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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. TERMS OF REFERENCE SUMMARY AND OBJECTIVES

Dougan & Associates Ecological Consulting and Design (D&A) and C. Portt and Associates (CPA) were retained in early 2015 by GR (Can) Investments to provide natural heritage support for the Secondary Plan process that has been initiated for the lands colloquially known as Thundering Waters.

Throughout spring and summer 2015, D&A and CPA worked with the Secondary Plan team, the client, and the approvals agencies to develop a terms of reference (ToR) to outline the scope for the natural heritage studies required to support, and inform, the Secondary Plan process of important environmental features that will require protection and management.

The ToR for the natural heritage studies used the Niagara Region's Environmental Impact Study (EIS) guidelines as a framework for the proposed scope, as well as input from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA). The submitted (not yet approved) ToR is provided in Appendix A, and in summary includes the following study objectives for the natural heritage characterization report:

Fieldwork and reporting to identify the following terrestrial and aquatic natural heritage elements was required:

- Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) areas
- Habitat of Endangered and Threatened Species
- Significant Woodlands
- Habitat of Species of Concern
- Location of NPCA regulated wetlands
- Critical Fish Habitat (Type 1)
- Critical Fish Habitat (Type 2 and 3)

The work plans to address these objectives are outlined in the ToR (Appendix A). Comments on the proposed ToR from NPCA highlighted that in addition to the proposed work plan, crepuscular bird habitat characterization should be considered (primarily to assess habitat suitability and occurrence of Eastern Whip-poor-will (*Antrostomus vociferus*) should be considered, as well as inventory for Bat Maternity Roost trees.

In this report, results from fieldwork conducted between March-September 2015 is summarized. The report concludes with proposed principles and recommendations that will help guide specific details of an environmental management plan for the Secondary Plan area.

1.2. STUDY AREA SUMMARY

The study area is located within the eastern-most extent of the Niagara Peninsula (Map 1). The study area is bounded by Oldfield Road to the north, Dorchester Road to the west, Chippawa Parkway to the south, and lands west of the existing development along Kister Road (Map 1).

In this area, the bedrock geology consists of sandstone, shale, dolostone, and siltstone of the Guelph Formation, which overlays Precambrian basement rock (Ontario Geological Survey, 2011). The study area is also within the Haldimand Clay Plain, and the surficial geology consist predominantly of fine-textured glaciolacustrine deposits of silt and clay with minor sand and gravel components (Chapman and Putnam 1983; Ontario Geological Survey, 2010). In the south-western corner of the study area the soils consist of man-made deposits of fill (Ontario Geological Survey, 2010), which are likely from the excavation of the adjacent Power Canal and/or the Conrail Drain that bisects the study area.

Topographic relief across the site is minimal and generally slopes in a south and south-east direction towards the Welland River and power canal. Fine-scale topographic variation across the site is due to a combination of small moraine ridges in undisturbed areas, and man-made deposits and drainage ditches. The small moraines, or sloughs, underlie most of the Niagara Falls Slough Forest Wetland Complex (NFSFWC), and are characterized by a network of shallow depressions and connecting channels which create complex drainage patterns. Slough topography such as that present on the property was likely formed at the margin of the retreating Laurentide Ice Sheet during the Late Wisconsinan glacial period (Menzies et al. 2001); land use practices during recent times, however have undoubtedly modified these systems. Along Dorchester Road and Chippawa Parkway most of the slough topography has been eliminated due to filling and piling.

2. METHODS

2.1. BACKGROUND REVIEW

2.1.1. MNRF DATA

A spatial query for records of natural heritage areas (e.g. Woodlands, Wetlands, Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI)) and Species at Risk was conducted for the study area and the adjacent 1km grid squares using data provided by the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) and their online mapping tool (Figure NHIC 2015) on May 6th, 2015. Species at Risk records were also requested from local MNRF staff (Anne Yagi, Pers. Comm.), along with any specific information regarding their occurrence in the area.

2.1.2. NPCA DATA

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's online mapping tool was used to review existing mapping for ELC, Environmental Conservation Areas, Wetlands, and associated regulated area layers on April 9th, 2015. Additionally, meetings with the NPCA ecology staff identified potential species of conservation concern and wildlife habitat that would require consideration for field inventory, including: Whip-poor-will and Bat Maternity Roost habitat.

2.2. SITE VISITS

2.2.1. ECOLOGICAL LAND CLASSIFICATION

Vegetation communities were classified and mapped using the Ecological Land Classification System for Southern Ontario (Lee et al. 1998). Interpretation of aerial photo/satellite imagery, MNRF wetland boundaries, and a digital elevation model from LiDAR points were used to determine differences in land cover across the study area and establish potential ELC boundaries. Subsequent site visits were conducted to confirm/refine boundaries and classify the vegetation communities present. The Niagara Natural Area Inventory (NAI) (NPCA 2010) was also reviewed to determine which ELC communities were likely to occur within the study area.

D&A staff completed site visits to classify vegetation communities during the spring, summer, and fall 2015; specific dates and staff present are summarized in Table 1. During each site visit, staff walked transects through each pre-defined polygon to inventory the flora and determine the composition of the dominant canopy species. Soil texture and soil moisture regime were determined using Denholm and Schut (2009) by extracting soil cores within representative areas of each ELC vegetation type.

2.2.2. PLANT INVENTORY

Spring, summer, and fall vegetation inventories were conducted simultaneously with site visits for ELC and wetland boundary delineation, as outlined in Table 1. The habitat requirements for all Species at Risk (SAR) identified during the review of background material were noted and used in the field to

improve the potential for detecting these species. When SAR and/ or provincially rare species were observed, a GPS point and notes regarding the habitat were taken. Vascular plants species that could not be positively identified in the field were collected, pressed, and confirmed at a later date. The nomenclature reported for all vascular plants is consistent with the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC 2014). Federal rankings for identified Species at Risk are from the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC, 2015), provincial rankings for Species at Risk are from the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC 2014), and regional rankings are from Oldham (2010). The native status of identified plants is based on the NHIC (2014).

2.2.3. WETLAND BOUNDARY DELINEATION

As per the request of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (Anne Yagi, Pers. Comm.), the boundary of the Niagara Falls Slough Forest Wetland Complex PSW required delineation. D&A staff delineated the boundary using the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System (OWES) protocols; a Trimble GeoExplorer 6000 Series GeoXH high-accuracy GPS unit was used to georeference the boundary. This boundary was reviewed in the field with MNRF and NPCA staff. A summary of the dates and surveyors present for the wetland boundary delineation is provided in Table 1.

2.2.4. SALAMANDER INVENTORY

Dougan & Associates undertook a salamander trapping program within the study area. This program was employed to determine the extent of pond breeding salamander diversity and activity and to screen for the Endangered Jefferson Salamander (*Ambystoma jeffersonianum*) (Species-at-Risk; COSEWIC 2015; OMNR 2015).

The study involved the capture of pond-breeding salamanders in natural populations at select locations shown in Appendix B. Tissue samples (i.e. tail tips) were required from individual *Ambystoma* salamanders in order to perform DNA analysis to definitively determine which species or polyploids are present. Tissue samples were obtained in the field and specimens were released at the capture site.

Prior to fieldwork, Wildlife Animal Care Committee Research Protocol (WACCRP), Wildlife Scientific Collectors Authorization (WSCA) and Endangered Species Act (ESA) permits were required. Applications for these permits were submitted on March 27, 2015. OMNRF staff accompanied field staff during the first trapping round to observe protocols and ensure that WACCRP, WSCA and ESA standards were upheld. The following permits numbers were issued for the 2015 trapping program: WACCRP: 15-143, WSCA: 1079399, ESA: GU-B-004-15.

In order to ensure that all individuals are treated with the highest care, standard operating procedures were followed. In particular, the following sets of documents were reviewed prior to fieldwork and recommendations followed wherever applicable:

- Canadian Council on Animal Care Species-specific Recommendations on: Amphibians & Reptiles
- Canadian Council on Animal Care Guidelines on: The Care and Use of Wildlife
- USGS National Wildlife Health Center "Restraint & Handling of Live Amphibians"
- In addition, although toe-clipping was not performed, the USGS National Wildlife Health Centre "Toe-Clipping of Frogs and Toads" (also covers salamanders) was reviewed for general insights

The protocol for trapping in the 2015 season was undertaken to minimize the length of time that captured specimens spent in traps. This lessened the potential of salamanders becoming fatigued and/or oxygen deprived. Salamanders were handled for the shortest amount of time possible, but long enough to collect a tail tip sample. The smallest sample necessary to obtain a successful genetic analysis is taken, approximately 5 mm which can take up to about a minute of handling time.

The trapping survey period was selected to coincide with adult Ambystomid seasonal migrations to breeding ponds (Stebbins and Cohen, 1995; JSRT, 2009; COSEWIC, 2010). An initial site reconnaissance before trapping was started was conducted on April 1st, 2015 to confirm pond location; during the visit target ponds had ice cover between 75 and 100%. Trapping was undertaken one week later, following a warm spring rain. Survey dates and conditions are outlined in Table 2.

Based on site reconnaissance and screening of habitat suitability as well as correspondence with OMNRF (Pers. corres. with Guelph District OMNRF) and results from previous salamander trapping studies on site (unpublished 2009 OMNRF salamander trapping program within the study area), eight (08) ponds were selected for trapping in 2015 (Appendix B). Potentially suitable breeding ponds are present throughout the slough forest habitat on site, and although they vary in size (aerial photo interpretation of ponds suggested ponds range from approximately 26m² to 4032m²), the larger ponds were generally similar in structure and vegetation characteristics. Larger pools were targeted to ensure that the trapping effort was focused on habitat with adequate depth and sufficient vegetation to support egg-laying sites, and thus would increase the chance that salamanders would be captured.

Five traps were deployed in each of the eight ponds surveyed (40 traps total) during the five evenings outlined in Table 2. Within the study ponds, specific trap locations were chosen in the field based on pond shape, depth and the presence of egg-laying sites (e.g. submerged vegetation, logs, shrubs), as these areas are thought to be more attractive to breeding adult salamanders.

Adult salamanders were collected using standard 6mm square, silver wire mesh minnow traps in suitable breeding ponds. On sample nights, the traps were set out before dark and checked early the following morning to minimize the amount of time salamanders spent in the traps. Each trap was flagged, numbered, georeferenced, and attached with rope to a fixed feature on land (i.e. tree, deadfall, rock). Traps were placed in the water with at least 85% of the trap submerged and ensure that the trap was lying horizontally on the pond bottom.

When salamanders were caught, specimens handled for analysis were limited to individuals belonging to the "Jefferson Salamander complex" (i.e. *Ambystoma laterale* – *A. jeffersonianum* complex); other amphibian species and wildlife (e.g. invertebrates and fish) were documented and released. When a specimen from the "Jefferson Salamander Complex" was captured, a small amount of tail tip was removed (~ 5 mm) using a sterile scalpel blade. The tail tip was then placed into a labelled tube of 70% ethanol. After each sample, the scalpel and cutting surface were sterilized using rubbing alcohol and an open flame; scalpel blades were also replaced frequently. After processing, specimens were held for several minutes in a container to monitor for any signs of adverse health effects. After this monitoring period, specimens were released at the point of capture.

On May 7, 2015 tail-tip samples collected during the trapping study were delivered to the lab of Dr. James Bogart, at the University of Guelph. These samples were processed in Dr. Bogart's lab to determine specimen polyploid identification. Results of this DNA analysis were delivered to Dougan & Associates on June 23, 2015.

2.2.5. NOCTURNAL AMPHIBIAN CALL SURVEYS

Nocturnal Amphibian Call Surveys were conducted in accordance with the Marsh Monitoring Program (MMP) (Bird Studies Canada 2009). Survey dates were selected to ensure weather conditions were well within the acceptable ranges described by the MMP (Table 3). During site reconnaissance visits throughout the first half of April, 2015, active amphibian breeding habitat and potentially suitable breeding habitat was detected in several parts of the study area. Informed by this site reconnaissance 10 stations were established around the perimeter of the study area on April 19th, 2015 (Table 3; Appendix B). Three additional stations were added on May 28th, 2015, for a total of 13 surveyed during May and June, 2015 (Table 3; Appendix B). Two of these additional locations, NACS 11 and NACS 12, were established along the Conrail Drain that bisects the study area (Appendix B). NACS 13 was established on the north eastern edge of the study area near salamander Trapping Pond 6 (Appendix B).

2.2.6. BREEDING BIRD SURVEYS

Two breeding bird surveys were conducted on May 28 and May 29 (first survey) and June 4 and June 5 (second survey), 2015, following the protocols outlined by the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (OBBA) (Cadman et al., 2007). The survey locations are shown in Appendix B. The OBBA protocol stipulates that the surveys be conducted between sunrise and 10:00 a.m., between May 24 and July 12, during appropriate weather conditions (i.e., light winds, no heavy rains, and good visibility). Given the size of the study area, a total of 32 Point Count Stations (PCS) were surveyed for 10 minutes each (Appendix B), with additional species noted in areas between and outside of the PCS locations.

2.2.7. AQUATIC SURVEYS

Field investigations were conducted by C. Portt and Associates staff, on April 11th, 12th, 21th, June 11th, and October 6th, 2015. The initial field investigations were conducted to characterize the aquatic habitats within the subject properties, and assess their importance under early spring conditions with regard to potential spawning habitat and accessibility for fish. In particular, wetland areas within the subject properties and along the edge of the Welland River were evaluated for their suitability and utilization as spawning areas for Northern Pike (*Esox lucius*), and watercourses were examined for riffle-spawning fishes such as White Sucker (*Catostomus commersonii*). Locations that were identified as having potential for spawning and/or more permanent habitats were examined again on April 21th, 2015. Additional observations of flow and general habitat were conducted on June 11 and October 6. Electrofishing was undertaken on June 11 and October 6, 2013, using a Halltech 2000 backpack electrofisher. After field identification and enumeration, all fish were released alive at the point of capture. A Garmin GPS 76CSx Global Positioning System (GPS) unit was used to record the locations of all observations and digital photographs, as well as electrofishing locations. Selected photographs of site conditions are provided in Appendix H. Common aquatic plants were identified at a basic level to be included, where appropriate, in habitat descriptions, but no attempt was made to characterize the full aquatic macrophyte community.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) were also contacted to obtain any relevant existing fish collection information.

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3. RESULTS

3.1. BACKGROUND STUDIES

3.1.1. TERRESTRIAL

The spatial query for NHIC data revealed a total of sixty-three (63) records for species of conservation concern known to occur presently or historically within approximately 1km of the study. The records include forty-nine (49) species of vascular plants, four (4) birds, two (2) fish, four (4) invertebrates, including three (3) mollusks and one (1) odonate, three (3) reptiles, and one (1) restricted record. The provincial rankings (S Rank; NHIC, 2014) ranged from Presumed Extirpated (SX) to Apparently Secure (S4), though most records are for species that are considered Critically Imperiled (S1), Imperiled (S2), or Vulnerable (S3), or some combination of those rankings. According to COSEWIC (2015), twelve (12) species are Endangered (END), four (4) species are Special Concern (SC), seven (7) species are Threatened (THR), and one (1) species is Extirpated (EXP). Species at Risk in Ontario include twelve (12) Endangered (END), three (3) Special Concern (SC), eight (8) Threatened (THR), and one (1) extirpated species (MNR; NHIC, 2014).

In addition to the NHIC Query, Guelph District MNR staff provided the following list of species that may occur in the areas:

- Round-leaved Greenbrier (*Smilax rotundifolia*); Present in Warren Creek PSW- possibly in Niagara Falls Slough Wetland PSW (NFSW)
- Snapping Turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*); Highly likely using site
- Eastern Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*); Not likely- upland species
- White Wood Aster (*Eurybia divaricate*); Not likely-upland species
- Swamp Rose-mallow (*Hibiscus moscheutos*); Yes. Present along Chippawa Channel (formerly Welland River)
- Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*); Possibly
- American Water-willow (*Justicia americana*); No. Present in Lyon's Creek and Dufferin Island Only
- Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*); Nesting active in cliff and old OPG building at base of fall in Lower Niagara River
- Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*); Good potential in open areas

A review of natural heritage mapping by the NHIC (2014) identified both woodlands and a Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW), the Niagara Falls Slough Forest Wetland Complex (NFSFWC), occurring within the study area (Figure 2). The NFSFWC consists of multiple wetland units both within and outside of the study area. Based on NHIC mapping, seven (7) wetland units occur within the study area, including two relatively large, contiguous units. Aside from the NFSFWC, additional woodlands are shown throughout the study area with the exception of several large areas within the southern half of the study area and along the rail corridor and large drainage feature that bisect the study area (Map 2).

3.1.2. AQUATICS

The MNR (Anne Yagi) stated that it does not have any fish information for this site. Anne Yagi also suggested that the mouth of the Conrail Drain should be investigated with regard to fish access from the Power Canal, and that spawning Northern Pike (*Esox lucius*) may access the wetlands along the edge of the Welland River.

The NPCA (Lee-Ann Hamilton) indicated that it does not have any fish information for this site.

3.2. SITE INVESTIGATIONS

3.2.1. ECOLOGICAL LAND CLASSIFICATION

A total of 13 ELC dominant vegetation communities from Anthropogenic, Cultural, Forest, and Swamp ELC Ecosites were identified among 47 polygons during the site investigations conducted in 2015 (Table 5). Within the some of the ELC communities, an additional seven (7) vegetation types were identified as complexes and/or inclusions with the dominant vegetation types. A summary of the dominant ELC communities is provided in Table 5, and a list of all ELC vegetation types observed including their provincial rankings are provided in Table 6. Oak Mineral Deciduous Swamp (SWD1) accounts for the largest proportion of the study area at 95ha (42%) followed by Mineral Cultural Woodland (CUW1; 19%), Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp (SWD4-1; 13%) (Table 5). The remaining vegetation communities each amount to less than 10% of the total study area.

Each of the dominant ELC Ecosites and Vegetation Types is summarized below. For species associated with the ELC polygons see Table 6.

3.2.1.1. ANTHROPOGENIC LANDS

Anthropogenic (ANTH): Polygon 41

Lands classified as ANTH include areas that have been cleared of natural vegetation and are in use for human activities such as parking lots, lawns, residential dwellings, commercial outlets, and industrial structures. Due to the removal of natural habitats, features, and functions from these areas, all lands categorized as ANTH are considered to be low quality.

Anthropogenic lands account for only 3.62ha (1.61%) of the study area, and are found only in the easternmost portion of the study area (Polygon 41; Figure 2). This area is a former industrial site with several buildings, aggregate storage areas, and a driveway from Progress Street. Vegetation within this polygon was sparse and primarily early successional with scattered shrubs and trees. Industrial waste was also present throughout, including piles of garbage and concrete bordering the adjacent vegetation communities.

3.2.1.2. CULTURAL PLANT COMMUNITIES

Dry-Moist Old Field Meadow (CUM1-1): Polygons 42, 43, 44

Cultural meadows represent a very early stage of natural succession. They contain a low abundance of woody species (<25% cover) and are dominated primarily by opportunistic forbs and grasses. Cultural meadows account for 19ha (8.5%) of the study area, and are present along and within the Conrail Drain that bisects the study area (Polygon 7), a large open area used informally for all-terrain vehicles along Dorchester Road (Polygon 25), and areas adjacent to the industrial facility (Polygons 42, 43, 44) at the eastern edge of the study area. Polygon 7 is a long, linear, drainage feature, polygon 25 is large open filled area, and polygons 42 – 44 are old-fields that may have a history of agricultural use based on historic imagery (Google Earth™, 2015).

Dominant species included exotic forbs (e.g. *Trifolium pretense*, *Vicia cracca*) and grasses (e.g. *Phragmites australis* ssp *australis*, *Schedonorus pratensis*), though some native species such as Hemp Dogbane (*Apocynum cannabinum*), Strict Blue-eyed-grass (*Sisyrinchium montanum* var. *montanum*), and Goldenrod (*Solidago altissima*, *S. juncea*) were present. Relative cover of trees and shrubs was less than 25%, and included scattered Eastern Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides* ssp *deltoides*), and patches of Common Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), Heart-leaved Willow (*Salix eriocephala*), Gray Dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*), and Dotted Hawthorn (*Crataegus punctata*). Regionally rare species includes Woolly Sedge (*Carex pellita*), which was observed in a moist pocket within polygon 25.

Cultural Thicket (CUT1-1): Polygon 16

These communities are characteristic of lands that have been cleared in the past, left to regenerate, and succeed towards a naturally-vegetated community. Cultural thickets include areas in a somewhat later stage of succession than cultural meadow, where shrub cover is greater than 25% but tree cover remains below 25%. Cultural thicket communities are dominated by woody shrubs and often have an understory of forbs and grasses.

Overall, mineral cultural thicket accounts for approximately 15.7 ha (7%) of the land cover within the study area, and is only present as a dominant Ecosite within polygon 16. This area is dominated by Dotted Hawthorn with occasional Gray Dogwood, and scattered trees including American Elm (*Ulmus Americana*) and Eastern Cotton Wood. The herbaceous groundcover community is abundant with Smooth Aster (*Symphyotrichum laeve* var. *laeve*), Old Field Aster (*Symphyotrichum pilosum* var. *pilosum*), New England Aster (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*), and Wild Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*) in moist areas; drier areas contained Gray-stemmed Goldenrod (*Solidago nemoralis*), Early Goldenrod, Canada Pussytoes (*Antennaria howellii* ssp. *canadensis*), Oxeye Daisy (*Leucathemum vulgare*), and Common St. John's-wort (*Hypericum perforatum*). Notable species include Canada Pussytoes and Yellow Sedge (*Carex flava*), which are both rare within Niagara Region. The substrates within this feature are primarily derived from man-made fill, and consist of unstratified Clay Loam to a depth of 60cm with no mottling.

Gray Dogwood Cultural Thicket (CUT1-4): Polygons 9, 11, 28, 45

Gray Dogwood Cultural Thicket accounts for 8.3ha (3.7%) of the total study area among 4 polygons (Figure 2; polygons 9, 11, 28, 45). These features occur between the Conrail Drain and the rail line (polygon 9, 11), within the northwest corner of the study area (polygon 45), and in polygon 28 east of polygon 27 (Figure 2). Overall, the species composition within these features was similar to that of

polygon 16, but suggestive of slightly more moist soil conditions. Gray Dogwood was the most abundant shrub species rather than Dotted Hawthorn, and tree cover was slightly higher than polygon 16. The occurrence of taller tree species was infrequent and below 25%, and included Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*), Northern Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*), Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*), and American Elm. In moist areas shrubs species included White Meadowsweet (*Spiraea alba*), Bebb's Willow, and Briar Rose (*Rosa rubiginosa* var. *rubiginosa*), while dominant ground cover species included various Aster species (*Symphyotrichum* spp), Blue Vervain (*Verbena hastata*), Begger's Ticks (*Bidens* sp), sedges (*Carex* sp), Common Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*), Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), Reed Canary Grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), and Sensitive Fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*); drier areas had Canada Goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*), Queen Anne's Lace, Common Plantain (*Plantago major*), and Black Knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*). The substrate within these communities were moist Clay Loam, though mottling was generally below 20cm.

Cultural Woodland (CUW1): Polygons 1, 15, 19, 22, 34, 35, 37

Cultural woodlands are treed areas characterized by canopy coverage between 35 – 60%. These communities often represent the stage of natural succession between cultural thicket and forest, but may also represent a disturbed or fragmented forest.

Cultural woodlands were prevalent throughout the study area, and accounted for 43ha (19%) of the total area among 7 polygons. These areas were complexed with Cultural Thicket (CUT1) due to the open canopy and dense shrub/understory layer of Hawthorn (e.g. *Crataegus punctata*, *Crataegus succulenta*), Gray Dogwood, Common Apple (*Malus pumila*), and Common Buckthorn in many areas. The relative cover of canopy species was below 60% in most areas, and generally consisted of Green Ash and Eastern Cottonwood, with lower abundance of American Elm, White Willow (*Salix alba*), and occasional Northern Pin Oak. Green Ash was the dominant understory species and was present as regenerating stems and as groundcover. Climbing Poison Ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*) was abundant throughout. Herbaceous groundcover species included Broad-leaved Enchanter's Nightshade (*Circaea Canadensis*), Fowl Mannagrass (*Glyceria striata*), Field Horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*), Woodland Sedge (*Carex blanda*), Common Nipplewort (*Lapsana communis*), and Kidney-leaved Buttercup (*Ranunculus arbotivus*). The soil in these features was Clay or Silty Clay with mottling at or well below 20cm.

White Pine Coniferous Plantation (CUP3-2): Polygon 33

Coniferous plantations include vegetation communities where canopy cover is greater than 60% and the dominating canopy trees are conifers, typically planted in rows.

The small White Pine plantation (0.3 ha) was dominated by planted White Pine (*Pinus strobus*) with few other tree species aside from Green Ash. The understory and shrub layer were abundant with Climbing Poison Ivy, Thicket Creeper, and Choke Cherry, while Wild Red Raspberry (*Rubus idaeus* ssp *strigosus*), Avens species (*Geum* sp), Wild Strawberry, and Virginia Knotweed (*Persicaria virginiana*) were abundant in the ground layer.

3.2.1.3. TERRESTRIAL PLANT COMMUNITIES

Dry-Fresh Deciduous Forest Ecosite (FOD4): Polygons 36, 38, 40

This ELC Ecosite made up a relatively small portion of the study area at 1.7ha (0.76%), and was restricted to narrow features bordering the tributary at the east end of the study area (Figure 2). The canopy was dominated by Oak species (*Quercus rubra*, *Q. macrocarpa*, *Q. alba*), with less common Green and White Ash (*Fraxinus americana*), American Basswood (*Tilia americana*), Black Cherry, and Hickory (*Carya spp*). The understory and shrub layers were similar in composition, with the addition of Eastern Hop-Hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*), Hawthorns (*Crataegus spp*), Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*), Climbing Poison Ivy, and Choke Cherry (*Prunus virginiana*). The groundcover was comprised of Northern Rough-leaved Goldenrod (*Solidago rugosa ssp. rugosa*), Graceful Sedge (*Carex gracillima*), Broad-leaved Enchanter's Nightshade, Asters, Avens, Large-leaved Aster (*Eurybia macrophylla*) and Hooked Agrimony (*Agrimonia grypocephala*). The soils were consistent with elsewhere in the study area, being composed of Silty Clay, though no mottling was observed above a depth of 60 cm.

3.2.1.4. WETLAND PLANT COMMUNITIES

Fresh-Moist Sugar Maple Deciduous Forest Ecosite (FOD6): Polygon 13

This small (1.8 ha) vegetation community (polygon 13) borders the north side of one of the large slough forest blocks (polygon 27), and is similar in composition to the upland areas within the slough forest complex (e.g. polygons 5 and 27), with species such as Sugar Maple (*Acer Saccharum*, American Beech (*Fagus grandifolia*), and Aspen (*Populus sp*).

Fresh-Moist Poplar Deciduous Forest (FOD8-1): Polygon 14

This small vegetation community (polygon 14; 0.9 ha) included a young Eastern Cottonwood canopy with American Elm, and an understory of Common Buckthorn, Gray Dogwood, and Highbush Cranberry (*Viburnum opulus ssp trilobum*). The groundcover was indicative of relatively moist soils, and included sedges (*Carex gracillima*, *C. leptoneuria*), Rushes (*Juncus dudlei*, *Juncus tenuis*), Red-tinged Bulrush (*Scirpus microcarpus*), and Purple Loosestrife. Creeping Spike-rush (*Eleocharis palustris*), a rare species in Niagara Region, was also found within this polygon.

Oak Mineral Deciduous Swamp (SWD1): Polygons 5, 12, 27, 29, 31, 32)

Oak Mineral Deciduous Swamp occupied the largest proportion of the study area with a total of 95ha (42%) across six (6) polygons (Figure 2); polygons 5, 27, and 32 make up the core areas of the Niagara Falls Slough Forest Wetland Complex. This feature is characterized by a complex of Oak (*Quercus palustris*, *Q. macrocarpa*, *Q bicolor*) and Freeman Maple (*Acer x freemanii*) - dominant bottomland swamp (i.e. sloughs) with intervening Fresh-Moist Oak - Maple Deciduous Forest (FOD9-2) uplands composed of Red Oak, Sugar Maple, American Beech, American Basswood, Shagbark Hickory (*Carya ovata*), Bitternut Hickory (*Carya cordiformis*) Green Ash, American Elm, and White Oak. The subcanopy composition was similar, with the addition of Blue-beech (*Carpinus caroliniana*), Hawthorns, and a higher abundance of Maple, American Beech, and Green Ash than the canopy. The understory was abundant throughout with Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), Gray Dogwood, Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*), and Hawthorns. The groundcover vegetation was relatively diverse and included species such as Fowl Mannagrass, Sensitive Fern, various sedges, Climbing Poison Ivy, Wild Strawberry, Yellow Trout Lily, Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*), White Trillium, Virginia Knotweed, Garlic Mustard

(*Alliaria petiolata*), Dewberry (*Rubus pubescences* and *R. hispidus*), Northeastern Lady Fern (*Athyrium felix-femina* var. *angustum*), and Spinulose Wood Fern (*Dryopteris carthusiana*).

