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### List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

°C – degrees Celsius	
AOO – Algonquins of Ontario	
cm – centimetres	
DBH – Diameter at Breast Height	
DFO – Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)	
ECCC – Environment and Climate Change Canada	
e.g. – <i>exempli gratia</i>	
EIS – Environmental Impact Statement	
ELC – Ecological Land Classification	



ESA – *Endangered Species Act*  
ESC – Erosion and Sediment Control  
FWCA – *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act*  
i.e. – *id est*  
GIS – Geographic Information System  
ha – hectare  
KAL – Kilgour & Associates Ltd.  
km – kilometre  
LIO – Land Information Ontario  
m – metre  
MBCA – *Migratory Birds Convention Act*  
MECP – Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
MNR – Ministry of Natural Resources  
MNRF – Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry  
NHIC – Natural Heritage Information Centre  
OBBA – Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas  
OP – Official Plan  
PPS – Provincial Policy Statement  
PSW – Provincially Significant Wetland  
SNCA – South Nation Conservation Authority  
SAR – Species at risk  
SARA – *Species at Risk Act*  
SARO – Species at Risk in Ontario  
SWH – Significant Wildlife Habitat



## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared by Kilgour & Associates Ltd. (KAL; Appendix A) on behalf of Avenue 31 Inc. in support of their proposed re-zoning application and official plan amendment to rezone the lands from Rural Countryside (RU) to Rural General Industrial (RG) at 6150 Thunder Road in the east end of Ottawa (herein “the Site”, Figure 1). The Site (Gloucester Concession 9 of Part North Lot 1, RP 5R12400 Part 1, Pin: 043240354) is approximately 16.7 hectares (ha) in area. The Official Plan Amendment seeks to add the Employment Land Use overlay to clarify the permissions for warehouse / employment use in the general rural area.

In the City of Ottawa (hereafter referred to as “the City”), an EIS is required when development or site alteration is proposed in or adjacent to natural heritage features (City of Ottawa, 2015a). The purposes of this EIS are to 1) identify natural heritage features on or adjacent to the Site, 2) identify potential impacts of the proposed development to those features, and 3) identify mitigation measures to minimize or eliminate those impacts. The Site is adjacent to and includes areas identified by the City as being potentially part of the Natural Heritage System per Schedule L of the City’s Official Plan (OP; City of Ottawa, 2020b; Figure 1). This EIS will examine potential impacts to the Natural Heritage System and to species at risk (SAR) that may potentially occur on or adjacent to the Site if site development were to proceed under the new zoning.

## 2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY CONTEXT

Natural heritage policies and legislation relevant to this EIS are outlined below.

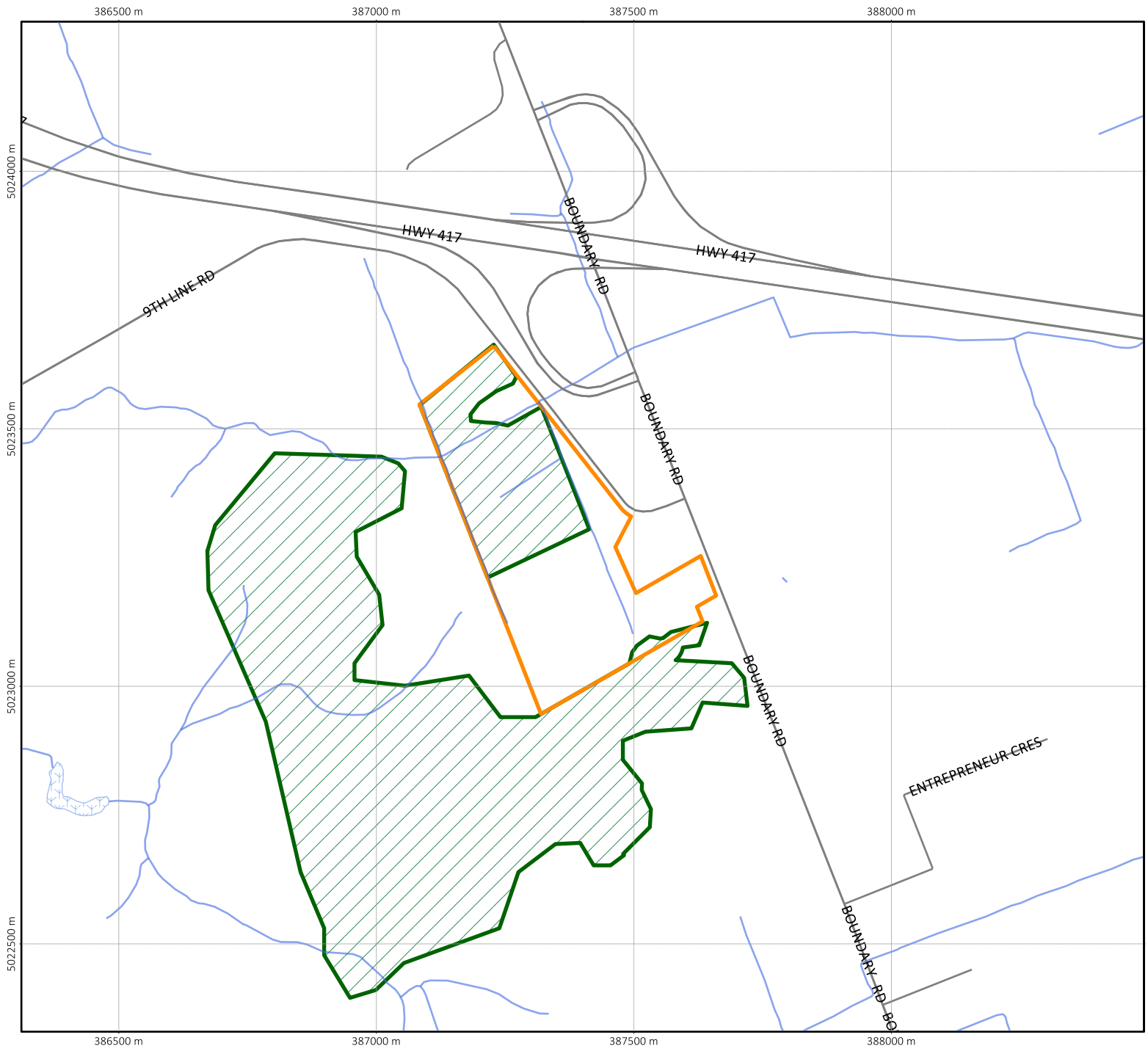
### 2.1 The Provincial Policy Statement, 2020

The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) was issued under Section 3 of the *Planning Act* (1990). The current PPS came into effect on May 1, 2020. Natural features are afforded protections under Section 2.1 of the PPS. Protections may include maintenance, restoration, and improved function of diversity, connectivity, ecological function, and biodiversity of natural heritage systems. These protections restrict development and site alteration in significant natural areas (e.g. woodlands, wetlands, wildlife habitat) unless it can be demonstrated that there will be no negative effects on the features and ecological functions of those natural areas. Technical guidance for implementing the natural heritage policies of the PPS is found within the second edition of the *Manual for Natural Heritage Policies of the Provincial Policy Statement* (Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), 2010). This manual recommends the approach and technical criteria for protecting natural heritage features and areas in Ontario.

### 2.2 City of Ottawa Official Plan





The City of Ottawa OP (2020b) provides direction for future growth in the City of Ottawa and is a policy framework to guide physical development to 2031. The OP was first approved in 2003 and is updated every five years.

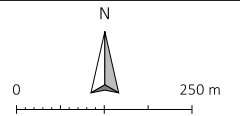




**Figure 1** Site context

**Legend**

-  Property Boundary
- Surface Water Features**
-  Wetland
-  Channel
-  Schedule L



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### **2.3     *Species at Risk Act, 2002***

The federal *Species at Risk Act, 2002* (SARA) is administered by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and provides direction to protect and ensure the survival of wildlife species in Canada. The purpose of the SARA is to prevent populations of wildlife from becoming Extirpated, Endangered, or Threatened, provide recovery strategies for Endangered and Threatened species, and to manage other species to prevent them from becoming Endangered or Threatened.

All species listed on Schedule 1 of SARA are afforded protection on federal lands. Aquatic species and species of migratory birds protected by the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994* (MCBA) and listed as Endangered, Threatened, or Extirpated under Schedule 1 of SARA are protected wherever they occur in Canada, regardless of land ownership.

### **2.4     *Endangered Species Act, 2007***

The provincial *Endangered Species Act, 2007* (ESA) is administered by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) and provides protection for SAR and their habitat. The Act prohibits killing, harming, harassing, possessing, transporting, buying, or selling Extirpated, Endangered, and Threatened species. Species listed as Endangered, Threatened, or Extirpated and their habitats (e.g. areas essential for breeding, rearing, feeding, hibernation, and migration) are automatically afforded legal protection under the ESA.

### **2.5     *Fisheries Act, 1985***

The federal *Fisheries Act, 1985* is administered by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and provides protections to fish, fish habitat, and fisheries. Specifically, the *Fisheries Act* provides:

- Protection for all fish and fish habitat;
- Prohibition against the "harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat"; and
- Prohibition against causing "the death of fish by means other than fishing".

Projects with a scope that does not fall within DFO defined standards and codes of practice require submission of a request for review to DFO.

### **2.6     *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994***

The MBCA is legislation administered by the ECCC that provides protection for migratory birds listed in the Act. The disturbance, destruction, take and killing of migratory birds, their eggs, and their nests are prohibited in the Act. The "incidental take" and work that would result in the destruction of active nests or the wounding or killing of bird species protected under the MBCA and/or associated regulations (e.g. SARA) are prohibited.



## **2.7 *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997***

The provincial *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997* (FWCA) governs the hunting and trapping of a variety of wildlife including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish in Ontario, thereby facilitating the protection of wildlife and their habitat. The FWCA outlines the prohibition of hunting or trapping specially protected species and the requirement for provincially issued licenses for the hunting or trapping of “furbearing” or “game” animals.

## **2.8 *Conservation Authorities Act, 1990***

Conservation Authorities were created to address erosion, flooding, and drought concerns regionally by managing at the watershed level. Conservation Authorities were given the ability to regulate under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act, 1990*. The Act provides mechanisms to regulate works and site alterations that have a potential to affect erosion, flooding, land conservation, and waterbodies within their jurisdiction. It is the obligation of all Conservation Authorities to implement Ontario Regulations 42/06 and 146/06 to 182/06 *Regulation of Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses*.

## **3.0 METHODS**

### **3.1 Desktop and Background Data Review**

#### **3.1.1 Agency Consultation**

The Site is located within the jurisdictions of the Ottawa District of the MECP and South Nation Conservation (SNC). A request for confirmation of SAR potential related to the Site was submitted to the MECP on November 11, 2020 (Appendix B). A response was not yet received at the time of writing this report.

No request for information was submitted to Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) for this specific project. Reviews with DFO require the submission of detailed site plans, which will only be completed during the detailed design phase. A “Request for Review” will be filed with DFO as part of subsequent project phases. A pre-consultation with the City and SNC was held in November, 2019, with a follow-up meeting held on January 29, 2020, after the application was submitted but prior to it being deemed completed.

#### **3.1.2 Records Review**

The descriptions of the existing natural environment on and adjacent to the Site are based on field investigations and desktop reviews of previously completed studies and information available on publicly accessible databases, including:

- City of Ottawa Urban Natural Areas Environmental Evaluation Study (Muncaster Environmental Planning Inc. and Brunton Consulting Services, 2005).

Online databases queried for SAR, provincially rare species, and natural heritage features included the following:





- Ontario MNRF:
  - Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC; MNRF, 2020a)
  - Land Information Ontario (LIO) Provincially Tracked Species Grid Detail (MNRF, 2020b)
  - Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) List (MNRF, 2020c)
- SARA, Schedule 1 (Government of Canada, 2020)
- Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (OBBA; Bird Studies Canada *et al.*, 2006)
- Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Ontario Nature, 2019)
- Atlas of the Mammals of Ontario (AMO; Dobbyn, 1994)
- South Nation Conservation Mapping Geoportal (SNC, 2020)
- City of Ottawa:
  - Official Plan Schedules (City of Ottawa, 2020b)
  - geoOttawa mapping database (City of Ottawa, 2020a)

## 3.2 Field Surveys

### 3.2.1 Vegetation

KAL Biologist, Terry Hams, completed an initial tree inventory and developed a general ecological land classification (ELC) of the Site on June 20, 2018. Vegetation zones on the Site were described based on ELC ecosite categories (Lee *et al.*, 1998). That work was not used to support a development application at the time. The south half of the Site was cleared and partially regraded in 2019 in conformance in the rural area with the Urban Tree Conservation By-law and the Municipal Trees and Natural Areas Protection By-law in place at that time. The site alteration prior to the Zoning & OPA application is outside the scope of the current development application. The ELC for the Site was updated following brief sited visits by Ed Malindzak (October 15, 2020) and Anthony Francis (on October 18, 2020) to note the cleared area, review species in the remaining tree stands, and collect soil cores. The ELC was further updated based on additional soil cores collected on June 7, 2021.

### 3.2.2 Wildlife

#### Anurans

Site amphibian (anuran) surveys were conducted and lead by KAL biologists, Rob Hallett and Liza Hamilton, following protocols set forth by the Marsh Monitoring Program (Bird Studies Canada *et al.*, 2008). Three surveys are completed to identify early, mid, and, late-season breeding amphibian species generally in April, May, and June, respectfully, though survey dates are temperature dependent. Surveys are completed on nights of calm weather with temperatures above 5 degrees Celsius (°C), 10°C, and 17°C for each of the three respective survey periods. Surveys begin a half-hour after sunset and are finished by midnight with a five-minute recording period at each survey station. Amphibian species are recorded at each point along with the estimated distance from observers, calling code, an estimate of the number of individuals, and estimated directions of calling anurans.

Amphibian surveys were performed on April 23, May 30, and June 21, 2018 (Table 1). Three stations were surveyed in wetland and aquatic habitats (F1 through F3; Figure 2). Sta



tion F3 was located at the north end of the Site with the observers facing south. Stations F1 and F2 were the same point located near the southwestern corner of the Site, but with one observer facing south (F1) and one facing north (F2).

**Table 1 Summary of frog survey times and weather conditions**

Survey Date	Temperature (°C)	Weather conditions	Wind speed (km/hour)
23-Apr-18	10*	Clear	4
30-May-18	21*	Mostly Cloudy	11-14
21-Jun-18	17**	Clear	7 - 10

\* Temperatures on these nights were warmer than the preceding nights, with evening temperatures just above 5°C and 10°C, respectively, within a few days of the surveys. Frogs for the period would still be expected to be calling regardless.

\*\* Temperatures on this night just reached the minimum required temperature but had been were warmer the preceding nights, with evening temperatures above 17°C. Frogs for the period would still be expected to be calling regardless.

### Birds

Two rounds of breeding bird surveys were completed on the Site in 2018 by Terry Hams. All surveys followed point count guidelines by the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Bird Studies Canada *et al.*, 2001). According to these guidelines, breeding bird surveys are to be completed from survey stations that, combined, provide suitable viewing of all habitats on-site on calm weather days with light wind (less than 19 km/hr) and no precipitation. Surveys must take place between sunrise and five hours after sunrise between May 24 and July 10. Surveys were conducted from four survey stations (B1 to B4; Figure 2). The point counts were conducted for at least five minutes at each station on each survey date (Table 2).

**Table 2 Summary of breeding bird survey times and weather conditions**

Survey Date	Start Time	Temperature (°C)	Precipitation (mm)	% Cloud Cover	Wind speed (km/hour)
20-Jun-2018	06:59	12	0	30	0
05-Jul-2018	06:00	22	0	0	0

### Bats

Bat monitoring was completed following acoustic surveys under the MNR's *Survey Protocol for Species at Risk Bats within Treed Habitats* (2017). This is currently the recommended protocol for confirming the presence/absence of Little Brown Myotis, Northern Myotis, and Tri-coloured Bat, where it is determined that wooded areas providing potentially suitable habitat for the establishment of maternity roosts are present.
















All species of bats in a given area are detectable under this protocol if ultrasonic acoustic monitors are used and the signal-to-noise ratio can be analyzed from sonogram displays to identify bat calls to species level. Under the protocol, acoustic monitors are to be installed for 10 nights in June, with recordings commencing after dusk and continuing for five hours. We installed an acoustic monitor (Song Meter SM3, Wildlife Acoustics) on the center of the wooded area south of Channel R7. (Figure 2). Bats use echolocation more frequently in cluttered environments (Falk et al., 2014); installing the monitor along the edge of the wooded area, rather than in the middle of an open foraging area, is expected to increase bat detectability. The existing woodland cut provided a suitable "edge" area within a central portion of the forest, i.e., just outside of the cluttered environment (forest) as the distinguishability of calls among species diminishes within such locations (National Park Service, 2016). The monitor was installed on June 22 and removed on July 6, 2021 (14 nights of data collection).



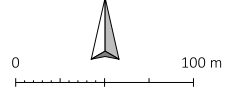


**Figure 2** Existing conditions

**Legend**

-  Property Boundary
- Survey Points**
-  Bird Station
-  Frog Station
-  Bat Monitor
-  Soil Core
- ELC**
-  Residential
-  FOD7
-  FOD8
-  TAG
-  SWT
-  Cleared Areas
-  Formerly Treed
-  Formerly Wetland
-  Sand-filled pit
-  Surface Water Feature

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### 3.2.3 Aquatic Habitat

Headwater channels on the Site were investigated in 2018 following *Evaluation, Classification and Management of Headwater Drainage Features Guidelines* (Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and Credit Valley Conservation, 2014) to document their hydrological and riparian and terrestrial habitat (Appendix C). On April 12, 2018 (i.e. during the spring freshet), KAL biologists Liza Hamilton and Tyler Peat identified and described seven channelized features on the Site (reaches R1 through R8; Figure 2), noting the channel dimensions, substrate, form, and riparian vegetation. On June 1, 2018, KAL biologists Rob Hallett and Tyler Peat conducted an electrofishing survey of R1, R3, R4, and a portion of R2 north of R4. These channels were deemed at the time to be sufficiently wet to potentially support fish, whereas R2, R5, and R6 were dry at the time of electrofishing surveys and therefore not able to support fish. R7, a permanent stream, was not fished as the project does not propose to alter or build within 30 m of that feature. As a permanently flowing channel connected to larger creeks downstream, R7 is considered to directly support fish regardless.

