oasis adjacent to the north side of the airport: Golf Dorval. Given all that we know about global warming, how can we possibly allow millions of square feet of reclaimed green space to be erased in favour of industrial buildings that are not required for airport use? **Why is this being permitted when nearby residents desperately need the cleansing power of those thousands of trees to stave off the pollution generated by the airport?**

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Check this heat map: The hot spot/zone thermiques maps were produced by the Centre Lea-Roback, Direction de la sante publique, Montreal, 2007.

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