In deeper slough vernal pools, several additional wetland vegetation types occur, including Buttonbush Mineral Thicket Swamp (SWT2-4) which is a provincially important vegetation community type, and Bulrush Mineral Shallow Marshes (MAS2-2). The Buttonbush Thicket Swamps are dominated by Buttonbush shrubs (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*), and include other abundant species such as Gray Dogwood and Silky Dogwood (*Cornus amomum*); surrounding canopy species include Northern Pin Oak, Black Willow (*Salix nigra*), and American Elm. Less common shrubs included Black Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*), Black Holly (*Ilex verticillata*), and Mountain Holly (*Ilex mucronata*). The groundcover was rich in graminoid species (e.g. *Eleocharis obtusa*, *C. lupulina*, *C. retrorsa*, *C. tenera*, *C. tribuloides*, *C. tuckermanii*, *Glyceria striata*, *G. septentrionalis*, *Juncus effusus*, *Scirpus pendulus*), as well as forbs such as Ditch Stonecrop (*Penthorum sedoides*), Spotted Water-Hemlock (*Cicuta maculata*), Hemlock Water-parsnip, and Northern Water-horehound (*Lycopus uniflorus*). The Bulrush Mineral Marshes were similar in species composition, though with much less canopy and shrub cover and had a larger percentage of open water with species such as Rufous Bulrush (*Scirpus pendulus*). Soils within this polygon consisted of Clay, Silty Clay, and Clay Loam with mottling at depths ranging from 12cm – 20cm.

Overall, the NFSFWC is an exceptional example of Carolinian slough forest, containing high diversity of native species and a variety of wetland habitats.

Pin Oak Mineral Deciduous Swamp (SWD1-3): Polygons 3, 4

This vegetation type was identified in two small slough polygons along the western edge of the study area, and included 1.7 ha (0.73%) of the total landcover of the study area. The species composition was largely similar to the sloughs within polygons 5 and 7 with a Pin Oak-dominant canopy, and contained similar marsh and thicket swamp inclusions but at a lower abundance.

Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp (SWD2-2): Polygons 6, 8, 18, 26, 39

Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp made up 28.8 ha (13%) of the study area across 5 polygons. These features are younger swamp forest than the NFSFWC, with some history of human disturbance such as drainage or filling. Much of the Green Ash-dominant canopy had died back, likely due to Emerald Ash Borer. Some areas of the canopy had a similar species composition to polygons 5 and 27, being Oak-dominant, but were generally younger and lacked the slough topography that defined those communities. Areas with less canopy contained Gray Dogwood Mineral Thicket Swamp (SWT2-9) inclusions, similar to polygons 9, 11, and 28, but with a slightly higher percentage of canopy cover. The subcanopy and understory layers were abundant with Green Ash, Freeman Maple, Pin Oak, and American Elm, as well as Smooth Arrowwood (*Viburnum recognitum*), Downy Service Berry (*Amelanchier arborea*), Spicebush, and Tatarian Honeysuckle (*Lonicera tatarica*). Abundant species in the groundcover included Broad-leaved Enchanter's Nightshade, Fowl Mannagrass, Northern Rough-leaved Goldenrod, Sensitive Fern, Climbing Poison Ivy, Panicked Aster (*Symphotrichum lanceolatum* ssp. *lanceolatum*), and Dark-green Bulrush (*Scirpus atrovirens*). The soils in these features consisted of Clay Loam with mottles from 15cm -25cm.

Willow Mineral Deciduous Swamp (SWD4-1): Polygons 2, 10, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24

Willow Mineral Deciduous Swamp (SWD4-1) made up approximately 5 ha (2.22%) of the study area and was found in seven (7) polygons. These features are dominated by White Willow and Eastern Cottonwood with Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*) and American Elm, in both the canopy and subcanopy. The understory consists of Silky Dogwood (*Cornus amomum*) and Gray Dogwood, Highbush Cranberry, Hawthorns, Chokecherry and Bebb's Willow. The groundcover composition includes Wild Strawberry in upland areas, and in wetter areas Field Horsetail, Panicked Aster, Coltsfoot (*Tussilago farfara*), Northern Water-horehound, and Pin Oak seedlings. The soils within polygons 17, 21, 23, and 24 are similar to those of the CUW1-1 and SWD2-2 polygons. However, unlike the rest of the study area, the soils underlying polygon 17 consist of fine sandy loam with to a depth of 75cm with the water table at a depth of 22cm. No mottles were evident within 20cm.

3.2.2. PLANT INVENTORY

A total of 306 vascular plants were observed during the field investigations, and 285 of these were identified to the species level (Table 6). Of the identified species, 217 (75.87%) are considered native within Ontario (NHIC 2014). A summary of the rankings for vascular plant species is provided in Table 6; no federal or provincial Species at Risk were observed. The Floristic Quality Index (FQI) for the study area was 20.29 including native and exotic species, and was 65.51 for native species only. The relatively high FQI for native species indicates a high richness of species with specific habitat requirements, and is driven primarily by species observed within the NFSFWC polygons. The mean wetness index for the study area was -0.31.

Notable plant species findings included: Schreber's Aster (*Eurybia schreberi*), an Imperiled (S2) species within Ontario; and Honey-Locust (*Gleditsia triacanthus*), an Imperiled to Vulnerable (S2S3) species within Ontario. Both are rare within Niagara Region. The identification of Schreber's Aster was confirmed by John Semple (Pers. Comm.) of the University of Waterloo; he is an expert in Asteraceae taxonomy and identification. This species was detected in the upland areas of the Oak Mineral Deciduous Swamp (polygon 27; Map 2). The two Honey-Locust observations (one subcanopy tree approximately 20cm dbh, and 1 seedling) are likely naturally established trees based on them having large thorns (thorns are lacking in the commonly planted cultivars) (Farrar, 1995). Furthermore, the two trees were observed growing within an Oak Mineral Deciduous Swamp (polygon 31; Figure 2), which is consistent with the rich bottomland deciduous forests that native cultivars of this species are typically associated with (Farrar, 1995).

Based on communication with MNRF and NPCA staff, Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*) and Round-leaved Greenbrier are also present in some areas within the NFSFWC; though they were not observed by D&A staff, they do have potential to be present on the property. A further 51 species that were detected are considered Rare or Uncommon in Niagara Region (Table 6).

Overall, the study area contains a rich assemblage of rare to uncommon native species with an affinity for high-quality wetland habitats.

3.2.3. SALAMANDER TRAPPING

The 2015 trapping program was successfully implemented within the seasonal migration of Ambystoma to breeding ponds. During reconnaissance to the study area on April 1, 2015, all of the

target pond surfaces were variously frozen between approximately 75 and 95%. One week later, after a warm rain, the first trap session was undertaken (April 7 and 8, 2015) followed by four additional trap sessions over the following twelve days (Table 7). *Ambystoma* sp. (later determined to be *Ambystoma laterale* and various unisexual polyploids) were captured in all but one of the target ponds (Table 7). No other salamander species were captured during the 2015 trapping program.

The number of captured salamanders was generally related to pond size and vegetation cover. Pond 1 and Pond 8 (Appendix B) had the highest number of captured salamanders; both exhibit considerable cover from Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) and other emergent shrubs, which serve as egg-laying sites for Blue-spotted salamanders (Talentino and Landre, 1991). These ponds were also relatively large and deep, providing more vernal pool habitat and ensuring that these habitat sites did not dry out too quickly for sufficient salamander development (JSRT, 2009). Pond 7 is a large pond, however it is not as deep as Pond 8 and has little cover for potential egg-laying sites. Pond 5 appeared to have sufficient emergent shrub cover for egg-laying sites, however it is directly adjacent to Oldfield Road; no salamanders were captured in this pond suggesting there may be road mortality, water quality issues, or other forms of encroachment, which reduce the suitability of Pond 5 as breeding habitat for Blue-spotted Salamanders. Despite having substantial vegetation cover, numerous canisters, fuel drums and other debris were dumped in Pond 4, which may have inhibited the suitability of this pond for breeding Blue-spotted Salamanders.

Incidental species captured during trapping included Spring Peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*), Stickleback (*Gasterosteidae* sp), and Predaceous Diving Beetle (*Dytiscidae* sp).

Salamander tail-tip samples analyzed by Dr. Bogart (University of Guelph) identified the captured individuals as *Ambystoma laterale* (Blue-spotted Salamanders) and unisexuals (Blue-Spotted Genome dominant) present within the study area (Appendix E). The unisexuals were both female *Ambystoma* polyploids with a predominance of *A. laterale* chromosomes, which require the presence of male *Ambystoma laterale* to stimulate reproduction (JSRT, 2009). The specific unisexuals present were the triploid *Ambystoma* (2) *laterale* – *jeffersonianum* or 'LLJ' as well as the tetraploid *Ambystoma* (3) *laterale* – *jeffersonianum* or 'LLLJ'. No, endangered Jefferson Salamander (*Ambystoma jeffersonianum*) or Jefferson dominant polyploids were detected.

These results are consistent with the findings from previous salamander studies conducted at other areas on the site, including: OMNRF surveys conducted within the study area, which captured 37 salamanders within the *Ambysoma laterale* (LL) and *Ambystoma* (2) *laterale* – *jeffersonianum* (LLJ) genotypes (OMNRF, 2009), and results presented in a report by L. Campbell and Associates (2005). The 2015 findings indicate that all salamanders present are Blue-spotted (*A. laterale*) and Blue-spotted dominant polyploids and there is no evidence of Jefferson Salamander or Jefferson dominant polyploids within the study area (JSRT, 2009; COSEWIC, 2010).

3.2.4. NOCTURNAL AMPHIBIAN CALL SURVEYS

During the amphibian call survey, six anuran species were heard calling within the study area including Spring Peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*), American Toad (*Anaxyrus americanus*), Western Chorus Frog (*Pseudacris triseriata*), Northern Leopard Frog (*Lithobates pipiens*), Gray Treefrog (*Hyla versicolor*), and Wood Frog (*Lithobates sylvaticus*). Survey locations are shown in Appendix B and survey results are summarized in the table below as well as in further detail in Appendix F.

Four species of anurans with moderate levels of calling activity were detected in the slough forest ponds along the north section of the property (NACS 1, 2, 13; Appendix B). Western Chorus Frog was most abundant; at least 11 individuals were detected in ponds close to Oldfield Road. Spring Peepers were heard calling throughout this area, but only a few individuals were recorded. American Toad was recorded deeper into the slough forest greater than 100m from the roadside survey stations. Only a couple of calling Gray Treefrogs were detected.

The west section of the property, north of the Conrail Drain (NACS 3, 4, 5; Appendix B) had a relatively low species richness (three species) of anurans and lower number of calling individuals. Spring Peepers were heard calling from southeast of NACS3 and east of NACS4; they were also heard calling just south and east of NACS5. Three Western Chorus Frogs were heard calling from within 100m east of NACS3 and NACS5. They were also heard calling from within 100m southeast of NACS 5. Gray Treefrogs were heard calling from all three stations at low abundances, one to three individuals.

Surveys along the south side of the Conrail Drain (NACS6 and 11; Appendix B) documented five (5) anuran species: Spring Peeper, American Toad, Western Chorus Frog, Northern Leopard Frog, and Gray Treefrog. Breeding habitat just southeast of NACS6 supported only small populations of Spring Peeper, Western Chorus Frog, Northern Leopard Frog, Gray Treefrog, and American. Two Western Chorus Frogs were heard calling from greater than 100m to the east. Only Gray Tree Frog was detected from the survey location in the central area of the property south of the Conrail Drain (NACS11). Other species such as Western Chorus Frog and Spring Peeper would likely have been detected if the location was included in the first round of surveys in April.

In central areas of the property south of the Conrail Drain (NACS12; Appendix B), only Gray Tree Frog was detected; in part because this location was included only after the first round of surveys. Despite being the only species detected, ponds in this area supported a high abundance of Gray Tree Frog. It is assumed that ponds in the slough forest east of NACS 12 also support other early breeding amphibians such as Spring Peeper and Western Chorus Frog.

Surveys within the south section of the property along Dorchester Road (NACS7, 8, 9, 10; Appendix B) documented five species: Spring Peeper, American Toad, Western Chorus Frog, Gray Treefrog, and Wood Frog. Spring Peepers were heard calling from NACS 7, 8, and 9; abundance ranged from a few individuals to a full chorus (north of NACS9). Many American toads were documented at NACS 8. Western Chorus Frog was very abundant just north of NACS9, but was recorded in low abundance across the other survey locations in this area of the property. Gray Treefrog were present along the southern border of the study area in low abundances. One Wood frog was heard calling north of NACS 9 at a distance greater than 100m.

3.2.5. BREEDING BIRD SURVEYS

A total of 67 species of birds was detected during the breeding bird surveys; 56 of these species were considered at least possibly breeding on the site. Nine (9) species were observed flying over the site only, and not considered breeding (code X – see Table 9), while two (2) species were categorized as migrants only: Blackpoll Warbler (*Setophaga striata*) and Wilson's Warbler (*Cardellina pusilla*). Of the 56 species of breeding birds, three of them are considered introduced (non-native): Rock Pigeon (*Coturnix coturnix*), European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), and House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*).

Of the remaining 53 species, four (4) of them are designated as Species at Risk (SAR): Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*), Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax virens*), Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), and Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*). Acadian Flycatcher is designated as “Endangered” at both a federal level and a provincial level, while Barn Swallow is considered “Threatened” at both levels (COSEWIC 2014, COSEWIC 2015, OMNRF 2015). Eastern Wood-Pewee is categorized as “Special Concern” at both federal and provincial levels and Wood Thrush is ranked as “Threatened” federally and “Special Concern” provincially (COSEWIC 2014, COSEWIC 2015, OMNRF 2015). An additional SAR – Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*) – was observed foraging over the site only (code X) and is not considered to be a breeding bird. Chimney Swift is designated “Threatened” in Ontario (OMNRF 2015) and Canada (COSEWIC 2014, COSEWIC 2015). See the “Species at Risk” section for further details.

At a provincial level, 52 of the 53 native breeding species have been assigned a Srank of either S4 or S5 by the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NatureServe Explorer, 2015), indicating that their provincial populations are “apparently secure” or “secure”, respectively (NHIC 2015). The one exception is Acadian Flycatcher, which is ranked as S2S3, indicating that its provincial populations are considered “vulnerable”.

At a regional level, 12 species – Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*), Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*), Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax virens*), Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*), Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*), Brown Thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*), Blue-winged Warbler (*Vermivora cyanoptera*), Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*), Field Sparrow (*Spizella pusilla*), Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*), Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*), and Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) – have been designated by Ontario Partners in Flight as priority landbird species in Bird Conservation Region (BCR) 13 (Lower Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Plain) (OPIF 2008); in Ontario, BCR 13 corresponds roughly with the area south of the Canadian Shield. The Ontario Landbird Conservation Plan, from which the list of priority landbird species was obtained, is a coalition of government agencies and organizations led by Environment Canada Ontario Region (EC) and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (OMNRF), in partnership with Bird Studies Canada (BSC).

At a local level, 36 of the 56 potentially native and non-native breeding species are considered common to very common within the Region of Niagara (Black and Roy 2010). The 20 exceptions are as follows:

- Uncommon – Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*), Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*), Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*), Cuckoo sp. (*Coccyzus sp.*), Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*), Red-bellied Woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*), Hairy Woodpecker (*Picoides villosus*), Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*), White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*), Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*), Brown Thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*), Blue-winged Warbler (*Vermivora cyanoptera*), Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*), Field Sparrow (*Spizella pusilla*), Swamp Sparrow (*Melospiza georgiana*), and Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*);
- Uncommon to rare – Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*);
- Rare – Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*);
- Rare and local – Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*);
- Extremely rare – Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax virens*).

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR 2000) considers eight (8) of the species recorded as being area sensitive: Sharp-shinned Hawk, Hairy Woodpecker, Acadian Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Vireo, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Savannah Sparrow, and Scarlet Tanager. This indicates that the species requires large areas of suitable habitat for its long-term survival and is therefore more sensitive to development.

For application of the Migratory Birds Convention Act (Government of Canada 1994a,b), 45 of the 56 species recorded as at least possibly breeding are protected by the Act. As such, it means that it is illegal to harm or kill these species, or to harm or destroy their nests and nesting habitat. The 11 species that are afforded no protection from the Act are Wild Turkey, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Rock Pigeon, Great Horned Owl, Blue Jay, American Crow, European Starling, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, and House Sparrow.

For application of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (Government of Ontario, 2007) and the Species at Risk Act (SARA) (Government of Canada, 2002), five bird Species-at-Risk were detected on the site: Chimney Swift, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Acadian Flycatcher, Barn Swallow, and Wood Thrush. These five species are discussed below:

- Chimney Swift – Designated “Threatened” in Ontario and Canada; one bird was recorded foraging overhead at PCS 29; this species was not considered to be breeding on the site as no suitable nesting habitat (e.g. chimneys) is present within it. There are likely suitable chimneys for breeding in nearby areas, accounting for the presence of this foraging bird.
- Eastern Wood-Pewee – Designated “Special Concern” in Ontario and Canada; at least single birds were heard at 13 PCS’s during the surveys; two of these stations had multiple birds singing and three additional birds were detected between stations.
- Acadian Flycatcher – Designated “Endangered” in Ontario and Canada; one bird was heard singing at PCS 28 on May 29; it was not subsequently observed so this bird would not be considered territorial.
- Barn Swallow – Designated “Threatened” in Ontario and Canada; one bird was seen foraging west of PCS 7 on May 28. There is no suitable breeding habitat (e.g. barns, bridges) and limited foraging habitat available on the site. There are suitable structures for breeding in the general vicinity so this species may occasionally be present foraging in any open habitats.
- Wood Thrush – Designated “Threatened” in Canada and “Special Concern” in Ontario; this species was recorded at 18 PCS’s, with three of the PCS having multiple birds. Three additional birds were detected between or beyond the point count stations.

For full details on the breeding bird surveys for this site, please see Table 9.

3.2.6. INCIDENTAL SPECIES

Two additional bird species were detected during other field surveys that are likely breeding. American Woodcock (*Scolopax minor*) was heard calling near during nocturnal amphibian surveys on April 19, 2015; it was near nocturnal amphibian station 6. A Wilson’s Snipe (*Gallinago delicata*) was observed near pond 6 during salamander surveys on April 10, 2015. Neither of these species are considered SAR; both are common and widespread in southern Ontario. American Woodcock is considered common locally, while Wilson’s Snipe is considered uncommon (Black and Roy 2010).

An unidentified owl (possibly Barred Owl, *Strix varia*) was observed on April 10, 2015; this species has no breeding status in Niagara Region (Black and Roy 2010). No owl calls were heard during subsequent evening site visits for amphibian surveys (April 19th, May 28th, June 24th, 2015). Given the relatively early spring date, it could have represented a spring migrant.

An unidentified turtle (likely Snapping Turtle, *Chelydra serpentina*, based on size) was observed by George Coker in the large pond in polygon 24 (Map 2) on June 11th, 2015 while conducting aquatic surveys of the site.

Other species and/or signs of species (e.g. tracks) that were observed while conducting site visits included:

- Coyote (*Canis latrans*)
- White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)
- Eastern Chipmunk (*Tamias striatus*)
- Grey Squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*)
- Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*)
- Eastern Gartersnake (*Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis*)

3.2.7. AQUATICS

3.2.7.1. SHORELINE

While not part of the subject property, the flattest and lowest areas along the shore of the Welland River, between the river shoreline and Dorchester Road, were examined in detail for Northern Pike spawning areas on April 11th, 2015 (Appendix 2). While there were shallow wet locations in this area, the shoreline was not overtopped by the adjacent river to provide access for Northern Pike, nor was there any evidence that overtopping had occurred recently (Photographs 1 and 2). This area was examined briefly during all subsequent site visits, and on no occasion was the bank overtopped or was there evidence of recent overtopping. Therefore it appears that this area did not provide Northern Pike spawning habitat in 2015, though there may be some potential spawning locations in shallow nearshore areas with dense rooted aquatic macrophytes in the Welland River.

3.2.7.2. WATERCOURSES

There are three main watercourses that provide potential access routes for fish from the Welland River and the Power Canal into the interior of the subject property. Watercourse 1 is approximately 212 m long and begins at an old concrete culvert outfall, which is believed to convey flows from a network of legacy pipes that drain surface water, via inlets and broken sections, from the elevated south-central portion of the subject property. The outfall, at the base of an embankment, feeds a small marsh pocket about 30 m long and 13 m wide, which drains through a shallow, 4 to 5 m wide, mud-bottomed watercourse (Photograph 3) to the Welland River. This watercourse appears to be a dug drainage ditch. It has a gentle gradient and in early April it had approximately 10 cm of water depth, which had dwindled to a few centimetres by June 11th, 2015 and was dry when examined on October 6th, 2015. Near its downstream end at its culvert beneath Dorchester Road, it has emergent and submergent

aquatic macrophytes (Photographs 4 and 5). Due to the low flow velocity and abundant aquatic plants in its lower section near the Welland River, as well the low gradient connection to the marsh at its upstream end, it is thought that this watercourse represents the best potential Northern Pike spawning habitat within or immediately adjacent to the subject property. Therefore, it was targeted twice for spawning observations (April 11th and 21st, 2015), and electrofished twice (June 11th and October 6th, 2015) in search of young-of-the-year (YOY) Northern Pike (Table 10). No spawning Northern Pike, or YOY, were observed.

Watercourse 2 appears to originate within the Thundering Waters Golf Club grounds, northeast of the subject property. On all field investigations in 2015 there was flowing water in Watercourse 2: estimated at 15 L/s on April 12. When Watercourse 2 first enters the subject property it is a straight mud channel, approximately 140 m long, that has been historically channelized (Photograph 6). It then passes through a 70 m long culvert beneath the entrance of a derelict industrial site, but it is not perched at the downstream end and may not be a barrier to the upstream movement of fish. For 104 m downstream of the culvert the watercourse appears to be straightened with rip-rap along much of the banks. For the remaining 816 m to its confluence with the Welland River, Watercourse 2 appears to be a natural meandering channel set within a small valley feature. The upper 634 m of this section has a fairly uniform, shallow, clay/mud channel (Photograph 7). Coarse material mixed into the clay/mud substrate occurs where the watercourse passes the end of Don Murie Street, which may be the source of this material, and continues for approximately 100 m downstream (Photograph 8). Downstream to its confluence with the Welland River, the remaining 94 m of Watercourse 2 is dominated by soft clay mud.

Northern Pike, or any other fish, were not observed when Watercourse 2 was walked along its entire length in April 2015. There were no accessible wetlands along Watercourse 2, or any aquatic vegetation within the channel, that could be used for Northern Pike spawning. The general lack of instream cover within the largely featureless channel of Watercourse 2 likely contributes to the lack of fish observed. The clay/mud substrates through most of the watercourse would not provide spawning habitat for White Suckers or any of the other common fishes that spawn in flowing waters over coarse substrate. The only exception is the short section with coarse material near the downstream end of Watercourse 2, but no spawning fishes were observed here even though the water temperature was 12.2°C on April 21, which is within the range for White Sucker spawning (Scott and Crossman, 1973), and the White Sucker spawning run was well underway at locations in the Hamilton area. No fish were captured by electrofishing on June 21, even though a significant length of stream was fished. However, low numbers of six species, including YOY White Sucker, were captured in the same watercourse section on October 6, 2015 (Table 10). It is not known if the YOY suckers were spawned in this watercourse, or were spawned at some off-site location and have come to occupy this watercourse as a way of avoiding predatory fishes in the Welland River.

Watercourse 3, also known as the Conrail Drain, is a deep, straight, artificial channel, lined with rip-rap along its entire length (Photograph 9). There was some flow observed here during every field investigation in 2015, with, as expected, the highest flow in April and the lowest in October. Some sections of the watercourse had only interstitial flow through the rip-rap channel liner, which would severely inhibit the movement of large fish if they were to occur here. However, it is not expected that larger fish can move into this watercourse from its mouth at the Power Canal, because the steeper-sloped channel in this location, combined with failing and thick gabion rock baskets and the rooted vegetation through which all but the highest flows likely pass, will block upstream movement of large

fish (Photograph 10). It was not expected that a diverse fish community could exist under the observed condition of Watercourse 3, and electrofishing only captured Brook Stickleback (Table 10).

Watercourses 4 and 5 are short and have ephemeral flow, and do not appear to have a surface connection to the Power Canal.

Large areas of shallow surface water were observed within the subject property during April. These areas were inaccessible to fish, in particular Northern Pike which can utilize such habitats for spawning, and most were dry by June. One isolated pond was observed to remain permanently wet through 2015 and to support a community of aquatic plants, but no fish were found (Table 10).

In summary, watercourse feature that provide fish habitat are largely restricted to Watercourse 2 (WC3, Map 2). The fish captured during this investigation are considered common and not at risk in southern Ontario. Most of Watercourse 1 (WC1, Map 2) upstream of Dorchester Road provides seasonal, relatively unproductive, non-spawning habitat for fish. Watercourse 2 (WC2, Map 2) is a largely natural watercourse with permanent flow within a small valley feature. While habitat is generally simple and unproductive, it is presently unclear if it provides limited spawning habitat for off-site fishes; retention will likely be required. Watercourse 3 (WC 3, Map 3) is a constructed drainage ditch that provides no spawning habitat for off-site fishes, nor can it be accessed by large off-site fishes. It is relatively unproductive and only supports a sparse population of Brook Stickleback. Watercourses 4 and 5 (WC4 and WC5, Map 2) are not considered fish habitat at this time. The numerous shallow upland wet areas observed in April appeared to all be isolated from fish-occupied waters, and therefore are not expected to contribute to fish habitat on the subject property.

4. CHARACTERIZATION SUMMARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS

The findings from the Natural Heritage Characterization Assessment will be used as input to an environmental management strategy for the Secondary Plan area. The strategy will consider the use of the mitigation hierarchy (i.e. avoidance, minimization, mitigation/rehabilitation, and compensation) in an adaptive approach, to define potential impacts that may result from the proposed land use, servicing, and transportation scenarios.

At this stage in the process, only a subset of avoidance areas have been identified. This includes natural features that have been designated as Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) and Regional Environmental Protection Areas (EPA). In addition to the protected PSW/EPA areas, buffers will be recommended based on factors such as features' sensitivities, functional linkages to adjacent lands, and proposed land uses. Additional lands outside of the PSW may also be identified for protection where they complement the natural features that occur within the PSW, provide significant wildlife habitat, and/or provide important ecological linkage functions; on-going fieldwork, site analysis, and integration with other disciplines (e.g. system hydrology, transportation, land-use zoning) will provide insight into the management of impacts to natural heritage areas to ensure the long-term sustainability of the natural system.

The remaining steps of the mitigation hierarchy (minimize, rehabilitate/mitigate, and compensate) will be explored as the Secondary Plan process moves into the impact assessment and management phase. Early stages of the impact assessment phase will involve reviewing community masterplan concepts to identify potential impacts, establishing strategies for minimizing impacts, and determining the feasibility of enhancement, restoration, and compensation strategies to offset impacts to natural features that are currently outside of the identified protected areas.

The natural heritage elements and preliminary policy triggers that have been documented on the property and are present in Table 11, include the following:

- Provincially Significant Wetland Slough Forest
- Watercourse 2 and associated floodplain (WC2, Map 2)
- Endangered/Threatened Species at Risk and their associated habitat
- Old growth/Mature Forest Habitat
- Shrub/Early Successional Bird Habitat
- Bat Maternity Roost Habitat
- Mast Tree Habitat
- Amphibian Breeding Habitat (Woodland Type)
- Habitat for Provincially Rare and/or Species of Special Concern (Schreber's Aster, Honey Locust, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Wood Thrush, and Snapping Turtle)
- Reptile Hibernacula
- Deer Winter Congregation Areas
- Rare Vegetation Communities
- NPCA regulated wetlands
- ECA woodlands

Four core principles are proposed as a means to guide the process of developing an effective environmental management strategy to address the identified natural features and species within the Secondary Plan area:

- i) Consolidate and complement the existing protected areas where important natural features are adjacent to and contiguous with the PSW/EPA boundaries (e.g. mature woodlands/trees and/or habitat for species of conservation concern).
- ii) Promote opportunities/functional linkages of protected areas (known PSW/EPA areas, and those to be identified) using a combination of natural and anthropogenic corridors.
- iii) Identify areas on-site that provide practical opportunities for enhancement and/or compensation for natural areas that will be impacted in the context of future urban uses.
- iv) Outline appropriate inventory and monitoring methods to assess the environmental management strategy objectives and targets and establish adaptive measures.