Channels R8 through R11 were either observed or created subsequent to the initial HDFA review (Appendix C).

### 3.3 Species at Risk

Per the *Client's Guide to Preliminary Screening for Species at Risk* (MECP, 2019), publicly available records of SAR observations in the vicinity of the Site were collected based on data sources identified within Section 3.1.2. A request for a SAR screening for the Site was filed with the MECP on November 11, 2020 (Appendix B), to confirm the completeness of our SAR records search for the area. The MECP response (Appendix B) requested the consideration of three additional species for which the initial SAR screening had not identified any observational records within public databases: Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), Northern Long-eared Myotis (*Myotis septentrionalis*), and Tri-coloured Bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*). These three species, however, were considered regardless, as the full list of 71 SAR currently known to occur within the region of the City of Ottawa was reviewed to identify the potential for SAR presence on and adjacent to the Site (Appendix D).

## 4.0 PROPERTY INFORMATION

### 4.1 Previous and Current Land Use/Land Cover

The entire Site was under active agriculture in 1976 according to the geoOttawa aerial imagery (City of Ottawa, 2020a). Land to the south at that time was well forested and was similarly covered in 1965, indicating that forest cover adjacent to the Site is more mature (> 50 years old) than that of the Site (less than 45 years old). By 1991, most of the central portion of the Site had been re-ploughed and planted as a conifer plantation. A large portion of the south half of the Site was subject to some sort of excavation through the 1990s (City of Ottawa, 2020a). Following the late 1990s and through the early 2000s, the excavated area showed some signs of tree re-growth and re-naturalization, with more deeply excavated portions taking on apparent wetland characteristics (City of Ottawa, 2020a). This portion of the Site was fully cleared and partially regraded in 2019. It currently consists of bare earth. The north half of the site is currently forested (Figure 2) with a mix of coniferous plantation and young, early-successional forest.



## 4.2 Landforms, Soils and Geology

Soil mapping shows the entire property is underlain by medium/fine sand deposits (Marshall et al., 1979). Soils in the north half of the cleared area are from the Manotick formation and are underlain by fine-textured marine clay. Soils on the remainder of the Site (i.e. the north half and the southernmost end) are part of the Uplands formation (Marshall et al., 1979). The sand layer here is deeper, with no apparent clay layer within 1.2 metres (m) of the surface based on soil cores dug for the ELC analysis. Soil mottles in the remaining forested areas were evident at depths of > 75 centimetres (cm), indicating fresh-moist but not wetland conditions.

Boreholes for soil sampling were excavated by Paterson Group (2020) in late June of 2020 around the southern half of the site (i.e. through the recently cleared area; Appendix E). In all but one instance, the first 1.5 m or more of the cores, showed loose sandy soils with low soil moisture and only trace organics. The low organic load and lack of stratification may be due to the history of agriculture and extraction across the Site.

The dept of the sandy soil in Borehole BH4-20 was only 60 cm before changing to firm silty clay, though soil moisture was still low above a 2 m depth. The location of BH4-20 corresponds with a previous excavation pit on the Site and may indicate added fill.

Soil cores were dug to support the ELC mapping of the site (Figure 2; Table 3).

**Table 3. Soil core descriptions**

Soil Core	Date	Soil Profile	Terrestrial / Wetland
1	18-Oct-2020	Organic Layer: 0 to 5 cm A Horizon: 5 to 30 cm – fresh moist medium sandy soil B Horizon: 30 to >120 cm – fresh moist medium sandy parental soil Mottles begin at depth of 65 cm, no gley	Terrestrial
2	7-Jun-2021	Organic Layer: 0 to 5 cm A Horizon: 5 to 25 cm – fresh moist medium sandy soil B Horizon: 25 to 110 cm – fresh moist medium sandy parental soil Mottles begin at depth of 82 cm, no gley Heavy clay below 110 cm, no gley	Terrestrial
3	7-Jun-2021	Organic Layer: 0 to 5 cm A Horizon: 5 to 32 cm – fresh moist medium sandy soil B Horizon: 32 to 95 cm – fresh moist medium sandy parental soil Mottles begin at depth of 60 cm, no gley Heavy clay below 95 cm, no gley	Terrestrial
4	18-Oct-2020	Organic Layer: 0 to 5 cm A Horizon: 5 to 20 cm – fresh moist medium sandy soil B Horizon: 20 to 105 cm – fresh moist medium sandy parental soil No mottles or gley Heavy clay below 105 cm	Terrestrial
5	7-Jun-2021	Organic Layer: 0 to 5 cm A Horizon: 5 to 40 cm – fresh moist medium sandy soil B Horizon: 20 to 105 cm fresh moist medium sandy parental soil Mottles begin at depth of 70 cm, no gley Heavy clay below 110 cm	Terrestrial
6	18-Oct-2020	Medium sand with high organic loading and gley 0 to 40 cm. Characteristically wetland; no need to core further.	Wetland
7	18-Oct-2020	No organic layer. A Horizon: 0 to 40 cm - fresh moist medium sandy soil B Horizon: 40 to 110 cm fresh moist medium sandy parental soil Mottles begin at depth of 85 cm, no gley Heavy clay below 110 cm	Terrestrial
8	7-Jun-2021	Organic Layer: 0 to 5 cm A Horizon: 5 to 25 cm - fresh moist medium sandy soil	Terrestrial



		B Horizon: 25 to 90 cm fresh moist medium sandy parental soil Mottles begin at depth of 50 cm, no gley Heavy clay below 90 cm	
9	7-Jun-2021	No organic layer. A Horizon: 0 to 47 cm - fresh moist medium sandy soil B Horizon: 40 to 110 cm fresh moist medium sandy parental soil Mottles begin at depth of 90 cm, no gley Heavy clay below 110 cm	Terrestrial
10	7-Jun-2021	No organic layer. A Horizon: 0 to 27 cm - fresh moist medium sandy soil with high humic load B Horizon: 27 to 60 cm moist medium sandy parental soil Mottles and gley throughout the B Horizon. Heavy clay below 60 cm	Wetland

### 4.3 Vegetation Cover

The northern end of the site – north of R7 – is a Fresh-Moist Poplar Deciduous Forest (FOD8-2). The ecosite is co-dominated by Balsam Poplar (*Populus balsamifera*) and Trembling Aspen (*Populus tremuloides*). These trees have a diameter at breast height (DBH) that ranges from 10 to 35 cm. Other tree species present in small numbers include Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*), European Birch (*Betula pendula*), Eastern Cottonwood (*Populus deltoids*) and Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*). This is the oldest contiguously wooded area on the Site, though it is still no more than 45 years old (City of Ottawa, 2020a).



**FOD8-2 Ecosite**



Immediately south of R7, the Site is spanned by a Coniferous Plantation (TAGM1) composed primarily of White Spruce (*Picea glauca*), with subordinate species of Jack Pine (*Pinus banksiana*) and Red Pine (*Pinus resinosa*). These conifers, growing in a linear orientation, are generally similar in size ranging from 30-35 cm DBH. Air photos from 1991 suggest that most of the area between R7 and R4 (which corresponds approximately with the northern limit of the Site clearing conducted in 2019) were planted with this type of plantation. The bulk of the TAGM1 plantation, however, is currently limited to a ~75 m band south of R7 with two other narrow bands remaining near R4.



#### **TAGM1 Ecosite**

The remainder of this original plantation area has grown over with species of trees common to the older forested areas south and west of the Site, with most of those areas now consisting of Fresh–Moist Lowland Deciduous Forest (FOD7). This ecosite consists of a mix of Red Maple and Green Ash, with subordinate species of Black Ash (*Fraxinus nigra*), American Elm (*Ulmus americana*), European Birch, Balsam Poplar, Largetooth Aspen (*Populus grandidentata*), Trembling Aspen, and Manitoba Maple (*Acer negundo*). A small number of the Red Maple, Trembling Aspen, and Balsam Poplar in the FOD7 ecosite are as large as 30 cm DBH, but most of the area is composed of smaller trees and saplings, representing a regenerating forest habitat that may be recovering from tree loss to due to occasional beaver-induced flooding. Common Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*) is also common in the understory. Within the re-naturalizing area of the FOD7 ecosite, some pockets have retained sufficient numbers of White Spruce and to suggest



up a Fresh – Moist White Spruce – Hardwood Mixed Forest (FOMM10-2) inclusions, though these pockets generally too small to delineate as separate ecosystems.



#### **FOD7 Ecosite**

In the centre of the Site, immediately adjacent to the cleared area, a small (0.7 ha) depression forms a Willow Mineral Deciduous Thicket Swamp (SWT2) ecosystem, dominated by a mix of Bebb's Willow (*Salix bebbiana*) and Speckled Alder (*Alnus incana*) with some buckthorn. Groundcover here includes sedge (*Carex* sp.) and rush (*Juncus* sp.) species.







**Central SWT2 Ecosite**

The southern portion of the Site was fully cleared of all vegetation in 2019. Vegetation cover here had previously consisted mostly of young, early-successional forest with the same FOD7 species mix apparent beyond the south and west site boundaries and present in the central portion of the Site. Trees here though had been the youngest on Site, with the forest cover only starting to develop in the late 1990s. A small pocket of SWT2 thicket swamp is located just off the southwest edge of the Site with the same species mix present the SWT2 pocket in the center of the site.



**Cleared area**



**Adjacent SWT2 ecosit off the SW corner of the Site**



Plant regrowth within the cleared area adjacent to the SWT2 thicket in the southwest corner is dominated by Creeping Spike-rush (*Eleocharis palustris*), Awl-fruited Sedge (*Carex stipata*) and Pointed Broom Sedge (*Carex scoparia*), with abundant Hard-stem Bulrush (*Schoenoplectus acutus*) and Common Cattail (*Typha latifolia*). These species and Soil Core 11 (Table 3) indicate a swath of the SWT2 feature had previously crossed the corner of the Site in a narrow swath of (former) wetland.

New vegetation in through the remainder of the cleared area, however, is dominated by upland grasses – Orchard Grass (*Dactylis glomerata*) and Kentucky Bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*) – with forbs including Common Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*), Sheep Sorrel (*Rumex acetocella*) and Steeplebush (*Spiraea tomentosa*) and Sensitive Fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*). While the forb species indicate fresh moist soil conditions, they do not denote the remainder of the cleared area as “wetland”, especially in presence of the grass species.

A small central portion of the cleared area corresponding with the previous location of a quarry pit appears to have been refilled with sand. While sparse vegetation has begun regrowing across the surface of the cleared areas, this pocket is currently still devoid of vegetation.

#### **4.4 Surface Water and Fish Habitat**

Channel R1 is a roadside ditch along Thunder Road (Figure 2). Channel R7 is a permanent stream. R3, R4, and the north half of R2 all contained some water (< 15 cm) until mid-summer in 2018, but only did so because of the presence of beaver dams on R7, which had backed up water onto the Site. Beaver dams have been consistently removed from the Site and neighbouring properties since that time; those channels now dry shortly after the spring freshet.

R5, R6 and the upper half of R2 are ephemeral and were found to dry very quickly after the freshet, even when the beaver dams were present. Fish were observed in all areas below R5. Reaches above R5, being dry, did not have fish. With the beaver dams having been removed since mid-2018, only R7 and the lowermost section of R2 will likely have sufficient water post-freshet to provide fish habitat.

Channel R8 was first observed on October 8, 2020. It contained standing water at that time. Given its direct connection to R7, it is presumed to provide fish habitat. Channel R9 is a shallow ephemeral ditch along the western property line leading northward to R7. The feature is a linear, dirt swale, 1 - 1.5 m in width, with no obvious bank substructure. It likely conveys some runoff during the spring freshet but is unlikely to provide aquatic habitat beyond that.

Channel R10 was dug as an eastward-running, linear drainage channel sometime in either late fall 2020 or spring 2020. The 2 m wide swale was excavated in the bare sandy soil of the cleared portion at the south end of the site. City of Ottawa air photos from 2019 (Ottawa, 2021) suggest some natural surface drainage had previously occurred along that route, though no headwater features were evident there during site surveys through the 2018 field season. Channel R11 is a similarly sized and formed feature at the north end of the cleared area, dug within the same time frame. City of Ottawa air photos (Ottawa, 2021) do not suggest any channel had existed there previously. Both R10 and R11 were fully dry on June 8, 2021.

The review of headwater features on the Site reflects site conditions at the time of the development application. From the HDFA (Appendix C), channels R1, R5, R6, R10, R11 and the upper half of R2, receive



management recommendations of “Mitigation”; channels R3, R4, R9 and R2 (lower end) receive management recommendations of “Conservation”; and channels R7 and R8 receive a management recommendation of “Protection”.

Features recommended for mitigation are not required to be maintained per se, but their functionality must be replicated or enhanced through lot level conveyance measures as part of the site stormwater management system. As the features convey runoff to more ecologically important reaches, replacement features/systems, should be vegetated to mimic online wet vegetation pockets to the extent possible, and should convey water to the same final receiver (i.e. R7). Lot level conveyance features would form part of the Site’s future stormwater management system. As such, the replacement features would not require either setbacks or a natural channel design, nor would they need to be comparable dimensions so long as they function to provide the required conveyance and opportunity for allochthonous input.

Channels recommended for conservation may be either maintained or relocated/realigned, though any channel alterations must follow natural channel design techniques to maintain or enhance the overall productivity of the reach. If realigned, the features may be relocated on or off the Site. In either case (i.e. maintained or realigned), the channel must be situated within a naturalize riparian corridor. City OP Policy 4.7.3(2) would require corridor provide a setback equivalent to the greater of the following:

- Development limits as established by the regulatory flood line;
- Development limits as established by the geotechnical limit of the hazard lands;
- 30 m from the normal high water mark; and/or
- 15 m from the existing top of bank.

If catchment drainage will be removed due to diversion of stormwater flows, lost functions should be restored through enhanced lot level controls (e.g. restore original catchment using clean roof drainage).

Channels recommended for protection may be maintained and/or enhanced but should not generally be relocated. Improvements, however, could be possible to its overall channel form and thus some minor realignment may be considered within that context. The riparian zone should be protected and enhanced where feasible and must allow for the same setbacks as indicated above per City OP Policy 4.7.3(2). The hydro-period must be maintained. Use natural channel design techniques or wetland design to restore and enhance existing habitat features if and where needed. Stormwater management systems must be designed to avoid impacts (i.e. sediment, temperature) to this headwater channel.

The closest provincially significant wetland (PSW) is Mer Bleue, located >5 kilometres (km) to the northwest. The outer edge of the neighbouring lands appears to be a continuation of the fresh moist forest ecosites that occur (or previously occurred) on the Site, other than the small wetland pocket located at the southern end. These forested areas to the west, however, may include some wetland habitat beyond the first 20 m or so of forest observable from the property edge, but they have not been formally evaluated for wetland presence. To help guide the provision of appropriate mitigation measures to be considered and employed under future potential development of the Site, this EIS will assume the presence of wetland habitat with that forest area of sufficiently high quality to warrant consideration as PSW.



## 4.5 Wildlife

### 4.5.1 Anurans

From station F3 (i.e. covering the north half of the site), the only frog heard was a single Spring Peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*) during the second anuran survey.

Choruses (i.e. Calling Code 3) from both Spring Peepers and Wood Frogs (*Lithobates sylvaticus*) were heard on the first survey date from station F1/F2 from the wooded areas beyond the western edge of the site. Seven American Toads calling from scattered points around the southern half of the property were the only anurans observed from station F1/F2 on the second visit. No anurans were heard anywhere on the property during the third round of surveys.

Based on the presence of large numbers of two different anuran species, wooded areas southwest of the Site may be considered Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH; MNR, 2015) for frog breeding. The Site itself does not directly support large numbers of any anuran species and so does not constitute SWH. The lack of any calling frogs from the wooded areas west of the Site after the first frog visit suggests the forest there may be too dry following the spring freshet to provide suitable wetland habitat.

### 4.5.2 Birds

Overall, 32 bird species were observed on or adjacent to the Site during the two rounds of surveys (Table 4). All of the birds observed are common species in the Ottawa region. Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*) was the most abundant species on site followed by Common Grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula*) and Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*).

None of the birds observed occurring directly on the Site are species protected under the ESA or SARA. Two observed species – Eastern Wood-pewee (*Contopus virens*) and Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*) – are listed as Special Concern. Only a single individual of each species was noted during bird surveys, both from station B3. Both birds were noted at the edge of audible detection during both surveys and were placed as occurring over 100 m to the southwest (Eastern Wood-pewee) and to the southeast (Wood Thrush). These locations are situated within the more mature forest areas to the south of the property. Those forested areas thus constitute SWH for Special Concern and Rare Wildlife Species. As neither species was noted to occur directly within the younger forest features on the Site, the SWH designation does not extend onto the Site.

**Table 4 Birds observed during field surveys, 2018**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Breeding Potential	Common Name	Scientific Name	Breeding Potential
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	Likely	Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	Likely
American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>	Likely	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>	Likely
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	Likely	Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	Likely
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	Likely	Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	Likely
Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	Likely	Purple Finch	<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>	Likely
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	Likely	Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	Likely
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	Likely	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Likely
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Probable	Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	Likely
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	Likely	Swamp Sparrow	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	Likely
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	Likely	Veery	<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	Likely
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Likely	Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	Likely



Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	Likely	White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	Likely
Eastern Wood-pewee *	<i>Contopus virens</i>	Likely	White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	Likely
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	Likely	Wood Thrush *	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	Likely
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Leuconotopicus villosus</i>	Likely	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	Likely
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	Likely	Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Likely

\* = Special Concern under the ESA and SARA

Breeding Potential = Likely: Breeding behaviour was observed and preferred nesting habitat occurs on Site, Probable: potential breeding habitat occurs on Site.

