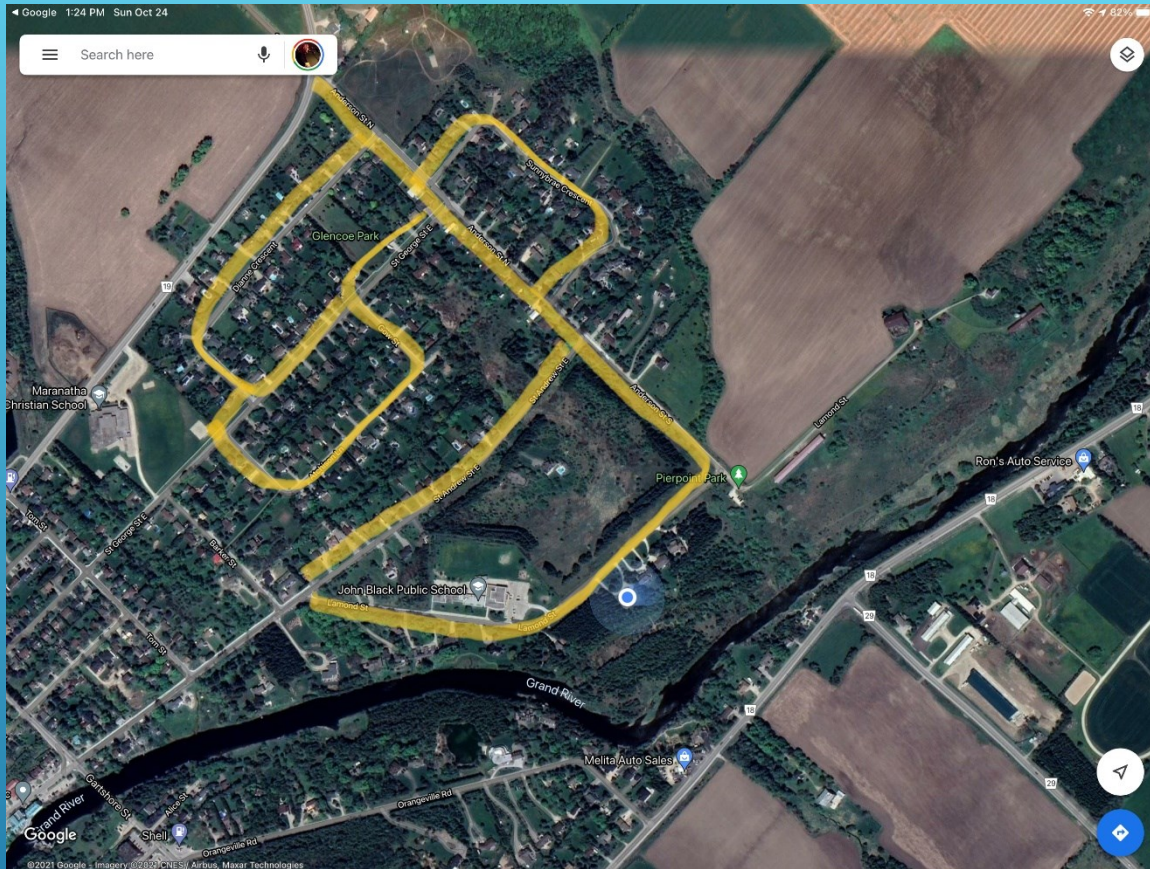


# PIERPOINT NEIGHBOURHOOD RMAP PRESENTATION

**Tuesday November 9, 2021**







WHO ARE WE?





THIS AREA IS A HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE NICHE  
ECOSYSTEM HOME TO MANY VALUABLE AND  
UNIQUE SPECIES THRIVES IN THE SANCTUARY OF  
THE PARK.





AT THIS LOCATION THE GRAND RIVER  
IS A WORLD CLASS DESTINATION  
FLYFISHING AREA SENSITIVE TO  
POLLUTANTS AND NOISE







PIERPOINT PARK IS AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SITE TO BE PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

## Pierpoint Park

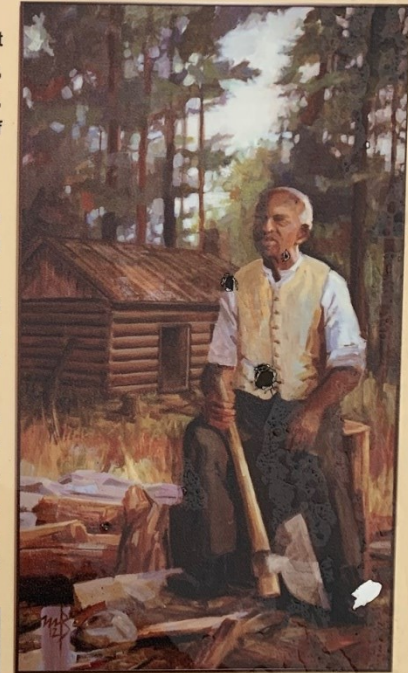
### Richard Pierpoint: Slave, Soldier, Settler

In 1760, a 16 year old boy began a journey that took him from West Africa to the colonies of America. He endured twenty years of slavery, the dangerous life of a British soldier through two epic wars and, as a very old man, the hardships of settlement in the wild lands of Garafraxa (near the present site of Fergus). It was a journey he never wanted to take.