To address the natural heritage features and species that are likely to trigger provincial and municipal policy, direction on the first three principles outlined in the foregoing is summarized in Table 11. Mitigation recommendations are provided, as well as key considerations in developing the environmental management strategy. Feedback and ultimately agreement from the various stakeholders and responsible authorities (e.g. MNRF, Region, City, and NPCA) on these recommendations will be critical to ensuring the environmental management strategy, land use plan, and supporting infrastructure are consistent with the overarching environmental policies that are relevant to the property.

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6. TABLES

Table 1: ELC, Plant inventory, and PSW delineation site visit summary

Purpose	Date	Surveyors
Spring ELC and Plant Inventory	May 6th, 2015	Dylan White, Zack Harris
Spring ELC and Plant Inventory	May 8th, 2015	Dylan White, Kristen Beauchamp
Spring ELC and Plant Inventory	May 15th, 2015	Kristen Beauchamp, Zack Harris
Summer ELC and Plant Inventory	June 3rd, 2015	Steve Hill, Zack Harris
Summer ELC, Wetland Delineation, Summer Plant Inventory	August 17th, 2015	Dylan White, Zack Harris
Summer ELC and Wetland Delineation, Summer Plant Inventory	August 21, 2015	Dylan White, Zack Harris
Summer ELC and Wetland Delineation, Summer Plant Inventory	August 26th, 2015	Dylan White, Kristen Beauchamp
Summer ELC and Wetland Delineation, Summer Plant Inventory	August 27th, 2015	Dylan White, Kristen Beauchamp
Summer ELC and Wetland Delineation, Summer Plant Inventory	August 28th, 2015	Dylan White, Kristen Beauchamp
Fall ELC and Plant Inventory	September 28th, 2015	Dylan White, Zack Harris
Fall ELC and Plant Inventory	October 5th, 2015	Dylan White, Zack Harris

Table 2: Salamander trapping summary

Date	Survey	Time	Weather	Surveyors
April 1, 2015	Site Recon.	15:00-18:30	5°C, clear	Dylan White
April 7, 2015	Trap Set 1	17:00-20:00	3°C, overcast, light breeze	Dylan White
April 8, 2015	Trap Check 1	06:30-11:00	5°C, overcast	Kristen Beauchamp, Dylan White, Helen Hemansen (OMNRF)
April 9, 2015	Trap Set 2	17:30-20:30	11°C, rain, calm	Dylan White
April 10, 205	Trap Check 2	06:15-11:15	10°C, partly cloudy, light breeze	Kristen Beauchamp, Karl Konze, Dylan White
April 12, 2015	Trap Set 3	18:00-20:00	9°C, clear	Dylan White
April 13, 2015	Trap Check 3	05:45-8:45	8°C, clear, sunny	Kristen Beauchamp, Dylan White
April 16, 2015	Trap Set 4	18:00-20:00	12°C, partly cloudy, breeze	Dylan White
April 17, 2015	Trap Check 4	06:00-9:30	10°C, partly cloudy	Kristen Beauchamp, Dylan White
April 19, 2015	Trap Set 5	18:00-20:00	12°C, partly cloudy	Dylan White
April 20, 2015	Trap Check 5 and Trap removal	06:00-09:30	13°C, partly cloudy	Kristen Beauchamp, Dylan White

Table 3: Nocturnal amphibian survey summary

Date (2015)	Surveyors	Station ID	Start Time (p.m.)	Noise Index (as per NAAMP)	Wind (Beaufort Scale)	Temperature (°C)	Precipitation
April 19	Dylan White	1	10:15	2	1-2	8-10	None
		2	10:25	2	1-2	8-10	None
		3	10:38	2	1-2	8-10	Light rain
		4	10:43	2	1-2	8-10	Light rain
		5	10:52	2	1-2	8-10	Light rain
		6	11:00	2	1-2	8-10	Light rain
		7	11:10	2	1-2	8-10	Light rain
		8	11:20	2	1-2	8-10	Light rain
		9	11:30	2	1-2	8-10	Light rain
		10	11:37	2	1-2	8-10	Light rain
May 28	Zack Harris Kristen Beauchamp	1	12:15	2-3	0	16.0	Humid
		2	12:05	2-3	0	14.0	Humid
		3	11:55	2-3	0	14.0	Humid
		4	11:45	2-3	0	14.0	Humid
		5	11:37	2-3	0	15.8	Humid
		6	10:28	2-3	1	15.0	Humid
		7	11:28	2-3	0	15.8	Humid
		8	11:20	2	1	15.0	Humid
		9	11:10	2	1	15.0	Humid
		10	11:00	2	1	15.0	Humid
		11	9:23	2	0	19.5	None
		12	9:59	2	0	19.5	None
		13	12:21	2	1	16.0	Humid
June 24	Zack Harris Kristen Beauchamp	1	12:04	3	0	17.8	Humid
		2	11:55	3	0	17.8	Humid
		3	11:46	3	0	17.8	Humid
		4	11:36	3	0	17.8	Humid
		5	11:28	3	0	17.8	Humid
		6	10:36	3	0	16.5	Humid
		7	11:18	3	0	16.5	Humid
		8	11:11	2-3	0	16.5	Humid
		9	11:00	2	0	16.5	Humid
		10	10:49	2-3	0	16.5	Humid
		11	9:48	2	0	16.5	Humid
		12	10:16	2	0	16.5	Humid
		13	12:12	2	0	17.5	Humid
Noise Index as per North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP) Frog call survey instructions http://www.massnaamp.org/online_docs/NAAMP%20MA%20Ddatasheet%202012.pdf							
Code	Indicator						
0	No appreciable effect (e.g. owl calling)						
1	Slightly affecting sampling (e.g. distant traffic, dog barking, 1 car passing)						
2	Moderately affecting sampling (e.g. nearby traffic, 2 – 5 cars passing)						
3	Seriously affecting sampling (e.g. continuous traffic nearby, 6 – 10 cars passing)						
4	Profoundly affecting sampling (e.g. continuous traffic passing, construction noise)						

Beaufort Wind Scale as described according to the MMP (BSC, 2009)			
Code	Wind Speed (kph)	Indicator	
0	0 – 2	Calm; smoke rises vertically	
1	3 – 5	Light air movement; smoke drifts	
2	6 – 11	Slight breeze; wind felt on face, leaves rustle	
3	12 – 19	Gentle breeze; leaves and small twigs in constant motion	
4	20 – 30	Moderate breeze; small branches are moved, raises dust & loose paper	
5	31 – 39	Fresh breeze; small trees in leaf begin to sway; crested wavelets form	
6	40 – 50	Strong breeze; large branches in motion.	

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Table 4: Breeding bird survey summary

Date	Observer	Time	Weather Conditions	Purpose
May 28, 2015	Karl Konze	05:23 – 08:59	Partly cloudy, light west-northwest winds, 16 – 20°C	Breeding bird survey #1 (PCS 1 – 16)
May 29, 2015	Karl Konze	05:19 – 09:28	Partly cloudy, light south winds, 15 – 20°C	Breeding bird survey #1 (PCS 17 – 32)
June 4, 2015	Karl Konze	05:15 – 09:03	Clear, calm, 11 – 19°C	Breeding bird survey #2 (PCS 1 – 16)
June 5, 2015	Karl Konze	05:20 – 09:32	Partly cloudy, calm, 17 – 21°C	Breeding bird survey #2 (PCS 17 – 32)

Table 1: Summary of ELC Ecosite and Vegetation Types observed within study area.

ELC Community Code (Dominant)	ELC Community Description	Number of Polygons	Total Area (ha)	Percent
ANTH	Anthropogenic	2	3.62	1.61
CUM1-1	Cultural Meadow	5	19.34	8.59
CUP3-2	White Pine Coniferous Plantation	1	0.33	0.15
CUT1	Mineral Cultural Thicket	1	15.68	6.96
CUT1-4	Gray Dogwood Cultural Thicket	4	8.27	3.68
CUW1	Mineral Cultural Woodland	7	43.23	19.21
FOD4	Dry – Fresh Deciduous Forest	4	1.70	0.76
FOD6	Fresh – Moist Sugar Maple Deciduous Forest	1	1.76	0.78
FOD8-1	Fresh – Moist Poplar Deciduous Forest	1	0.92	0.41
SWD1	Oak Mineral Deciduous Swamp	7	94.80	42.12
SWD1-3	Pin Oak Mineral Deciduous Swamp	3	1.65	0.73
SWD2-2	Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp	5	28.77	12.78
SWD4-1	Willow Mineral Deciduous Swamp	6	5.00	2.22
		47	225.07	100.00

Table 6: Summary of plant species observed within ELC polygons. Grey highlighting identifies species that are uncommon or rare in Niagara; those with asterisk (*) represent those that are provincially rare (S2 or S2S3).

Scientific Name	Common Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	33
<i>Acer negundo</i>	Manitoba Maple	x													x																	
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple																	x									x	x				
<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	Silver Maple					x							x														x					
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple				x	x							x														x					
<i>Acer x freemanii</i>	Hybrid Maple (Acer rubrum X Acer saccharinum)			x	x	x	x	x										x									x					
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Common Yarrow									x					x													x				
<i>Agrimonia gryposepala</i>	Hooked Agrimony	x			x	x	x	x	x			x	x			x											x			x	x	
<i>Agrostis gigantea</i>	Redtop															x																
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	Creeping Bentgrass																										x					
<i>Alisma triviale</i>	Northern Water-plantain			x	x	x														x												
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	x		x	x	x			x			x	x		x			x									x			x	x	
<i>Allium tricoccum</i> var. <i>tricoccum</i>	Wild Leek					x																										
<i>Ambrosia trifida</i>	Great Ragweed					x																										
<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	Downy Serviceberry	x				x	x		x			x	x																			
<i>Antennaria howellii</i> ssp. <i>canadensis</i>	Canada Pussytoes															x																
<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	Spreading Dogbane																											x				
<i>Apocynum cannabinum</i>	Hemp Dogbane																							x								
<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	Jack-in-the-pulpit				x	x	x						x		x			x	x			x										
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Black Chokeberry																										x					
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed			x	x	x											x			x							x					
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common Milkweed									x																		x				
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>	Garden Asparagus									x																						
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i> var. <i>angustum</i>	Northeastern Lady Fern					x																					x					
<i>Atriplex prostrata</i>	Creeping Saltbush																													x	x	
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	Japanese Barberry				x	x																					x					
<i>Bidens cernua</i>	Nodding Beggarticks																										x	x		x	x	
<i>Bidens comosa</i>	Three-parted Beggarticks					x																										
<i>Bidens connata</i>	Purple-stemmed Beggarticks			x	x																											
<i>Bidens frondosa</i>	Devil's Beggarticks																											x				
<i>Boehmeria cylindrica</i>	False Nettle			x	x										x												x					
<i>Brassica nigra</i>	Black Mustard								x						x																	
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Yellow Marsh Marigold					x																										
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Hedge False Bindweed															x																
<i>Cardamine concatenata</i>	Cut-leaved Toothwort					x																										
<i>Cardamine douglassii</i>	Limestone Bittercress					x																										
<i>Cardamine pensylvanica</i>	Pennsylvania Bittercress																										x					

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<i>Carduus nutans ssp. nutans</i>	Nodding Thistle																								x							
<i>Carex arcta</i>	Northern Clustered Sedge																		x													
<i>Carex bebbii</i>	Bebb's Sedge																	x														
<i>Carex blanda</i>	Woodland Sedge					x	x								x				x								x					
<i>Carex canescens</i>	Hoary Sedge																	x														
<i>Carex comosa</i>	Bristly Sedge																										x					
<i>Carex crinita</i>	Fringed Sedge			x	x	x																					x					
<i>Carex flava</i>	Yellow Sedge															x	x															
<i>Carex garberi</i>	Elk Sedge																x															
<i>Carex gracillima</i>	Graceful Sedge	x				x								x	x			x									x			x	x	
<i>Carex grayi</i>	Asa Gray Sedge																										x					
<i>Carex hystericina</i>	Porcupine Sedge																										x					
<i>Carex intumescens</i>	Bladder Sedge					x																					x					
<i>Carex lacustris</i>	Lake-bank Sedge																			x							x					
<i>Carex leptoneuria</i>	Finely-nerved Sedge													x			x															
<i>Carex lupulina</i>	Hop Sedge		x			x												x									x					
<i>Carex pallescens</i>	Pale Sedge																										x					
<i>Carex pellita</i>	Woolly Sedge																								x							
<i>Carex prasina</i>	Drooping Sedge																	x														
<i>Carex projecta</i>	Necklace Sedge					x																					x					
<i>Carex pseudocyperus</i>	Cyperus-like Sedge																										x					
<i>Carex radiata</i>	Stellate Sedge				x				x																		x					
<i>Carex retrorsa</i>	Retorse Sedge																										x					
<i>Carex stipata</i>	Awl-fruited Sedge	x															x	x														
<i>Carex stricta</i>	Tussock Sedge					x														x												
<i>Carex tenera</i>	Slender Sedge				x	x																					x					
<i>Carex tribuloides</i>	Blunt Broom Sedge																			x							x					
<i>Carex tuckermanii</i>	Tuckerman's Sedge			x	x																											
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	Fox Sedge					x												x		x												
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	Blue-beech				x	x							x														x					
<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	Bitternut Hickory			x	x														x								x					
<i>Carya ovata</i>	Shagbark Hickory				x	x	x						x					x	x			x					x					
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Black Knapweed																											x				
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Common Buttonbush			x	x	x																					x					
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear Chickweed																										x					
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater Celadine																										x					
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	White Turtlehead					x																										
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory							x																								

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<i>Cicuta maculata</i> var. <i>maculata</i>	Spotted Water-hemlock					x	x								x					x							x					
<i>Cinna latifolia</i>	Drooping Woodreed				x	x												x									x					
<i>Circaea canadensis</i>	Broad-leaved Enchanter's Nightshade	x					x		x				x		x			x	x								x			x	x	
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Bull Thistle					x												x														
<i>Claytonia caroliniana</i>	Carolina Spring Beauty												x																			
<i>Claytonia virginica</i>	Narrow-leaved Spring Beauty					x							x																			
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	European Lily-of-the-valley					x																										
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed																								x							
<i>Cornus amomum</i>	Silky Dogwood	x	x	x	x													x										x				
<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	Gray Dogwood	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x			x	x	x	x			
<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	Red-osier Dogwood		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x		x					x	x	x		x	x	
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	English Hawthorn																				x											
<i>Crataegus punctata</i>	Dotted Hawthorn	x					x		x						x	x	x		x							x		x			x	x
<i>Crataegus succulenta</i>	Fleshy Hawthorn	x																	x													
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Orchard Grass														x																	
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot							x		x					x	x									x			x				
<i>Dryopteris carthusiana</i>	Spinulose Wood Fern					x																										
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	Russian Olive								x							x																
<i>Eleocharis erythropoda</i>	Red-stemmed Spike-rush																x															
<i>Eleocharis obtusa</i>	Blunt Spike-rush			x	x																						x					
<i>Eleocharis ovata</i>	Ovate Spike-rush														x												x					
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	Creeping Spike-rush													x																		
<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada Wildrye																											x				
<i>Elymus hystrix</i>	Bottlebrush Grass					x																										
<i>Elymus virginicus</i> var. <i>virginicus</i>	Virginia Wildrye				x																						x					
<i>Epifagus virginiana</i>	Beechdrops					x																										
<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>	Hairy Willowherb	x																														
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	Field Horsetail					x			x	x					x	x	x	x	x			x										
<i>Erigeron annuus</i>	Annual Fleabane														x																	
<i>Erigeron philadelphicus</i>	Philadelphia Fleabane																		x													
<i>Erythronium americanum</i>	Yellow Trout-lily					x	x		x				x																			
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Common Boneset					x																					x	x		x	x	
<i>Eurybia macrophylla</i>	Large-leaved Aster				x	x																					x			x	x	
<i>Eurybia schreberi</i> *	Schreber's Aster*																										x					
<i>Euthamia graminifolia</i>	Grass-leaved Goldenrod																x								x			x				
<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i> var. <i>maculatum</i>	Spotted Joe Pye Weed																	x		x		x										
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American Beech				x	x												x									x					
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	Wild Strawberry	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x				x			x		x			x	x	x

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<i>Frangula alnus</i>	Glossy Buckthorn														x		x	x			x	x	x	x								
<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash					x																								x	x	
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	
<i>Galium obtusum</i>	Blunt-leaved Bedstraw																										x					
<i>Galium palustre</i>	Marsh Bedstraw			x	x	x														x												
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Spotted Geranium					x						x	x					x									x					
<i>Geum fragarioides</i>	Barren Strawberry					x																										
<i>Geum laciniatum</i>	Rough Avens				x																											
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos*</i>	Honey-locust*																														x	
<i>Glyceria septentrionalis</i>	Eastern Mannagrass																										x					
<i>Glyceria striata</i>	Fowl Mannagrass	x		x	x	x												x	x	x	x			x	x		x			x	x	
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	American Witch-hazel																										x					
<i>Hemerocallis fulva</i>	Orange Daylily														x																	
<i>Hydrophyllum virginianum</i>	Virginia Waterleaf												x																			
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Common St. John's-wort	x				x									x	x																
<i>Hypericum punctatum</i>	Common St. John's-wort					x																										
<i>Ilex mucronata</i>	Mountain Holly																										x					
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Black Holly																										x					
<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	Spotted Jewelweed					x									x												x			x	x	
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Harlequin Blue Flag			x	x	x																										
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	Black Walnut	x	x															x										x				
<i>Juncus dudleyi</i>	Dudley's Rush													x														x				
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush	x		x	x																						x					
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	Path Rush													x																		
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Eastern Red Cedar							x								x																
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Common Deadnettle																x															
<i>Laportea canadensis</i>	Wood Nettle																													x	x	
<i>Lapsana communis</i>	Common Nipplewort	x													x			x	x			x					x			x	x	x
<i>Leersia oryzoides</i>	Rice Cutgrass			x	x	x																										
<i>Leersia virginica</i>	Virginia Cutgrass																										x					
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Oxeye Daisy														x	x									x							
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	European Privet	x																x	x													
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	Butter-and-eggs														x																	
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush	x		x	x	x							x					x	x			x					x					
<i>Lonicera tatarica</i>	Tartarian Honeysuckle	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x		x			x	x							x	x	x				
<i>Lycopus americanus</i>	American Water-horehound					x															x							x				
<i>Lycopus uniflorus</i>	Northern Water-horehound			x	x	x									x		x										x					
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	Creeping Jennie					x									x													x			x	x

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<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple Loosestrife			x	x	x		x						x				x									x	x				
<i>Maianthemum canadense</i>	Wild Lily-of-the-valley					x																										
<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	False Solomon's-seal																										x					
<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i>	Star-flowered False Solomon's-seal					x																					x					
<i>Malus coronaria</i>	Sweet Crabapple																								x							
<i>Malus pumila</i>	Common Apple	x				x			x										x													
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medic																										x					
<i>Melilotus albus</i>	White Sweet-clover																								x							
<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>	Yellow Sweet-clover															x																
<i>Mentha arvensis</i>	Field Mint																x	x														
<i>Narcissus pseudonarcissus</i>	Commom Daffodil											x																				
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern			x	x	x	x						x		x			x	x		x			x	x		x	x				
<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	Royal Fern					x																										
<i>Osmundastrum cinnamomeum</i>	Cinnamon Fern					x																										
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Eastern Hop-hornbeam																										x			x	x	
<i>Oxalis montana</i>	Common Wood-sorrell					x									x																	
<i>Parthenocissus inserta</i>	Thicket Creeper	x			x	x			x	x			x		x		x	x	x			x					x	x		x	x	x
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beardtongue			x	x																								x			
<i>Penthorum sedoides</i>	Ditch-stonecrop			x	x											x						x						x				
<i>Persicaria hydropiper</i>	Marshpepper Smartweed			x	x																							x				
<i>Persicaria sagittata</i>	Arrow-leaved Smartweed					x																										
<i>Persicaria virginiana</i>	Virginia Smartweed	x		x	x	x	x						x		x			x									x			x	x	
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed Canary Grass		x	x	x	x																					x	x		x	x	
<i>Phragmites australis ssp. americanus</i>	American Reed							x																			x					
<i>Phragmites australis ssp. australis</i>	European Reed								x	x	x	x													x							
<i>Pilea pumila</i>	Canada Clearweed					x																										
<i>Pilosella caespitosa</i>	Meadow Hawkweed																										x					
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scotch Pine	x		x	x																											
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	English Plantain															x	x								x							
<i>Plantago major</i>	Common Plantain								x																		x	x				
<i>Poa compressa</i>	Canada Bluegrass														x																	
<i>Poa nemoralis</i>	Woods Bluegrass				x																											
<i>Poa pratensis ssp. pratensis</i>	Kentucky Bluegrass														x										x							
<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	May-apple					x							x						x													
<i>Polygonum achoreum</i>	Leathery Knotweed					x																										
<i>Polygonum aviculare ssp. aviculare</i>	Prostrate Knotweed																								x							
<i>Polygonum virginianum</i>	Virginia Knotweed																															x
<i>Populus deltoides ssp. deltoides</i>	Eastern Cottonwood	x	x			x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x					

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<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Trembling Aspen					x			x			x																				
<i>Potentilla recta</i>	Sulphur Cinquefoil	x																														
<i>Potentilla simplex</i>	Old-field Cinquefoil					x									x												x					
<i>Prunella vulgaris ssp. vulgaris</i>	Self-heal																											x				
<i>Prunus americana</i>	American Plum																		x													
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Sweet Cherry					x																					x					
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	Pin Cherry				x																											
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Wild Black Cherry	x				x	x						x														x	x		x	x	
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Choke Cherry	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x			x					x			x	x	x
<i>Quercus alba</i>	White Oak					x																					x			x	x	
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak			x	x										x			x									x			x	x	x
<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur Oak	x		x	x	x	x					x	x		x			x								x	x	x	x	x	x	
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	x				x	x	x	x	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x	
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Northern Red Oak				x	x	x		x				x					x									x			x	x	
<i>Ranunculus abortivus</i>	Kidney-leaved Buttercup					x									x				x								x					
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Tall Buttercup														x																	
<i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i>	Alderleaf Buckthorn																				x											
<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	Common Buckthorn	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
<i>Ribes americanum</i>	Wild Black Currant								x																							
<i>Ribes cynosbati</i>	Prickly Gooseberry					x																x										
<i>Ribes glandulosum</i>	Skunk Currant	x				x									x			x	x											x	x	
<i>Ribes hirtellum</i>	Smooth Gooseberry			x	x																											
<i>Ribes lacustre</i>	Bristly Black Currant		x			x																										
<i>Ribes triste</i>	Swamp Red Currant						x																									
<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	Multiflora Rose														x											x	x			x	x	
<i>Rosa palustris</i>	Swamp Rose																										x					
<i>Rosa rubingosa var. rubingosa</i>	Briar Rose					x																x						x				
<i>Rubus allegheniensis</i>	Alleghany Blackberry						x						x					x									x	x		x	x	
<i>Rubus hispidus</i>	Bristly Dewberry					x																					x					
<i>Rubus idaeus ssp. strigosus</i>	Wild Red Raspberry	x				x	x		x	x		x	x		x			x		x		x				x	x					x
<i>Rubus occidentalis</i>	Black Raspberry	x																												x	x	
<i>Rubus pubescens</i>	Dewberry				x	x																										
<i>Rudbeckia hirta var. hirta</i>	Black-eyed Susan								x																							
<i>Salix alba</i>	White Willow		x												x				x													
<i>Salix amygdaloides</i>	Peach-leaved Willow																										x					
<i>Salix bebbiana</i>	Bebb's Willow					x											x	x									x	x				
<i>Salix discolor</i>	Pussy Willow																x															
<i>Salix eriocephala</i>	Heart-leaved Willow																									x						

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<i>Salix interior</i>	Sandbar Willow															x	x															
<i>Salix nigra</i>	Black Willow																										x					
<i>Salix x fragilis</i>	(<i>Salix alba</i> X <i>Salix euxina</i>)							x																								
<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Common Elderberry				x																											
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	European Elder																										x					
<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	Bloodroot																		x													
<i>Schedonorus pratensis</i>	Meadow Fescue														x										x							
<i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani</i>	Soft-stemmed Bulrush																			x												
<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>	Dark-green Bulrush																	x														
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	Red-tinge Bulrush													x																		
<i>Scirpus pendulus</i>	Rufous Bulrush		x	x	x	x																										
<i>Scutellaria lateriflora</i>	Mad Dog Skullcap					x																						x				
<i>Securigera varia</i>	Common Crown-vetch																								x							
<i>Sisyrinchium montanum var. montanum</i>	Strict Blue-eyed-grass															x									x							
<i>Sium suave</i>	Hemlock Water-parsnip			x	x															x							x					
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Climbing Nightshade		x	x	x										x												x	x				
<i>Solidago altissima ssp. altissima</i>	Eastern Late Goldenrod														x			x							x		x					x
<i>Solidago canadensis var. canadensis</i>	Canada Goldenrod					x										x	x	x										x				
<i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>	Zigzag Goldenrod				x	x																										
<i>Solidago juncea</i>	Early Goldenrod														x	x									x							
<i>Solidago nemoralis ssp. nemoralis</i>	Gray-stemmed Goldenrod							x								x																
<i>Solidago rugosa var. rugosa</i>	Northern Rough-leaved Goldenrod	x		x	x	x												x				x				x	x			x	x	
<i>Sphenopholis intermedia</i>	Slender Wedge Grass																										x					
<i>Spiraea alba</i>	White Meadowsweet			x	x	x	x																				x	x				
<i>Symphyotrichum ericoides var. ericoides</i>	White Heath Aster							x						x		x												x				
<i>Symphyotrichum laeve var. laeve</i>	Smooth Aster															x																
<i>Symphyotrichum lanceolatum ssp. lanceolatum</i>	Panicled Aster	x	x	x	x	x		x						x	x		x	x		x		x				x	x	x		x	x	x
<i>Symphyotrichum lateriflorum</i>	Starved Aster	x	x			x																					x	x		x	x	x
<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	New England Aster					x			x					x	x	x		x									x	x				
<i>Symphyotrichum pilosum var. pilosum</i>	Old Field Aster							x						x		x																
<i>Symphyotrichum urophyllum</i>	Arrow-leaved Aster					x																										
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Common Dandelion	x				x	x		x	x		x	x		x		x	x								x						
<i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>	Early Meadow-rue					x							x																			
<i>Thelypteris palustris</i>	Eastern Marsh Fern					x																										
<i>Tilia americana</i>	American Basswood					x							x					x									x				x	x
<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>	Climbing Poison Ivy	x	x		x	x		x	x			x	x		x		x	x	x	x		x					x	x		x	x	x
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover									x					x											x						
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover																											x				

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<i>Trillium grandiflorum</i>	White Trillium					x																										
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Colt's-foot							x									x															
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Cattail					x																										
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Broad-leaved Cattail			x	x																				x		x					
<i>Ulmus americana</i>	American Elm	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x						x	x		x	x	
<i>Ulmus rubra</i>	Slippery Elm													x																		
<i>Urtica dioica ssp. dioica</i>	European Stinging Nettle			x	x																											
<i>Uvularia grandiflora</i>	Large-flowered Bellwort					x																										
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	Highbush Blueberry					x																										
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue Vervain		x															x									x	x		x	x	
<i>Verbena urticifolia</i>	White Vervain	x																														
<i>Veronica officinalis</i>	Common Speedwell	x							x																		x					
<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>	Maple-leaf Viburnum																										x					
<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	Nannyberry					x	x											x									x					
<i>Viburnum opulus ssp. trilobum</i>	Highbush Cranberry													x	x		x		x													
<i>Viburnum recognitum</i>	Smooth Arrowwood								x							x		x														
<i>Vicia cracca</i>	Tufted Vetch							x	x	x					x										x			x				
<i>Vinca minor</i>	Periwinkle								x						x																	
<i>Viola affinis</i>	Le Conte's Violet																	x														
<i>Viola cucullata</i>	Marsh Blue Violet			x	x	x																										
<i>Vitis riparia</i>	Riverbank Grape				x				x	x					x		x	x	x								x	x				
<i>Arctium sp</i>	Burdock Species																															x
<i>Carya sp</i>	Hickory Species														x															x	x	
<i>Crataegus sp</i>	Hawthorn Species			x	x	x				x		x	x					x				x				x		x				
<i>Dryopteris sp</i>	Wood Fern Species				x										x												x					
<i>Epilobium sp</i>	Willow-herb Species					x									x																	
<i>Geum sp</i>	Avens Species	x					x		x				x		x			x	x			x					x			x	x	x
<i>Hieracium sp</i>	Hawkweed Species															x																
<i>Juncus sp</i>	Rush Species					x									x																	
<i>Lemna sp</i>	Duckweed Species					x																					x					
<i>Malus sp</i>	Apple Species						x	x							x			x														
<i>Myosotis sp</i>	Forget-me-not Species			x	x																											
<i>Oenothera sp</i>	Evening-primrose Species															x																
<i>Polygonum sp</i>	Smartweed Species	x	x	x	x																											
<i>Potamogeton sp</i>	Pondweed Species					x																										
<i>Potentilla sp</i>	Cinquefoil Species						x																				x					
<i>Prenanthes sp</i>	Rattlesnake-root Species					x																										
<i>Rosa sp</i>	Rose Species	x		x	x		x	x	x			x						x														

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<i>Salix sp</i>	Willow Species			x	x				x	x	x										x	x		x	x							
<i>Scirpus sp</i>	Bulrush Species																				x											
<i>Trifolium sp</i>	Clover Species							x								x																
<i>Viola sp</i>	Violet Species														x					x							x					

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Table 7: *Ambystoma laterale* (and unisexual polyploids) capture numbers by date and pond (see Appendix 2).