### 4.5.3 Bats

Throughout the bat monitoring period (June 10-23, 2021), a total of six species of bats were recorded on the acoustic monitors (Table 5). All survey nights were warm (temperature  $\geq 7^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) with low wind. There were intermittent showers during the nights of June 14, 18, and 21, 2021; survey nights were otherwise calm and free of precipitation. Almost all of the recorded echolocations were made by larger (non-listed) bats species including Big Brown Bats (*Eptesicus fuscus*) and Hoary Bats (*Lasiurus cinereus*) with smaller numbers of Silver-haired Bats (*Lasionycteris noctivagans*). Eastern Red Bats (*Lasiurus borealis*) were also observed. A very small number of calls were attributed to two at-risk bat species, Little Brown Myotis (*Myotis lucifugus*; 9 calls) and Tri-coloured Bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*).

**Table 5 Number of bat recordings by species from acoustic monitoring**

Date	Big Brown Bat	Eastern Red bat	Hoary Bat	Silver-haired Bat	Little Brown Bat
22-Jun	1		5	1	
23-Jun	69		1	11	
24-Jun	30	1	4	24	
25-Jun	33		6	2	
26-Jun	20		4	1	
27-Jun	65	1	17	10	1
28-Jun	75	1	17	11	1
29-Jun	42	1	28	12	
30-Jun	84	6	16	21	1
1-Jul	14		14	17	
2-Jul	75		8	15	
3-Jul	76		3	8	
4-Jul	26	1	8	7	
5-Jul	45		11	12	
<b>Total</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>3</b>

\* The single recording auto-ID'd as Northern-Long-eared Bat had a low match ratio (<0.15).

Note that the number of call recordings obtained is not directly equivalent to the number of bats present in an area. A single bat may pass a monitor many times during an evening, triggering multiple recordings. Very generally, however, the number of recordings per species can be indicative of relative abundances.

Recordings for Little Brown Myotis were captured a single time on each of three nights, suggesting a single bat passing by but not actively using the area. The species is likely generally present within the broader vicinity but does not appear to use the wooded areas of the Site itself as significant habitat.

No recordings were captured of either Northern Long-eared Myotis or Tri-colour Bat suggesting those species are absent from the area.



## 4.6 Species at Risk

Based on our review of existing information records, our ELC delineations of the Site to characterize potential habitat areas, and our field surveys (Appendix D), four species were considered to have some probability of transient presence.

Two bird species, Eastern Wood-pewee and Wood Thrush, were noted a single time each in the mature forest areas to the southwest of the Site. These birds, however, were not observed on the Site and the mix of young, scrubby forest and coniferous plantation present there provides only marginally suitable habitat by comparison. While it is possible both species could occur there transiently, the forested portions of the Site are not considered to be suitable habitat areas for these species.

One bat species listed as Endangered, Little Brown Myotis, was observed to have some potential to occur transiently on the property (Section 4.5.3). The young forests of the Site include few large snags typical of roosting trees. As such, they are unlikely to provide significant nursery habitat. The sandy soils of the area do not include cave-supporting geology for potential hibernacula.

Snapping Turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) commonly occur in the general vicinity and tend to live and breed in close proximity to permanent watercourse features (MNR, 2012). Watercourse feature R7 has some potential to support the species, though no individuals have previously been noted here. Areas of the Site beyond R7 or its immediate riparian corridor lack any permanent water features and are not considered as potential habitat. As the species is listed as Special Concern, its habitat is not specifically protected under the ESA regardless.

## 4.7 Other Significant Natural Features

The Site includes areas identified by the City as part of the Natural Heritage System per Schedule L of the City's Official Plan (OP; City of Ottawa, 2020b; Figure 1). Areas flagged under Schedule L are considered to be, or to have some potential to be, significant natural heritage features per the OP (City of Ottawa, 2020b) and/or the *Natural Heritage Reference Manual* (MNR, 2010).

### 4.7.1 Significant Woodlands

The forest ecosites of the Site are contiguous with an expansive forested area to the west, covering an extended area of >120 ha. Based on the size alone, the extended wooded areas constitute Significant Woodland under the *Natural Heritage Reference Manual* (MNR, 2010). Since the forest cover directly on the Site is contiguous with these wooded areas, it is part of this Significant Woodland. However, the forest cover on the Site forms the youngest portion of the adjacent Significant Woodland, with the oldest parts on Site <40 years old and the youngest parts only ~20 years old. No interior forest habitat (i.e. forested area more than 100 m from a forest edge) occurs on the Site.

## 5.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The proposed development consists of a zoning bylaw amendment and an official plan amendment to allow for large-format warehouse and employment uses in the general rural area. A plan indicating the proposed development areas on the Site has been developed to indicate future land cover under likely development scenarios (Figure 3). The intention of this plan is not to detail specific future site structures



but rather to identify setbacks and general mitigation approaches associated with natural heritage features on or adjacent to the Site suitable under likely future development scenarios. Site Plan Control applications would be required for individual development applications within each development area as they would be put forward to the City of Ottawa. Future development proposals within would be subject to Site Plan Control applications and may require a separate or further updated detailed EIS based on detailed design, including detailed stormwater and grading design.

Development setbacks of 30 m would be applied to the western boundary of the Site and to the top-of-bank of the channel R7. Forest cover within the 30 m wide western site buffer would be retained and/or reestablished. The retention/reestablishment of forest cover within the riparian buffer to channel R7 would provide an ~63 m wide natural corridor between the Phase 1 and Phase 2 areas (i.e. two 30 m setbacks plus the width of the channel). The setback along the south edge of the site would also be set to provide a 30 m wide buffer near the southwest corner (i.e. closes to the remaining wetland pocket) but would narrow to 15 m at the eastern end.

Site preparation for development within the Phase 1 area is proposed to begin in the fall of 2021. Site preparation for Phase 1 would require the removal of up to 3.6 ha of the existing forest cover. Revegetating the portions of the southern and western buffers that are currently cleared, however, would return 1.0 ha of forest cover to the Site.

Site preparation for Phase 2 would require the removal of 1.4 ha of the existing forest cover.



**Figure 3 Development concept**





## 6.0 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### 6.1 Aquatic Habitat

#### Channelized Water Features

Construction of the Phase 1 area would require the removal of channels R3, R4, R5 and R6, and the upper portion of R2 — a total of 756 m of drainage features, 52% of which are currently located on fully cleared lands. Recently dug channels R10 and R11 would also be removed. None provide direct fish habitat though all convey Site surface water runoff to the east end of R7 while adding allochthonous material.

This could be replaced with a 1-2 m wide vegetated swale around the perimeter of the developed area within Phase 1 (Figure 3). This new swale would not be intended as a naturalized watercourse, but rather would form a green infrastructure component of the Site SWM system. Swales at the north half of Phase 1 would lead to a SWM detention pond. Water from this feature would be outletted to a realigned and naturalized lower R2, then into the east end of R7. This arrangement would replace the *functionality* of all removed channels, as required under the HDFA management recommendations of either Mitigation or Conservation, but would not directly replace the R3 and R4 features themselves as natural channel features per their Conservation recommendations.

Compensation for R3 and R4 could be completed following two different approaches. Firstly, compensatory projects for the features could be planned offsite. Alternatively, channel improvements made on-site could provide the required replacement of functionality. For example, Channel R9 could be significantly improved to provide a naturalized watercourse instead of an ephemeral, linear drainage swale.

Water from SWM swales the south half of Phase 1, along with clean roof drainage, could improve hydration with an improved Channel R9 (i.e using a natural channel design approach). Channel R9 is currently set back 30 m from the proposed development area. Hydration and naturalization of this ephemeral linear feature would provide a net gain in higher-quality aquatic habitat.

Specific channel design options and details, and their impact to existing channels on the Site, will be fully evaluated as part of the detailed design process. Realignment or alteration of these channels can only be completed as per SNCA approval through the detailed design phase. Potential impacts to fish-bearing waters must be review by DFO and may require a Fisheries Authorization.

Reach 8 was not assessed in detail as part of this current study. The proposed Phase 2 development area, however, is located > 30 m from this feature, thus retaining an untouched, natural setback. Further study of that channel would be required prior to the completion of detailed design plans on adjacent areas on the north end of the Site if such development were proposed within <30 m of the feature.

#### Wetland Areas

Lands to the east of the Site are now owned by the AOO. In the absence of a formal OWES survey there to quantify wetland significance, proposed protective measures follow a conservative approach and consider remaining wetland pockets adjacent to the site as if PSW. To protect the SWT2 thicket areas off the southwest corner of the Site, a 30 m setback will be applied to the entire length of the western Site



boundary to the western end of the southern Site boundary. The buffer created by this setback will retain existing vegetation and/or be revegetated as required along its length as part of the overall Site development. A landscape plan for buffer must be developed as part of the detailed design process. It must include only species indigenous to the region and appropriate for the soil conditions.

### **Floodplain**

While no portion of the site is currently indicated as being within the regulatory floodplain, JFSA has been retained by the applicant to undertake a review of previous floodplain mapping completed by the SNCA and to advise on any potential impacts.

## **6.2 Vegetation, Trees and Significant Woodland**

An area of 5.1 ha consisting of a mix of young deciduous forest and coniferous plantation, with a pocket of thicket swamp, would be removed under future site development across Phases 1 and 2. While these wooded areas are part of a Significant Woodland, they are part of a small area of regrowth on former farm fields extending out from the main, more mature forest block to the west. The forest area to be cleared represents 3.7% of the broader forested area. Natural areas within the buffers along the south and west sides of the site, and within the riparian corridor for Channel R7 (2 ha) would be retained. As such, impacts anticipated to the broader Significant Woodland are considered to be minor.

Revegetation within the currently cleared portion of the south and west side setbacks would restore a further 1.0 ha of natural land cover and would establish a 30 m naturalized buffer against the forest and wetlands to the west of the Site. The total area of natural cover on the site would thus be reduced to 3.4 ha from 7.2 ha (a 52% reduction).

## **6.3 Species at Risk**

Based on our SAR review, no protected SAR are considered to have protected habitat directly on the Site. A single species (Little Brown Myotis) may be transiently present during the summer. Construction on the Site must be required to follow standard best practices (Section 7.4) to prevent conflicts with area wildlife. This includes prohibiting vegetation clearing between April 1 and September 31, which will protect individual SAR bats that could be transiently present. No negative impacts are anticipated to SAR or SAR habitat.

## **6.4 Significant Wildlife Habitat**

The wooded area to the southwest of the Site supports sufficient numbers and species of anurans in the early spring to be considered SWH. This area will remain untouched by the proposed development and will be buffered by a 30 m wide treed buffer along a naturalized swale to be constructed around the periphery of the Site. The Site itself does not constitute SWH. No negative impacts are anticipated to the ability of the adjacent forest area to support early-breeding frog species. No mid- or late-breeding-season frogs were noted there.



## **7.0 MITIGATION**

### **7.1 Aquatic Habitat**

The realignment of existing headwater channels on the Site can only be completed under a permit to alter a waterway issued by SNC. No alteration of the existing channels will be completed prior the issuance of a permit to alter a waterway; all such works must then be completed in accordance with the conditions of that permit. Any proposed works in fish-bearing waters must also be reviewed by DFO and may require a Fisheries Authorization. At a minimum, all construction works will require standard erosion and sediment control (ESC) mitigation measures to protect waters in the broader vicinity including:

- a multi-faceted approach to provide erosion and sediment control;
- retention of existing vegetation and stabilization of exposed soils with vegetation where possible;
- limiting the duration of soil exposure and phase construction;
- limiting the size of disturbed areas by minimizing nonessential clearing and grading;
- minimizing the total slope length and the gradient of disturbed areas;
- refuelling of machinery should occur >30 m from any watercourse;
- maintaining overland sheet flow and avoid concentrated flows; and
- storing/stockpiling all soil away (e.g. greater than 30 m) from watercourses, drainage features and tops of steep slopes.

### **7.2 Vegetation / Trees**

Existing trees within retained natural areas adjacent to R7 must be maintained. Existing trees along the perimeter buffer will be removed to establish site grading and the swale immediately adjacent to the property line. The swale corridor, however, must be replanted with native trees species consistent with those present in the adjacent FOD7 ecosite. The swale itself is to be seeded with a wetland grass mix to improve natural filtration along the channel length.

To minimize impacts to trees adjacent to the Site, the following general protection measures are recommended as necessary during construction:

- Tree removal on Site should be limited to that which is necessary to accommodate construction.
- To minimize impact to trees adjacent to the Site during construction:
- Erect a fence beyond the critical root zone (CRZ; i.e. 10x the DBH) of trees. The fence should be highly visible (orange construction fence) and paired with erosion and sediment control fencing.
  - The fencing shall not be moved and will be maintained until construction is complete;



- Pruning of branches is recommended in areas of potential conflict with construction equipment;
- Do not place any material or equipment within the CRZ of trees;
- Do not attach any signs, notices, or posters to any trees;
- Do not raise or lower the existing grade within the CRZ of trees without approval;
- Tunnel or bore when digging within the CRZ of a tree;
- Do not damage the root system, trunk, or branches of any remaining trees; and
- Ensure that exhaust fumes from all equipment are not directed towards any tree's canopy.

This report does not constitute permission to remove any trees from the Site. Removal of trees can only be undertaken following appropriate consultation with City planning staff.

### **7.3 Species at Risk**

As no SAR habitat exists on the Site and no SAR are anticipated to occur on the Site, no SAR-specific mitigation measures are required beyond standard best practices of ESC (Section 7.1) and general wildlife management (Section 7.4).

### **7.4 General Wildlife Management**

Common wildlife species may occur on the Site. The following mitigation measures shall be implemented during future construction phases of the project to generally protect wildlife:

- Areas shall not be altered or cleared during sensitive times of the year for wildlife (breeding season; early spring to early summer) unless mitigation measures are implemented and/or the habitat has been inspected by a qualified Biologist.
  - Clearing of trees or vegetation should not take place April 1 to September 31 inclusive unless a qualified Biologist has determined that no nesting is occurring within 5 days prior to the clearing.
    - The MBCA protects the nests and young of migratory breeding birds in Canada. As such, clearing of trees or vegetation should take place between April 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, unless a qualified Biologist has determined that no nesting is occurring within 5 days prior to the clearing (City of Ottawa, 2015).
    - Bats day-roost in trees from May to September (MNRF, 2015).
- Do not harm, feed, or unnecessarily harass wildlife.
- Manage waste to prevent attracting wildlife to the Site. Effective mitigation measures include litter prevention and keeping all trash secured in wildlife-proof containers and promptly removing it from the Site, especially during warm weather.



- Drive slowly and avoid hitting wildlife.
- Manage stockpiles and equipment on Site to prevent wildlife from being attracted to artificial habitat. Cover and contain any piles of soil, fill, brush, rocks and other loose materials and cap-ends of pipes where necessary to keep wildlife out. Ensure that trailers, bins, boxes, and vacant buildings are secured at the end of each workday to prevent access by wildlife.
- Check the entire work site for wildlife prior to beginning work each day.
- Inspect protective fencing and/or other installed wildlife exclusion measures daily and after each rain event to ensure their integrity and continued function.
- Monitor construction activities to ensure compliance with the project-specific protocol (where applicable) or any other requirements.
- If SAR are encountered on the worksite, immediately stop all work in the vicinity of the observation and contact the MECP.

## **8.0 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is our professional opinion that a future site development consistent with the change of land use being proposed for the site could be constructed without imposing significant negative impacts on species-at-risk, SWH, or aquatic habitat present in the broader vicinity under the proposed project if all mitigation recommendations provided within this report are followed. Mitigation measures include standard ESC measures, general wildlife management for construction sites (City of Ottawa, 2015), and tree planting, the latter of which is to be detailed in the site landscape plan. Impacts to the broader Significant Woodland under future development of the Site are anticipated to be minor; the impacted area represents the youngest portion of the extended feature, which includes no uncommon vegetation coverage and does not provide functionality as SWH. Subsequent EIS reviews of each Phase as part of the Site Plan application process for individual buildings will be developed at the time of detailed design.

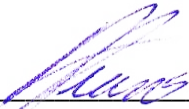


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In the Ottawa area, Dr. Francis helps clients work their way through the land development process by producing key supporting studies such as Environmental Impact Statements, Integrated Environmental Reviews, and by obtaining various permits and approvals from local regulatory agencies including the conservation authorities and Ministries of Environment and Natural Resources. Dr. Francis is our local in-house geomatics specialist, capable of carrying out detailed and complex analyses of geospatial data of plant and animal distribution. He often utilizes his skills to carry out constraint studies prior to a client purchasing or planning a development for a property.



**Appendix B – Preliminary species at risk  
consultation with MECP**



November 11, 2020

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Dear Ms. Hann:

**Subject: Preliminary species at risk screening for the proposed development of 6150 Thunder Road, Ottawa, Ontario**

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This letter provided by Kilgour & Associates Ltd. (KAL) includes information gathered to conduct a preliminary review of species at risk (SAR) for the development of 6150 Thunder Road in the east end of Ottawa as a commercial warehouse facility (Figure 1). This letter uses the resources and guidelines outlined in the draft document, *Client's Guide to Preliminary Screening for Species at Risk* (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), 2019). Following these guidelines, we have obtained available SAR information for the site from all applicable information sources.