Historical documents reveal a man who took every opportunity - in slavery, war and peace - to gain his freedom and independence, and to lead other 'men of colour' as soldiers and settlers.

Escaped slave Richard Pierpoint (named after his master) joined the British militia as a soldier in Butler Rangers during the American Revolutionary War (1776-1783) and the Corps of Coloured Men in the War of 1812.

Ignoring his petition to be returned to West Africa, the Upper Canadian government in 1820 awarded land grants to Pierpoint and other African veterans for their service in the Coloured Corps. Situated in the wilds of an unsettled area along the Grand River called 'Garafraxa', Pierpoint, now in his 80s, cleared five acres of bush and built a cabin. Richard Pierpoint died in September 1838 at the age of 94, and is believed to be buried on his land.



Artist: Meredith Blackmore, 2012 "Richard Pierpoint"

These fragments of the long life of a boy slave provide us some insight into the suffering and achievements - through slavery, war and peace - of early Africans in Upper Canada.

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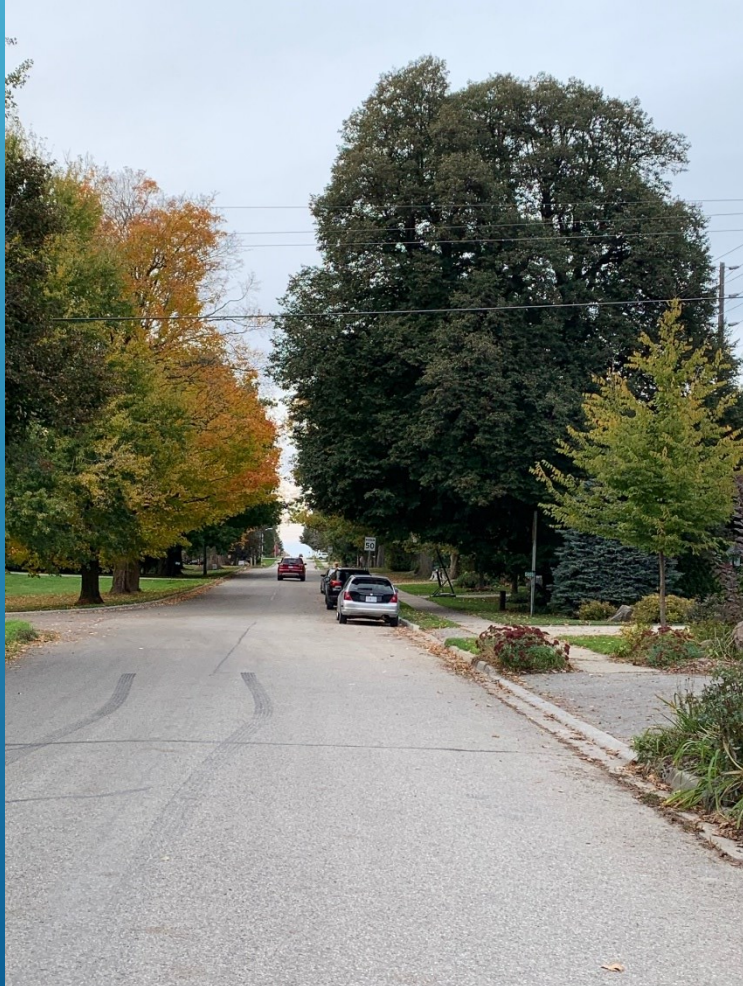
Illustration: An 1820s illustration of newly cleared land east of Fergus. Source: WCMA-AR 176

Source: Wellington County Museum and Archives [www.wellington.ca/museum](http://www.wellington.ca/museum)





THE MANY MAGNIFICENT TREES ON  
ANDERSON ST. ARE IRREPLACEABLE  
IN OUR LIFETIMES AND WOULD  
CERTAINLY BE AFFECTED OR  
REMOVED FOR THE PROPOSED NEW  
TRUCK RIGHT OF WAY





THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY ENJOYS  
WALKING, JOGGING AND  
CYCLING IN THIS QUIET AREA





JOHN BLACK STUDENTS USE THIS  
AREA OFTEN AS PEDESTRIANS AND  
FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES





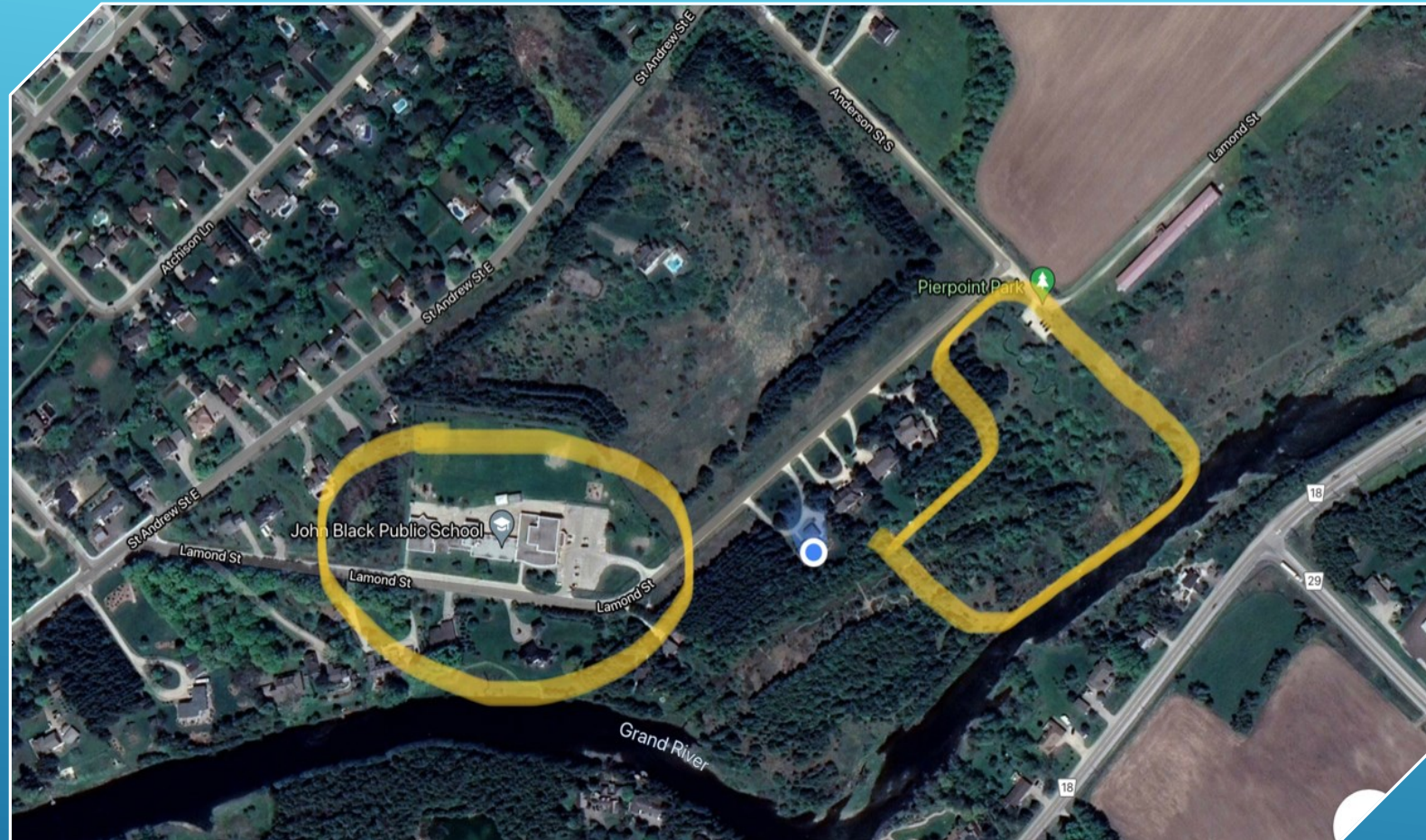


EXISTING LAND USES IN THIS AREA ARE  
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL



# THE PROPOSED RMAP ALTERNATIVE IS INCOMPATIBLE:

- WITH THE SIGNIFICANT  
AND SENSITIVE NATURAL  
VALUES OF THE GRAND  
RIVER
- THE CULTURAL AND  
HISTORICAL  
IMPORTANCE OF THE  
PIERPOINT LANDS
- THE EXISTING  
RESIDENTIAL  
CHARACTER AND USES
- THE SAFETY OF  
CHILDREN USING JOHN  
BLACK SCHOOL





What else might we provide that would help highlight the negative implications of approving this bypass option?





## OUR ASK:

To remove Anderson St. from consideration now and in future planning rounds.

Have the UGDSB department of Operations been consulted?

Where were the results of the Dillon Survey distributed to? Will those results be disseminated? Chronologically, how was consultation done to create awareness of this bypass route?

Does the County have jurisdiction on Provincial and Township roads?