Pond	Number of <i>Ambystoma laterale</i> captured by survey date					TOTAL
	April 8	April 10	April 13	April 17	April 20	
1	3	12	1	0	0	16
2	1	3	0	0	0	4
3	3	4	2	0	1	10
4	1	2	1	0	0	4
5	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	1	3	2	0	0	6
7	2	5	0	0	0	7
8	0	19	0	0	0	19
TOTAL	11	48	6	0	1	66

Table 8: Summary of anuran species found at each Nocturnal Amphibian Call Station.

Property Location	NACS Station	Spring Peeper <i>Pseudacris crucifer</i>	American Toad <i>Anaxyrus americanus</i>	Western Chorus Frog <i>Pseudacris triseriata</i>	Northern Leopard Frog <i>Lithobates pipiens</i>	Gray Treefrog <i>Hyla versicolor</i>	Wood Frog <i>Lithobates sylvaticus</i>
North Area (Oldfield Road)	1	Present	Present	Present		Present	
	2	Present	Present	Present		Present	
	13					Present	
East Area (Dorchester Road)	3	Present		Present		Present	
	4	Present				Present	
	5	Present		Present		Present	
Central Area (Near Conrail Drain)	6	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	
	11	Present				Present	
Central Area (south of Conrail Drain)	12					Present	
South Area (north of Dorchester Road/Chippewa Parkway)	7	Present	Present	Present		Present	
	8	Present	Present	Present		Present	
	9	Present		Present		Present	Present
	10		Present	Present		Present	

Table 9: Breeding Bird Summary. Grey highlights indicate species that were observed, but not breeding on the property. Green highlights indicate species that are either provincially, regionally, or locally rare, and/or area sensitive.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status					Covered by MBCA (1994)	Area Sensitivity (OMNR 2000)	Breeding Evidence (OBBA 2001)
		National	Provincial		Regional	Local			
		COSEWIC Designation (2014)	OMNRF Designation (OMNRF 2015)	Srank (2013 Update)	BCR 13 Priority Sp. (Lower Great Lakes / St. Lawrence Plain) (OPIF 2008)	Niagara Region (Black & Roy 2010)			
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	---	---	S5	---	very common	Y	---	X
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	---	---	S5	---	uncommon	Y	---	Possible
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	Y	---	Possible
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	---	---	S5	---	uncommon	N	---	Possible
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	NAR	NAR	S5	---	very common	N	---	X
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	---	---	S4	---	uncommon	Y	---	X
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	---	---	S2	---	rare	Y	---	X
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax</i>	---	---	S3	---	uncommon	Y	---	X
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	NAR	NAR	S5	---	uncommon	N	AS	Possible
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	Y	---	Probable
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	Y	---	Possible
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	NAR	NAR	S4	---	uncommon	Y	---	X
Rock Pigeon	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	---	---	SNA	---	very common	N	---	Possible
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>	---	---	S5	---	very common	Y	---	Possible
Cuckoo species	<i>Coccyzus sp.</i>	---	---	S4-S5	---	uncommon	Y	---	Possible
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	---	---	S4	---	uncommon	N	---	Possible
Chimney Swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	THR	THR	S4	PLS	uncommon	Y	---	X
Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	---	---	S4	---	uncommon	Y	---	Probable
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	Y	---	Probable
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	---	---	S5	---	uncommon	Y	AS	Possible
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	---	---	S4	PLS	common	Y	---	Probable
Eastern Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	SC	SC	S4	PLS	common	Y	---	Probable
Acadian Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax virens</i>	END	END	S2S3	PLS	extremely rare	Y	AS	Possible
Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	---	---	S5	PLS	uncommon	Y	---	Probable

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Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	Y	---	Possible
Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	---	---	S4	---	common	Y	---	Probable
Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	---	---	S4	---	rare and local	Y	AS	Probable
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	Y	---	Probable
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	Y	---	Probable
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	---	---	S5	---	very common	N	---	Probable
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	N	---	Probable
Purple Martin	<i>Progne subis</i>	---	---	S4	---	very common	Y	---	X
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	---	---	S4	---	very common	Y	---	Probable
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	---	---	S4	---	uncommon	Y	---	X
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	THR	THR	S4	---	very common	Y	---	Possible
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	Y	---	Probable
Tufted Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	---	---	S4	---	rare	Y	AS	Probable
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	---	---	S5	---	uncommon	Y	AS	Probable
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	Y	---	Probable
Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	THR	SC	S4	PLS	uncommon	Y	---	Probable
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	---	---	S5	---	very common	Y	---	Probable
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	---	---	S4	---	common	Y	---	Probable
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	---	---	S4	PLS	uncommon	Y	---	Possible
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	---	---	SNA	---	very common	N	---	Probable
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	Y	---	Probable
Blue-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>	---	---	S4	PLS	uncommon	Y	---	Probable
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	Y	---	Probable
Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	Y	---	Probable
Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Setophaga striata</i>	---	---	S4	---	spring/fall transient	Y	---	Migrant

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Wilson's Warbler	<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	---	---	S4	---	spring/fall transient	Y	---	Migrant
Eastern Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	---	---	S4	PLS	uncommon	Y	---	Probable
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	Y	---	Probable
Field Sparrow	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	---	---	S4	PLS	uncommon	Y	---	Probable
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	---	---	S4	PLS	very common	Y	AS	Possible
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	---	---	S5	---	very common	Y	---	Probable
Swamp Sparrow	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	---	---	S5	---	uncommon	Y	---	Probable
Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	---	---	S4	---	uncommon	Y	AS	Probable
Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	Y	---	Probable
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	---	---	S4	PLS	common	Y	---	Probable
Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	---	---	S4	---	common	Y	---	Probable
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	---	---	S4	---	very common	N	---	Probable
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	---	---	S5	---	very common	N	---	Probable
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	---	---	S4	---	very common	N	---	Probable
Orchard Oriole	<i>Icterus spurius</i>	---	---	S4	---	uncommon to rare	Y	---	Possible
Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	---	---	S4	PLS	common	Y	---	Probable
American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>	---	---	S5	---	common	Y	---	Probable
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	---	---	SNA	---	very common	N	---	Probable

LEGEND:
COSEWIC: END - Endangered; THR - Threatened; SC - Special Concern; NAR - assessed and deemed to be not at risk; --- = not assessed as population secure
OMNRF: END - Endangered; THR - Threatened; SC - Special Concern; NAR - assessed and deemed to be not at risk; --- = not assessed as population secure
Provincial Stranks: S2/S3 - vulnerable; S4 - apparently secure; S5 - secure; SNA - non-native exotic
OPIF: PLS - Priority Landbird Species
Area Sensitivity: AS = Area Sensitive species
OBBA: X - species observed flying over site only and not considered as potential breeder; M - migrant only

Table 10: Fish species captured during 2015 site investigation

	Watercourse 1				Watercourse 2		Watercourse 3 (Conrail Drain)		Pond
Date	June 11	Oct. 6	June 11	June 11	June 11	Oct. 6	June 11	June 11	June 11
Station	1-1	1-1	1-2	1-3	2-1	2-1	3-1	3-2	P1
Electroseconds	241 s	na	196 s	115 s	703 s	1057 s	811 s	109 s	141 s
Stream length sampled	22 m	22 m	25 m	36 m	155 m	168 m	105 m	12 m	na
Species									
White Sucker <i>Catostomus commersonii</i>	1j	20yoy	0	0	0	18yoy	0	0	0
Largemouth Bass <i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	0		0	0	0	7j	0	0	0
Central Mudminnow <i>Umbra limi</i>	2a	10a	0	0	0	1a	0	0	0
Yellow Perch <i>Perca flavescens</i>	1j		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brook Stickleback <i>Culaea inconstans</i>	0		0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Brown Bullhead <i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>	3j		0	0	0	1j	0	0	0
Bluntnose Minnow <i>Pimephales notatus</i>	1a		0	0	0	1a	0	0	0
Emerald Shiner <i>Notropis atherinoides</i>	0		0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Golden Shiner <i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>	0		0	0	0	2a	0	0	0

Notes: j=juvenile; a=adult; yoy=young of the year

Table 11: Preliminary Environmental Management Strategy Recommendations

Natural Heritage Element and Preliminary Policy Trigger(s)	Mitigation Hierarchy Recommendations	Preliminary Environmental Management Strategy Considerations
<p>Slough Forest/Vernal Pool Complex Floodplain Wetlands along east creek</p> <p>Policy Trigger: PPS: Provincially Significant Wetland)</p> <p>Municipal: EPA</p> <p>Associated polygons: 3, 4, 5, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 31, 32</p>	<p>Avoid: Required for residential and commercial development; preferable option for servicing and transportation.</p> <p>Minimize: Where servicing and transportation impacts are unavoidable, steps should be taken to minimize the spatial extent and duration of impact.</p> <p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where servicing and transportation impacts are unavoidable, steps should be taken to mitigation/rehabilitate impacted features.</p> <p>Compensate: Not typically an option for PSW features, but compensation for residual impacts resulting from servicing and transportation should be considered.</p>	<p>PSW features have been identified and tentatively confirmed by the MNRF.</p> <p>There may be some room for small adjustments to the tentative boundary; where this is required, adjustments should be as minimal as possible.</p> <p>Buffers to the PSW boundary will range between 10 and 30 meters, and/or that required to ensure vernal pools and their function are not impacted by adjacent development; adjacent lands uses will also be considered during the prescription of buffer dimensions.</p> <p>Enhancement areas within PSW boundaries where features and/or functions have been disturbed in the past (e.g. recreate vernal pools where topography has been altered, clear/control patches of invasive species, identify areas of potential forest decline and establish an understory of native tree species, etc.)</p> <p>Establish linkages (both ecological and anthropogenic) among the PSW units to ensure core features are connected and permeable for small and medium sized wildlife.</p>
<p>Watercourses and Fish Habitat</p> <p>Policy Trigger:</p> <p>Fisheries Act: Fish habitat</p>	<p>Avoid: Impacts from development should be avoided where possible.</p> <p>Minimize: Where servicing and transportation impacts are unavoidable, steps should be taken to minimize the spatial extent and duration of impact.</p>	<p>Watercourses 1 and 2 are largely within the PSW boundaries on the property and will therefore be maintained.</p> <p>Where watercourse crossings are necessary, the location(s) that minimize potential impacts should be assessed based on existing habitat condition, associated floodplain, and associated vegetation communities in the adjacent valley land. Where impacts are unavoidable, mitigation and/or compensation strategies will be developed in consultation with the NPCA, and submitted to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for permitting if fish or fish habitat are impacted.</p>

<p>PPS: Fish habitat, watercourse, valley land</p> <p>Conservation Authorities Act General Regulation</p> <p>Associated Features: WC1, WC2</p>	<p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where servicing and transportation impacts are unavoidable, steps should be taken to mitigation/rehabilitate impacted features.</p> <p>Compensate: Where servicing and transportation impacts are unavoidable, steps should be taken to compensate for impacted habitat.</p>	
<p>Species at Risk/Species at Risk Habitat (Endangered and Threatened Species)</p> <p>Policy Trigger: PPS (Endangered Species Act)</p> <p>Municipal (Environmental Conservation Area)</p>	<p>Avoid: Impacts resulting from residential and commercial development should be avoided; preferable option for servicing and transportation.</p> <p>Minimize: Where impacts from development are unavoidable, the spatial extent and duration of impact should be minimized, particularly where it relates to occupied or potential habitat.</p> <p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where servicing and transportation impacts are unavoidable, steps should be taken to mitigation/rehabilitate impacted features.</p> <p>Compensate: Not typically an option for species at risk habitat, but compensation for residual impacts resulting from servicing and transportation should be considered.</p>	<p>Provincially Endangered or Threatened Species at Risk detected during the 2015 surveys include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barn Swallow • Chimney Swift • Acadian Flycatcher <p>Nesting habitat for Barn Swallow and Chimney Swift were not documented on the site. If nesting habitat for these species is found and will be impacted, a permit will be required.</p> <p>The occurrence of Acadian Flycatcher included an individual that was documented in one of the isolated Willow Deciduous Swamp features (polygon 20); the individual was not documented on subsequent site visits (either during follow-up breeding bird surveys or ELC characterization) and therefore the feature was not considered breeding habitat, and a management plan is not required for this species.</p> <p>Other species that have not been detected, but have a high potential to be present include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Wood Aster • Round-leaved Greenbrier

		If these species are documented on the subject property, the location will be georeferenced and a contingency plan will be developed in collaboration with the MNRF and NPCA. ESA permits will be required if there is potential impact to the species and/or its habitat.
Old growth/Mature Forest Policy Trigger: PPS (Significant Wildlife Habitat) Municipal (Environmental Conservation Area) Affected polygons: 5, 27, 32 and potentially localized areas within 6,12, 13, 29, and 30	Avoid: Where possible impacts from development should be avoided. Minimize: Where impacts are unavoidable, the spatial extent and duration of impact should be minimized. Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where impacts are unavoidable, best management practices will be required to ensure the spatial extent of impact is contained, and efforts to restore to pre-disturbance condition are planned. Compensate: Not feasible for old growth/mature forests.	The bulk of old growth/mature forest will be protected within the PSW. Where other old-growth areas are present on the site they should be protected; this could include individual tree protection. Where development blocks are proposed on and/or adjacent to old-growth trees outside of the PSW, setbacks should be large enough to ensure the trees roots are not impacted. Buffers to old growth/mature forest areas will ensure appropriate spatial separate is provided to reduce impacts to trees. Compensation for old-growth forest is not feasible.
Shrub/Early Successional Bird Habitat Policy Trigger: PPS (Significant Wildlife Habitat) Municipal (Environmental Conservation Area)	Avoid: Where possible, impacts should be avoided. Minimize: Where impacts are unavoidable, the spatial extent and duration of impact should be minimized. Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where impacts are unavoidable, the best management practices should be undertaken to ensure the spatial extent of impact is contained,	Shrub/Early successional bird habitat is present in areas that will be proposed for development. Therefore, the features and characteristics of this habitat type will be a priority for creation within PSW buffers, parkland blocks, and/or restoration planting along the Con-rail Drain. Specific aspects of the plan will be developed with NPCA later in the Secondary Plan process.

<p>Affected polygons: 9, 11, 16, 28</p>	<p>and efforts to restore to pre-disturbance conditions are planned.</p> <p>Compensate: High potential for on-site restoration and incorporating into design of parks, greenspace, and other open space blocks.</p>	
<p>Bat Maternity Roost Habitat</p> <p>Policy Trigger: PPS (Significant Wildlife Habitat)</p> <p>Municipal (Environmental Conservation Area)</p> <p>Affected polygons: 5, 27, 32 and potentially localized areas within 6,12, 13, 29, and 30</p>	<p>Avoid: Impacts will likely need to be avoided where bat maternity roosts are document, particularly if the roosts are used by Bat SAR.</p> <p>Minimize: Impacts to bat maternity roost trees will be considered on a cases by case basis.</p> <p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where indirect impacts are likely, disturbances can be minimized through individual tree setbacks.</p> <p>Compensate: Compensation for loss of bat maternity roost trees is not feasible, other options that result in the creation of bat roost habitat can be explored.</p>	<p>Surveys for Bat Maternity Roost habitat will be undertaken during early November 2015. Updates will be provided as an addendum to the preliminary characterization report. Individual trees that meet the criteria for bat maternity roosts will be identified and georeferenced.</p>
<p>Mast Tree Habitat</p> <p>Policy Trigger: PPS (Significant Wildlife Habitat)</p> <p>Municipal (Environmental</p>	<p>Avoid: Concentration areas of mast trees (e.g. Oaks and Hickories) should be protected.</p> <p>Minimize: Where impacts are unavoidable, the extent of tree removal should be minimized.</p> <p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where indirect impacts are likely, disturbances can be</p>	<p>Surveys for Mast Tree habitat will be undertaken during early November 2015. Updates will be provided as an addendum to the preliminary characterization report. Areas with larger diameter trees will be identified</p>

<p>Conservation Area)</p> <p>Affected polygons: 5, 27, 32 and potentially localized areas within 6, 12, 13, 29, and 30</p>	<p>minimized through appropriate setbacks to protect individual trees and their root systems.</p> <p>Compensate: Where mast trees are removed, an appropriate compensation plan should be developed based on the size/age of each tree.</p>	
<p>Amphibian Breeding Habitat (Woodland type)</p> <p>Policy Trigger: PPS (Significant Wildlife Habitat)</p> <p>Municipal (Environmental Conservation Area)</p> <p>Affected polygons: 3, 4, 5, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, and 32; potential for some areas within polygons 11 and 12</p>	<p>Avoid: Impacts to amphibian breeding habitat are to be avoided within the PSW, and should be avoided where possible outside of the PSW.</p> <p>Minimize: Where unavoidable, the spatial extent and duration of impacts to amphibian breeding habitat should be minimized.</p> <p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where impacts are unavoidable, best management practices should be undertaken to ensure the spatial extent of impact is contained, and efforts to restore to pre-disturbance conditions are planned.</p> <p>Compensate: Opportunities for vernal pool creation/enhancement can be explored, both as a method to address potential loss of ponds outside the PSW, and to enhance ponds within the PSW.</p>	<p>The majority of amphibian woodland breeding habitat will be protected in the PSW. Other small vernal ponds exist across the property outside of the PSW boundary. These areas have been documented as part of the characterization, and where impacts are unavoidable, opportunities for enhancement of existing habitat will be explored; as well, opportunities for habitat recreation on-site will be explored in collaboration with the NPCA.</p>
<p>Habitat for Provincially Rare Species</p>	<p>Avoid: Impacts to Schreber's Aster are to be avoided within the PSW, and should be</p>	<p>Currently, Schreber's Aster has only been documented in PSW areas and therefore will be protected. If it is found in other locations, the area will be georeferenced. Where the</p>

<p>and/or Species of Special Concern (Schreber's Aster)</p> <p>Policy Trigger: PPS (Significant Wildlife Habitat)</p> <p>Municipal (Environmental Conservation Area)</p> <p>Affected polygons: 27</p>	<p>avoided where possible outside of the PSW.</p> <p>Minimize: Where unavoidable, the spatial extent and duration of impacts the species habitat should be minimized.</p> <p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where impacts are unavoidable, best management practices should be undertaken to ensure the spatial extent of impact is contained, and efforts to restore to pre-disturbance conditions are planned. Additionally, plants should be salvage and relocated to suitable habitat.</p> <p>Compensate: Where required, salvaged plants can be used for restoration and enhancement of degraded areas within the PSW, or within restoration areas identified elsewhere on site.</p>	<p>species occurs outside of protected areas, a salvage and relocation plan will be developed in collaboration with the NPCA.</p>
<p>Habitat for Provincially Rare Species and/or Species of Special Concern (Honey-locust)</p> <p>Policy Trigger: PPS (Significant Wildlife Habitat)</p> <p>Municipal (Environmental</p>	<p>Avoid: Impacts to Honey-locust are to be avoided within the PSW, and should be avoided where possible outside of the PSW.</p> <p>Minimize: Where unavoidable, the spatial extent and duration of impacts the species habitat should be minimized.</p> <p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where impacts are unavoidable, best management practices should be undertaken to ensure the spatial extent of impact is contained, and efforts to restore to pre-disturbance conditions are planned. Additionally,</p>	<p>Currently, Honey-locust has only been documented in PSW areas and therefore will be protected. If it is found in other locations, the area will be georeferenced. Where the species occurs outside of protected areas, a tree preservation study will be completed to determine the feasibility of avoiding impacts. Where impacts are unavoidable, a compensation plan will be developed in collaboration with the NPCA.</p>

<p>Conservation Area)</p> <p>Affected polygons: 31</p>	<p>plants should be salvage and relocated to suitable habitat.</p> <p>Compensate: Where required, salvaged plants can be used for restoration and enhancement of degraded areas within the PSW, or within restoration areas identified elsewhere on site.</p>	
<p>Habitat for Provincially Rare Species and/or Species of Special Concern (Eastern Wood Pewee)</p> <p>Policy Trigger: PPS (Significant Wildlife Habitat)</p> <p>Municipal (Environmental Conservation Area)</p> <p>Affected polygons: 5, 6, 18, 19, 27</p>	<p>Avoid: Impacts to Eastern Wood-Pewee breeding habitat within the PSW are to be avoided, and should be avoided where possible outside of the PSW.</p> <p>Minimize: Where impacts to Eastern Wood-Pewee habitat are unavoidable, the spatial extent and duration of impact should be minimized.</p> <p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where impacts are unavoidable, best management practices should be undertaken to ensure the spatial extent of impact is contained, and efforts to restore forest understory areas to pre-disturbance conditions are planned.</p> <p>Compensate: Compensation for Eastern Wood-Pewee habitat is not feasible in the short-term.</p>	<p>Large areas of Eastern Wood-Pewee habitat will be protected within the PSW areas. Other woodland areas that support this species could also be protected and/or prioritized for compensation/enhancement. Additionally, as this species will use smaller woodland elements, the feasibility of retaining groups of trees as woodland elements will be explored during the Secondary Plan process.</p>
<p>Habitat for Provincially Rare Species and/or Species of Special Concern (Wood Thrush)</p>	<p>Avoid: Impacts to Wood Thrush breeding habitat within the PSW are to be avoided, and should be avoided where possible outside of the PSW.</p> <p>Minimize: Where impacts to Eastern Wood-Pewee habitat are unavoidable, the</p>	<p>Large areas of Wood Thrush habitat will be protected within the PSW areas. Other woodland areas that support this species may also be protected and/or prioritized for compensation/enhancement.</p> <p>This species is unlikely to use small woodland patches, and/or wooded areas in proximity to developed land, therefore larger buffers around high quality habitat areas may be required for PSW and other areas that are retained.</p>

<p>Policy Trigger: PPS (Significant Wildlife Habitat)</p> <p>Municipal (Environmental Conservation Area)</p> <p>Affected polygons: 1, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 19, 24, 27</p>	<p>spatial extent and duration of impact should be minimized.</p> <p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where impacts are unavoidable, best management practices should be undertaken to ensure the spatial extent of impact is contained, and efforts to restore forest understory areas to pre-disturbance conditions are planned.</p> <p>Compensate: Compensation for Wood Thrush habitat is not feasible in the short-term.</p>	
<p>Habitat for Provincially Rare Species and/or Species of Special Concern (Snapping Turtle)</p> <p>Policy Trigger: PPS (Significant Wildlife Habitat)</p> <p>Municipal (Environmental Conservation Area)</p> <p>Affected polygons: 24 (potential)</p>	<p>Avoid: Impacts to Snapping Turtle breeding habitat within the PSW are to be avoided, and should be avoided where possible outside of the PSW.</p> <p>Minimize: Where impacts to Snapping Turtle breeding habitat are unavoidable, the spatial extent and duration of impact should be minimized.</p> <p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where impacts are unavoidable, best management practices should be undertaken to ensure the spatial extent of impact is contained, and efforts to restore pre-disturbance conditions are planned. Additionally, linkage among wetland feature and the Welland Canal should be maintained and/or enhanced.</p> <p>Compensate: Where impacts are unavoidable and cannot be mitigated,</p>	<p>Snapping Turtle habitat may be present in larger ponds on the property. One sighting (assumed to be a Snapping Turtle) was observed in polygon 24 located near the Welland River. This feature is part of the PSW, and therefore will be retained. Additional consideration should be given to ensuring linkage to the Welland River, and to other ponds across the property.</p>

	compensation for impacted Snapping Turtle habitat will be considered and opportunities identified.	
Reptile Hibernacula Policy Trigger: PPS (Significant Wildlife Habitat) Municipal (Environmental Conservation Area) Affected polygons: Potentially All	<p>Avoid: The location of reptile hibernacula should be avoided if documented.</p> <p>Minimize: Given that reptile hibernacula are very difficult to detect, a contingency plan will be developed to minimize impacts to reptile hibernacula should they be found.</p> <p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where indirect impacts to reptile hibernacula are unavoidable, best management practices should be undertaken to ensure the spatial extent of impact is contained, and efforts to restore pre-disturbance conditions are planned. As noted above, a contingency plan will be prepared in the event that reptile hibernacula is encountered. This will include spatial setbacks, and linkage to protected natural areas.</p> <p>Compensate: Where impacts are unavoidable, reptile hibernacula can be recreated on-site.</p>	<p>Reptile hibernacula were not observed during site visits, in part because they are very difficult to detect. If hibernacula are identified during subsequent site visits, the location will be documented and a contingency plan will be developed in collaboration with the NPCA.</p>
Deer Winter Congregation Areas Policy Trigger: PPS (Significant Wildlife Habitat)	<p>Avoid: Impacts to deer wintering habitat should be avoided within the PSW, and other woodland areas where possible.</p> <p>Minimize: Where impacts are unavoidable, the extent of impacted forest should be minimized, and avoid core areas within the identified habitat.</p>	<p>Deer winter congregation habitat will be largely protected within the PSW areas. Protection of these areas, associated buffers, and linkage protection/creation will ensure that core areas of this habitat are protected and connectivity is maintained.</p>

<p>Municipal (Environmental Conservation Area)</p> <p>Affected polygons: TBD</p>	<p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where impacts are unavoidable, linkage among core areas of deer wintering habitat should be established.</p> <p>Compensate: On-site compensation for deer wintering habitat is not feasible.</p>	
<p>Rare Vegetation Communities</p> <p>Policy Trigger: PPS (Significant Wildlife Habitat)</p> <p>Municipal (Environmental Conservation Area)</p> <p>Affected polygons: 3, 4, 5, 6, 27, 32</p>	<p>Avoid: Impacts to rare vegetation community types should be avoided.</p> <p>Minimize: Where impacts cannot be avoided, the extent and duration of disturbance should be minimized.</p> <p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where impacts are unavoidable, best management practices adjacent to rare vegetation community types should be undertaken. Additionally, if these areas have a high likelihood of being impacted, ensure representative species are salvaged and use for restoration and enhancement elsewhere.</p> <p>Compensate: Where impacts are unavoidable, some on-site compensation work may be feasible for rare vegetation communities. As above, a salvaging strategy should be developed for such cases.</p>	<p>Rare vegetation types include: Pin Oak Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type (SWD1-3): S2S3 Buttonbush Mineral Thicket Swamp Type (SWT2-4): S3 Gray Dogwood Mineral Thicket Swamp Type (SWT2-9): S3S4</p> <p>The Pin Oak Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type is primarily associated with the PSW and will therefore be protected. There are other polygons outside of the PSW boundary that have elements of this vegetation type (e.g. polygon 12). Where this feature type will be impacted, a salvaging and relocation plan should be developed for provincially or regionally rare plant species associated with the feature. Relocation should target areas that will be protected, either within the PSW as enhancement and/or in other areas that are targeted for on-site compensation/restoration.</p> <p>The Buttonbush Mineral Thicket Swamp communities are associated with the PSW and will be therefore be protected. If other features are found during additional field investigations (e.g. within polygon 12), they will be identified. As above, where this feature type is impacted, a salvaging and relocation plan will be prepared for any provincially or regionally rare plant species and wildlife that are present.</p> <p>The Gray Dogwood Mineral Thicket Swamp communities are associated with non-PSW wetlands areas (example as inclusions in polygon 6). Where this type of habitat is impacted, the extent of loss can be documented; the extent of loss will be incorporated into the buffer planting plans and on-site enhancement/compensation plans, with attempts to balance impacts.</p> <p>Direction for the salvaging and relocation plan will be developed in collaboration with the NPCA.</p>