Following the preliminary SAR screening presented in this letter, we are seeking advice and guidance related to potential SAR or habitat suitable for SAR that may interact with the proposed development, along with measures that our client should consider to avoid adverse effects on SAR and their habitat. This letter does not include a full assessment of the likelihood of SAR to interact with the proposed development, potential impacts to SAR, or associated mitigation measures. These analyses and recommendations, along with any advice and guidance provided by MECP pertaining to this preliminary SAR screening letter, will be included in a report that KAL will provide to our client.



**Figure 1 Map of 6150 Thunder Road, Ottawa (project area is marked in red)**

**Figure Notes:** The south half of the site (marked in grey) was cleared and re-graded after the date of the background air photo.

## **1.1 Site Overview**

The proposed work area has been partially cleared but still includes forest and conifer plantation areas adjacent to the watercourse that crosses the north end of the site (Figure 1).

## **1.2 Project Overview**

The proposed work would add warehouse facilities to the north and south ends of the site. Forest cover within 30 m of the north side of the watercourse and within 60 m of the south side of the drain would be retained, leaving a 95 m wide natural corridor (including the width of the drain itself) across the north end of the site.



## 2.0 SPECIES AT RISK RESOURCES REVIEW AND RESULTS

To perform a preliminary SAR screening for the site, we reviewed the following online resources to determine SAR occurrences on and/or nearby the site.

- Make a Map: Natural Heritage Areas (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), 2020) for Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) records;
- Land Information Ontario (LIO; Government of Ontario, 2020);
- Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario (Bird Studies Canada et al., 2009);
- eBird (Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 2020);
- iNaturalist (California Academy of Sciences and National Geographic Society, 2020);
- The Ontario Reptile & Amphibian Atlas (Ontario Nature, 2019); and
- Range maps of species listed by the Committee on the Status of the Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC; Government of Canada, 2020).

Thirty-three SAR were identified as having some record of occurrence on or near the site based on our SAR resources review (Table 1). Note that occurrence data in Table 1 from Make a Map: Natural Heritage Areas, LIO, and eBird are occurrences within ~5 km of the site. Occurrences from iNaturalist are within ~2 km of the site. SAR occurrence data from the Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario and the Ontario Reptile & Amphibian Atlas are based on the 10 x 10 km Atlas square that the site falls in (18VR62). In addition to the 33 species for which records of occurrence exist in the vicinity, we also consider two species of bats known to occur in the broader area as having potential to occur in the area based on previous work performed by KAL.

**Table 1 Results of our preliminary species at risk screening and the information source associated with occurrence data**

Species Name	Information Source
American Ginseng ( <i>Panax quinquefolius</i> )	COSEWIC
Bank Swallow ( <i>Riparia riparia</i> )	Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario, COSEWIC
Barn Swallow ( <i>Hirundo rustica</i> )	Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario, COSEWIC
Blanding's Turtle ( <i>Emydoidea blandingii</i> )	Ontario Reptile & Amphibian Atlas, COSEWIC
Bobolink ( <i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i> )	NHIC, LIO, Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario, COSEWIC
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	COSEWIC
Canada Warbler ( <i>Cardellina canadensis</i> )	COSEWIC
Chimney Swift ( <i>Chaetura pelagica</i> )	Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario, COSEWIC
Common Nighthawk ( <i>Chordeiles minor</i> )	COSEWIC



Species Name	Information Source
Eastern Meadowlark ( <i>Sturnella magna</i> )	NHIC, LIO, Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario, COSEWIC
Eastern Musk Turtle ( <i>Sternotherus odoratus</i> )	COSEWIC
Eastern Whippoorwill ( <i>Antrostomus vociferus</i> )	COSEWIC
Eastern Wood-pewee ( <i>Contopus virens</i> )	NHIC, Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario, COSEWIC
Golden-winged Warbler ( <i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i> )	COSEWIC
Grasshopper Sparrow ( <i>Ammodramus savannarum</i> )	COSEWIC
Henslow's Sparrow ( <i>Ammodramus henslowii</i> )	LIO
Gray Fox ( <i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i> )	COSEWIC
Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee ( <i>Bombus bohemicus</i> )	COSEWIC
Least Bittern ( <i>Ixobrychus exilis</i> )	Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario, COSEWIC
Little Brown Myotis ( <i>Myotis lucifugus</i> )	KAL
Loggerhead Shrike ( <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i> )	LIO
Macropis Cuckoo Bee ( <i>Epeoloides pilosulus</i> )	COSEWIC
Monarch ( <i>Danaus plexippus</i> )	COSEWIC
Olive-sided Flycatcher ( <i>Contopus cooperi</i> )	COSEWIC
Pale-bellied Frost Lichen ( <i>Physconia subpallida</i> )	COSEWIC
Peregrine Falcon ( <i>Falco peregrinus</i> )	COSEWIC
Rusty Blackbird ( <i>Euphagus carolinus</i> )	COSEWIC
Rusty-patched Bumble Bee ( <i>Bombus affinis</i> )	COSEWIC
Short-eared Owl ( <i>Asio flammeus</i> )	COSEWIC
Snapping Turtle ( <i>Chelydra serpentina</i> )	NHIC, LIO, Ontario Reptile & Amphibian Atlas, COSEWIC
Spotted Turtle ( <i>Clemmys guttata</i> )	COSEWIC
Tricoloured Bat ( <i>Perimyotis subflavus</i> )	KAL
Western Chorus Frog ( <i>Pseudacris triseriata</i> )	Ontario Reptile & Amphibian Atlas
Wood Thrush ( <i>Hylocichla mustelina</i> )	NHIC, OBBA, Ontario Reptile & Amphibian Atlas, COSEWIC
Yellow Rail ( <i>Coturnicops noveboracensis</i> )	COSEWIC

The local conservation authority (Rideau Valley Conservation Authority) does not have a SAR geodatabase and no additional SAR information was found in their relevant watershed/subwatershed reports. No relevant SAR information for the site was found from local naturalist groups or similar community-based organizations, local indigenous communities, local land trusts, or environmental non-government organizations.

We note that observation records on eBird and iNaturalist are crowd-sourced and rely heavily on data submitted by volunteer citizen scientists that are not necessarily vetted by experts. As such, observation records from eBird and iNaturalist are considered non-





confirmed by KAL, but are included in this preliminary SAR screening per recommendations in MECP's SAR screening guidelines (2019).

### **3.0 CLOSURE**

Thank you for considering this preliminary SAR screening for the proposed development of 6150 Thunder Road, Ottawa. We look forward to any comments you may have. Questions relating to the contents of this letter can be addressed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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## 2021-01-05\_SAR info request for Thunder Road

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Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 1:52 PM

Hi Tony,

I have reviewed the attached for 6150 Thunder Road. In addition to the species at risk occurrence information that you have noted in the attachment I have the following species at risk occurrence information for your consideration:

- Bald Eagle

There is also potential for the following species at risk:

- Northern Myotis
- Tri-coloured Bat

Please note it remains the clients responsibility to:

- Carry out preliminary screening for their project,
- Obtain the best available information for all applicable information sources,
- Conduct necessary field studies or inventories to identify and confirm the presence of absence of species at risk or their habitat,
- Consider any potential impacts to species at risk that a proposed activity might cause, and
- Comply with the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Additionally, while this data represents MECP's best current available information, it is important to note that a lack of information for a site does not mean that species at risk or their habitat are not present. There are many areas where the Government of Ontario does not currently have information, especially in more remote parts of the province. On-site assessments can better verify site conditions, identify and confirm presence of species at risk and/or their habitats. It is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that species at risk are not killed, harmed, or harassed, and that their habitat is not damaged or destroyed through the activities carried out on the site.

It is noted in the attached document that the southern portion of the site has already been cleared and re-graded. Were species at risk and species at risk habitat assessed prior to this occurring?

Based on the information provided it is difficult to provide any mitigation/avoidance to avoid adverse effects on species at risk and their habitat. More detail is required about the potential activity/project including the foot print. Once there is more information about the project itself and

species at risk and habitat have been assessed for the site and/or if species at risk and species at risk habitat have been confirmed on the site MECP would be happy to discuss mitigation and avoidance that can be applied or assist in determining if the proponent should start with the submission of an Information Gathering Form if there is potential that an authorization is required under the Endangered Species Act for the project. If you are already considering certain mitigation or avoidance for the project and would like to chat further please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss further.

Best,

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**Appendix C – HDFA**



**Headwater Drainage Feature Assessment  
6150 Thunder Road, Ottawa**

**Updated Report**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report is an updated Headwater Drainage Feature Assessment written by Kilgour & Associates Ltd. (KAL) on behalf of Avenue 31 in support of potential future development at 6150 Thunder Road in Ottawa, Ontario (the “Site”).

## 2.0 HEADWATER DRAINAGE FEATURES

### 2.1 Overview

Seven headwater drainage features (HDFs) on the Site were initially reviewed in 2018 using field methodologies identified with the *Evaluation, Classification and Management of Headwater Drainage Features Guidelines* (CVC & TCRA, 2013) (the “HDF Guidelines”). Six HDFs (R1 through R6) all drain to a permanent watercourse identified within this report as channel R7. The features were studied during the spring and summer of 2018 as part of a due-diligence review of the site prior to the commencement of planning for the site, though the formal HDFA report was not completed at the time.

Much of the southern half of the Site was cleared of vegetation in 2019. The site was briefly revisited on October 8, 2020, to note where portions of the Site landcover had been cleared. As vegetation clearing was permissible on the site at the time under City bylaws, the descriptions and management recommendations provided in this report reflect current site conditions.

Two additional existing channels have been noted since that time along the western boundary of the Site (R8 and R9), which was not part of the initial review in 2018. Two further temporary drainage channels (R10 and R11) were added to the Site in 2021.

This updated report describes current site conditions.

### 2.2 Assessment Methodology

#### 2.2.1 Channel Form and Fish

Headwater channels R1 through R7 on the Site were investigated three times in 2018 following *Evaluation, Classification and Management of Headwater Drainage Features Guidelines* (Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and Credit Valley Conservation, 2014) to document their hydrological and riparian and terrestrial habitat. On April 12, 2018 (i.e. during the spring freshet), KAL biologists Liza Hamilton and Tyler Peat identified and described seven channelized features on the Site (reaches R1 through R7; Figure 2), noting the channel dimensions, substrate, form, and riparian vegetation.

Channel R1 is the roadside ditch along Thunder Road. This feature is unlikely to be altered (realigned) in any meaningful way under future development plans. All other channels on site had been (i.e. in 2018) located within young, early successional wooded areas and coniferous plantation covering former agricultural fields. A single small wetland pocket was observed at the upstream end of Channel R4. Natural landcover along Channels R6, R5 and most of R2 was completely removed in 2019.



Channel R7, the permanent watercourse crossing the north end of the Site is highly linearized, U-shaped drainage channel, though it does not have status as a municipal or ward drain. All other channels are small, shallow, linear, U-shaped agricultural ditches or swales that ultimately connect to Channel R7.

Channels R3 and R4, and the north half of Channel R2 were all wet until mid-summer in 2017, but only so because of the presence of beaver dams along Channel R7, which prevented the site from draining normally. With the dams having been removed, Channels other than R7, can be expected to run dry shortly after the spring freshet. Channels R5, R6 and the upper half of Channel R2 are ephemeral and ran dry very quickly after the freshet, even when beaver dams were present. Small numbers of fish were observed in all areas below Channel R 7 is considered as a potential fish habitat.

On June 21, 2018, KAL biologists Rob Hallett and Tyler Peat conducted an electrofishing survey of R1, R3, R4, and a portion of R2 north of R4. These channels were deemed at the time to be sufficiently wet to potentially support fish, whereas R2, R5, and R6 were dry at the time of electrofishing surveys and therefore not able to support fish. R7, a permanent stream, was not fished as the project does not propose to alter or build within 30 m of that feature. As a permanently flowing channel connected to larger creeks downstream, R7 is considered to directly support fish regardless.

Several beaver dams were removed from R7 just west of the Site in late June 2018. The effect on Site water levels was observed on July 5, 2018, by KAL biologist Terry Hams while completing bird surveys, with flows R7 noted as being greatly reduced and all other channels having dried. On June 8, 2021, KAL biologist Anthony Francis noted channel R7 was hydrated but had no perceptible flow. Channels R1 through R6 were fully dry, except for the bottom ~25 m of R2, which held shallow (<10 cm) of backwater from R7.

Channel R8 was initially noted during the field visit of October 8, 2020, by KAL biologist Ed Malindzak. The channel was observed to wet at the time. Given its direct connection to R7, it is presumed to provide fish habitat. Given its location at the rear of the Site, however, the feature will not be subject to alteration and no development is proposed within 30 m of its top-of-bank. No further study is deemed to be required at this time.

Channel R9 was first noted on June 8, 2021, as a dry shallow ditch along the western property line leading northward to R7. KAL biologist Nick Moore returned the feature on June 22, 2021, to take measurements and photos. The feature is a shallow, linear, dirt swale, 1 - 1.5 m in width, with no obvious bank substructure. It was fully dry along its entire length. It likely conveys some runoff during the spring freshet but is unlikely to provide aquatic habitat beyond that.

Channel R10 was dug as an eastward-running, linear drainage channel sometime in either late fall 2020 or spring 2020. The 2 m wide swale was excavated in the bare sandy soil of the cleared portion at the south end of the site. City of Ottawa air photos from 2019 (Ottawa, 2021) suggest some natural surface drainage may have previously occurred along that route, though no headwater features were evident there during site surveys through the 2018 field season. Channel R11 is a similarly sized and formed feature at the north end of the cleared area, dug within the same time frame. City of Ottawa air photos (Ottawa, 2021) do not suggest any channel had existed there previously. Both R10 and R11 were fully dry on June 8, 2021.



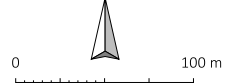


**Figure 1** HDF Reaches

**Legend**

-  Property Boundary
  
- ELC**
-  Residential
-  FOD7
-  FOD8
-  TAG
-  SWT
-  Cleared Areas
-  Formerly Treed
-  Formerly Wetland
-  Sand-filled pit

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 MTM Zone 9  
 (NAD 83)  
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## 2.2.2 Vegetation

KAL Biologist, Terry Hams, completed an initial tree inventory and an ecological land classification (ELC) of the Site on June 20, 2018. Vegetation cover on the Site was described following standard ELC methods, including the collection of soil samples (Lee *et al.*, 1998).

As the south half of the Site was cleared and partially regraded in 2019, the ELC for the Site and the tree information for the remaining stands were updated by Ed Malindzak (October 15, 2020) and Anthony Francis (on October 18, 2020). The updated tree survey identified the size and species distributions of trees within forested areas of the Site.

## 2.2.3 Anurans

Site amphibian (anuran) surveys were conducted and lead by KAL biologists, Rob Hallett and Liza Hamilton, following protocols set forth by the Marsh Monitoring Program (Bird Studies Canada *et al.*, 2008). Three surveys are completed to identify early, mid, and, late-season breeding amphibian species generally in April, May, and June, respectfully, though survey dates are temperature dependent. Surveys are completed on nights of calm weather with temperatures above 5 degrees Celsius (°C), 10°C, and 17°C for each of the three respective survey periods. Surveys begin a half-hour after sunset and are finished by midnight with a five-minute recording period at each survey station. Amphibian species are recorded at each point along with the estimated distance from observers, calling code, an estimate of the number of individuals, and estimated directions of calling anurans.

Amphibian surveys were performed on April 23, May 30, and June 21, 2018 (Table 2). Three stations were surveyed in wetland and aquatic habitats (F1 through F3; Figure 2). Station F3 was located at the north end of the Site with the observers facing south. Stations F1 and F2 were the same point located near the southwestern corner of the Site, but with one observer facing south (F1) and one facing north (F2).

**Table 1 Summary of frog survey times and weather conditions**

Survey Date	Temperature (°C)	Weather conditions	Wind speed (km/hour)
23-Apr-18	10*	Clear	4
30-May-18	21*	Mostly Cloudy	11-14
21-Jun-18	17**	Clear	7 - 10

\* Temperatures on these nights were warmer than the preceding nights, with evening temperatures just above 5°C and 10°C, respectively, within a few days of the surveys. Frogs for the period would still be expected to be calling regardless.

\*\* Temperatures on this night just reached the minimum required temperature but had been were warmer the preceding nights, with evening temperatures above 17°C. Frogs for the period would still be expected to be calling regardless.

## 2.3 Component Classifications

The following tables summarize the functions provided by the Site channels.



**Table 2. Hydrology Classification**

Drainage Feature	Hydrology Classification					
	Assessment Period	Flow Conditions		Flow Classification	Modifiers	Hydrological Function
		Description	(OSAP Code)			
R1	April 12, 2018	Standing water	4	Ephemeral	Road sided ditch. Water remained in this reach for a longer period of time than usual due to beaver dams in R7.	Contributing
	June 21, 2018	Standing water				
	July 5, 2018	Dry				
R2	April 12, 2018	Standing water	3	Intermittent (lower half) Ephemeral (upper half)	Water remained in lower portion of this reach for a longer period of time than usual due to beaver dams in R7.	Valued (lower half) Contributing (upper half)
	June 21, 2018	Upper channel: Dry Lower channel: standing water				
	July 5, 2018	Dry				
R3	April 12, 2018	Standing water	4	Intermittent	Water remained in this reach for a longer period of time than usual due to beaver dams in R7.	Valued
	June 21, 2018	Standing water				
	July 5, 2018	Dry				
R4	April 12, 2018	Standing water	4	Intermittent	Water remained in this reach for a longer period of time than usual due to beaver dams in R7.	Valued
	June 21, 2018	Standing water				
	July 5, 2018	Dry				
R5	April 12, 2018	Standing water	1	Ephemeral		Contributing
	June 21, 2018	Dry				
	July 5, 2018	Dry				
R6	April 12, 2018	Standing water	3	Ephemeral		Contributing
	June 21, 2018	Dry				
	July 5, 2018	Dry				
R7	April 12, 2018	Surface flow	1	Perennial	Conducts flows from the east across the Site and on to neighbouring properties to the west. As a permanent perennial feature, this channel is not considered an HDF.	Important
	June 21, 2018	Surface flow				
	July 5, 2018	Surface flow				
R8	October 8, 2020	Standing Water	1	Potentially perennial	May contain water late into the season.	Important
	June 22, 2021	Standing Water, bottom end, otherwise dry				
R9	June 22, 2021	Dry	3	Ephemeral		Contributing
R10	June 8, 2021	Dry	3	Ephemeral		Contributing
R11	June 8, 2021	Dry	3	Ephemeral		Contributing



**Table 3. Riparian Classification (Updated 2020)**

Drainage Feature	Riparian Classification			
	OSAP Descriptions	OSAP Riparian Codes	ELC Codes	Riparian Conditions
R1	RUB – Cleared LUB – Road shoulder	RUB – 1 LUB – 1	- -	Limited Functions
R2	RUB – Cleared/Forest LUB – Cleared	RUB – 2 LUB – 4	- -	Limited Functions (Upper half) Important Functions (Lower half)
R3	RUB – Forest LUB – Forest	RUB – 6/2 LUB – 6/2	CUF CUF	Important Functions
R4	RUB – Forest LUB – Forest	RUB – 6/2 LUB – 6/2	CUW CUW	Important Functions
R5	RUB – Cleared LUB – Cleared	RUB – 6 LUB – 6	- -	Limited Functions
R6	RUB - Cleared LUB - Cleared	RUB – 2 LUB – 6	- -	Limited Functions
R7	RUB - Forest LUB – Meadow	RUB – 6 LUB – 4/6	CUW FOD	Important Functions*
R8	RUB – Forest LUB – Forest	RUB – 6/2 LUB – 6/2	CUF CUF	Important Functions
R9	RUB – Forest LUB – Forest	RUB – 6/2 LUB – 6/2	CUF CUF	Important Functions
R10	RUB – Cleared LUB – Cleared	RUB – 6 LUB – 6	- -	Limited Functions
R11	RUB – Cleared LUB – Cleared	RUB – 6 LUB – 6	- -	Limited Functions

RUB – right upstream bank

LUB – left upstream bank

\* “Important Function” level is discussed further in Section 3.1



**Table 4. Fish and Fish Habitat Classification, June 21, 2018**

Drainage Feature	Riparian Classification		
	Fish Observation • Fishing effort	Fish & Fish Habitat Designation*	Modifiers/Notes
R1	Incidental fish present, no SAR present. • 630 SS = ~5.3s/m <sup>2</sup>	Contributing Functions	20 fish (13 Central Mudminnows, 3 Brassy Minnows, 1 Brook Stickleback, and 3 Northern Redbelly Dace. These species are very common and highly tolerant. Only present as beaver dam backed up water into to this feature. Feature dried as soon as the dam was removed. Shallow feature is considered unlikely to support fish without the dams being present.
R2	Fish present lower half only, no SAR present. • 721 SS = 2.7 s/m <sup>2</sup>	Valued Functions (lower half)  Contributing Functions (upper half)	155 fish (60 Central Mudminnows, 52 Brook Stickleback, 15 Northern Redbelly Dace, 8 Pumpkinseeds, 1 Fathead Minnow, and 1 Creek Chub). These species are very common and highly tolerant. Only present as beaver dam backed up water into to this feature. Feature dried as soon as the dam was removed. Bottom most end may provide some habitat in wet years regardless.
R3	Incidental fish, no SAR present. • 339 SS = 4.8 s/m <sup>2</sup>	Contributing Functions	130 fish (73 Central Mudminnows, 52 Brook Stickleback, and 3 Fathead Minnows, and 2 Pumpkinseeds). These species are very common and highly tolerant. Only present as beaver dam backed up water into to this feature. Feature dried as soon as the dam was removed. Shallow feature is considered unlikely to support fish without the dams being present.
R4	Incidental fish, no SAR present. • 327 SS = 2.7 s/m <sup>2</sup>	Contributing Functions	32 Brook Stickleback were observed. This species is very common and highly tolerant. Only present as beaver dam backed up water into to this feature. Feature dried as soon as the dam was removed. Shallow feature is considered unlikely to support fish without the dams being present.
R5	No fish present, no SAR present. • Dry	Contributing Functions	
R6	No fish present, no SAR present. • Dry	Contributing Functions	
R7	Fish assumed present.	Valued Functions	Permanent channel assumed to have fish at all times of the year.
R8	Fish assumed present.	Valued Functions	Permanent channel assumed to have fish at all times of the year.
R9	No fish present, no SAR present. • Dry	Contributing Functions	
R10	No fish present, no SAR present. • Dry	Contributing Functions	
R11	No fish present, no SAR present. • Dry	Contributing Functions	

\*Fish and Fish Habitat Designation is constrained by the HDF Guidelines definitions. "Modifiers" provides significant caveats to those designations.

SS = shocking seconds



**Table 5. Terrestrial Habitat Classification (Updated 2020)**

<b>Drainage Feature</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amphibians</b>	<b>Terrestrial Classification</b>
R1	Roadside ditch.	No frogs were observed in the feature.	<b>Limited Functions</b>
R2	Lower half includes some portions within plantation forest. Upper half was located within moist forest/plantation (no adjacent wetland evident during surveys), but surrounding area has now been fully cleared.	No frogs were observed in the feature.	<b>Contributing Functions (lower half)</b>  <b>Limited Functions (upper half)</b>
R3	Flows through plantation forest.	No frogs were observed in the feature.	<b>Contributing Functions</b>
R4	Upstream end is a small wetland pocket. Flows through plantation forest very near the clearing edge.	No frogs were observed in the feature.	<b>Valued Functions</b>
R5	All surrounding vegetation has been cleared.	No frogs were observed in the feature.	<b>Limited Functions</b>
R6	All surrounding vegetation has been cleared.	No frogs were observed in the feature.	<b>Limited Functions</b>
R7	Permanent stream within a forested area.	No frogs were observed in the feature.	<b>Valued Functions</b>
R8	Permanent stream within a forested area.	As no frogs were observed in R7, frog presence here is considered unlikely.	<b>Valued Functions</b>
R9	Ephemeral channel within a forested area with no adjacent wetlands features.	Frog presence here is considered unlikely.	<b>Contributing Functions</b>
R10	Newly dug ephemeral channel within a cleared area.	Frog presence here is considered unlikely.	<b>Limited Functions</b>
R11	Newly dug ephemeral channel within a cleared area.	Frog presence here is considered unlikely.	<b>Limited Functions</b>





## 2.4 Reach Summary

Dimensions of the HDF reaches are summarized in Table 5.

**Table 6. Reach Dimensions During Spring Freshet (April 12, 2018)**

Drainage Feature	Length (m)	Mean Bankfull Width (m)	Mean Wetted Width (m)	Mean Depth (m)
R1	401 (along the Site edge)	4.0	1.6	0.19
R2	485	3.0	90	0.90
R3	144	2.0	2.0	0.18
R4	145	3.0	3.0	-
R5	54	2.0	1.4	0.26
R6	55	2.5	1.2	0.32
R7	218 (on the Site)	5.1	3.2	-
R8	175	2		
R9	265	1.5		
R10	242	2.5		
R11	95	2.5		



### 3.0 MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The classification categories identified in Section 2 provide the basis of the management recommendations provided here. The following flow chart (Figure 2) combines and translates the classification results to management recommendations.

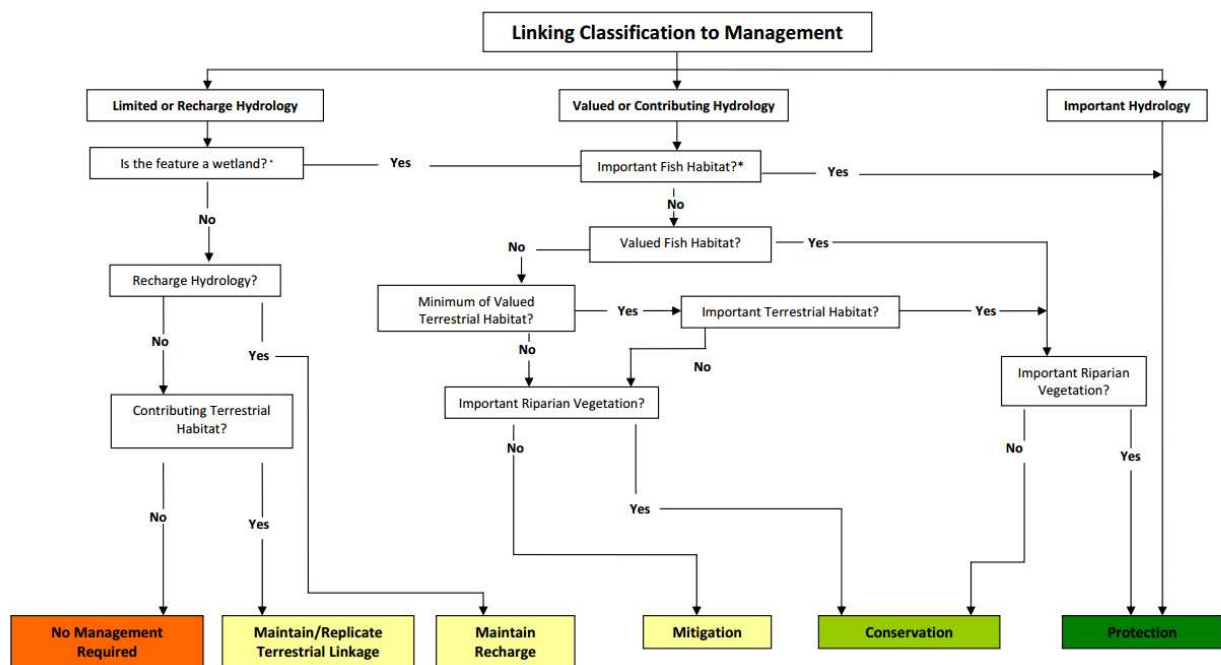


Figure 2. Headwater Drainage Feature Assessment (HDFFA) flow chart providing direction on management options

### 3.1 Management Recommendations for Reaches

#### Channels R1, R5, R6, R10, R11 and the upper half of R2

These features are fully within the cleared area. They are ephemeral channels that do not provide fish habitat. Following the HDFFA Guide flow chart linking component classification to management directives (Figure 2), these reaches:

1. Provide Contributing Hydrology.
2. Do not provide Important Fish Habitat;
3. Do not provide Valued Fish Habitat;
4. Do not provide Valued Terrestrial Habitat;
5. Do not provide Important Riparian Vegetation.



This chain of classification descriptors leads to a management directive of **Mitigation**. These features are not required to be maintained per se, but their functionality must be replicated or enhanced through lot level conveyance measures as part of the site stormwater management system. As the features convey runoff to more ecologically important reaches, replacement features/systems, should be vegetated to mimic online wet vegetation pockets to the extent possible, and should convey water to the same final receiver (i.e. R7). Lot level conveyance features would form part of the Site's future stormwater management system. As such, the replacement features would not require either setbacks or a natural channel design, nor would they need to be comparable dimensions so long as they function to provide the required conveyance and opportunity for allochthonous input.

### **Channels R3, R4 and R9**

These reaches are small, ephemeral to intermittent drainage features located entirely within a treed area. While some fish were observed when beaver dams backed up water into them (R2 and R4), they are not considered valued fish habitat as the features now dry too quickly in the spring to support fish. The HDFA Guide flow chart linking component classification to management directives (Figure 2) progresses as follows:

1. Provides Contributing/Valued Hydrology;
2. Does not provide Important Fish Habitat;
3. Does provide Valued Fish Habitat;
4. Does not provide Valued Terrestrial Habitat; and
4. Provides Important Riparian Vegetation.

This chain of classification descriptors leads to a management directive of **Conservation** for this reach. The feature may be maintained or be realigned using natural channel design techniques to enhance their overall productivity. If realigned, the features may be relocated on or off the Site. In either case, the riparian corridors must be maintained or enhanced. If catchment drainage will be removed due to diversion of stormwater flows, lost functions should be restored through enhanced lot level controls (e.g. restore original catchment using clean roof drainage).

### **Channels R2 (lower half)**

This reach, with its direct connection to R7 likely retains some water well into summer providing some potential fish habitat for tolerant forage fish. The HDFA Guide flow chart linking component classification to management directives (Figure 2) progresses as follows:

1. Provides Contributing/Valued Hydrology;
2. Does not provide Important Fish Habitat;
3. Provides Valued Fish Habitat;
4. Provides Important Riparian Vegetation.

This chain of classification descriptors would typically lead to a management directive of **Protection** for this reach, based in part on the assessment of "Important Riparian Vegetation". Under a management directive of **Protection**, the feature should not generally be relocated. For this feature, however, the



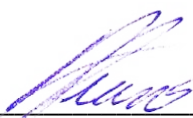
assessment of “Important Riparian Vegetation” comes from only the west side. The east side of the channel has limited vegetation and is generally located within <30 m of the Thunder Road (it connects with R7 within 3 m of the roadway), thus preventing options for an undisturbed, naturalized buffer on that side. The management recommendation for this feature is thus **Conservation** to allow its relocation. The feature should be realigned westward to allow for an improved, naturalized setback with an enhancement of the riparian corridors. Drainage must still be conveyed to R7 and stormwater management systems on the site must be designed to avoid impacts (i.e. sediment, temperature) to this headwater channel.

### **Channel R7 and R8**

This perennial channel conveys off-site flows across the property. As a permanent stream, it does not qualify as headwater feature. As feature with important hydrology, it automatically receives a management directive of **Protection**. As such, this reach may be maintained and/or enhanced, but should not generally be relocated. Improvements, however, could be possible to its overall channel form and thus some minor realignment may be considered within that context. The riparian zone should be protected and enhanced where feasible. The hydro-period must be maintained. Use natural channel design techniques or wetland design to restore and enhance existing habitat features if and where needed. Stormwater management systems must be designed to avoid impacts (i.e. sediment, temperature) to this headwater channel.

## **4.0 CLOSURE**

This report provides detailed descriptions of the HDFs on the Thunder Road site, as well as management recommendations to direct future development near those features. Points of clarification can be addressed to the undersigned.



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## Appendix A: Site Photos

Note: Reach numbers located within the comment lines directly on photos indicate the order in which they were originally photographed and do not necessarily reflect the final assigned reach numbers used throughout this report.

### Reach 1



Upstream view



Downstream view



## Reach 2



Upstream view



Downstream view



### Reach 3



Upstream view



Downstream view





### Reach 4



Upstream view



Downstream view



## Reach 5



Upstream view



Downstream view



## Reach 6



Upstream view



Downstream view



## Reach 7



Upstream view



Downstream view



**Appendix B: Field Notes**





# Daily Work Plan for Field Work

Client/Project #: SMP773

Date: 2018/04/12

Personnel Data: LH, TP

Staff Name	Date of Birth YYYY/MM/DD	Emergency contact and number	Staff hazard review initials®
L. Hamilton	1983/05/08	M. Vegiard 613-993-5683	LH
T. Peat	1988/07/19	Miracle Miller 613-388-6611	TP

If there are more than four crew, use a second sheet; \*indicates person responsible for check in / check out; ® initial if staff has had the opportunity to review the hazard assessment and mitigations for this project, is aware of risks, and agrees the work can be done safely.

Vehicle (circle those that apply)	Owner	Licence
KAL Truck (Chev Silverado), Grey	Bruce Kilgour	685 7JZ (Ontario)
QUAD	Bruce Kilgour	2CK47 (Ontario)
QUAD Trailer	2317833 Ontario	M7807M (Ontario)
Tracker	2317833 Ontario	C23182ON (Transport Canada)
Tracker Trailer	2317833 Ontario	J3161S (Ontario)
Red Inflatable	2317833 Ontario	C23183ON (Transport Canada)
Inflatable Trailer	Bruce Kilgour	J7553K (Ontario)
White inflatable	Kilgour & Associates Ltd.	unmarked
LIZA'S HONDA FIT	L. HAMILTON.	N89 H2W

### Describe Anticipated Daily Activities Including Location(s), Route(s) and Access Points and approx. schedule

HDEFA visit #1 @ 9:50 Thunder Rd., Ottawa, ON

Map is attached? Y  N

### Check in / Check out Procedure

KAL Contact Person and cell number:	Charles Hatry
Hotel Details	N/A
Client Contact Person and cell number:	N/A
Check in method and frequency:	upon arrival / departure.

Both injured, out of reach of cell phones.

Anticipated Worst Outcome/ Catastrophic Failure (describe):

If CH hasn't heard from us in over 4 hrs, he calls both. If no one answers, he calls cell

Emergency Response Procedure (describe):

<b>Home Base:</b> Time leaving 8:30 Time returning 11:15	<b>Field Location:</b> Time arriving 8:50 Time Leaving 11:00
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Person	Pre-Field Condition	Post-Field Condition
LIZA	GOOD	GOOD
TYLER	GOOD	GOOD
Vehicle	Pre-Field Condition	Post-Field Condition
LIZA'S HONDA FIT	GOOD Start km: 82125	GOOD End km: 82155

Calibration									
Unit	Serial No.	Pre / Post	pH			Cond.	Turbidity		DO
			4	7	10	1413	0		100% Sat.
pH pen		Pre							
		Post							
YSI Pro Plus		Pre							
		Post							
HI Turb. Meter		Pre							
		Post							
Lamotte Turb. Meter		Pre							
		Post							
		Pre							
		Post							

**Rules of thumb (when to flag your result):**

- DO (mg/L): < 5 mg/L, check that YSI is calibrated to 100% saturation, if yes, then use HACH kit to confirm low DO
- pH: If < 6.5 or > 9, check pH meter vs buffer solutions
- If unit cannot calibrate, it must be serviced, so notify Bruce Kilgour

**Issues with field equipment**

Do not forget to mention all equipment issues to Rob Hallett as soon as possible

**Datasheet Log**

Client/Project #: SIMP773

Crew: LH, TP

Date: 2018/04/12

Location: 6150 Thunder Rd.