<p>Other Wetlands (e.g. Green Ash Swamp, Willow Swamp, Oak Swamp)</p> <p>Policy Trigger: Municipal (Environmental Conservation Area)</p> <p>Affected polygons: 2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 17, 18, 26, and 29)</p>	<p>Avoid: Where feasible, non-PSW wetland features should be considered for protection.</p> <p>Minimize: Where unavoidable, the spatial extent of impact to non-PSW wetlands should be minimized.</p> <p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where non-PSW areas are protected, appropriate buffers should be implemented to ensure protection of their features and functions. Additionally, where retained, some enhancement/rehabilitation may be required.</p> <p>Compensate: Where impacts result in loss of these features, the potential for compensation through enhancement of on-site PSW features and recreation of similar habitats should be considered.</p>	<p>Areas of Green Ash, Willow, and Oak swamp exist outside of the PSW boundary. These areas are regulated by the Region of Niagara and the NPCA, therefore will require negotiations regarding removal. To address potential impacts associated with removal of these features, opportunities should be explored to enhance the PSW areas, identify potential on-site compensation areas, and identify linkage corridors among features that are retained. On-going collaboration with the NPCA will be required to identify how these features will be managed as part of the Secondary Plan.</p>
<p>Deciduous Forest and Woodlands outside of PSW boundaries</p> <p>Municipal (Environmental Conservation Area)</p> <p>Affected polygons: 14, 19,</p>	<p>Avoid: The highest quality deciduous forest and woodland areas should be protected.</p> <p>Minimize: Where impacts are unavoidable, steps should be taken to minimize the spatial extent and duration of impact of these features.</p> <p>Mitigate/Rehabilitate: Where forested and woodland areas are protected, appropriate buffers should be implemented to ensure protection of their features and functions. Additionally, where retained, some</p>	<p>Areas of deciduous woodland and cultural woodland exist outside of the PSW boundary. These areas are regulated by the Region of Niagara and the NPCA, therefore will require negotiations regarding removal. To address potential impacts associated with removal of these features, opportunities should be explored to enhance the PSW areas, identify potential on-site compensation areas, and identify linkage corridors among features that are retained. On-going collaboration with the NPCA will be required to identify how these features will be managed as part of the Secondary Plan.</p>

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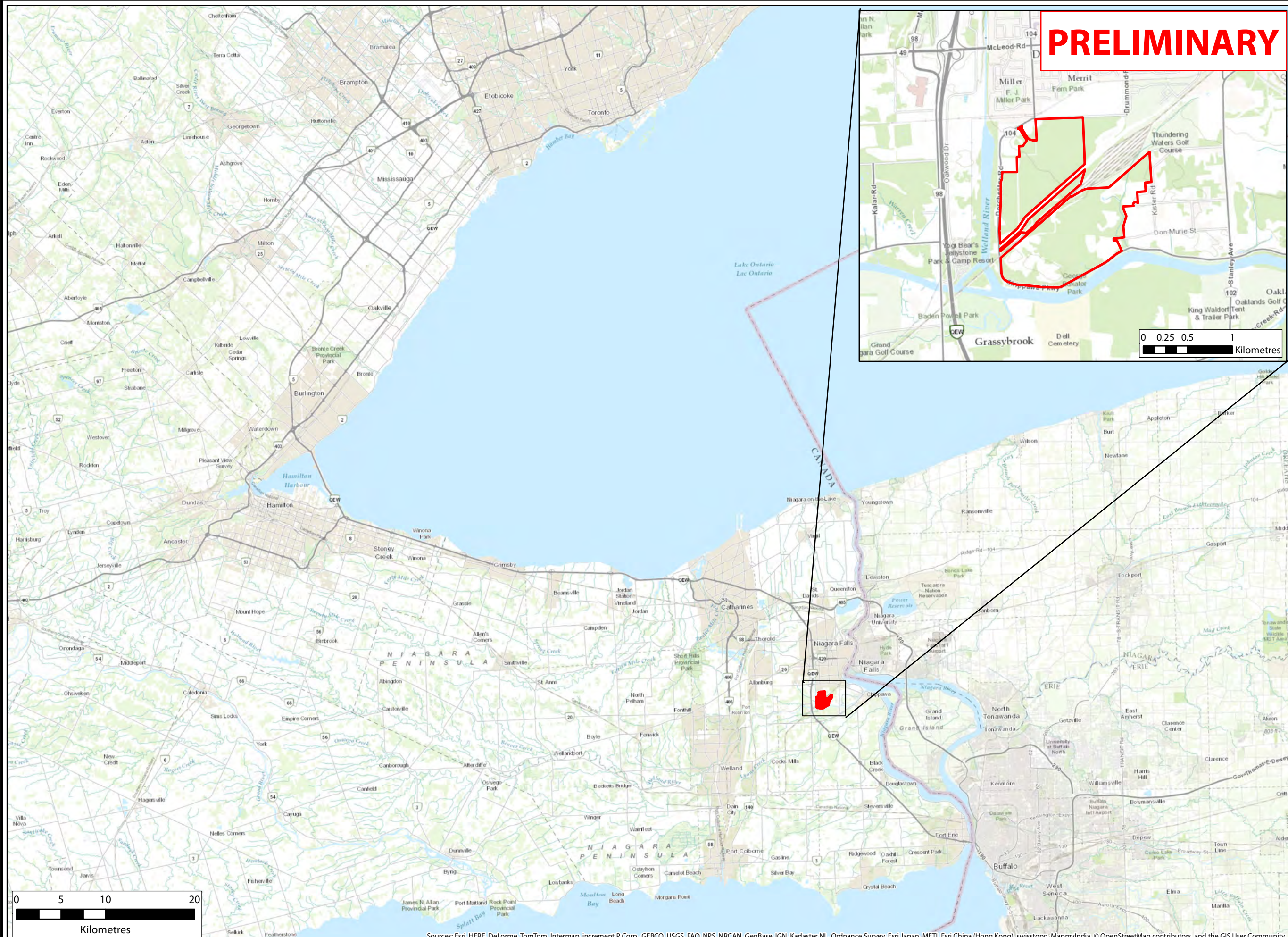
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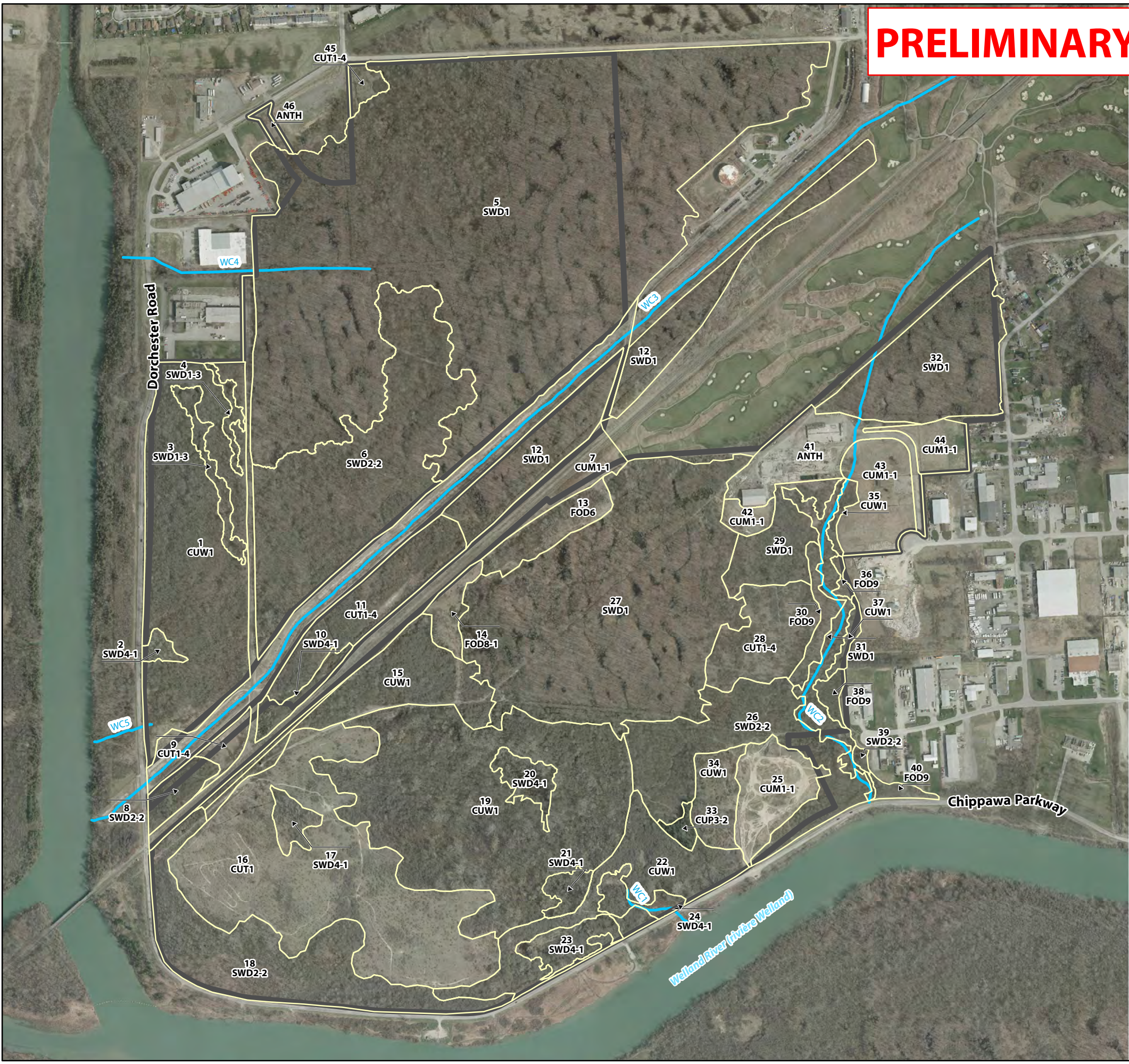
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PRELIMINARY



Vegetation Community Description

Anthropogenic

ANTH - Anthropogenic

Cultural

- CUM1-1 - Dry - Moist Old Field Meadow
- CUP3-2 - White Pine Coniferous Plantation
- CUT1 - Mineral Cultural Thicket
- CUT1-4 - Gray Dogwood Cultural Thicket
- CUW1 - Mineral Cultural Woodland

Terrestrial

- FOD6 - Fresh – Moist Sugar Maple Deciduous Forest
- FOD8-1 - Fresh – Moist Poplar Deciduous Forest
- FOD9 - Fresh – Moist Oak – Maple – Hickory Deciduous Forest

Wetland

- SWD1 - Oak Mineral Deciduous Swamp
- SWD1-3 - Pin Oak Mineral Deciduous Swamp
- SWD2-2 - Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp
- SWD4-1 - Willow Mineral Deciduous Swamp

Legend

- Property Boundary
- Water Courses (2015)
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8. APPENDICES

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APPENDIX A: TERMS OF REFERENCE (DRAFT)

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Appendix A Agency Consultation

1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE OUTLINE

The Environmental Impact Study (EIS) is an important 'building block' for the Secondary Plan. It establishes a clear understanding of the environmental resources including the area features, their function and form. Fundamental components of the EIS include:

- Delineation of the provincially significant wetland boundary;
- Assessment of identified Regional Environmental Conservation Areas;
- Characterization of terrestrial and aquatic natural heritage features and their functions;
- Characterization of sensitivities and constraints related to natural heritage features and functions;
- Identification of ecological linkages;
- Recommendations of appropriate setbacks and buffers;
- Tree preservation;
- Mitigation measures; and
- Rehabilitation, enhancement, and management strategies.

Further details specific to the purpose of the EIS associated with the on-site fisheries and terrestrial systems is offered in the following:

Fish and Aquatic Habitat

The three main watercourses that traverse portions of the study are potentially accessible to fish from the Niagara River and Welland River. Therefore there is the potential for several fish species to use the watercourses on, and adjacent to, the site for spawning. These species include muskellunge (*Esox masquinongy*), northern pike (*Esox lucius*), grass pickerel (*Esox americanus*; a threatened species), and white sucker (*Catostomus commersonii*). There is also the matter of fishes that may permanently inhabit watercourses and waterbodies within the subject property. Based on discussions with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA), fish and fish habitat must be addressed as part of the Environmental Impact Study (EIS). Any development potentially affecting a fishery, either directly or indirectly, will also be subject to the federal Fisheries Act.

Terrestrial Natural Heritage

The Niagara Region EIS Guidelines provide the outline for what is required as part of an EIS to ensure that development meets the requirements of the Greenbelt Plan, the Provincial Policy Statement, Regional Policy Plan, and local Official Plans and By-laws, the Niagara Escarpment Plan, and Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) Policies and Regulations.

Through consultation with the City, the NPCA, and MNR, the need for an EIS has been established based on the factors outlined in Table 1 which outlines the natural heritage features that trigger the need for an EIS for the proposed project.

Table 1: EIS Triggers			
	Is an EIS required?		
NATURAL HERITAGE FEATURE	<i>Development involves lands within the natural heritage feature</i>	<i>Development involves adjacent lands</i>	<i>To be addressed in EIS for Subject Property</i>
Areas identified as Environmental Protection Area (EPA)			
Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW)	Development not permitted – no EIS	EIS required for development within 120 metres	Yes
Provincially Significant Life Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI)	Development not permitted – no EIS	EIS required within 50 metres	No
Significant Portions of the Habitat of Threatened and Endangered Species	Where habitat requirements are well defined, development not permitted – no EIS. Where habitat requirements not well defined an EIS is required	EIS required for development within 50 metres. Habitat must be defined in consultation with the MNR	Yes
Significant natural heritage features within the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System	Development not permitted – no EIS	EIS required for development within 120 metres	No
Areas identified as Environmental Conservation Area (ECA)			
Significant Woodlands	EIS required Tree Saving Plan required	EIS required for development within 50 metres	Yes
Significant Wildlife Habitat	EIS required	EIS required for development within 50 metres	Yes
Significant Habitat of Species of Concern	EIS required	EIS required for development within 50 metres	Yes
Critical Fish Habitat(type 1)	EIS required	EIS required for development within 30 metres	Yes
Other Fish Habitat (type 2 and 3)	EIS required	EIS required for development within 15 metres	Yes
Significant Valleylands	EIS required	EIS required for development within 50 metres	No
Other Evaluated Wetland	EIS required	EIS required for development within 50 metres	Yes
Other Features in the Greenbelt Plan			
Greenbelt Natural Heritage System	EIS required	EIS not required.	No
Key hydrologic feature	Development not permitted – no EIS	EIS required for development within 120 metres	No

The EIS that will be prepared for this development area will follow the guidelines and report structure that is outlined in the Region of Niagara EIS Guidelines document. Broadly, this will include the preparation of a constraints analysis and environmental impact study report.

As outlined in the EIS Guidelines, impacts shall be assessed for different phases of the development project (e.g. during site preparation and construction, and following the development); this includes identification of direct impacts, indirect impacts, and cumulative impacts. Opportunities to avoid potential impacts will be considered early in the process through a constraint assessment to determine where land-use/natural heritage conflicts can be resolved through design changes. Following this, mitigation, enhancement, and restoration strategies will be explored. Finally, residual impacts that cannot be addressed through design changes and mitigation/enhancement strategies will be identified, and considered for managing through off-site compensation.

Initial steps to ensure impacts of the proposed land development are minimized will require delineation of natural heritage feature boundaries, identifying appropriate setbacks at a local scale (i.e. buffers may vary across the site depending on sensitivities), and key hydrological linkages that are important for sustaining the function of the system

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As part of the process to establish these detailed Terms of Reference, a series of meetings and follow-up consultation were held with the City of Niagara Falls, Region of Niagara, NPCA, and MNRF. Each party was requested to provide access to available relevant information to support the preparation of an EIS; the following provides a summary of specific information related to Fisheries and Terrestrial Resources.

Fish and Aquatic Habitat

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) were contacted regarding existing information on the fish habitat and communities in the watercourses on the site. There are no data available from either agency. The nearby and adjacent, Niagara River and Welland River respectively, support diverse fish communities and support recreational fisheries, hence will require consideration in the assessment.

Terrestrial Natural Heritage

The NPCA and MNRF indicated that various types of information are available for the property, including but not limited to natural heritage reports, element occurrence records, and incidental species occurrence records.

Natural heritage information for previous studies will be used for baseline information. NPCA indicated that this information and other species records for the property can be provided.

The Niagara Region Natural Area Inventory will be used to characterize vegetation characteristics and ecological function of similar systems in the area.

Element occurrence records from the MNRF Guelph District and the Natural Heritage Information Centre will be used to identify species at risk, and provincially rare species that are present in the area, and that may occur on the property.

3.0 CONSULTATION

As noted, various meetings and follow-up consultation has been held with the respective stakeholders and agency partners (ref. Appendix A). The following provides a summary of relevant consultation.

Fish and Aquatic Habitat

As noted, neither the MNRF nor the NPCA have any information regarding fish and fish habitat on the site. It was recommended by MNRF that fish sampling and habitat characterization be undertaken and a Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes for watercourses on the site was issued to C. Portt and Associates. MNRF (ref. Pers. Comm. A. Yagi) also recommended that aquatic habitat on the site, fish access from adjacent waterbodies, and the potential effects of water management on the golf course be assessed. The MNRF and NPCA have both requested that access to the OPG property be arranged and the potential for fish accessing the Con Rail Drain be determined. It was agreed at the April 21, 2015 meeting (ref. Appendix A) with NPCA that a formal headwater drainage feature assessment would not be necessary, given the ephemeral nature of the watercourses/drainage features.

Terrestrial Natural Heritage

Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

The NPCA was consulted and staff provided direction on the following items:

- Mapping that shows the extent and location of wetland boundaries and environmental conservation areas boundaries
- Natural Heritage work previously conducted on the property was reported in a 2009 Environmental Impact Statement. NPCA advised that this could be used as a baseline for information on plant communities and species present; NPCA will provide this report to the team.
- That a number of surveys have not been conducted for the site, including bat habitat surveys, crepuscular bird surveys, and White Wood Aster surveys.
- Wetland boundary delineation on the ground would have to be coordinated with MNRF
- Woodlands are identified as Regional Environmental Conservation Area and will need to be assessed using the appropriate criteria for their significance
- Occurrence and habitat for reptiles (including snakes and turtles) can be determined through incidental observations while on-site for other studies
- Corridors and linkages will need to be characterized to connectivity of natural areas to the surrounding system
- Potential impacts to vernal pools can be addressed through understanding changes to their hydrology using topographic information and micro-catchment characteristics; detailed assessment using feature based water balance and/or ground water monitoring would not be required
- Consideration of trails within wetlands and buffers

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Consultation with the MNRF confirmed that wetland boundary verification will need to be conducted with the MNRF biologist. This will require visiting the site with the MNRF to confirm and survey wetland boundaries. MNRF also indicated that targeted species at risk surveys may need to be conducted for species that are likely to occur on the property.

4.0 WORK PLAN TASKS

A. Fish and Aquatic Habitat

C. Portt and Associates has conducted initial spring inventories as follows, plus based on agency partners consultation, established follow-on tasks related to fisheries management:

1. Request any background information available from the MNRF and NPCA regarding the fish community in the watercourses and acquire a Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes.

Completed. Meeting with NPCA and telephone discussion with MNRF

2. Conduct field investigations to characterize the habitat conditions (presence/absence of flow, wetted channel dimensions, substrate, presence/absence of barriers to migration) and look for spawning fish in all watercourses that occur on the property during the spring spawning period.

Completed April 11, 12, and 21, 2015.

3. Obtain amphibian trapping information conducted upon vernal pools by Dougan and Associates. Fish are often captured incidentally during this work (minnow traps are used) and therefore may indicate which pools are utilized by fish.

4. Conduct fish sampling by either seining or electrofishing later in the spring or in early summer when individuals spawned this spring will be susceptible to capture.

Completed June 11, 2015.

5. Arrange for access to OPG property to examine the potential for fish access into the Conrail Drain. This has been required by MNRF and NPCA.

Contact has been made, but date not scheduled.

6. Investigate the potential for water management/augmentation within the existing golf course, and how this affects flows in the study area watercourses. Must contact golf course maintenance department.

7. Re-examine fish habitat, stream flow, and fish communities (by electrofishing/observation) during the usual late summer low flow period.

8. Prepare a report summarizing the background information and the results and significance of the field investigations.

B. Terrestrial Natural Heritage

Dougan & Associates conducted botanical inventories, ecological land classification surveys, breeding bird surveys, and amphibian surveys during the spring of 2015. To date, this information has confirmed that the existing Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry wetland mapping provides a good representation of the extent and boundaries of existing wetland features on the ground. Other areas of the site are dominated by young deciduous forest, shrub thickets, and open meadows. The wetland features provide high quality habitat for various amphibian species include frogs, toads, and salamanders. Additionally, a diverse bird and wildlife community is support by the mix of habitat types. The following provides specific details as to the scope completed to-date and that which is proposed.

1. *Nocturnal Amphibian Surveys - **Complete***

Point counts established across the site to document the frog and toad species and relative abundance. Survey conducted April, May, and June.

2. *Breeding Bird Surveys - **Complete***

Transects and point counts to document breeding birds present across the site. Surveys conducted May and June.

3. *Early Season Ecological Land Classification and Vegetation Inventory - **Complete***

Site inventory and boundary delineation of vegetation communities across the site and inventory of early season plants. Surveys conducted during May and June.

4. *Wetland Boundary Delineation*

Field verify the Provincially Significant Wetland boundary through site investigation and on the ground staking. Follow up visit with MNRF biologist to confirm wetland boundary and capture coordinates using high-accuracy GPS (Trimble Geo XH).

5. *Summer & Fall Vegetation Surveys*

Summer and fall vegetation surveys to complement the spring inventory work that was completed. In addition to documenting the flora present, targeted surveys will be conducted for SAR species such as White Wood Aster. Inventory will be combined with other field visits such as wetland boundary delineation, and other SAR surveys that are required.

6. *Species at Risk Surveys*

Meeting with NPCA and MNRF to confirm Species at Risk that are known to be present at the site or have high potential to be present. Targeted field inventory to validate NPCA and MNRF information for the species of interest.

7. *Early Season Summary report – **in progress***

Technical memorandum documenting findings of early season wildlife and plant inventory work. Preliminary ELC mapping and quantitative summary of vegetation communities.

C. Combined EIS Tasks

1. *Characterization and Evaluation of Significance Report*

Building on the early season summary, field inventory results will be presented in a overall characterization report. The report will document species observed, vegetation community types present, ecological functions of supporting flora and fauna, status of species present, and important policy boundaries (e.g. wetlands, woodlands, Environmental Conservation Areas), fisheries, and associated habitat. Findings will be used to provide recommendations for appropriate setbacks and fisheries management and will be integrated into the land use planning process throughout the characterization stage of the project.

2. Integration of Land Use Plan and Constraints Report

The draft land use plan will be integrated with the terrestrial natural heritage information and fisheries habitat information to identify consistencies and conflicts with features and proposed protection areas. Preliminary restoration opportunities will be identified. At this stage, impacts that can be avoided through updates to the land use plan will be recommended.

3. Impact Assessment and Management Recommendations Report

The impact analysis will summarize the expected direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that will result from the proposed land use plan. Opportunities for mitigation, restoration, and enhancement will be explored and recommended based on the types and extent of features lost, complementary land use types, and sustainable long-term management strategies. Where necessary to address residual impacts that cannot be addressed on-site, off-site areas will be evaluated through desktop analysis to determine if natural features in the vicinity of the site could be integrated into a broader restoration plan. Based on the proposed restoration and management strategies, monitoring requirements will also be identified.

5.0 SCHEDULE

The EIS will basically involve three (3) primary stages scheduled as follows:

1. *Seasonal Field Data Collection: Spring, Summer, Fall, 2015*
2. *Site Characterization: Fall 2015/Winter 2016*
3. *Impact Assessment/Management Strategies: Winter/Spring 2016*

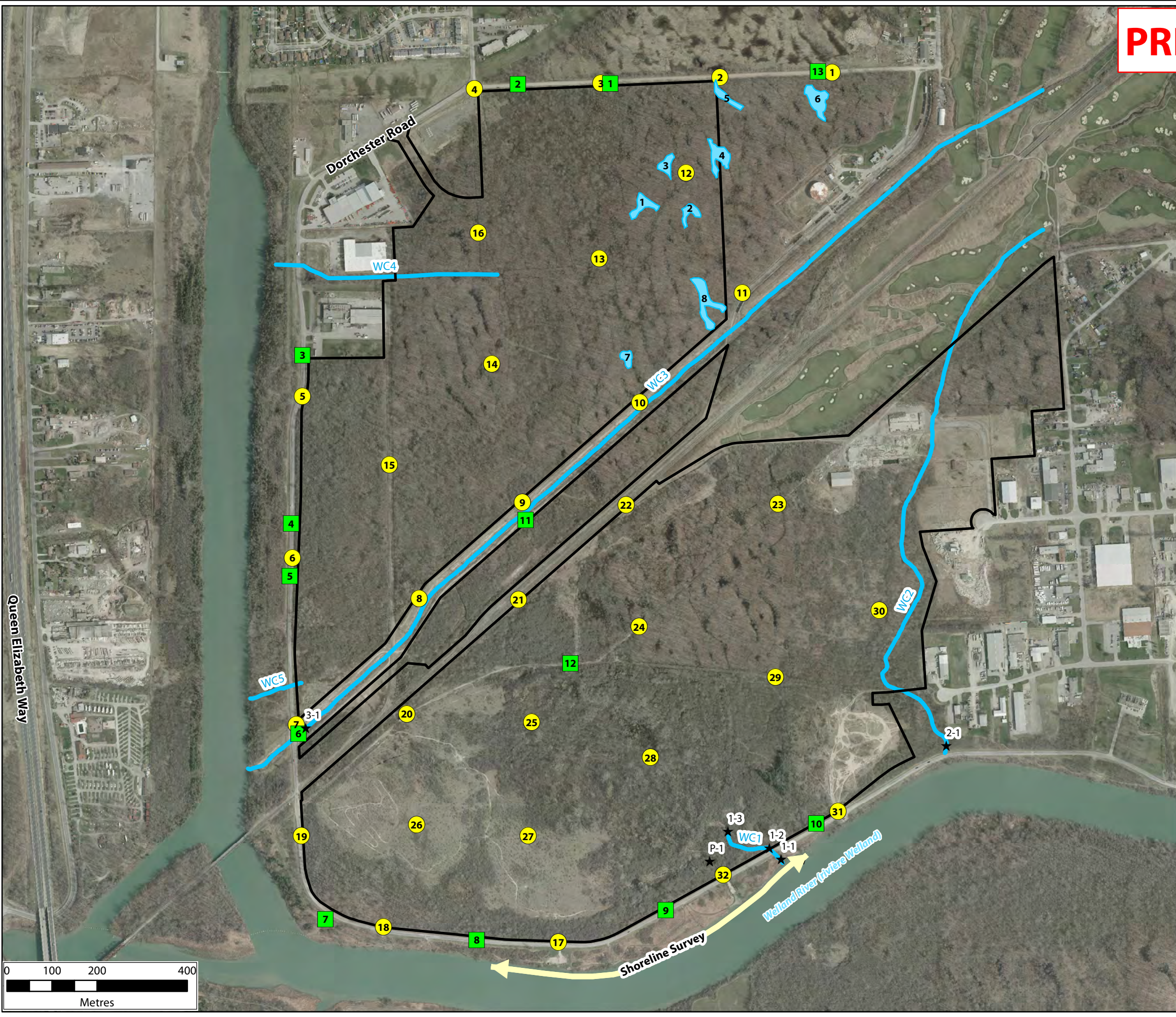
Appendix A

Agency Consultation

APPENDIX B: WILDLIFE SURVEY LOCATIONS

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PRELIMINARY



Legend

- Property Boundary
- Wildlife Survey Locations (2015)
 - Nocturnal Amphibian Call Station
 - Breeding Bird Survey Station
 - Salamander Trapping
 - Water Courses (2015)
 - Shoreline Survey Area
 - Electrofishing Survey Points

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Thundering Waters Secondary Plan
Preliminary Natural Heritage
Characterization Report (DRAFT)
Survey Locations



PROJECT: DA15-014-03

CLIENT: GR (CAN) Investments Ltd.

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APPENDIX C: NHIC QUERY RESULTS

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Element Occurrence ID	Scientific Name	Common Name	S Rank	COSEWIC	Last Observed	MNRF Status	Extirpated
104195	<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i> pop. 3	Lake Sturgeon (Great Lakes - Upper St. Lawrence River population)	S2	THR	2011-pre	THR	N
104202	<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i> pop. 3	Lake Sturgeon (Great Lakes - Upper St. Lawrence River population)	S2	THR	2011-09-01	THR	N
107809	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	Eastern Meadowlark	S4B	THR	2008-8-3	THR	N
11200	<i>Polygala incarnata</i>	Pink Milkwort	S1	END	1823	END	Y
11351	<i>Morus rubra</i>	Red Mulberry	S2	END	1890-pre	END	N
11378	<i>Justicia americana</i>	American Water-willow	S1	THR	2007-10-04	THR	N
129	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Black-crowned Night-heron	S3B,S3N		1991-06-04		N
16487	RESTRICTED	RESTRICTED			1943-PRE		Y
17278	<i>Phlegopteris hexagonoptera</i>	Broad Beech Fern	S3	SC	1890's	SC	Y
2042	<i>Ipomoea pandurata</i>	Big-root Morning Glory	S1		1902-08-15		N
2072	<i>Vaccinium stamineum</i>	Deerberry	S1	THR	1896-05-26	THR	Y
21085	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	Northern Bobwhite	S1	END	1900	END	Y
2119	<i>Lespedeza frutescens</i>	Violet Bush-clover	S1		1891-07-16		Y
22513	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon	S3B	SC	2008-06-10	THR	N
23025	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Black-crowned Night-heron	S3B,S3N		1991		N
23026	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Black-crowned Night-heron	S3B,S3N		1991		N
2403	<i>Nuphar advena</i>	Large Yellow Pond-lily	S3		2004		N
2442	<i>Oenothera gaura</i>	Biennial Gaura	S3		2004		N
2484	<i>Polygonum erectum</i>	Erect Knotweed	SH		1895-09-14		Y
2542	<i>Crataegus pruinosa</i> var. <i>dissona</i>	Northern Hawthorn	S3		1905-09-27		N
2543	<i>Crataegus pruinosa</i> var. <i>dissona</i>	Northern Hawthorn	S3		1982-06-11		N
2545	<i>Crataegus pruinosa</i> var. <i>dissona</i>	Northern Hawthorn	S3		1977-05-18		N
2565	<i>Crataegus formosa</i>	Waxy-fruit Hawthorn	S2		1977-09-16		N
2676	<i>Aureolaria virginica</i>	Downy Yellow False Foxglove	S1		1945-08-02		Y
2727	<i>Hybanthus concolor</i>	Eastern Green-violet	S2		1901-05-16		N
2752	<i>Viola rotundifolia</i>	Round-leaved Yellow Violet	SH		1892-06		Y
2899	<i>Carex hirsutella</i>	Hairy Green Sedge	S3		1981		N
3028	<i>Carex appalachica</i>	Appalachian Sedge	S2S3		1882-07-05		N
3079	<i>Schoenoplectiella smithii</i>	Smith's Bulrush	S3		1896-08		Y
3080	<i>Schoenoplectiella smithii</i>	Smith's Bulrush	S3		1896-09-05		Y
3212	<i>Chamaelirium luteum</i>	Fairywand	SX		1897-06-19		Y
3213	<i>Chamaelirium luteum</i>	Fairywand	SX		1891-06-12		Y
3233	<i>Uvularia perfoliata</i>	Perfoliate Bellwort	S1		1904-05-24		N
32468	<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	Blanding's Turtle	S3	THR	1985	THR	N
32852	<i>Aristida dichotoma</i>	Churchmouse Threawn Grass	S1		1995-09-13		N
33028	<i>Gentiana quinquefolia</i>	Stiff Gentian	S2		1894-09-03		Y
3316	<i>Spiranthes lacera</i> var. <i>gracilis</i>	Southern Slender Ladies'-tresses	S1		1896-09-05		Y
3319	<i>Spiranthes lacera</i> var. <i>gracilis</i>	Southern Slender Ladies'-tresses	S1		1908		Y
33691	<i>Oenothera gaura</i>	Biennial Gaura	S3		1995-09-13		N
3397	<i>Dichanthelium praecoxius</i>	White-haired Panicgrass	S3		1902-06-17		N
3463	<i>Muhlenbergia tenuiflora</i>	Slim-flowered Muhly	S2		1849-08-02		N
3466	<i>Muhlenbergia tenuiflora</i>	Slim-flowered Muhly	S2		1948-08-20		N
3488	<i>Sphenopholis nitida</i>	Shiny Wedge Grass	S1		1892-06-26		Y
3548	<i>Smilax rotundifolia</i>	Round-leaved Greenbrier	S2	THR	1989-03-14	THR	N
4960	<i>Crotalus horridus</i>	Timber Rattlesnake	SX	EXP	1941-08-22	EXP	Y
5076	<i>Eurybia divaricata</i>	White Wood Aster	S2	THR	1893	THR	Y
5331	<i>Desmodium ciliare</i>	Hairy Small-leaved Tick-trefoil	SX		1887-07		Y
5532	<i>Crataegus beata</i>	Dunbar's Hawthorn	S1				N
5536	<i>Crataegus intricata</i>	Copenhagen Hawthorn	SH		1912-10-07		N
59422	<i>Juncus acuminatus</i>	Sharp-fruited Rush	S3		1901-07-08		N
59831	<i>Desmodium rotundifolium</i>	Prostrate Tick-trefoil	S2		1906-09-03		N
59930	<i>Linum medium</i> var. <i>medium</i>	Stiff Yellow Flax	S3?		1877-07-27		N
59945	<i>Linum virginianum</i>	Woodland Flax	S2		1897-07-16		N
60032	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum	S3		1949-06-03		N
60111	<i>Thaspium barbinode</i>	Hairy-jointed Meadow-parsnip	SH		1901-07-04		N
60276	<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Scarlet Beebalm	S3		1904		N
65007	<i>Dichanthelium clandestinum</i>	Deer-tongue Panicgrass	S2		1995-09-13		N
66852	<i>Eurybia divaricata</i>	White Wood Aster	S2	THR	2002-09-12	THR	N
67477	<i>Pleurobema sintoxia</i>	Round Pigtoe	S1	END	1934-06-20	END	N
67880	<i>Arigomphus villosipes</i>	Unicorn Clubtail	S2S3		1934-06-20		N
67990	<i>Ptychobranthus fasciolaris</i>	Kidneyshell	S1	END	1934-06-20	END	N
7479	<i>Clinostomus elongatus</i>	Redside Dace	S2	END	1960-07-01	END	N
84753	<i>Cornus florida</i>	Eastern Flowering Dogwood	S2?	END	2010-05-19	END	N
92206	<i>Castanea dentata</i>	American Chestnut	S2	END	1901	END	N

Element							
Occurance ID	Scientific Name	Common Name	S Rank	COSEWIC	Last Observed	MNRF Status	Extirpated
92208	<i>Chimaphila maculata</i>	Spotted Wintergreen	S1	END	1895	END	N
92209	<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Swamp Rose-mallow	S3	SC	2004	SC	N
92417	<i>Frasera caroliniensis</i>	American Columbo	S2	END	1890's	END	N
93491	<i>Ligumia nasuta</i>	Eastern Pondmussel	S1	END	1988-06-16	END	N
93594	<i>Peltandra virginica</i>	Green Arrow-arum	S2		2004		N
93603	<i>Spiranthes magnicamporum</i>	Great Plains Ladies'-tresses	S3?		2004		N
93604	<i>Carya laciniosa</i>	Shellbark Hickory	S3		2004		N
93605	<i>Persicaria arifolia</i>	Halberd-leaved Tearthumb	S3		2004		N
94937	<i>Cornus florida</i>	Eastern Flowering Dogwood	S2?	END	2008-06-17	END	N
95005	<i>Cornus florida</i>	Eastern Flowering Dogwood	S2?	END	1986-06-19	END	N
95120	<i>Juglans cinerea</i>	Butternut	S3?	END	2008-08-00	END	N
96036	<i>Chelydra serpentina</i>	Snapping Turtle	S3	SC	2010-06-29	SC	N

APPENDIX D: ECOLOGICAL LAND CLASSIFICATION DATA SHEETS

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SOIL	1	2	3	4	5
TEXTURE x HORIZON WP006	A	CL			
	B	SCL			
		75cm			

A	TEXTURE				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS				
B	TEXTURE				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS				
C	TEXTURE				
	COURSE FRAGMENT3				
	EFFECTIVE TEXTURE				
	SURFACE STONINESS				
	SURFACE ROCKINESS				

DEPTH TO / OF				
MOTTLES	20cm			
GLEYS				
BEDROCK				
WATER TABLE				
CARBONATES				
DEPTH OF ORGANICS				
PORE SIZE DISC #1				
PORE SIZE DISC #2				
MOISTURE REGIME				

SOIL SURVEY MAP				
LEGEND CLASS				

LAYERS: 1 = CANOPY 2 = SUB-CANOPY 3 = UNDERSTOREY 4 = GROUND (GRD.) LAYER
ABUNDANCE CODES: R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT D = DOMINANT

SPECIES CODE	LAYER				COL.
	1	2	3	4	
Malus sp.					
Popy delt.					
Viburnum acer.					
Fragaria penn.					
Juglans nigra.					
Ribes gland.					
Rubus idae.					
Corn sp.		A	A		
Corn rice		H	A		
Goni laka.					
Rubus idae.s					
Prun. Virg.					
Corn sp.		/			
Rham cat		A	A		

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CWI/CVI $\xrightarrow{\text{Slight. Ch}}$ Grey dogwood > Crat sp > Rhamnat

Chryso or punctata

WFOOS Pit (photo)

POLYGON DESCRIPTION

SYSTEM	SUBSTRATE	TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURE	HISTORY	PLANT FORM	COMMUNITY
G TERRESTRIAL	G ORGANIC	G LACUSTRINE	G NATURAL	G PLANKTON	G LAKE
G WETLAND	G MINERAL SOIL.	G RIVERINE	G CULTURAL	G SUBMERGED	G POND
G AQUATIC	G PARENT MIN.	G BOTTOMLAND		G FLOATING-LVD.	G RIVER
	G ACIDIC BEDRK.	G TERRACE		G GRAMINOID	G STREAM
	G BASIC BEDRK.	G VALLEY SLOPE		G FORB	G MARSH
	G CARB. BEDRK.	G TABLELAND		G LICHEN	G SWAMP
		G ROLL. UPLAND		G BRYOPHYTE	G FEN
		G CLIFF		G DECIDUOUS	G BOG
		G TALUS		G CONIFEROUS	G BARREN
		G CREVICE / CAVE		G MIXED	G MEADOW
		G ALVAR			G PRAIRIE
		G ROCKLAND			G THICKET
		G BEACH / BAR	G OPEN		G SAVANNAH
		G SAND DUNE	G SHRUB		G WOODLAND
		G BLUFF	G TREED		G FOREST
					G PLANTATION

STAND DESCRIPTION:

STAND DESCRIPTION			
LAYER	HT	CVR	SPECIES IN ORDER OF DECREASING DOMINANCE (up to 4 sp) (>> MUCH GREATER THAN; > GREATER THAN; = ABOUT EQUAL TO)
1 CANOPY			
2 SUB-CANOPY			
3 UNDERSTOREY			
4 GRD. LAYER			

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CVR CODES 0= NONE 1= 0% < CVR 10% 2= 10 < CVR 25% 3= 25 < CVR 50% 4= CVR > 60%

STAND COMPOSITION:	BA:
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SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:		< 10		10 - 24		25 - 50		> 50
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STANDING SNAGS:		< 10		10 - 24		25 - 50		> 50
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DEADFALL / LOGS:		< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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ABUNDANCE CODES: N = NONE R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT

COMM. AGE :		PIONEER		YOUNG		MID-AGE		MATURE		OLD GROWTH
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SOIL ANALYSIS:

TEXTURE:	DEPTH TO MOTTLES / GLEY	g =	G =
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MOISTURE:	DEPTH OF ORGANICS:	(cm)
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HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK:	(cm)
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COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

ELC CODE

COMMUNITY CLASS:			
COMMUNITY SERIES:			
ECOSITE:			
VEGETATION TYPE:			
	INCLUSION		
	COMPLEX		

Notes:

ELC STAND CHARACTERISTICS	SITE: <i>Thundering Waters</i>
	POLYGON: <i>0506001</i>
	DATE: <i>May 6 2015</i>
	SURVEYOR(S): <i>34. DW</i>

TREE TALLY BY SPECIES

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COMMUNITY PROFILE DIAGRAM

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Notes:

HP 004 Dist course

Elm dominant \rightarrow ^{lean elms} form thickets 50 ish yr old forest.

open sections.

E:		ELC	SITE:
YCON:			

ELC PLANT SPECIES LIST	SITE:	Thunder
	POLYGON:	0506003
	DATE:	May 6, 2015
	SURVEYOR(S):	ZH. DIA

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Forms a complex gradient w/ 0506001 (Thicket) \rightarrow FOD in canopy gaps

Ground cover ~ 20% Page of
Investigate Crat spp in 2-3 weeks (for flwrs)

Notes:

SOIL SURVEY MAP					
LEGEND CLASS					

MAS 2 - final award.

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DEADFALL / LOGS:		< 10		10 - 24		25 - 50		> 50
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ABUNDANCE CODES: N = NONE R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT

COMM. AGE :		PIONEER		YOUNG		MID-AGE		MATURE		OLD GROWTH
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SOIL ANALYSIS:

TEXTURE:	DEPTH TO MOTTLES / GLEY	g =	G =
MOISTURE:	DEPTH OF ORGANICS: (cm)		
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK: (cm)		

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

ELC CODE

COMMUNITY CLASS:			
COMMUNITY SERIES:			
ECOSITE:			
VEGETATION TYPE:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	INCLUSION		
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Notes:

ELC STAND CHARACTERISTICS	SITE:
	POLYGON:
	DATE:
	SURVEYOR(S):

TREE TALLY BY SPECIES:

PRISM FACTOR

[illegible]**STAND COMPOSITION:**

COMMUNITY PROFILE DIAGRAM

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Notes:

POLYGON DESCRIPTION

POLYTON DESCRIPTION					
SYSTEM	SUBSTRATE	TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURE	HISTORY	PLANT FORM	COMMUNITY
G TERRESTRIAL	G ORGANIC	G LACUSTRINE	G NATURAL	G PLANKTON	G LAKE
G WETLAND	G MINERAL SOIL	G RIVERINE	G CULTURAL	G SUBMERGED	G POND
G AQUATIC	G PARENT MIN.	G BOTTOMLAND		G FLOATING-LVD.	G RIVER
	G ACIDIC BEDRK.	G TERRACE		G GRAMINOID	G STREAM
	G BASIC BEDRK.	G VALLEY SLOPE		G FORB	G MARSH
	G CARB. BEDRK.	G TABLELAND		G LICHEN	G SWAMP
		G ROLL. UPLAND		G BRYOPHYTE	G FEN
		G CLIFF		G DECIDUOUS	G BOG
		G TALUS		G CONIFEROUS	G BARREN
		G CREVICE / CAVE		G MIXED	G MEADOW
		G ALVAR			G PRAIRIE
		G ROCKLAND			G THICKET
		G BEACH / BAR			G SAVANNAH
		G SAND DUNE			G WOODLAND
		G BLUFF			G FOREST
					G PLANTATION
SITE			COVER		
G OPEN WATER			G OPEN		
G SHALLOW WATER			G SHRUB		
G SURFICIAL DEP.			G TREED		
G BEDROCK					

STAND DESCRIPTION:

STAND DESCRIPTION			
LAYER	HT	CVR	SPECIES IN ORDER OF DECREASING DOMINANCE (up to 4 sp) (>> MUCH GREATER THAN; > GREATER THAN; = ABOUT EQUAL TO)
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2	SUB-CANOPY		
3	UNDERSTOREY		
4	GRD. LAYER		

HT CODES: 1 = >25 m 2 = 10<HT 25 m 3 = 2<HT 10 m 4 = 1<HT 2 m 5 = 0.5<HT 1 m 6 = 0.2<HT 0.5 m 7 = HT<0.2 m

CVR CODES 0= NONE 1= 0% < CVR 10% 2= 10 < CVR 25% 3= 25 < CVR 60% 4= CVR > 60%

STAND COMPOSITION:	BA:
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SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:		< 10		10 - 24		25 - 50		> 50
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STANDING SNAGS:		< 10		10 - 24		25 - 50		> 50
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DEADFALL / LOGS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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COMM. AGE :		PIONEER		YOUNG		MID-AGE		MATURE		OLD GROWTH
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SOIL ANALYSIS:

SOIL ANALYSIS:			
TEXTURE:	DEPTH TO MOTTLES / GLEY	g =	G=
MOISTURE:	DEPTH OF ORGANICS:		(cm)
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK:		(cm)

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

ELC CODE

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COMMUNITY CLASS:		
COMMUNITY SERIES:		
ECOSITE:		
VEGETATION TYPE:		
	INCLUSION	
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Notes:

ELC STAND CHARACTERISTICS	SITE:
	POLYGON:
	DATE:
	SURVEYOR(S):

TREE TALLY BY SPECIES:

PRISM FACTOR

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STAND COMPOSITION:

COMMUNITY PROFILE DIAGRAM

COMMENTARY ON THE RESEARCH REPORT

Notes:

SOIL SURVEY MAP				
LEGEND CLASS				

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Dead trees,
(photos)

Nog
Flower

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POLYGON DESCRIPTION

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	G BASIC BEDRK.	G VALLEY SLOPE		G FORB	G MARSH
	G CARB. BEDRK.	G TABLEAND		G LICHEN	G SWAMP
		G ROLL. UPLAND		G BRYOPHYTE	G FEN
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		G TALUS		G CONIFEROUS	G BARREN
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		G ALVAR			G PRAIRIE
		G ROCKLAND			G THICKET
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STAND COMPOSITION:	BA:
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SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:		< 10		10 - 24		25 - 50		> 50
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STANDING SNAGS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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DEADFALL / LOGS:		< 10		10 - 24		25 - 50		> 50
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COMM. AGE :		PIONEER		YOUNG		MID-AGE		MATURE		OLD GROWTH
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SOIL ANALYSIS:

TEXTURE:	DEPTH TO MOTTLES / GLEY	g =	G =
MOISTURE:	DEPTH OF ORGANICS:	(cm)	
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK:	(cm)	

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

ELC CODE

COMMUNITY CLASS:			
COMMUNITY SERIES:			
ECOSITE:			
VEGETATION TYPE:			
	INCLUSION		
	COMPLEX		

Notes:

ELC STAND CHARACTERISTICS	SITE:
	POLYGON:
	DATE:
	SURVEYOR(S):

TREE TALLY BY SPECIES:

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STAND COMPOSITION:

COMMUNITY PROFILE DIAGRAM

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Notes:

ELC SOILS ONTARIO	SITE:
	POLYGON:
	DATE:
	SURVEYOR(S):

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P/A	PP	Dr	Position	Aspect	%	Type	Class	Z	EASTING	NORTHING
1										
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SOIL TEXTURE x HORIZON	1	2	3	4	5
SC → BA	A	CL 10cm			
	B	C			
		65			

A	TEXTURE				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS				
B	TEXTURE				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS				
C	TEXTURE				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS				
	EFFECTIVE TEXTURE				
	SURFACE STONINESS				
	SURFACE ROCKINESS				

DEPTH TO / OF					
MOTTLES					
GLEYS					
BEDROCK					
WATER TABLE					
CARBONATES					
DEPTH OF ORGANICS					
PORE SIZE DISC #1					
PORE SIZE DISC #2					
MOISTURE REGIME					

SOIL SURVEY MAP					
LEGEND CLASS					

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ELC PLANT SPECIES LIST	SITE: Thundering waters
	POLYGON: 05000000 P.ysang
	DATE: May 6, 2013
	SURVEYOR(S): JH, Dal.

LAYERS: 1 = CANOPY 2 = SUB-CANOPY 3 = UNDERSTOREY 4 = GROUND (GRD.) LAYER
ABUNDANCE CODES: R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT D = DOMINANT

SPECIES CODE	LAYER				COL.
	1	2	3	4	
P. oak					
Bar oak					
White oak					
Ulm sp.					
Frag. penn.					
Acer x-fice					
Carya ovata					
Populus trem.					
Prunus avium					
AMERBRO					
Fagus grand.					
Carp. carolin.					
Querc. rubra					
Tilia amer.					
Acer sac.					
leaves.					
Amelanchier					
Ribes sp.					
Spicebush					
Rubus pub.					
Malus sp. (orchard tree)					
Toxic. radia.					
Bertha vit.					
Hibes gland.					
Lonic. ta.					
Corn. rose.					
Rubus idaeus					
Rosa rug.					
Croft sp.					

SPECIES CODE	LAYER				COL.
	1	2	3	4	
Frag. vira.					
Solid. achi.					
Rodo. pelt.					
Typh. lily. (yellow)					
Ger. mac.					
All. acti.					
Carex sp.					
Trillium sp.					
Stre. violac.					
Claytonia vira.					
Dan. hellebo.					
Cardam. long. asii					
Ethyrum. alli. - Rose					
Ansaem. triphy.					
Carex sp.					
Onocle. sac.					
Agrostis. gyna.					
Ranunc. abortivus					
Trillium. tricoccum					
Beech. drap.					
Claytonia. caroliniana					
Epilobium. sp.					
Centa. mac.					
Waldsteinia. sp.					
Oxalis. sp.					
Maian. canad.					
Streptopog. R. twisted stalk ??					
Tarax. off.					

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Blender

Oak-Hickory Fresh-Moist FOD

POLYGON DESCRIPTION

STAND DESCRIPTION:

SOIL ANALYSIS:

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:	ELC CODE
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Notes:

TREE TALLY BY SPECIES:

PRISM FACTOR

STAND COMPOSITION:

COMMUNITY PROFILE DIAGRAM

Notes:

DEPTH TO / OF				
MOTTLES				
GLEYS				
BEDROCK				
WATER TABLE				
CARBONATES				
DEPTH OF ORGANICS				
PORE SIZE DISC #1				
PORE SIZE DISC #2				
MOISTURE REGIME				
SOIL SURVEY MAP				
LEGEND CLASS				

ELC PLANT SPECIES LIST	SITE: <i>Wandering water</i>
	POLYGON: <i>0506007</i>
	DATE: <i>May 6, 2015</i>
	SURVEYOR(S): <i>TH. WJ</i>

LAYERS: 1 = CANOPY 2 = SUB-CANOPY 3 = UNDERSTOREY 4 = GROUND (GRD.) LAYER
ABUNDANCE CODES: R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT D = DOMINANT

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POLYGON DESCRIPTION

STAND DESCRIPTION:

SOIL ANALYSIS:

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:	ELC CODE

Notes:

TREE TALLY BY SPECIES:

PRISM FACTOR

STAND COMPOSITION:

COMMUNITY PROFILE DIAGRAM

Notes:

SOIL SURVEY MAP					
LEGEND CLASS					

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POLYGON DESCRIPTION

[illegible]**STAND DESCRIPTION:**

STAND DESCRIPTION			SPECIES IN ORDER OF DECREASING DOMINANCE (up to 4 sp) (>> MUCH GREATER THAN; > GREATER THAN; = ABOUT EQUAL TO)
LAYER	HT	CVR	
1 CANOPY	3	4	
2 SUB-CANOPY		4	
3 UNDERSTOREY		4	
4 GRD. LAYER		2	

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CVR CODES 0= NONE 1= 0% < CVR 10% 2= 10 < CVR 25% 3= 25 < CVR 60% 4= CVR > 60%

STAND COMPOSITION:		BA:
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SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:	A	< 10	A	10 - 24	B	25 - 50	M	> 50
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STANDING SNAGS:	0	< 10	2	10 - 24	N	25 - 50	N	> 50
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DEADFALL / LOGS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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COMM. AGE :		PIONEER	YOUNG	X	MID-AGE		MATURE		OLD GROWTH
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SOIL ANALYSIS:

TEXTURE:	DEPTH TO MOTTLES / GLEY	g =	G =
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MOISTURE:	DEPTH OF ORGANICS:	(cm)
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HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK: (cm)
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COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

ELC CODE

COMMUNITY CLASS:			
COMMUNITY SERIES:			
ECOSITE:			
VEGETATION TYPE:			
	INCLUSION		
	COMPLEX		

Notes:

ELC STAND CHARACTERISTICS	SITE:
	POLYGON:
	DATE:
	SURVEYOR(S):

TREE TALLY BY SPECIES:

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STAND COMPOSITION:

COMMUNITY PROFILE DIAGRAM

COMMENTARY: RICHARD DIXON III

Notes:

DEPTH TO / OF					
MOTTLES	20cm				
GLEY	NA				
BEDROCK					
WATER TABLE	NA > 65				
CARBONATES					
DEPTH OF ORGANICS					
PORE SIZE DISC #1					
PORE SIZE DISC #2					
MOISTURE REGIME					
SOIL SURVEY MAP					
LEGEND CLASS					

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POLYGON DESCRIPTION

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SOIL ANALYSIS:

MOISTURE:	DEPTH TO BEDROCK:	(cm)
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK:	(cm)

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:	ELC CODE
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Notes:

TREE TALLY BY SPECIES:

PRISM FACTOR

STAND COMPOSITION:

COMMUNITY PROFILE DIAGRAM

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SOIL SURVEY MAP					
LEGEND CLASS					

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	G ACIDIC BEDRK.	G TERRACE		G GRAMINOID	G STREAM
	G BASIC BEDRK.	G VALLEY SLOPE		G FORB	G MARSH
	G CARB. BEDRK.	G TABLELAND		G LICHEN	G SWAMP
		G ROLL. UPLAND		G BRYOPHYTE	G FEN
		G CLIFF		G DECIDUOUS	G BOG
		G TALUS		G CONIFEROUS	G BARREN
		G CREVICE / CAVE		G MIXED	G MEADOW
		G ALVAR			G PRAIRIE
		G ROCKLAND			G THICKET
		G BEACH / BAR			G SAVANNAH
		G SAND DUNE			G WOODLAND
		G BLUFF			G FOREST
					G PLANTATION

STAND DESCRIPTION:

STAND DESCRIPTION:			
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3 UNDERSTOREY			
4 GRD. LAYER			

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CVR CODES 0= NONE 1= 0% < CVR 10% 2= 10 < CVR 25% 3= 25 < CVR 60% 4= CVR > 60%

STAND COMPOSITION:	BA:
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SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:		< 10		10 - 24		25 - 50		> 50
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STANDING SNAGS:		< 10		10 - 24		25 - 50		> 50
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										GROWTH

SOIL ANALYSIS:

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MOISTURE:	DEPTH OF ORGANICS:		(cm)
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK:		(cm)

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

COMMUNITY CLASS:			
COMMUNITY SERIES:			
ECOSITE:			
VEGETATION TYPE:			
	INCLUSION		
	COMPLEX		

Notes:

ELC STAND CHARACTERISTICS	SITE:
	POLYGON:
	DATE:
	SURVEYOR(S):

TREE TALLY BY SPECIES:

[illegible]**STAND COMPOSITION:**

STANDARD FORM NO. 64 (Rev. 11-69)

COMMUNITY PROFILE DIAGRAM

COMMUNITY PROFILE DIAGRAM

Notes:

DEPTH TO / OF					
MOTTLES					
GLEYS					
BEDROCK					
WATER TABLE					
CARBONATES					
DEPTH OF ORGANICS					
PORE SIZE DISC #1					
PORE SIZE DISC #2					
MOISTURE REGIME					
SOIL SURVEY MAP					
LEGEND CLASS					

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POLYGON DESCRIPTION

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SOIL ANALYSIS:

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

ELC CODE

Notes:

TREE TALLY BY SPECIES:

PRISM FACTOR

STAND COMPOSITION:

COMMUNITY PROFILE DIAGRAM

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SOIL SURVEY MAP					
LEGEND CLASS					

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		G ALVAR			G PRAIRIE
		G ROCKLAND	G OPEN		G THICKET
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		G SAND DUNE	G TREED		G WOODLAND
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STAND COMPOSITION:	BA:
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COMMUNITY SERIES:		
ECOSITE:		
VEGETATION TYPE:		
	INCLUSION	
	COMPLEX	

Notes:

<p>ELC</p> <p>STAND</p> <p>CHARACTERISTICS</p>	SITE:
	POLYGON:
	DATE:
	SURVEYOR(S):

TREE TALLY BY SPECIES:

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STAND COMPOSITION:

COMMUNITY PROFILE DIAGRAM

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Notes:

ELC COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION & CLASSIFICATION	SITE:		POLYGON:	
	SURVEYOR(S):		DATE:	TIME: start
				finish
	UTMZ:	UTME:	UTMN:	

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		G BEACH / BAR	G TREED		G SAVANNAH
		G SAND DUNE			G WOODLAND
		G BLUFF			G FOREST
					G PLANTATION

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STAND DESCRIPTION:

LAYER	HT	CVR	SPECIES IN ORDER OF DECREASING DOMINANCE (up to 4 sp) (>> MUCH GREATER THAN; > GREATER THAN; = ABOUT EQUAL TO)
1 CANOPY		2	FRAX > PRUN SP > POP DELT
2 SUB-CANOPY		3	
3 UNDERSTOREY			
4 GRD. LAYER			

20%
50%
55%

HT CODES: 1 = >25 m 2 = 10<HT 25 m 3 = 2<HT 10 m 4 = 1<HT 2 m 5 = 0.5<HT 1 m 6 = 0.2<HT 0.5 m 7 = HT<0.2 m

CVR CODES 0 = NONE 1 = 0% < CVR 10% 2 = 10 < CVR 25% 3 = 25 < CVR 60% 4 = CVR > 60%

STAND COMPOSITION:	BA:
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SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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STANDING SNAGS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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DEADFALL / LOGS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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ABUNDANCE CODES: N = NONE R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT

COMM. AGE:	PIONEER	YOUNG	MID-AGE	MATURE	OLD GROWTH
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SOIL ANALYSIS:

TEXTURE:	DEPTH TO MOTTLES / GLEY	g =	G =
MOISTURE:	DEPTH OF ORGANICS:	(cm)	
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK:	(cm)	