HDA Visit #1



Notes





# General Notes Sheet

Client/Project #: SIMPT13

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> / 04 / 12

Crew: CH, TP

Location: 1550 Thunder Rd.

Time (hh:mm)	Map Pin	Easting	Northing	Description/Note
9:30	3			- defined channel
	start	465023	5021492	- frozen over
	end	464905	5021419	- depth 18cm
				- substrate frozen
				~ 9.0 m approx wetted
				↳ estimated since cent measure.
				- forest on either side of channel
				- Moderate birch forest on (B) moderate to dense mixed birch 2nd coniferous on (U)
				- 2°C water temp.
				- 2°C air temp.
9:50	4			
	start	465056	5021398	- defined channel
	end	464980	5021348	- frozen over
				- wetted ~ 3m (best guess)
				- coniferous forest on either side (dense)
				- air temp 2°C
				- beaver den on channel
				2 (D) confluence a channel
				4.
				- deep
				- very dense forest on either side of length of channel
				- scrubby brush then planted coniferous forest
				- easy in wetland area but to left of tree edge scrubby brush
				- difficult to see perimeter.

CREW INITIALS:

FINAL FIELD PACKAGE: P \_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_

### Headwater Drainage Features - Up- and Down- Stream

Stream Code:  Site Code:  Zone:  Easting:  Northing:  Date (YYYY) (MM) (DD):  -  -  Time (24hr):

Stream Name:  Discharge Approximates Baseflow?  Baseflow  Freshet  Spate Upstream Site Length (m):

Access Route:

Site Description:

Optional Features: Water Temp (C):  Air Temp (C):  pH:  Conductivity (Ns):  Turbidity (NTU):  Dissolved O<sub>2</sub> (ppm):

Number of upstream features:  Upstream Roughness:  Photo #:  Photo Name:

Feature Number	Distance (m)	Bearing	Type	Flow	Sediment Transport		Sediment Deposition	Width MT	Wetted Feature Width (m)	Wetted Depth (mm)	Bankfull Enrichment Width (m)	Feat. Veg	Riparian Vegetation						Upstream Longitudinal Gradient		
					Adjacent Feature	Feature							0-1.5 m	1.5-10 m	10-30 m	Left	Right	Left	Right	Method Used	Distance (m)
1			8	2			2		1.57	190	4.0	6	4	4	5	1	7	4			
2																					
3																					
4																					

Upstream Flow Measure(s)

Record EITHER Hydraulic Head OR Volume OR Distance

Feature Number	Wetted Width (m)	Depth (mm)			Hydraulic Head (mm)			Volume (lit)			Distance (m)			Time (sec)					
		1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3			

Comments:

- C2 tails in ditch (80% cover)
- Substrate is mud, silt, organic matter.
- SIMP773

## Unconstrained Headwater Drainage Feature Assessment

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Project #: \_\_\_\_\_ Recorder/Crew: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stream Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Stream Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Site Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Site Limits: Upstream WP# \_\_\_\_\_ Field Assessment:  Sample 1 Unconnected HDF:  
                   Downstream WP# \_\_\_\_\_  Sample 2  Not connected  
 Direction of Assessment:  Upstream  Downstream  Sample 3 to downstream network

**Flow Influence**  Freshet (1)  Spate (2)  Baseflow (3)

**Flow Condition**  Dry (1)  Interstitial Flow (3)  Substantial Flow (5)  
 Standing Water (2)  Minimal Flow (4)

**Feature Type**  Defined Natural Channel (1)  No Defined Feature (4)  Swale (7)  
 Channelized or Constrained (2)  Tiled Feature (5)  Roadside Ditch (8)  
 Multi-thread (3)  Wetland (6)  Pond (9)

**Feature Vegetation**  None (1)  Lawn (2)  Cropped (3)  Meadow (4)  Scrubland (5)  Wetland (6)  Forest (7)

**Riparian Vegetation**

<b>0 - 1.5 m</b>	Left Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
	Right Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
<b>1.5 - 10 m</b>	Left Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
	Right Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
<b>10 - 30 m</b>	Left Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
	Right Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)

**Channel Gradient (S4.M7)**  Visual (1)  Clinometer (2)  Laser Level (3)  Survey Level (4)  Other (5)  LiDAR (6)

Distance (m): \_\_\_\_\_ Elevation (cm): \_\_\_\_\_ Gradient (°): \_\_\_\_\_

**Dominant Substrate (S2.M3)** Clay (Hard Pan)  Silt  Sand (0.06-2 mm)  Gravel (22-66 mm)  Cobble (67-249 mm)  Boulder (250 mm)  Bedrock

**Sub-Dominant Substrate (S2.M3)**

**Feature Roughness**  < 10% Minimal (1)  10 - 40% Moderate (2)  40 - 60% High (3)  > 60% Extreme (4)

**Width Measurement**  Can't Measure (1)  Bankfull (2)  Mean Width (3)  Estimated (4)  GIS (5)  Measure/GIS (6)

**Channel Dimensions** Feature Width (m): \_\_\_\_\_ Bankfull Depth (mm) \_\_\_\_\_

**Entrenchment** Total:  > 40 m  < 40 m Left Bank \_\_\_\_\_ m Right Bank \_\_\_\_\_ m Total width \_\_\_\_\_ m

**Surface Flow Method**  Perched Culvert (1)  Hydraulic Head (2)  Distance by Time (3)  Estimated (4)

Wetted Width (m)	Wetted Depth (mm)			Hydraulic head (mm)			Volume (L)			Distance (m)			Time (s)		
	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Sediment Transport**

Adjacent	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill and Gully (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gully (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outlet Scour (5)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheet Erosion (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Instream Bank Erosion (7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (8)		
Feature	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill and Gully (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gully (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outlet Scour (5)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheet Erosion (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Instream Bank Erosion (7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (8)		

**Sediment Deposition** Measures (mm): \_\_\_\_\_

None (1)  Minimal: < 5 mm (2)  Moderate: 5-30 mm (3)  Substantial: 31-80 mm (4)  Extensive: > 80 mm (5)

### Headwater Drainage Features - Up- and Down- Stream

Stream Code:  Site Code:  Zone:  Easting:  Northing:  Date (YYYY) (MM) (DD):  -  -  Time (24hr):  :

Stream Name:  Discharge Approximates Baseflow?  Baseflow  Freshet  Spate Upstream Site Length (m):

Access Route:

Site Description:

Optional Features: Water Temp (C):  Air Temp (C):  pH:  Conductivity (Ns):  Turbidity (NTU):  Dissolved O<sub>2</sub> (ppm):

Number of upstream features:  Upstream Roughness:  Photo #:  Photo Name:

Upstream Feature(s) Feature Number	Distance (m)	Bearing	Type Flow	Sediment Transport			Width MT	Wetted		Bankfull Enrichment Width (m)	Riparian Vegetation						Upstream Longitudinal Gradient		
				Adjacent Feature	Deposition	MT		Feature Width (m)	-BF Depth (mm)		Feat. Veg	0-1.5 m		1.5-10 m		10-30 m		Method Used	Distance (m)
1			1 2			2		0.90	90	3.0	1	4	4	4	4	7	4		
2																			
3																			
4																			

Upstream Flow Measure(s) Record EITHER Hydraulic Head OR Volume OR Distance

Feature Number	Wetted Width (m)	Depth (mm)			Hydraulic Head (mm)			Volume (lit)			Distance (m)			Time (sec)		
		1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3

Comments:

## Unconstrained Headwater Drainage Feature Assessment

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Project #: \_\_\_\_\_ Recorder/Crew: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stream Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Stream Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Site Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Site Limits: Upstream WP# \_\_\_\_\_ Field Assessment:  Sample 1 Unconnected HDF:  
                   Downstream WP# \_\_\_\_\_  Sample 2  Not connected  
 Direction of Assessment:  Upstream  Downstream  Sample 3 to downstream network

**Flow Influence**  Freshet (1)  Spate (2)  Baseflow (3)

**Flow Condition**  Dry (1)  Interstitial Flow (3)  Substantial Flow (5)  
 Standing Water (2)  Minimal Flow (4)

**Feature Type**  Defined Natural Channel (1)  No Defined Feature (4)  Swale (7)  
 Channelized or Constrained (2)  Tiled Feature (5)  Roadside Ditch (8)  
 Multi-thread (3)  Wetland (6)  Pond (9)

**Feature Vegetation**  None (1)  Lawn (2)  Cropped (3)  Meadow (4)  Scrubland (5)  Wetland(6)  Forest (7)

**Riparian Vegetation**

<b>0 - 1.5 m</b>	Left Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
	Right Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
<b>1.5 - 10 m</b>	Left Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
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<b>10 - 30 m</b>	Left Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
	Right Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)

**Channel Gradient (S4.M7)**  Visual (1)  Clinometer (2)  Laser Level (3)  Survey Level (4)  Other (5)  LiDAR (6)

Distance (m): \_\_\_\_\_ Elevation (cm) : \_\_\_\_\_ Gradient (°): \_\_\_\_\_

	Clay (Hard Pan)	Silt	Sand (0.06-2 mm)	Gravel (22-66 mm)	Cobble (67-249 mm)	Boulder (250 mm)	Bedrock
<b>Dominant Substrate (S2.M3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sub-Dominant Substrate (S2.M3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Feature Roughness**  < 10% Minimal (1)  10 - 40% Moderate (2)  40 - 60% High (3)  > 60% Extreme (4)

**Width Measurement**  Can't Measure (1)  Bankfull (2)  Mean Width (3)  Estimated (4)  GIS (5)  Measure/GIS (6)

**Channel Dimensions** Feature Width (m): \_\_\_\_\_ Bankfull Depth (mm) \_\_\_\_\_

**Entrenchment** Total:  > 40 m  < 40 m Left Bank \_\_\_\_\_ m Right Bank \_\_\_\_\_ m Total width \_\_\_\_\_ m

**Surface Flow Method**  Perched Culvert (1)  Hydraulic Head (2)  Distance by Time (3)  Estimated (4)

<b>Wetted Width (m)</b>	<b>Wetted Depth (mm)</b>	<b>Hydraulic head (mm)</b>	<b>Volume (L)</b>	<b>Distance (m)</b>	<b>Time (s)</b>
_____	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3

**Sediment Transport**

Adjacent	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill and Gully (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gully (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outlet Scour (5)
Feature	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheet Erosion (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill and Gully (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gully (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outlet Scour (5)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheet Erosion (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Instream Bank Erosion (7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Instream Bank Erosion (7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (8)

**Sediment Deposition** Measures (mm): \_\_\_\_\_

None (1)  Minimal: < 5 mm (2)  Moderate: 5-30 mm (3)  Substantial: 31-80 mm (4)  Extensive: > 80 mm (5)

### Headwater Drainage Features - Up- and Down- Stream

Stream Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Site Code: 5 Zone: 1B Easting: 465102 Northing: 5021327 Date (YYYY) (MM) (DD): 2012 - 04 - 12 Time (24hr): 10:15

Stream Name: ditch Discharge Approximates Baseflow?  Baseflow  Freshet  Spate Upstream Site Length (m): \_\_\_\_\_

Access Route: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Start - 465094 5021327  
 end - 465102 5021327

Site Description: - perpendicular to main ditch  
- Second Petro-Ca.

Optional Features: Water Temp (C): 2 Air Temp (C): 2 pH: / Conductivity (µs): / Turbidity (NTU): / Dissolved O<sub>2</sub> (ppm): /  
 Number of upstream features: \_\_\_\_\_ Upstream Roughness: 1 Photo #: \_\_\_\_\_ Photo Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Upstream Feature(s) Number	Distance (m)	Bearing	Type Flow	Sediment Transport		Sediment Deposition	Width MT	Wetted		Enrichment Width (m)	Feat. Veg	Riparian Vegetation				Upstream Longitudinal Gradient		
				Adjacent Feature	Depth (mm)			Feature Width (m)	BF Depth (mm)			0-1.5 m Left	0-1.5 m Right	1.5-10 m Left	1.5-10 m Right	10-30 m Left	10-30 m Right	Method Used
<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>1.4</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>		
<u>2</u>																		
<u>3</u>																		
<u>4</u>																		

Record EITHER Hydraulic Head OR Volume OR Distance

Feature Number	Wetted Width (m)	Depth (mm)			Hydraulic Head (mm)			Volume (ft)			Distance (m)			Time (sec)		
		1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3

Comments: - Substrate - Mud, sand.  
- SMP773

## Unconstrained Headwater Drainage Feature Assessment

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Project #: \_\_\_\_\_ Recorder/Crew: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stream Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Stream Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Site Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Site Limits: Upstream WP# \_\_\_\_\_ Field Assessment:  Sample 1 Unconnected HDF:  
 Downstream WP# \_\_\_\_\_  Sample 2  Not connected  
 Direction of Assessment:  Upstream  Downstream  Sample 3 to downstream network

**Flow Influence**  Freshet (1)  Spate (2)  Baseflow (3)

**Flow Condition**  Dry (1)  Interstitial Flow (3)  Substantial Flow (5)  
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**Feature Type**  Defined Natural Channel (1)  No Defined Feature (4)  Swale (7)  
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**Feature Vegetation**  None (1)  Lawn (2)  Cropped (3)  Meadow (4)  Scrubland (5)  Wetland (6)  Forest (7)

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<b>0 - 1.5 m</b>	Left Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
	Right Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
<b>1.5 - 10 m</b>	Left Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
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<b>10 - 30 m</b>	Left Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
	Right Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)

**Channel Gradient (S4.M7)**  Visual (1)  Clinometer (2)  Laser Level (3)  Survey Level (4)  Other (5)  LiDAR (6)

Distance (m): \_\_\_\_\_ Elevation (cm): \_\_\_\_\_ Gradient (°): \_\_\_\_\_

**Dominant Substrate (S2.M3)** Clay (Hard Pan)  Silt  Sand (0.06-2 mm)  Gravel (22-66 mm)  Cobble (67-249 mm)  Boulder (250 mm)  Bedrock   
**Sub-Dominant Substrate (S2.M3)**

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**Width Measurement**  Can't Measure (1)  Bankfull (2)  Mean Width (3)  Estimated (4)  GIS (5)  Measure/GIS (6)

**Channel Dimensions** Feature Width (m): \_\_\_\_\_ Bankfull Depth (mm) \_\_\_\_\_

**Entrenchment** Total:  > 40 m  < 40 m Left Bank \_\_\_\_\_ m Right Bank \_\_\_\_\_ m Total width \_\_\_\_\_ m

**Surface Flow Method**  Perched Culvert (1)  Hydraulic Head (2)  Distance by Time (3)  Estimated (4)

Wetted Width (m)	Wetted Depth (mm)	Hydraulic head (mm)	Volume (L)	Distance (m)	Time (s)
	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Sediment Transport**

Adjacent	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill and Gully (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gully (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outlet Scour (5)
Feature	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheet Erosion (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill and Gully (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gully (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outlet Scour (5)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheet Erosion (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Instream Bank Erosion (7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Instream Bank Erosion (7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (8)

**Sediment Deposition** Measures (mm): \_\_\_\_\_

None (1)  Minimal: < 5 mm (2)  Moderate: 5-30 mm (3)  Substantial: 31-80 mm (4)  Extensive: > 80 mm (5)

### Headwater Drainage Features - Up- and Down- Stream

Stream Code  Site Code  Zone  Easting  Northing  Date (YYYY)  (MM)  (DD)  Time (24hr)

Stream Name  Discharge Approximates Baseflow?  Baseflow  Freshet  Spate  Upstream Site Length (m)

Access Route

Site Description

Optional Features

Water Temp (C)	Air Temp (C)	pH	Conductivity (Ns)	Turbidity (NTU)	Dissolved O <sub>2</sub> (ppm)
<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="20"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Number of upstream features  Upstream Roughness

Photo #	Photo Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Upstream Feature(s) Feature Number	Distance (m)	Bearing	Type Flow	Sediment Transport		Sediment Deposition	Width MT	Wetted		B-Full	Feat. Entrenchment Width (m)	Riparian Vegetation						Upstream Longitudinal Gradient	
				Adjacent Feature	Depth (mm)			Feature Width (m)	SS-Depth (mm)			0-1.5 m	1.5-10 m	10-30 m	Method Used	Distance (m)	Elevation Rise (cm)		
												Left	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right		
1			1	2		2		1.15	320	2.50	1	5	5	5	5	5	5		
2																			
3																			
4																			

Upstream Flow Measure(s) Record EITHER Hydraulic Head OR Volume OR Distance

Feature Number	Wetted Width (m)	Depth (mm)			Hydraulic Head (mm)			Volume (l)			Distance (m)			Time (sec)					
		1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3			

Comments



## Unconstrained Headwater Drainage Feature Assessment

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Project #: \_\_\_\_\_ Recorder/Crew: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stream Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Stream Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Site Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Site Limits: Upstream WP# \_\_\_\_\_ Field Assessment:  Sample 1 Unconnected HDF:  
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 Direction of Assessment:  Upstream  Downstream  Sample 3 to downstream network

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**Feature Vegetation**  None (1)  Lawn (2)  Cropped (3)  Meadow (4)  Scrubland (5)  Wetland(6)  Forest (7)

**Riparian Vegetation**

<b>0 - 1.5 m</b>	Left Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
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<b>1.5 - 10 m</b>	Left Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
	Right Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
<b>10 - 30 m</b>	Left Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
	Right Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)

**Channel Gradient (S4.M7)**  Visual (1)  Clinometer (2)  Laser Level (3)  Survey Level (4)  Other (5)  LiDAR (6)

Distance (m): \_\_\_\_\_ Elevation (cm) : \_\_\_\_\_ Gradient (°): \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Dominant Substrate (S2.M3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sub-Dominant Substrate (S2.M3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Feature Roughness**  < 10% Minimal (1)  10 - 40% Moderate (2)  40 - 60% High (3)  > 60% Extreme (4)

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**Channel Dimensions** Feature Width (m): \_\_\_\_\_ Bankfull Depth (mm) \_\_\_\_\_

**Entrenchment** Total:  > 40 m  < 40 m Left Bank \_\_\_\_\_ m Right Bank \_\_\_\_\_ m Total width \_\_\_\_\_ m

**Surface Flow Method**  Perched Culvert (1)  Hydraulic Head (2)  Distance by Time (3)  Estimated (4)

<b>Wetted Width (m)</b>	<b>Wetted Depth (mm)</b>	<b>Hydraulic head (mm)</b>	<b>Volume (L)</b>	<b>Distance (m)</b>	<b>Time (s)</b>
	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3

**Sediment Transport**

Adjacent	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill and Gully (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gully (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outlet Scour (5)
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Stream Name:  Discharge Approximates Baseflow?  Baseflow  Freshet  Spate  Upstream Site Length (m):

Access Route:

Site Description:

Optional Features: Water Temp (C):  Air Temp (C):  pH:  Conductivity (Ns):  Turbidity (NTU):  Dissolved O<sub>2</sub> (ppm):

Number of upstream features:  Upstream Roughness:  Photo #:  Photo Name:

Upstream Feature(s) Feature Number	Distance (m)	Bearing	Type Flow	Sediment Transport		Sediment Deposition	Width MT	Wetted		Enrichment Width (m)	Feat. Veg	Riparian Vegetation						Upstream Longitudinal Gradient	
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												Left	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right		
1			14			3		3.00	150	5.1	6	5	2	5	2	7	2		
2																			
3																			
4																			

Upstream Flow Measure(s) Record EITHER Hydraulic Head OR Volume OR Distance

Feature Number	Wetted Width (m)	Depth (mm)			Hydraulic Head (mm)			Volume (ft)			Distance (m)			Time (sec)		
		1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3

Comments: Flow = 0.13 M/S. Pockets of sediment > 10cm. Substrate - Muck. - channel choked in wetland veg close to road, then patchy as you go downstream. - SIMP773

## Unconstrained Headwater Drainage Feature Assessment

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Project #: \_\_\_\_\_ Recorder/Crew: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stream Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Stream Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Site Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
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<b>0 - 1.5 m</b>	Left Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
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<b>1.5 - 10 m</b>	Left Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
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<b>10 - 30 m</b>	Left Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropped (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scrubland (5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest (7)
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**Channel Gradient (S4.M7)**  Visual (1)  Clinometer (2)  Laser Level (3)  Survey Level (4)  Other (5)  LiDAR (6)

Distance (m): \_\_\_\_\_ Elevation (cm): \_\_\_\_\_ Gradient (°): \_\_\_\_\_

**Dominant Substrate (S2.M3)** Clay (Hard Pan)  Silt  Sand (0.06-2 mm)  Gravel (22-66 mm)  Cobble (67-249 mm)  Boulder (250 mm)  Bedrock

**Sub-Dominant Substrate (S2.M3)**

**Feature Roughness**  < 10% Minimal (1)  10 - 40% Moderate (2)  40 - 60% High (3)  > 60% Extreme (4)

**Width Measurement**  Can't Measure (1)  Bankfull (2)  Mean Width (3)  Estimated (4)  GIS (5)  Measure/GIS (6)

**Channel Dimensions** Feature Width (m): \_\_\_\_\_ Bankfull Depth (mm) \_\_\_\_\_

**Entrenchment** Total:  > 40 m  < 40 m Left Bank \_\_\_\_\_ m Right Bank \_\_\_\_\_ m Total width \_\_\_\_\_ m

**Surface Flow Method**  Perched Culvert (1)  Hydraulic Head (2)  Distance by Time (3)  Estimated (4)

Wetted Width (m)	Wetted Depth (mm)	Hydraulic head (mm)	Volume (L)	Distance (m)	Time (s)
	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3
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**Sediment Transport**

Adjacent	<input type="checkbox"/> None (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill and Gully (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gully (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outlet Scour (5)
Feature	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheet Erosion (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill and Gully (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gully (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outlet Scour (5)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheet Erosion (6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rill and Gully (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gully (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outlet Scour (5)

**Sediment Deposition** Measures (mm): \_\_\_\_\_

None (1)  Minimal: < 5 mm (2)  Moderate: 5-30 mm (3)  Substantial: 31-80 mm (4)  Extensive: > 80 mm (5)



# Daily Work Plan for Field Work

Client/Project #: 773

Date: 2018/06/12

### Personnel Data:

Staff Name	Date of Birth YYYY/MM/DD	Emergency contact and number	Staff hazard review initials®
R. HADLERT	2010/11/25	KATIE 613 851 5951	RJD
T. POAT	1988/07/19	MIRANDA 613 438 6611	TP

If there are more than four crew, use a second sheet; \* indicates person responsible for check in / check out; ® initial if staff has had the opportunity to review the hazard assessment and mitigations for this project, is aware of risks, and agrees the work can be done safely.

Vehicle (circle those that apply)	Owner	Licence
<u>KAL Truck (Chevy Silverado), Grey</u>	Bruce Kilgour	685 7JZ (Ontario)
<u>QUAD</u>	Bruce Kilgour	2CK47 (Ontario)
QUAD Trailer	2317833 Ontario	M7807M (Ontario)
Tracker	2317833 Ontario	C23182ON (Transport Canada)
Tracker Trailer	2317833 Ontario	J3161S (Ontario)
Red Inflatable	2317833 Ontario	C23183ON (Transport Canada)
Inflatable Trailer	Bruce Kilgour	J7553K (Ontario)
White inflatable	Kilgour & Associates Ltd.	unmarked

### Describe Anticipated Daily Activities Including Location(s), Route(s) and Access Points and approx. schedule

complete HDFA Fishing @ Thunder Road

Map is attached?  YES  NO

### Check in / Check out Procedure

KAL Contact Person and cell number:	A Francis
Hotel Details	
Client Contact Person and cell number:	
Check in method and frequency:	

Traffic encounter

Anticipated Worst Outcome/ Catastrophic Failure (describe):

911

Emergency Response Procedure (describe):

Home Base: <u>KAC</u> Time leaving <u>1206</u> Time returning <u>1730</u>	Field Location: <u>Thunder road</u> Time arriving <u>1245</u> Time Leaving <u>1700</u>
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Person	Pre-Field Condition	Post-Field Condition
<u>AA</u> <u>TP</u>	<u>good</u>	<u>good</u>
Vehicle	Pre-Field Condition	Post-Field Condition
	<u>Start km:</u>	<u>End km:</u>

Calibration										
Unit	Serial No.	Pre / Post	pH			Cond.	Turbidity			DO
			4	7	10		1413	0		
pH pen		Pre								
		Post								
YSI Pro Plus	<u>unit 2</u>	Pre	<u>4.00</u>	<u>7.03</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1410</u>				
		Post	<u>4.03</u>	<u>7.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1398</u>				
HI Turb. Meter		Pre								
		Post								
Lamotte Turb. Meter		Pre								
		Post								
		Pre								
		Post								

**Rules of thumb (when to flag your result):**

- DO (mg/L): < 5 mg/L, check that YSI is calibrated to 100% saturation, if yes, then use HACH kit to confirm low DO
- pH: If < 6.5 or > 9, check pH meter vs buffer solutions
- If unit cannot calibrate, it must be serviced, so notify Bruce Kilgour

**Issues with field equipment**

Do not forget to mention all equipment issues to Rob Hallett as soon as possible

none

**Datasheet Log**

DWP, map, Fish x d, notes

Client/Project #: SIMP773

Date: 2018/06/21

Crew: ~~LA 73~~

Location: 6150 Thunder Rd.

HDA Visit #1



Notes

new notes are in red



# Fish Collection Record

Client/Project #:

Date: 20<sup>18</sup>/06/21 Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: Thunder Road	Stream type: ditch	Crew: RHTP
(UTM NAD 83): 18	Reach Classification: unk	Task: H DFA
Watercourse: unk	Temperature: 26.0°C	Gear type: E
Reach/Station: Reach 1	Conductivity: 365 $\mu$ S/cm	Seconds/ Set + Pull Time: 630
W-Depth: 0.45m	pH: 6.49	Length fished: ~60m
W-Width: 3.0m	DO: 1.65mg/L / 70.8%	

**Fishing Details/Other Comments:**  
 START: 405078 5021483  
 END: 465032 5021542  
 Fish were barely being shocked, no major issues

Species	Number	Total	Notes/Stage + Health Observations
CNMD	13	13	
BRMN	3	3	
BRST	1	1	
NRDC	3	3	

# Fish Collection Record

Client/Project #:

Date: 2018/06/21 Start Time:

Location: Thunder Pool	Stream type: Perm.	Crew: PA
(UTM NAD 83): 18	Reach Classification: UNK	Task: TD
Watercourse: unk	Temperature: 22.5°C	Gear type:
Reach/Station: 2A	Conductivity: 4836	Seconds/ Set + Pull Time: 721
W-Depth: <del>3.5m</del> 0.40m	pH: 7.61	Length fished:
W-Width: 3.5m	DO: 51.9% 4.4 mg/L	
<b>Fishing Details/Other Comments:</b> Start: 465001 5021575 End: 465028 5011494 <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">           very high spCond, not much fish response.            catch was netted not shocked         </div>		

Species	Number	Total	Notes/Stage + Health Observations
CAIMD	☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒	60	
BRST	☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ..	52	
NRDC	☒ ±	15	
PMSD	☐	8	
FTMN	.	1	
CRCH	.	1	





# Fish Collection Record

Client/Project #:

Date: 20 ~~18~~06 /

Start Time:

Location: Thunder Road	Stream type: Perm.	Crew:
(UTM NAD 83): 18	Reach Classification: Cnk	Task: HDFA
Watercourse: Cnk	Temperature: 25°C	Gear type: ✓
Reach/Station: Reach 3	Conductivity: 3083	Seconds/ Set + Pull Time: 338.7
W-Depth: 30cm	pH: 7.62	Length fished: 70m
W-Width: 1m	DO: 58% 4.75mg/L	
Fishing Details/Other Comments: Start 465028 5021496 End 464977 5021475		

Species	Number	Total	Notes/Stage + Health Observations
CLMD	☒☒☒☒☒☒☒☒ ..	73	
BRST	☒☒☒☒☒☒ ..	52	
FTMN	..	3	
PNBD	..	2	



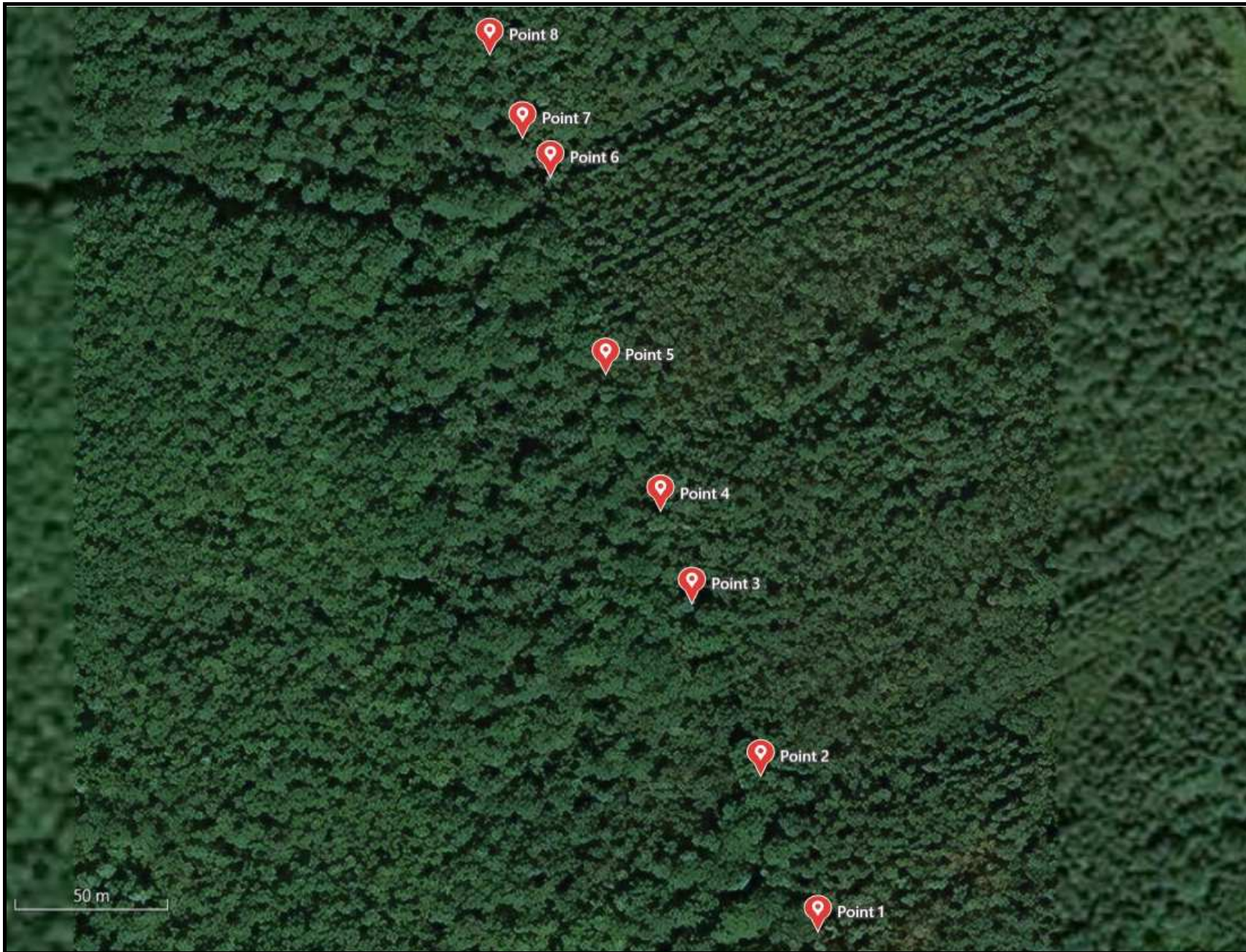
# Fish Collection Record

Client/Project #:


Date: 2016/06/21 Start Time:

Location: <u>Thunder Road</u>	Stream type: <u>Perennial</u>	Crew: <u>RH TD</u>
(UTM NAD 83): <u>18</u>	Reach Classification: <u>/</u>	Task: <u>HQFA</u>
Watercourse: <u>unk</u>	Temperature: <u>17.8</u>	Gear type: <u>Backpack</u>
Reach/Station: <u>Reach 4</u>	Conductivity: <u>123.9</u>	Seconds/ Set + Pull Time: <u>327</u>
W-Depth: <u>40-45cm</u>	pH: <u>6.98</u>	Length fished: <u>60m</u>
W-Width: <u>3m</u>	DO: <u>13.6%</u> <u>1.28mg/L</u>	
Fishing Details/Other Comments: <u>START 465065 5021389</u> <u>END 465039 5021373</u>		

Species	Number	Total	Notes/Stage + Health Observations
<u>BRST</u>	<u>☒ ☒ ::</u>	<u>23</u>	



### Legend

 Point

	AVE1227 pdf	Date 2021-06-22
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## Point

Name	Description	Attachment	Latitude	Longitude	Altitude (m)	Date/Time
Point 8	North point	WIN_20210622_12_57_33_Pr WIN_20210622_12_57_39_Pr	45.34647400	-75.44961367	77.40	2021-06-22 12:57
Point 7	norh end	WIN_20210622_12_56_17_Pr WIN_20210622_12_56_22_Pr	45.34622833	-75.44947617	79.90	2021-06-22 12:56
Point 6	water starts at confluence	WIN_20210622_12_51_55_Pr WIN_20210622_12_52_12_Pr	45.34611350	-75.44935950	83.50	2021-06-22 12:51
Point 5	North of confluence		45.34553250	-75.44912767	86.90	2021-06-22 12:48
Point 4	cross of swLE going east	WIN_20210622_12_46_38_Pr WIN_20210622_12_46_45_Pr WIN_20210622_12_46_51_Pr	45.34513000	-75.44889800	84.30	2021-06-22 12:46
Point 3	North mid point	WIN_20210622_12_44_18_Pr WIN_20210622_12_44_24_Pr	45.34485850	-75.44876683	76.90	2021-06-22 12:43
Point 2	South mid swale	WIN_20210622_12_41_50_Pr WIN_20210622_12_41_56_Pr	45.34435100	-75.44847867	78.80	2021-06-22 12:41
Point 1	Start of swale	WIN_20210622_12_39_18_Pr WIN_20210622_12_39_37_Pr	45.34389283	-75.44823917	79.10	2021-06-22 12:38

## Point 8 images (2)



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**Point 7 images (2)**



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**Point 6 images (2)**



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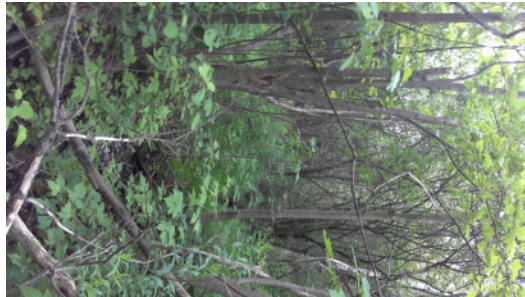


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## **Appendix D – Regional SAR Screening**