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

ELC CODE

COMMUNITY CLASS:	
COMMUNITY SERIES:	
ECOSITE:	
VEGETATION TYPE:	SWT
INCLUSION	
COMPLEX	

Notes:

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	DATE:
	SURVEYOR(S):

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SOIL	1	2	3	4	5
TEXTURE x HORIZON					

A	TEXTURE				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS				
B	TEXTURE				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS				
C	TEXTURE				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS				
	EFFECTIVE TEXTURE				
	SURFACE STONINESS				
	SURFACE ROCKINESS				

DEPTH TO / OF					
MOTTLES					
GLEYS					
BEDROCK					
WATER TABLE					
CARBONATES					
DEPTH OF ORGANICS					
PORE SIZE DISC #1					
PORE SIZE DISC #2					
MOISTURE REGIME					

SOIL SURVEY MAP					
LEGEND CLASS					

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pulveris

had olive Russian arrow wood

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ELC PLANT SPECIES LIST	SITE: THUNDERING WATERS
	POLYGON: 05-15-13
	DATE: MAY 15, 2015
	SURVEYOR(S): KR. TH

LAYERS: 1 = CANOPY 2 = SUB-CANOPY 3 = UNDERSTOREY 4 = GROUND (GRD.) LAYER
ABUNDANCE CODES: R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT D = DOMINANT

SPECIES CODE	LAYER				COL.
	1	2	3	4	
Ulm Ame	O				
FRAX PENN	A				
MALV PUMI	R	R			
(BAT PLAT					
CRAT SP.		Ox			
POPU TRE				R	
Querc rubr.				P	
Querc Elip	R				
ALL ANG			R	R	
VIC CRAC				R	
VIB			K		
GOLSER			R		
RUB IDE			R		
* PAR TH VIR			O	O	
RHAM CAT			A	A	
CORN KACE			A		
LONI TAT			O		
frua VIRG			O		

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SITE: <i>Thompson's</i>	POLYGON: 05-15-13	
	SURVEYOR(S): <i>KB + ZH</i>	
DATE: <i>May 15, 2005</i>	TIME: <i>10:30</i>	UTM: <i>18</i>
CLASSIFICATION & DESCRIPTION	UTM: <i>18</i>	UTM: <i>18</i>

POLYGON DESCRIPTION	SYSTEM	SUBSTRATE	TOPOGRAPHIC	HISTORY	PLANT FORM	COMMUNITY
<input type="checkbox"/> TERRESTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> WETLAND <input type="checkbox"/> AQUATIC <input type="checkbox"/> ORGANIC <input type="checkbox"/> MINERAL SOIL <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT MIN. <input type="checkbox"/> ACIDIC BEDRK. <input type="checkbox"/> BASIC BEDRK. <input type="checkbox"/> CARB. BEDRK.	<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN WATER <input type="checkbox"/> SHALLOW WATER <input type="checkbox"/> SURFICIAL DEP. <input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK	<input type="checkbox"/> LAQUSTRINE <input type="checkbox"/> RIVERINE <input type="checkbox"/> BOTTLELAND <input type="checkbox"/> TERRACE <input type="checkbox"/> VALLEY SLOPE <input type="checkbox"/> TABLELAND <input type="checkbox"/> ROLL UPLAND <input type="checkbox"/> CLIFF <input type="checkbox"/> TALUS <input type="checkbox"/> CREVICE / CAVE <input type="checkbox"/> ALVAR <input type="checkbox"/> ROCKLAND <input type="checkbox"/> BEACH / BAR <input type="checkbox"/> SAND DUNE <input type="checkbox"/> BLUFF	<input type="checkbox"/> NATURAL <input type="checkbox"/> CULTURAL <input type="checkbox"/> MIXED	<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN <input type="checkbox"/> SHRUB <input type="checkbox"/> TREED	<input type="checkbox"/> LAKE <input type="checkbox"/> POND <input type="checkbox"/> RIVER <input type="checkbox"/> STREAM <input type="checkbox"/> SWAMP <input type="checkbox"/> MARSH <input type="checkbox"/> FEN <input type="checkbox"/> BOG <input type="checkbox"/> MEADOW <input type="checkbox"/> BARREN <input type="checkbox"/> PRAIRIE <input type="checkbox"/> THICKET <input type="checkbox"/> SAVANNAH <input type="checkbox"/> WOODLAND <input type="checkbox"/> FOREST <input type="checkbox"/> PLANTATION	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY <input type="checkbox"/> PLANT FORM <input type="checkbox"/> COVER

STAND DESCRIPTION	LAYER	HT	CVR	SPECIES IN ORDER OF DECREASING DOMINANCE (up to 4 sp)
1	CANOPY	1-2	3	<i>FRAX. PENZ.</i>
2	SUB-CANOPY	3	2	<i>COAT. 2 minus</i>
3	UNDERSTOREY	4	4	<i>RHA CAT</i>
4	GRD. LAYER	5	2	<i>RHA CAT</i>

HT CODES:		1 = >25 m 2 = 10-25 m 3 = 2-10 m 4 = 1-2 m 5 = 0.5-1 m 6 = 0.2-0.5 m 7 = HT < 0.2 m	
CVR CODES		0 = NONE 1 = 0% < CVR 10% 2 = 10 < CVR 25% 3 = 25 < CVR 50% 4 = CVR > 60%	
STAND COMPOSITION:		BA:	
SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:		A < 10 0 10-24 0 25-50 0 > 50 BA:	
STANDING SNAGS:		< 10 < 10 10-24 25-50 > 50 DEADFALL / LOGS:	
ABUNDANCE CODES:		N = NONE R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT	
COMM. AGE:		PIONEER YOUNG MID-AGE MATURE OLD GROWTH	

SOIL ANALYSIS:		TEXTURE:		DEPTH TO MOTTLER / GLEY g = G =	
MOISTURE:		DEPTH OF ORGANICS:		(cm)	
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE		DEPTH TO BEDROCK:		(cm)	
COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:					
COMMUNITY CLASS:		COMMUNITY SERIES:		ECOSITE:	
VEGETATION TYPE:		INCLUSION		COMPLEX	

Notes:

Cardinal (Female)

0.5 m seem to be dying but
very little leafy at
leaves, some insect/roadrunner
marks on here.
- wet pockets in some standing water
- less mature/less canopy closer than distance of road.

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				finish
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POLYGON DESCRIPTION

SYSTEM	SUBSTRATE	TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURE	HISTORY	PLANT FORM	COMMUNITY
G TERRESTRIAL	G ORGANIC	G LACUSTRINE	G NATURAL	G PLANKTON	G LAKE
G WETLAND	G MINERAL SOIL	G RIVERINE	G CULTURAL	G SUBMERGED	G POND
G AQUATIC	G PARENT MIN.	G BOTTOMLAND		G FLOATING-LVD.	G RIVER
	G ACIDIC BEDRK.	G TERRACE		G GRAMINOID	G STREAM
	G BASIC BEDRK.	G VALLEY SLOPE		G FORB	G MARSH
	G CARB. BEDRK.	G TABLELAND		G LICHEN	G SWAMP
		G ROLL. UPLAND		G BRYOPHYTE	G FEN
		G CLIFF		G DECIDUOUS	G BOG
		G TALUS		G CONIFEROUS	G BARREN
		G CREVICE / CAVE		G MIXED	G MEADOW
		G ALVAR			G PRAIRIE
		G ROCKLAND			G THICKET
		G BEACH / BAR			G SAVANNAH
		G SAND DUNE			G WOODLAND
		G BLUFF			G FOREST
					G PLANTATION

STAND DESCRIPTION:

LAYER	HT	CVR	SPECIES IN ORDER OF DECREASING DOMINANCE (up to 4 sp) (>> MUCH GREATER THAN; > GREATER THAN; = ABOUT EQUAL TO)
1 CANOPY			
2 SUB-CANOPY			
3 UNDERSTOREY			
4 GRD. LAYER			

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CVR CODES 0 = NONE 1 = 0% < CVR 10% 2 = 10 < CVR 25% 3 = 25 < CVR 60% 4 = CVR > 60%

STAND COMPOSITION:	BA:
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SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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STANDING SNAGS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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DEADFALL / LOGS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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COMM. AGE :	PIONEER	YOUNG	MID-AGE	MATURE	OLD GROWTH
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SOIL ANALYSIS:

TEXTURE:	DEPTH TO MOTTLES / GLEY	g =	G =
MOISTURE:	DEPTH OF ORGANICS:	(cm)	
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK:	(cm)	

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

ELC CODE

COMMUNITY CLASS:	
COMMUNITY SERIES:	
ECOSITE:	
VEGETATION TYPE:	
INCLUSION	
COMPLEX	

Notes:

*Stack out of garbage
rail corridor
A.J.T.H.
Piles of rail ties.*

SOIL SURVEY MAP				
LEGEND CLASS				

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⑩ slings back

ELC COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION & CLASSIFICATION	SITE:		POLYGON: 05-08-05	
	SURVEYOR(S):		DATE	TIME start
				finish
	UTMZ:	UTME:	UTMN:	

POLYGON DESCRIPTION

SYSTEM	SUBSTRATE	TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURE	HISTORY	PLANT FORM	COMMUNITY
G TERRESTRIAL	G ORGANIC	G LACUSTRINE	G NATURAL	G PLANKTON	G LAKE
G WETLAND	G MINERAL SOIL	G RIVERINE	G CULTURAL	G SUBMERGED	G POND
G AQUATIC	G PARENT MIN.	G BOTTOMLAND		G FLOATING-LVD.	G RIVER
	G ACIDIC BEDRK.	G TERRACE		G GRAMINOID	G STREAM
	G BASIC BEDRK.	G VALLEY SLOPE		G FORB	G MARSH
	G CARB. BEDRK.	G TABLELAND		G LICHEN	G SWAMP
		G ROLL UPLAND		G BRYOPHYTE	G FEN
		G CLIFF		G DECIDUOUS	G BOG
		G TALUS		G CONIFEROUS	G BARREN
		G CREVICE / CAVE	COVER	G MIXED	G MEADOW
		G ALVAR	G OPEN		G PRAIRIE
		G ROCKLAND	G SHRUB		G THICKET
		G BEACH / BAR	G TREED		G SAVANNAH
		G SAND DUNE			G WOODLAND
		G BLUFF			G FOREST
					G PLANTATION

Phrag marsh w gray dog inclusion

STAND DESCRIPTION:

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CVR CODES 0= NONE 1= 0% < CVR 10% 2= 10 < CVR 25% 3= 25 < CVR 50% 4= CVR > 50%

STAND COMPOSITION:	BA:
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SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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STANDING SNAGS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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DEADFALL / LOGS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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COMM. AGE :	PIONEER	YOUNG	MID-AGE	MATURE	OLD GROWTH
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SOIL ANALYSIS:

TEXTURE:	DEPTH TO MOTTLES / GLEY	g =	G=
MOISTURE:	DEPTH OF ORGANICS: (cm)		
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK: (cm)		

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

ELC CODE

COMMUNITY CLASS:	
COMMUNITY SERIES:	
ECOSITE:	
VEGETATION TYPE:	
INCLUSION	
COMPLEX	

Notes:

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POLYGON DESCRIPTION

SYSTEM	SUBSTRATE	TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURE	HISTORY	PLANT FORM	COMMUNITY
G TERRESTRIAL	G ORGANIC	G LACUSTRINE	G NATURAL	G PLANKTON	G LAKE
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	G BASIC BEDRK.	G VALLEY SLOPE		G FORB	G MARSH
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STAND COMPOSITION:	BA:
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SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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STANDING SNAGS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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DEADFALL / LOGS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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ABUNDANCE CODES: N = NONE R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT

COMM. AGE :	PIONEER	YOUNG	MID-AGE	MATURE	OLD GROWTH
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SOIL ANALYSIS:

TEXTURE:	DEPTH TO MOTTLES / GLEY	g =	G =
MOISTURE:	DEPTH OF ORGANICS:	(cm)	
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK:	(cm)	

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

ELC CODE

COMMUNITY CLASS:	
COMMUNITY SERIES:	
ECOSITE:	
VEGETATION TYPE:	
INCLUSION	
COMPLEX	

Notes:

east edge near
rail intersection

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	SURVEYOR(S):		DATE:	TIME start finish
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POLYGON DESCRIPTION

SYSTEM	SUBSTRATE	TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURE	HISTORY	PLANT FORM	COMMUNITY
G TERRESTRIAL G WETLAND G AQUATIC	G ORGANIC G MINERAL SOIL G PARENT MIN. G ACIDIC BEDRK. G BASIC BEDRK. G CARB. BEDRK.	G LACUSTRINE G RIVERINE G BOTTOMLAND G TERRACE G VALLEY SLOPE G TABLELAND G ROLL. UPLAND G CLIFF G TALUS G CREVICE / CAVE G ALVAR G ROCKLAND G BEACH / BAR G SAND DUNE G BLUFF	G NATURAL G CULTURAL	G PLANKTON G SUBMERGED G FLOATING-LVD G GRAMINOID G FORB G LICHEN G BRYOPHYTE G DECIDUOUS G CONIFEROUS G MIXED	G LAKE G POND G RIVER G STREAM G MARSH G SWAMP G FEN G BOG G BARREN G MEADOW G PRAIRIE G THICKET G SAVANNAH G WOODLAND G FOREST G PLANTATION
SITE			COVER		
G OPEN WATER G SHALLOW WATER G SURFICIAL DEP. G BEDROCK			G OPEN G SHRUB G TREED		

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COMM. AGE:	PIONEER	YOUNG	MID-AGE	MATURE	OLD GROWTH
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SOIL ANALYSIS:

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COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

ELC CODE

COMMUNITY CLASS:	
COMMUNITY SERIES:	
ECOSITE:	
VEGETATION TYPE:	
INCLUSION	
COMPLEX	

Notes:

Add Swamps Virg. to drain polygon
can others do it
road to Poly 17

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POLYGON DESCRIPTION

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		G SAND DUNE			G WOODLAND
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STAND COMPOSITION:	BA:
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SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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COMM. AGE:	PIONEER	YOUNG	MID-AGE	MATURE	OLD GROWTH
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SOIL ANALYSIS:

TEXTURE:	DEPTH TO MOTTLES / GLEY	g =	G =
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HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK:	(cm)	

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION: ELC CODE

COMMUNITY CLASS:		
COMMUNITY SERIES:		
ECOSITE:		
VEGETATION TYPE:		
INCLUSION		
COMPLEX		

Notes:

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	POLYGON:
	DATE:
	SURVEYOR(S):

ELC PLANT SPECIES LIST	SITE:
	POLYGON: 05-08-019
	DATE: May 5th per 8th?
	SURVEYOR(S): M + X B

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LAYERS: 1 = CANOPY 2 = SUB-CANOPY 3 = UNDERSTOREY 4 = GROUND (GRD.) LAYER
ABUNDANCE CODES: R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT D = DOMINANT

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SOIL	1	2	3	4	5
TEXTURE x HORIZON					

A	TEXTURE				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS				
B	TEXTURE				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS				
C	TEXTURE				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS				
	EFFECTIVE TEXTURE				
	SURFACE STONINESS				
	SURFACE ROCKINESS				

DEPTH TO / OF	1	2	3	4	5
MOTTLES					
GLEY					
BEDROCK					
WATER TABLE					
CARBONATES					
DEPTH OF ORGANICS					
PORE SIZE DISC #1					
PORE SIZE DISC #2					
MOISTURE REGIME					

SOIL SURVEY MAP					
LEGEND CLASS					

Similar to
TPO
Robin
Series of
Slueths
standing
water

NOCA
Edge effects
Present
↳ Pathways
& direct
sunlight
reading
understory

~~Atte~~ - Northern Shrike
- Both cleared for a hydro corridor.

⑧ Sharp spine at node

② No yellow glands, weak prickles/hairs & weak spines, hairy leaf

ELC		SITE:	
COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION & CLASSIFICATION		SURVEYOR(S):	
UTMZ:		DATE:	
UTM:		TIME: start finish	
POLYGON: 05-08-19			

POLYGON DESCRIPTION		SYSTEM		SUBSTRATE		TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURE		HISTORY		PLANT FORM		COMMUNITY	
SITE		G TERRESTRIAL		G ORGANIC		LACUSTRINE		G NATURAL		G PLANKTON		G LAKE	
		G WETLAND		G MINERAL SOIL		RIVERINE		G CULTURAL		G SUBMERGED		G RIVER	
G AQUATIC		G PARENT MIN.		G ACIDIC BEDRK.		G BASIC BEDRK.		G CARB. BEDRK.		G OPEN		G TREED	
G OPEN WATER		G SHALLOW WATER		G BEDROCK		BLUFF		G SAND DUNE		G SHRUB		G PLANTATION	

STAND DESCRIPTION:

LAYER		HT		CVR		SPECIES IN ORDER OF DECREASING DOMINANCE (up to 4 sp)	
1 CANOPY							
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3 UNDERSTOREY							
4 GRD. LAYER							

HT CODES: 1 = >25 m 2 = 10-25 m 3 = 2-10 m 4 = 1-2 m 5 = 0.5-1 m 6 = 0.2-0.5 m 7 = HT < 0.2 m
CVR CODES 0 = NONE 1 = 0% - CVR 10% 2 = 10% - CVR 25% 3 = 25% - CVR 40% 4 = CVR > 40%

STAND COMPOSITION:		BA:	
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SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:

STANDING SNAGS:		< 10		10 - 24		25 - 50		> 50	
DEADFALL / LOGS:		< 10		10 - 24		25 - 50		> 50	

ABUNDANCE CODES: N = NONE R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT

COMM. AGE:		PIONEER		YOUNG		MID-AGE		MATURE		OLD	
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SOIL ANALYSIS:

TEXTURE:		DEPTH TO MOTTLER / GLEY		g =		G =	
MOISTURE:		DEPTH OF ORGANICS:		(cm)			
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE		DEPTH TO BEDROCK:		(cm)			

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

COMMUNITY CLASS:			
COMMUNITY SERIES:			
ECOSITE:			
VEGETATION TYPE:			

COMPLEX			
INCLUSION			

Notes:

near with water in polygon
tapers near shrubs ring around
edges.

Save on either side of
tailbanks

ELC	
SITE:	POLYGON:
SURVEYOR(S):	DATE:
UTMZ:	UTMN:
DESCRIPTION & CLASSIFICATION	

SYSTEM	SUBSTRATE	TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURE	HISTORY	PLANT FORM	COMMUNITY
G TERRESTRIAL G WETLAND G AQUATIC G ORGANIC G MINERAL SOIL G PARENT MIN. G ACIDIC BEDRK. G BASIC BEDRK. G CARB. BEDRK.	G LACUSTRINE G RIVERINE G BOTTOMLAND G TERRACE G VALLEY SLOPE G HILL UPLAND G CLIFF G TALLS G CREVICE / CAVE G ROCKLAND G BEACH / BAR G SAND DUNE G BLUFF	G NATURAL G CULTURAL G PLANKTON G SUBMERGED G FLUVIATILE G GRAVIMOND G LICHEN G BRYOPHYTE G DECIPOUS G BARREN G MEADOW G PRAIRIE G THICKET G SAVANNAH G WOODLAND G FOREST	G COVER G OPEN G SHRUB G TREED	G PLANTATION G FOREST G WOODLAND G SAVANNAH G THICKET G PRAIRIE G MEADOW G BARREN G LICHEN G BRYOPHYTE G DECIPOUS G MIXED G CONIFEROUS	G OPEN G SHRUB G TREED

STAND DESCRIPTION:

LAYER	HT	CVR	SPECIES IN ORDER OF DECREASING DOMINANCE (up to 4 sp)
1 CANOPY			
2 SUB-CANOPY			
3 UNDERSTOREY			
4 GRD. LAYER			
STAND COMPOSITION:			
BA:			
SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:			
	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50
STANDING SNAGS:			
	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50
DEADFALL / LOGS:			
	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50
ABUNDANCE CODES: N = NONE R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT			
COMM. AGE: PIONEER YOUNG MID-AGE MATURE OLD GROWTH			

SOIL ANALYSIS:			
TEXTURE:	DEPTH TO MOTTLER / GLEY	G =	G =
MOISTURE:	DEPTH OF ORGANICS:	(cm)	(cm)
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE			
DEPTH TO BEDROCK:			
ELC CODE			

COMMUNITY CLASS:	
COMMUNITY SERIES:	
ECOSITE:	
VEGETATION TYPE:	
INCLUSION	
COMPLEX	

Notes:

60-52

Bottom bush + collected shrub - dominant
in Pond 8
→ Rows 1 + Pond 8 later (lot of sp. diversity)

ELC COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION & CLASSIFICATION	SITE: <i>Thundering Waters</i>		POLYGON: <i>20</i>	
	SURVEYOR(S): <i>LB DW & ZH</i>	DATE: <i>May 8 + 15, 2015</i>	TIME: start	finish
	UTMZ:	UTME:	UTMN:	

POLYGON DESCRIPTION

SYSTEM	SUBSTRATE	TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURE	HISTORY	PLANT FORM	COMMUNITY
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SITE			COVER		
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STAND DESCRIPTION:

LAYER	HT	CVR	SPECIES IN ORDER OF DECREASING DOMINANCE (up to 4 sp) (>> MUCH GREATER THAN; > GREATER THAN; = ABOUT EQUAL TO)
1 CANOPY	1	4	ACER > Oak > beech
2 SUB-CANOPY			
3 UNDERSTOREY	4	3	Spice bush (lower foliage)
4 GRD. LAYER		3	(closer to 25%)

HT CODES: 1 = >25 m 2 = 10<HT 25 m 3 = 2<HT 10 m 4 = 1<HT 2 m 5 = 0.5<HT 1 m 6 = 0.2<HT 0.5 m 7 = HT<0.2 m

CVR CODES 0 = NONE 1 = 0% < CVR 10% 2 = 10 < CVR 25% 3 = 25 < CVR 60% 4 = CVR > 60%

STAND COMPOSITION:	BA:
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SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:	A	< 10	A	10 - 24	O	25 - 50	R	> 50
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STANDING SNAGS:	R	< 10	R	10 - 24	N	25 - 50	N	> 50
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DEADFALL / LOGS:	O	< 10	O	10 - 24	R	25 - 50	N	> 50
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ABUNDANCE CODES: N = NONE R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT

COMM. AGE:		PIONEER	YOUNG	MID-AGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MATURE	OLD GROWTH
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SOIL ANALYSIS:

TEXTURE:	DEPTH TO MOTTLES / GLEY	g =	G =
MOISTURE:	DEPTH OF ORGANICS:		(cm)
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK:		(cm)

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

ELC CODE

COMMUNITY CLASS:	
COMMUNITY SERIES:	
ECOSITE:	
VEGETATION TYPE:	FQD
INCLUSION	
COMPLEX	

Notes:

- Section of Poly 20 is younger on western edge, ~~the~~
- many pockets of standing water
- lots of construction noise
- becomes more beech maple dominant + more open in the understory in the NW corner

Debate

- Polygon 20 may be large enough w enough most producing sp. to be considered a "Foraging Area w abundant mast"
- Not old enough so dd growth
- button bush Swamp incl(?) if large enough ^{would} be an S3 rare habitat.

- 12 12" plastic pipe ~~to~~ along ~~the~~ ~~emergency~~ access road.

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A	TEXTURE	SL - Fine sandy loam			
	COURSE FRAGMENTS	—			
B	TEXTURE	SiL			
	COURSE FRAGMENTS	—			
C	TEXTURE	LvsS			
	COURSE FRAGMENTS	—			
	EFFECTIVE TEXTURE				
	SURFACE STONINESS	—			
	SURFACE ROCKINESS				

had elevation
of polymer

LAYERS: 1 = CANOPY 2 = SUB-CANOPY 3 = UNDERSTOREY 4 = GROUND (GRD.) LAYER
ABUNDANCE CODES: R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT D = DOMINANT

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SITE: <i>Thundering water</i>	POLYGON: 05.15-21	SURVEYOR(S): <i>KB + ZH</i>	
		DATE:	TIME: start
		finish	
COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION & CLASSIFICATION		UTM Z:	UTM Y:

SYSTEM	SUBSTRATE	TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURE	HISTORY	PLANT FORM	COMMUNITY
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STAND DESCRIPTION:

LAYER	HT	CVR	SPECIES IN ORDER OF DECREASING DOMINANCE (up to 4 sp)
1	2	3	4
CANOPY	8	2	100% DEL = SALIX SP
SUB-CANOPY	4	4	RHACAT = GRN RACE
UNDERSTOREY			CEAT SP
GRD. LAYER	4		GRASS DOMINATED (P)

STAND COMPOSITION:			
BA:			
SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:			
< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
STANDING SNAGS:			
< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
DEADFALL / LOGS:			
< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
ABUNDANCE CODES: N = NONE R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT			
COMM. AGE	PIONEER	YOUNG	MID-AGE
OLD	MATURE	GROWTH	

SOIL ANALYSIS:			
TEXTURE:	DEPTH TO MOTTLES / GLEY	g =	G =
MOISTURE:	DEPTH OF ORGANICS:	(cm)	
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK:	(cm)	

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:	ELC CODE
COMMUNITY CLASS:	
COMMUNITY SERIES:	
ECOSITE:	
VEGETATION TYPE:	SWT
INCLUSION	
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Notes:

-likely mature into a young pin oak stand.
 -shrubs become more clumped & patchier as you move south

must have had standing water in spring

standing water in a channel like feature

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SOIL	1	2	3	4	5
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A	TEXTURE	CL - clay loam			
	COURSE FRAGMENTS	very few			
B	TEXTURE				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS				
C	TEXTURE				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS				
	EFFECTIVE TEXTURE				
	SURFACE STONINESS				
	SURFACE ROCKINESS				
DEPTH TO / OF					
	MOTTLES				
	GLEY				
	BEDROCK				
	WATER TABLE				
	CARBONATES				
	DEPTH OF ORGANICS				
	PORE SIZE DISC #1				
	PORE SIZE DISC #2				
	MOISTURE REGIME				
SOIL SURVEY MAP					
	LEGEND CLASS				

LAYERS: 1 = CANOPY 2 = SUB-CANOPY 3 = UNDERSTOREY 4 = GROUND (GRD.) LAYER
ABUNDANCE CODES: R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT D = DOMINANT

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A	TEXTURE					
	COURSE FRAGMENTS	NO				
B	TEXTURE	CL				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS	NO				
C	TEXTURE					
	COURSE FRAGMENTS					
	EFFECTIVE TEXTURE					
	SURFACE STONINESS					
	SURFACE ROCKINESS					

SOIL SURVEY MAP				
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CORN SERI					R
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VIT RID					0
CRAT SP					0
REAM CAT					A
PRUN VIR					
CORN RACE					A

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CIR ^{PO} LUTE				O	
FRA GVIR				O	
SOLI CANA				R	
TAKA OFE				R	
VIOLA AFIN				R	
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TARA RAD				R	
VEKB SP				R	
CIRS VULG				R	
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GELUM SP					
ARITRID					

Some individuals coming out of
poly aa into this poly

ELC	COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION & CLASSIFICATION	SITE:		POLYGON:	
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STAND DESCRIPTION:

LAYER	HT	CVR	SPECIES IN ORDER OF DECREASING DOMINANCE (up to 4 sp)			
1	CANOPY		FLX PLANT			
2	SUB-CANOPY					
3	UNDERSTOREY					
4	GRD. LAYER					
HT CODES: 1 = >25 m 2 = 10<HT, 25 m 3 = 2<HT, 10 m 4 = 1<HT, 2 m 5 = 0.5<HT, 1 m 6 = 0.2<HT, 0.5 m 7 = HT<0.2 m						
CVR CODES 0 = NONE 1 = 0% < CVR 10% 2 = 10 < CVR 25% 3 = 25 < CVR 60% 4 = CVR > 60%						
STAND COMPOSITION:						
BA:						

SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:						
	A	< 10	A	10 - 24	0	25 - 50
STANDING SNAGS:	0	< 10	0	10 - 24	0	25 - 50
DEADFALL / LOGS:	A	< 10	A	10 - 24	0	25 - 50
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SOIL ANALYSIS:		
TEXTURE:	DEPTH TO MOTTLES / GLEY	G =
MOISTURE:	DEPTH OF ORGANICS:	(cm)
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE		
DEPTH TO BEDROCK: (cm)		

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:	
COMMUNITY CLASS:	
COMMUNITY SERIES:	
ECOSITE:	
VEGETATION TYPE:	
INCLUSION	
COMPLEX	

Notes:

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A	TEXTURE	CL			
	COURSE FRAGMENTS	Yes			
B	TEXTURE	L			
	COURSE FRAGMENTS	Yes			
C	TEXTURE				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS				
	EFFECTIVE TEXTURE				
	SURFACE STONINESS				
	SURFACE ROCKINESS				

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LAYERS: 1 = CANOPY 2 = SUB-CANOPY 3 = UNDERSTOREY 4 = GROUND (GRD.) LAYER

- crow
- wet
- several
inverts
road

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ELC	SITE:	POLYGON:	DATE:		TIME: start	finish
			SURVEYOR(S):			
COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION & CLASSIFICATION		UTMZ:	UTME:	UTMN:		

POLYGON DESCRIPTION

SYSTEM	SUBSTRATE	TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURE	HISTORY	PLANT FORM	COMMUNITY
G TERRESTRAL G WETLAND G AQUATIC G OPEN WATER G SHALLOW WATER G BEDROCK	G ORGANIC G MINERAL SOIL G PARENT MIN. G ACIDIC BEDROCK G BASIC BEDROCK G CARB. BEDROCK	G LACUSTRINE G RIVERINE G BOTTOMLAND G TERRACE G VALLEY SLOPE G TABLELAND G ROLL UPLAND G CLIFF G TALUS G CREVICE / CAVE G ALVAR G ROCKLAND G BEACH / BAR G SAND DUNE G BLUFF	G NATURAL G CULTURAL G COVER G OPEN G SHRUB G TREED	G PLANTATION G POND G LAKING-LVD G RIVER G STREAM G MARSH G SWAMP G FEN G BOG G MEADOW G PRAIRIE G THICKET G SAVANNAH G WOODLAND G FOREST	

STAND DESCRIPTION:

LAYER	HT	CVR	SPECIES IN ORDER OF DECREASING DOMINANCE (up to 4 sp)			
1	CANOPY					
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3	UNDERSTOREY					
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STAND COMPOSITION:						
BA:						
SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:						
		< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50	
STANDING SNAGS:						
		< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50	
DEADFALL / LOGS:						
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ABUNDANCE CODES: N = NONE R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT						
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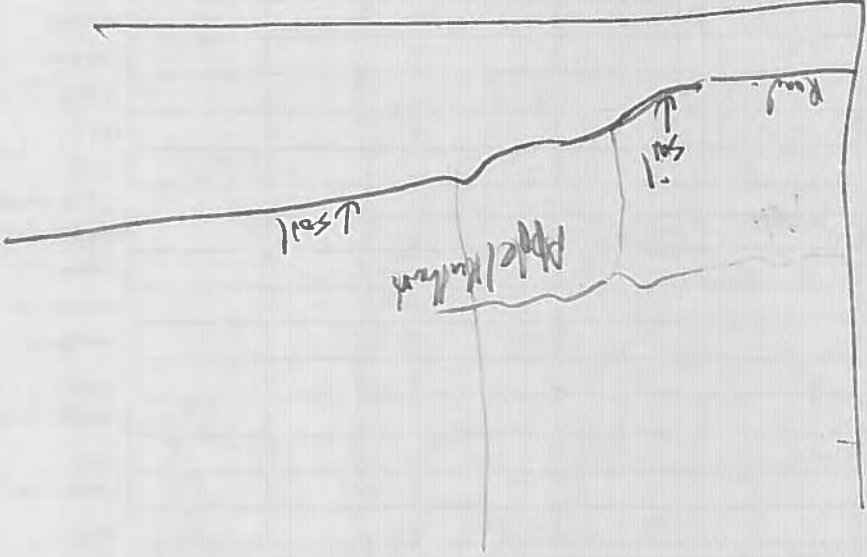
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HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK:	(cm)	

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

ELC CODE	COMMUNITY CLASS:	COMMUNITY SERIES:	ECOSITE:	VEGETATION TYPE:	INCLUSION	COMPLEX
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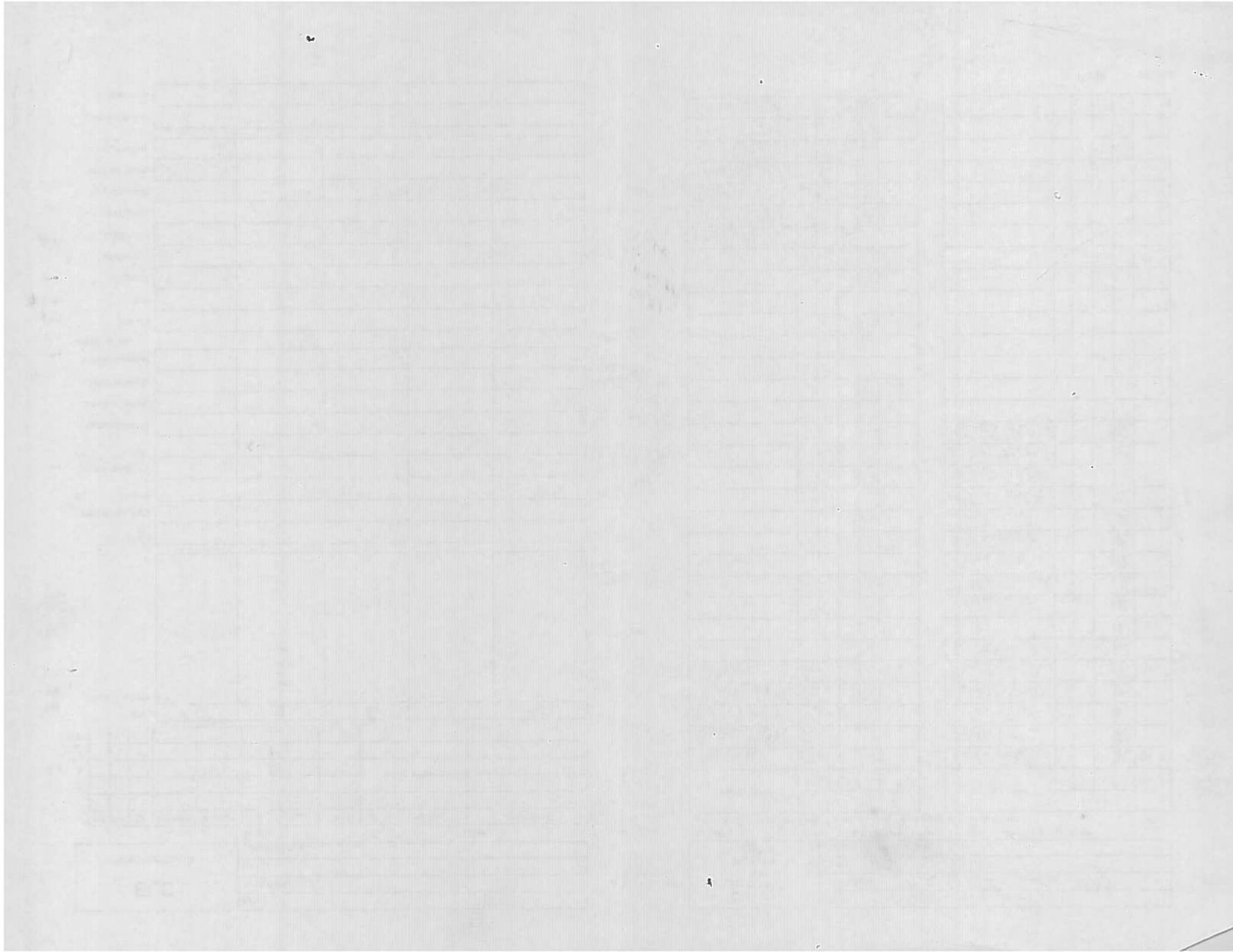
Notes:



ELC PLANT SPECIES LIST	SITE: THUNDERING WATERS
	POLYGON: 25-1
	DATE: JUNE 3/2015
	SURVEYOR(S): SH

LAYERS: 1 = CANOPY 2 = SUB-CANOPY 3 = UNDERSTOREY 4 = GROUND (GRD.) LAYER
ABUNDANCE CODES: R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT D = DOMINANT

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SOIL SURVEY MAP UNIT(S)							
LEGEND CLASS							
TEXTURE							

SPECIES CODE	LAYER				COLL.	SPECIES CODE	LAYER				COLL.
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	POLYGON: <u>20-2</u>
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4	GRD. LAYER			

HT CODES: 1 = >25 m 2 = 10<HT 25 m 3 = 2<HT 10 m 4 = 1<HT 2 m 5 = 0.5<HT 1 m 6 = 0.2<HT 0.5 m 7 = HT<0.2 m

CVR CODES 0= NONE 1= 0% < CVR 10% 2= 10 < CVR 25% 3= 25 < CVR 60% 4= CVR > 60%

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SIZE CLASS ANALYSIS:		< 10		10 - 24		25 - 50		> 50
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STANDING SNAGS:		< 10		10 - 24		25 - 50		> 50
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DEADFALL / LOGS:	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 50	> 50
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ABUNDANCE CODES: N = NONE R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT

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SOIL ANALYSIS:

TEXTURE:	DEPTH TO MOTTLES / GLEY	g =	G =
MOISTURE:	DEPTH OF ORGANICS:		(cm)
HOMOGENEOUS / VARIABLE	DEPTH TO BEDROCK:		(cm)

COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION:

COMMUNITY CLASS:		
COMMUNITY SERIES:		
ECOSITE:		
VEGETATION TYPE:		
INCLUSION		
COMPLEX		

Notes:

ELC STAND CHARACTERISTICS	SITE:
	POLYGON:
	DATE:
	SURVEYOR(S):

TREE TALLY BY SPECIES:

PRISM FACTOR

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STAND COMPOSITION:

COMMUNITY PROFILE DIAGRAM

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Notes:

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A	TEXTURE	S ₁ CL				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS					
B	TEXTURE	S ₁ CL				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS					
C	TEXTURE	S ₁ CL	B3-DC1			
	COURSE FRAGMENTS					
	EFFECTIVE TEXTURE					
	SURFACE STONINESS					
	SURFACE ROCKINESS					

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	POLYGON: 27
	DATE: JUN 31 2015
	SURVEYOR(S): SH

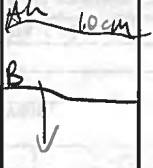
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	DATE:
	SURVEYOR(S):

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SOIL	1	2	3	4	5
TEXTURE x HORIZON		<p>Non-silt - mudslope</p>		GPS loc	

A	TEXTURE	SIC1				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS					
B	TEXTURE	SIC1				
	COURSE FRAGMENTS					
C	TEXTURE					
	COURSE FRAGMENTS					
	EFFECTIVE TEXTURE					
	SURFACE STONINESS					
	SURFACE ROCKINESS					

DEPTH TO / OF					
MOTTLES					
GLEYS					
BEDROCK					
WATER TABLE					
CARBONATES					
DEPTH OF ORGANICS					
PORE SIZE DISC #1					
PORE SIZE DISC #2					
MOISTURE REGIME					
SOIL SURVEY MAP					
LEGEND CLASS					

ELC PLANT SPECIES LIST	SITE: THUNDERBOLT WATERS
	POLYGON: 28
	DATE: Jan 31/2015
	SURVEYOR(S): SH

LAYERS: 1 = CANOPY 2 = SUB-CANOPY 3 = UNDERSTOREY 4 = GROUND (GRD.) LAYER
ABUNDANCE CODES: R = RARE O = OCCASIONAL A = ABUNDANT D = DOMINANT

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SOIL SURVEY MAP					
LEGEND CLASS					

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ELC Banders 06/12/15 2H



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Imagery Date: 10/31/2002 lat 43.054786° lon -79.106397° elev 180 m eye alt 2.53 km





Google earth

17 T 654216.61 m E 4768584.89 m N elev 181 m eye alt 2.77 km

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5/2014
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nd Heights

Oldfield Rd

Drummond Rd

Dorchester Rd

Chippewa Pkwy

Plant Identification Notes

Project Name: Thundery Waters Project Number: DAIS-214-01

Identified by: 211.

Unit No	Date Coll	Date Id'd	Species	Updated on field sheets?	Updated on server?	Comments
36	May 6/15	May 21/15	<i>Louisa</i> <i>holosericea</i>			- Sample discarded.
			<i>Aureolaria</i> <i>arborescens</i>			" "
			<i>Pibes cyrtoschalis</i>			Discarded.
			<i>Utricularia</i> ? <i>corymbosa</i> ? or <i>Arabis melanocarpa</i> ?			Young leaves? collected but later when mature.
			<i>Scirpus americanus</i>			thought openings pools in swamp.
6			<i>Picelecarpos</i> <i>nudans</i>			Floating in swamp ponds & sloughs
			<i>Carex diandra</i> ? ↳ similar species.			- poor specimen
			<i>Carex blanda</i> ✓			- need more mature specimen Not pressed.
21	May 15/15	May 21/15	<i>Viburnum rafines.</i>			- not pressed
			<i>Solaria bellobiana</i>			- pressed, collected again when ripe
			<i>Eleocharis acicularis</i>			- no pressed
22			<i>Eleocharis umbellata</i>			- no pressed
			<i>C. leptoneura</i>			- pressed.
			<i>C. rubra</i> <i>C. cyrtoschalis</i> <i>C. discolor</i>			not pressed

APPENDIX E: SALAMANDER DNA TESTING RESULTS

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Appendix E: Results from DNA testing of Salamander tail tips collected from the Thundering Waters property (spring 2015):

Pond	Trap	Trap Sample No.	Date	UTM		ID
1	2	1	08-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LLJ
1	5	1	13-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LL
1	5	1	10-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LLJ
1	5	2	10-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LLJ
1	5	3	10-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LLJ
1	5	4	10-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LLJ
1	5	5	10-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LLJ
1	5	6	10-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LL
1	5	7	10-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LLJ
1	5	8	10-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LLJ
1	5	9	10-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LL
1	5	10	10-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LLJ
1	5	11	10-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LLJ
1	5	12	10-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LL
1	5	1	08-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LLJ
1	5	2	08-Apr-15	654300.00 m E	4769302.00 m N	LLJ
2	1	1	10-Apr-15	654409.00 m E	4769296.00 m N	LLJ
2	4	1	10-Apr-15	654409.00 m E	4769296.00 m N	LL
2	4	2	10-Apr-15	654409.00 m E	4769296.00 m N	LL
2	4	1	08-Apr-15	654409.00 m E	4769296.00 m N	LLJ
3	1	1	10-Apr-15	654350.00 m E	4769391.00 m N	LL
3	1	2	10-Apr-15	654350.00 m E	4769391.00 m N	?
3	1	1	08-Apr-15	654350.00 m E	4769391.00 m N	LLJ
3	2	1	10-Apr-15	654350.00 m E	4769391.00 m N	LL
3	2	2	10-Apr-15	654350.00 m E	4769391.00 m N	LLJ
3	2	1	08-Apr-15	654350.00 m E	4769391.00 m N	LL
3	2	2	08-Apr-15	654350.00 m E	4769391.00 m N	LLJ
3	4	1	13-Apr-15	654350.00 m E	4769391.00 m N	LL
3	4	2	13-Apr-15	654350.00 m E	4769391.00 m N	LL
4	1	1	13-Apr-15	654472.00 m E	4769409.00 m N	LL
4	1	1	08-Apr-15	654472.00 m E	4769409.00 m N	LLJ
4	2	1	10-Apr-15	654472.00 m E	4769409.00 m N	LL
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8	4	11	10-Apr-15	654434.00 m E	4769119.00 m N	LLJ
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8	4	16	10-Apr-15	654434.00 m E	4769119.00 m N	LL
8	4	17	10-Apr-15	654434.00 m E	4769119.00 m N	LL

APPENDIX F: NOCTURNAL AMPHIBIAN CALL SURVEY SUMMARY

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Appendix F: Nocturnal Amphibian Call Station Survey Results

Station ¹	Date (2015)	Proximity	Frog Species ² and Breeding Evidence Codes ³					
			Spring Peeper <i>Pseudacris crucifer</i>	American Toad <i>Anaxyrus americanus</i>	Western Chorus Frog <i>Pseudacris triseriata</i>	Northern Leopard Frog <i>Lithobates pipiens</i>	Gray Treefrog <i>Hyla versicolor</i>	Wood Frog <i>Lithobates sylvaticus</i>
1 (180°)	April 19	< 100 m	L2(4)					
		> 100 m	L2(5)	L2(3), L2(5)	L2(8)			
	May 28	< 100 m						
		> 100 m						
	June 24	< 100 m					L1(1)	
		> 100 m		L1(1)				
2 (180°)	April 19	< 100 m	L2(3)		L2(3), L2(8)			
		> 100 m						
	May 28	< 100 m						
		> 100 m	L1(1)					
	June 24	< 100 m		L1(1)			L1(1)	
		> 100 m						
3 (90°)	April 19	< 100 m			L2(3)			
		> 100 m	L2(3)					
	May 28	< 100 m						
		> 100 m	L1(1)				L1(1)	
	June 24	< 100 m						
		> 100 m						
4 (100°)	April 19	< 100 m						
		> 100 m	Distant					
	May 28	< 100 m						
		> 100 m	L1(1)				L1(3), L1(1)	
	June 24	< 100 m						
		> 100 m					L1(1)	
5 (100°)	April 19	< 100 m	L2(5)		L2(3)			
		> 100 m						
	May 28	< 100 m					L1(2)	
		> 100 m						
	June 24	< 100 m						
		> 100 m						
6 (50°)	April 19	< 100 m	L2(3), L1(1)	L2(7)	L1(1)	L1(1)		
		> 100 m	L2(8) offsite		L1(2)			
	May 28	< 100 m					L1(1)	
		> 100 m						
	June 24	< 100 m						
		> 100 m						
7 (30°)	April 19	< 100 m	L2(4)	L2(5)	L2(3)			
		> 100 m						
	May 28	< 100 m						
		> 100 m					L1(1)	
	June 24	< 100 m						
		> 100 m						
8 (20°)	April 19	< 100 m	L2(3), L2(3)		L1(1)			
		> 100 m		L2(5)/L3				
	May 28	< 100 m	L1(1)				L1(2)	

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	June 24	> 100 m						
		< 100 m						
		> 100 m						
9 (0°)	April 19	< 100 m	L3		L3, L3			
		> 100 m						
	May 28	< 100 m				L1(2), L2(3)		
		> 100 m					L1(1)	
	June 24	< 100 m				L1(1)		
		> 100 m						
10 (0°)	April 19	< 100 m		L3(2)	L2(3), L2(3)			
		> 100 m						
	May 28	< 100 m				L1(1)		
		> 100 m				L1(1)		
	June 24	< 100 m				L1(1)		
		> 100 m				L1(2)		
11 (130°)	May 28	< 100 m				L1(1), L2(2)		
		> 100 m				L2(3)		
	June 24	< 100 m				L1(1), L1(1), L2(2)		
		> 100 m				L2(2)		
12 (110°)	May 28	< 100 m				L2(2), L1(2), L1(1)		
		> 100 m				L3		
	June 24	< 100 m				L1(1), L1(1), L2(2), L1(1)		
		> 100 m						
13 (185°)	May 28	< 100 m						
		> 100 m						
	June 24	< 100 m				L1(2), L1(1)		
		> 100 m				L1(1)		

Legend

- Point count station locations are depicted on Figure 3. Numbers in the brackets indicate survey direction in degrees.
- Nomenclature, common names and scientific names follow Scientific and Standard English Names of Amphibians and Reptiles of North America North of Mexico (Crother *et al.*, (2008)).
- Breeding Evidence Codes based on the Marsh Monitoring Program (BSC, 2009).
 L1 = Level 1 = Individuals can be counted; calls not simultaneous;
 L2 = Level 2 = Calls distinguishable; some calls simultaneous;
 L3 = Level 3 = Full chorus; calls continuous and overlapping. A more accurate abundance estimate is not possible;
 () = numbers in brackets following L1 or L2 refer to estimates of individuals present

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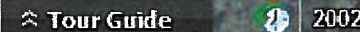
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APPENDIX G: BREEDING BIRD SURVEY DATA

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FSP (w/ob line)



Mostly sunny on May 28, 2015. Winds from WNW. Speeds variable (near calm to 15 km/hr.).

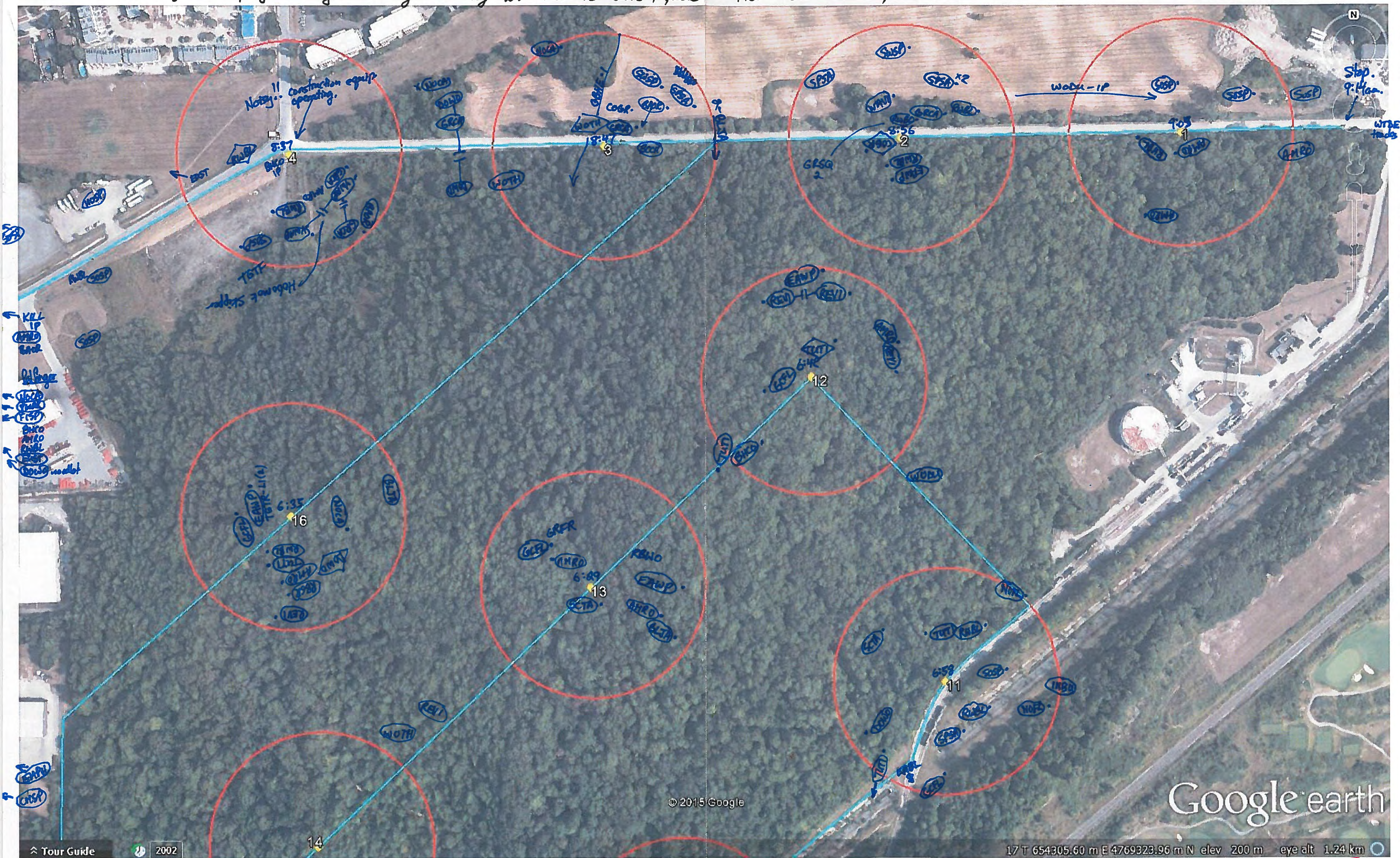
partly sunny to mostly cloudy. Winds light from south, 0-9 km/hr. ← May 29th (Page 1)









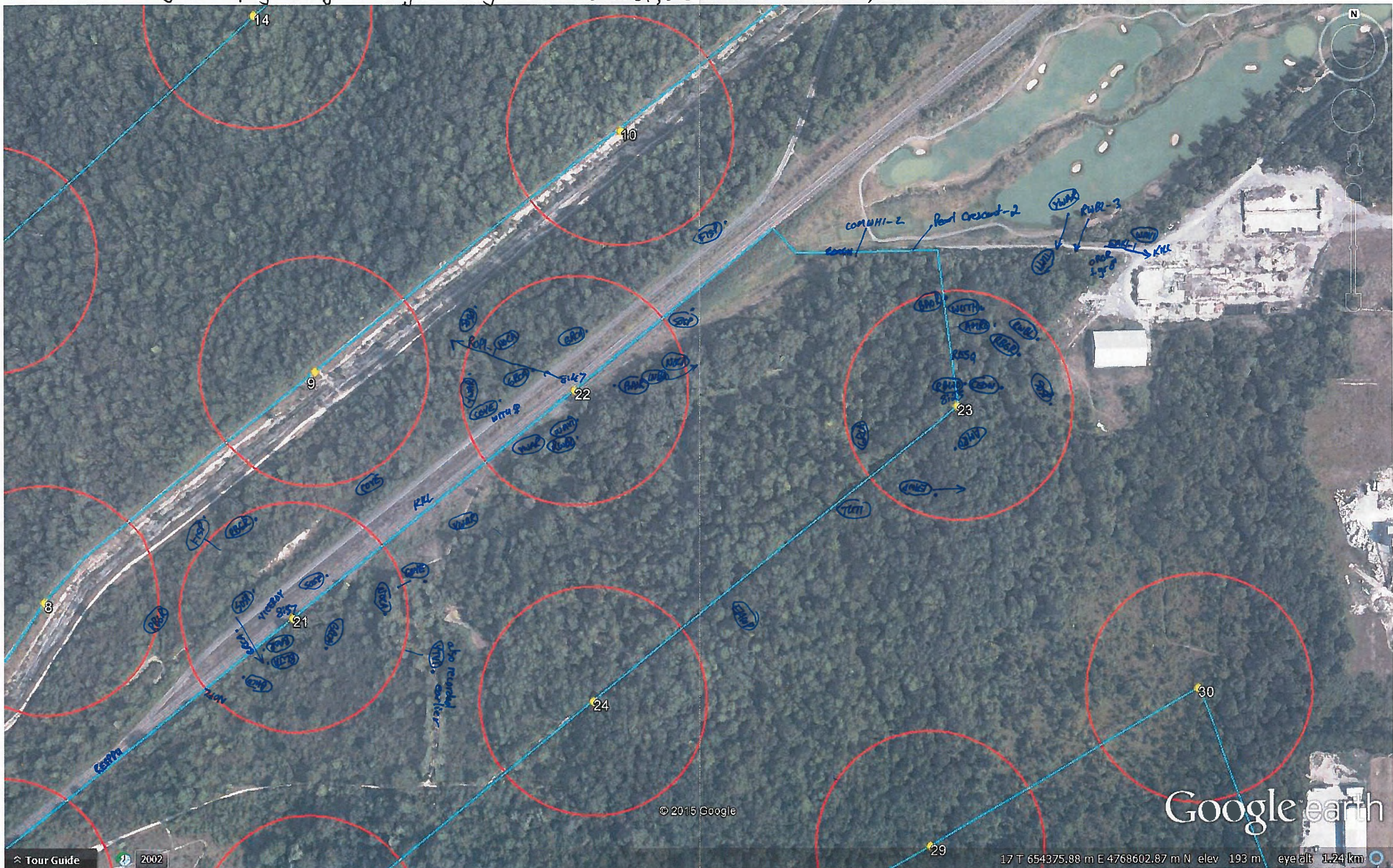






Surveyor = Karl Konze

Conditions were sunny & clear on June 4th. becoming totally cloudy by the end. 11.4 - 18.8 °C. Mostly calm. — June 5th a mix of sun & cloud & mostly calm, 16.8 °C - 21 °C.





Surveyor = Karl Konze Conditions were sunny & clear on June 4th. becoming totally cloudy by the end. 11.4-18.8°C. Mostly calm. — June 5th. a mix of sun & cloud & mostly calm. 16.8°C - 21°C.

APPENDIX H: PHOTO INVENTORY WATERCOURSE SURVEYS

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Photograph 1. April 11, 2015. Shoreline view of Welland River. While there were shallow wet areas inland, there was no connection to the river.



Photograph 2. April 11, 2015. Shoreline view of Welland River.



Photograph 3. April 11, 2015. Watercourse 1, approximately midway between source and the Welland River.



Photograph 4. April 21, 2015. Emergent vegetation immediately upstream of Dorchester Road culvert in Watercourse 1, near the Welland River.



Photograph 5. October 6, 2015. Mouth of Watercourse 1 showing emergent and submergent rooted aquatic vegetation. Welland River in background.



Photograph 6. April 12, 2015. Downstream view in the upstream end of Watercourse 2 within the subject property.



Photograph 7. April 12, 2015. Meandering clay/mud channel of Watercourse 2, approximately 592 m upstream from the Welland River.



Photograph 8. April 21, 2015. Watercourse 2 with coarse material mixed into the clay/mud substrate, approximately 113 m from the Welland River.



Photograph 9. April 12, 2015. Structure of Watercourse 3.



Photograph 10. October 6, 2015. Collapsed rock-filled gabions in sloped section of Watercourse 3, approximately 30 m upstream from mouth.