Species Name (Taxonomic Name)	Status under Ontario Endangered Species Act (ESA)	Status under federal Species at Risk Act (SARA) - Schedule 1	Habitat Description	Ottawa Regional Occurrence (Observation records in the vicinity)	Potential to Occur in the Project Area (Yes / No)	Probability of Interaction with the Project (None, Low, Moderate, High)
<b>Birds</b>						
Bald Eagle ( <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>No Status</b>	Nest in mature forests near open water. In large trees such as Pine and Poplar.	Confirmed nest at Shirley's Bay since 2012.	No	None. No suitable nesting or feeding areas and no observations of the species on or near subject site.
Bank Swallow ( <i>Riparia riparia</i> )	<b>Threatened</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Colonial nester; burrows in eroding silt or sand banks, sand pit walls, and human-made settings, which are often found on banks of rivers and lakes.	12 confirmed, 2 probable and 8 possible nests in recent OBBA. (OBBA)	No	None. No suitable nesting or feeding areas and no observations of the species on or near subject site. OBBA observations are only within 10 km.
Barn Swallow ( <i>Hirundo rustica</i> )	<b>Threatened</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Nests on barns and other structures; forages in open areas for flying insects. Live in close association with humans and prefer to nest in structures such as open barns, under bridges, and in culverts.	33 confirmed, 2 probable and 3 possible nests during recent OBBA. (OBBA)	No	None. No suitable nesting areas and no observations of the species on or near subject site. OBBA observations are only within 10 km.
Black Tern ( <i>Chlidonias niger</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>No Status</b>	Build floating nests in loose colonies in shallow marshes, especially cattails.	Four confirmed nests in recent OBBA.	No	None. No suitable nesting or feeding areas on subject site and no observations of the species near by.
Bobolink ( <i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i> )	<b>Threatened</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Live in tall grass prairie and other open meadows. With major clearing of prairies, Bobolink are moving to hayfields. Build nests on the ground in dense grasses.	Widespread; confirmed or probable nests found in 39 out of 40 local atlas squares during recent OBBA. (LIO, OBBA, NHIC)	No	None. No suitable nesting or feeding areas and no observations of the species on subject site.
Canada Warbler ( <i>Cardellina canadensis</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Prefers wet forests with dense shrub layers. Nests located on or near the ground on mossy logs or roots, along stream banks or on hummocks.	One confirmed nest, two probable and six possible reported in recent OBBA. No critical habitat identified.	No	None. Suitable habitat is present but there are no observations of the species on or near subject site.
Cerulean Warbler ( <i>Setophaga cerulea</i> )	<b>Threatened</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Prefers mature deciduous forests with an open under storey.	Unlikely but within range (found on Gatineau side)	No	None. No suitable habitat and outside of known range.
Chimney Swift ( <i>Chaetura pelagica</i> )	<b>Threatened</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Nests in traditional-style open brick chimneys (and rarely in hollow trees). Tend to stay close to water	Confirmed nests in 3 squares, 2 probable and 11 possible reported in recent OBBA. No critical habitat identified. (OBBA)	No	None. No suitable nesting areas on subject site.
Common Nighthawk ( <i>Chordeiles minor</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Nests in wide variety of open sites, including beaches, fields and gravel rooftops with little to no ground vegetation. They also nest in cultivated fields, orchards, urban parks, mine tailings and along gravel roads/railways but tend to occupy more natural sites.	Six probable and five possible nests reported in recent OBBA. No critical habitat identified.	No	None. Habitat suitability is limited and no individuals have been observed in the immediate vicinity.
Eastern Meadowlark ( <i>Sturnella magna</i> )	<b>Threatened</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Typically nest in tall grasslands (pastures/hayfields) but also found in alfalfa fields, weedy borders of croplands, roadsides, orchards, airports, shrubby overgrown fields, or other open	22 confirmed, 11 probable and 3 possible nests during recent OBBA. (LIO, NHIC, OBBA)	No	None. Habitat potential in cleared areas is limited and there are no observations of the species on the subject site.



			areas. Often use trees, shrubs, or fence posts to elevate song perches.			
Eastern Whip-poor-will ( <i>Antrastomus vociferus</i> )	<b>Threatened</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Nests on the ground in open deciduous or mixed woodlands with little underbrush.	Seven squares with probable nests and 10 with possible nests reported in recent OBBA. Critical habitat tentatively identified in 4 squares in western Ottawa.	No	None. Dense, young, scrubby forest cover provides low habitat suitability and the species is not identified as present in the vicinity.
Eastern Wood-pewee ( <i>Contopus virens</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Woodland species, often found in the mid-canopy layer near clearings and edges of deciduous and mixed forests.	4 possible, 15 probable and 19 confirmed nests in recent OBBA. (NHIC, OBBA)	Yes	Low. Presence is possible, but the young forest cover of the subject site provides low habitat suitability. The species was noted off site in more mature forest areas to the west, which provide greater habitat suitability.
Golden Eagle ( <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>No Status</b>	Nest in remote, undisturbed areas, usually building their nests on ledges on a steep cliff/riverbank or large trees if needed. Most hunting is done near open areas such as large bogs or tundra.	Migrant only; no reported nests.	No	None. Not identified in the vicinity.
Golden-winged Warbler ( <i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Ground nesting in areas of young shrubs surrounded by mature forest. Often areas that have recently been disturbed such as field edges, hydro or utility right-of-ways, or logged areas.	One confirmed nest, one probable nest reported during recent OBBA. Critical habitat identified in Québec (adjacent to northwestern Ottawa).	No	None. Not identified in the vicinity.
Grasshopper Sparrow ( <i>Ammodramus savannarum</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Lives in open grassland areas with well-drained sandy soil. Will also nest in hayfields and pastures, as well as alvars, prairies and occasionally grain crops such as barley. It prefers areas that are sparsely vegetated and its nests are well hidden in the field, woven from grasses in a small cup-like shape.	4 confirmed, 5 probable and 2 possible nests in recent OBBA.	No	None. No suitable nesting or feeding areas on subject site.
Evening Grosbeak ( <i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Nest in trees or large shrubs; prefer mature coniferous forests but will also use deciduous forests, parklands and orchards.	Five confirmed nests, six probable and eight possible during recent OBBA (mostly in west).	No	Low. Forest habitat of the site is not the preferred habitat and the replacement of the cottage with a house would not alter the overall suitability of the site regardless.
Henslow's Sparrow ( <i>Ammodramus henslowii</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Tends to avoid fields that have been grazed or are crowded with trees and shrubs. Prefers extensive, dense, tall grasslands where it can more easily conceal its small ground nest.	No nests reported during recent OBBA. (LIO)	No	None. No suitable habitat and not identified in the vicinity.
Horned Grebe ( <i>Podiceps auritus</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>No Status</b>	Nest in small ponds, marshes and shallow bays that contain areas of open water and emergent vegetation.	Migrant only; no reported nests.	No	None. No suitable habitat and not identified in the vicinity.
Least Bittern ( <i>Ixobrychus exilis</i> )	<b>Threatened</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Found in a variety of wetland habitats, but strongly prefers cattail marshes with a mix of open pools and channels.	Confirmed nesting in 1 square, 3 probable and 4 possible reported during recent OBBA. (OBBA)	No	None. No suitable nesting or feeding areas on subject site.



Loggerhead Shrike ( <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	The Loggerhead prefers pasture or other grasslands with scattered low trees and shrubs. Lives in fields or alvars (areas of exposed bedrock) with short grass, which makes it easier to spot prey.	One possible nest reported in recent OBBA. Critical habitat identified in Montague Township. (LIO)	No	None. No suitable habitat and not identified in the vicinity.
Olive-sided Flycatcher ( <i>Contopus cooperi</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Found along natural forest edges and openings. Will use forests that have been logged or burned, if there are ample tall snags and trees to use for foraging perches.	One probable and one possible nest reported in recent OBBA. No critical habitat identified.	No	None. Habitat is suitable, though not optimal, but the species has not been observed in the vicinity.
Peregrine Falcon ( <i>Falco peregrinus</i> )	<b>Special Concern (as of January 2013)</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Nest on tall, steep cliff ledges close to large bodies of water. Urban peregrines raise their young on ledges of tall buildings, even in busy downtown areas.	One confirmed nest (101 Lyon) in recent OBBA. Second nest (875 Heron) established in 2011.	No	None. No suitable nesting or feeding areas on subject site.
Red Knot ( <i>Calidris canutus rufa</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Prefer open beaches, mudflats, and coastal lagoons, where they feast on molluscs, crustaceans, and other invertebrates.	Migrant only; Ottawa River shores, area lagoons, etc.	No	None. No suitable nesting or feeding areas on subject site.
Red-headed Woodpecker ( <i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Lives in open woodland and woodland edges, and is often found in parks, golf courses, and cemeteries. These areas typically have many dead trees, which the birds use for nesting and perching.	One confirmed nest, one probable and two possible during recent OBBA.	No	None. Habitat has only limited suitability and the species has not been observed in the vicinity.
Rusty Blackbird ( <i>Euphagus carolinus</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Prefers wet wooded or shrubby areas (nests at edges of boreal wetlands and coniferous forests). These areas include bogs, marshes and beaver ponds.	No nests reported during recent OBBA. Primarily occurs during migration.	No	None. Habitat is suitable but the species has not been observed in the vicinity.
Short-eared Owl ( <i>Asio flammeus</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Lives in open areas such as grasslands, marshes and tundra where it nests on the ground and hunts for small mammals.	One confirmed nest, two probable and two possible nests reported during recent OBBA.	No	None. No suitable nesting or feeding areas on subject site.
Wood Thrush ( <i>Hylocichla mustelina</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Lives in mature deciduous and mixed (conifer-deciduous) forests. They seek moist stands of trees with well-developed undergrowth and tall trees for singing and perches. Usually build nests in sugar maple or American beech.	5 possible, 15 probable and 16 confirmed nests in recent OBBA. (NHIC, OBBA)	Yes	Low. Presence is possible, but the young forest cover of the subject site provides low habitat suitability. The species was noted off site in more mature forest areas, which provide greater habitat suitability.
<b>Fish</b>						
American Eel ( <i>Anguilla rostrata</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>No Status</b>	Primarily nocturnal, hiding in soft substrate or submerged vegetation during the day.	Ottawa, Mississippi, Carp (including Poole Creek), South Nation and Rideau Rivers (including Rideau Canal)	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Bridle Shiner ( <i>Notropis bifrenatus</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Prefers clear water with abundant vegetation over silty or sandy substrate.	Rideau River	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Channel Darter ( <i>Percina copelandi</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Prefers clean streams and lakes with moderate current over sandy or rocky substrate.	Ottawa River	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Lake Sturgeon ( <i>Acipenser fulvescens</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>No Status</b>	Only found in large lakes and rivers. Forages in cool water, 4-9 m deep over soft substrate; spawns in shallower, fast-flowing areas over rocks or gravel.	Ottawa River	No	None. No suitable habitat.



Northern Brook Lamprey ( <i>Ichthyomyzon fossor</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Non-parasitic species; prefers shallow areas with warm water. Larvae live in burrows in soft substrate for up to 7 years.	Ottawa River	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Northern Sunfish ( <i>Lepomis peltastes</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>No Status</b>	Lives in shallow vegetated areas of quiet, slow flowing rivers and streams, as well as warm lakes and ponds, with sandy banks or rocky bottoms.	Ottawa River	No	None. No suitable habitat.
River Redhorse ( <i>Moxostoma carinatum</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Prefers fast-flowing, clear rivers over rocky substrate.	Ottawa and Mississippi Rivers; unconfirmed reports from Rideau River	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Silver Lamprey ( <i>Ichthyomyzon unicuspis</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Require clear water for they can find fish hosts, relatively clean stream beds of sand and organic debris for larvae to live in, and unrestricted migration routes for spawning. Larvae live 4-7 years in burrows (prefer soft substrates); filter-feed on plankton.	Ottawa River and mouths of tributaries from Rideau Canal east (downstream)	No	None. No suitable habitat.
<b>Molluscs</b>						
Hickorynut ( <i>Obovaria olivaria</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Live on sandy beds in large, wide, deep rivers. Usually more than two or three metres deep. Larval host believed to be Lake Sturgeon.	Ottawa River	No	None. No suitable habitat.
<b>Mammals</b>						
Algonquin Wolf ( <i>Canis sp.</i> )	<b>Threatened</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Not restricted to any specific habitat type but typically occurs in deciduous and mixed forest landscapes.	Occasional reports	No	None. Presence is unlikely.
Eastern Cougar ( <i>Puma concolor</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>No Status</b>	Live in large, undisturbed forests or other natural areas where there is little human activity	Occasional reports	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Eastern Small-footed Myotis ( <i>Myotis leibii</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>No Status</b>	In the spring and summer, eastern small-footed bats will roost in a variety of habitats, including in or under rocks, in rock outcrops, in buildings, under bridges, or in caves, mines, or hollow trees. Overwinters in caves and abandoned mines.	Historical record in downtown Ottawa	No	None. No suitable habitat and the species is not known to occur in the vicinity.
Gray Fox ( <i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i> )	<b>Threatened</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Live in deciduous forests and marshes. Their dens are usually found in dense shrubs close to a water source but they will also use rocky areas, hollow trees, and underground burrows dug by other animals.	Recent reports to south and west of Ottawa (2016 COSEWIC status report).	No	None. Habitat is suitable but the species is not known to occur in the vicinity.
Little Brown Myotis ( <i>Myotis lucifugus</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	During the day they roost in trees and buildings. They often select attics, abandoned buildings and barns for summer colonies where they can raise their young. They can squeeze through very tiny spaces (as small as six millimetres across) allowing them access to many different roosting areas.	Various sites in central and western parts of City; no critical habitat (hibernacula) identified in Ottawa to date.	Yes	Low. Young forest areas provide only marginal habitat suitability and the species is not generally known to occur in the east end of Ottawa. Site is very unlikely to provide important habitat
Northern Myotis / Northern Long-eared Bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Associated with boreal forests, choosing to roost under loose bark and in the cavities of trees.	Historical record in downtown Ottawa, more recent sites to east (Orleans, Clarence-Rockland); no critical habitat (hibernacula) identified in Ottawa to date.	Yes	Low. Limited suitable habitat. Coniferous trees within the plantation areas are too small and healthy to replicate boreal forest conditions or provide suitable nesting snags. Site is very unlikely to provide important habitat.



Tri-coloured Bat / Eastern Pipistrelle ( <i>Perimyotis subflavus</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Roosts mainly in trees during summer; overwinters in caves and mines along with other species, but often uses deeper parts of the hibernaculum.	Unknown; historical records from sites in urban Ottawa, Lanark County. No critical habitat (hibernacula) identified in Ottawa to date.	Yes	Low. Young forest areas with few large snags provide limited habitat suitability. Transient presence on the Site is possible if roosting in mature forest to the west, but the Site is very unlikely to provide important habitat.
<b>Amphibians</b>						
Western Chorus Frog ( <i>Pseudacris triseriata</i> )	<b>No Status</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Inhabits forest openings around woodland ponds but can also be found in or near damp meadows, marshes, bottomland swamps and temporary ponds in open country, or even urban areas.	Scattered throughout, with numerous sites in western half of City. Critical habitat identified in several atlas squares in western Ottawa. ( <i>Ontario Nature</i> )	No	None. No individuals observed during frog surveys.
<b>Reptiles</b>						
Blanding's Turtle ( <i>Emydoidea blandingii</i> )	<b>Threatened</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Quiet lakes, streams and wetlands with abundant emergent vegetation; also frequently occurs in adjacent upland forests.	Scattered throughout, with numerous sites in western half of City. Critical habitat present in Ottawa. ( <i>Ontario Nature</i> )	No	None. Limited suitable aquatic channels (most are too small and dry (R7 lacks an organic substrate) and no observations of the species on or near subject site. Ontario Nature observations are within 10 km.
Eastern Musk Turtle / Stinkpot ( <i>Sternotherus odoratus</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Found in ponds, lakes, marshes, and rivers that are generally slow-moving have abundant emergent vegetation and muddy bottoms that they burrow into for winter hibernation.	Scattered	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Eastern Ribbonsnake ( <i>Thamnophis sauritus</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Found in marshy edges of wetlands and watercourses. Livebearer (does not lay eggs).	Few reported; mostly from northwestern Ottawa	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Milksnake ( <i>Lampropeltis triangulum</i> )	<b>No Status</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Found in variety of open, scrubby or edge habitats, including pastures.	Scattered throughout the northern half of the City	No	Not applicable as this species is not protected on private lands.
Northern Map Turtle ( <i>Graptemys geographica</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Lives in rivers and lakeshores where it basks on emergent rocks and fallen trees throughout the spring and summer. In winter, they hibernate on the bottom of deep, slow-moving sections of river.	Ottawa River, Rideau River (Burritt's Rapids area), South Nation River (LIO, NHIC, Ontario Nature)	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Snapping Turtle ( <i>Chelydra serpentina</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Spend most of their lives in the water. Prefer shallow waters so they can hide under the soft mud and leaf litter with only their noses exposed to the surface to breathe.	Widespread and abundant (LIO, NHIC, Ontario Nature)	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Spiny Softshell ( <i>Apalone spinifera</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	Found primarily in rivers and lakes but also in creeks, ditches and ponds near rivers. Habitat requirements are open sand or gravel nesting areas, shallow muddy or sandy areas to bury in, deep pools for hibernation, areas for basking, and suitable habitat for crayfish and other food species.	Few historical records along Ottawa River, outside of Ottawa. No critical habitat identified in Ottawa.	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Spotted Turtle ( <i>Clemmys guttata</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Semi-aquatic and prefers ponds, marshes, bogs, and even ditches with slow-moving, unpolluted water and an abundant supply of aquatic vegetation.	Few reported (locations confidential). Critical habitat present in Ottawa	No	None. No suitable habitat.



Wood Turtle ( <i>Glyptemys insculpta</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	The wood turtle prefers clear rivers, streams, or creeks with a slight current and sandy or gravelly bottom. Wooded areas are essential habitat for the Wood Turtle, but they are found in other habitats, such as wet meadows, swamps, and fields.	Few historical records in NHIC, NESS7 (may have been extirpated locally). No regulated habitat identified in Ottawa. Critical habitat may be present to northwest.	No	None. No suitable habitat.
<b>Plants</b>						
American Chestnut ( <i>Castanea dentata</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Typical habitat is upland deciduous forests on sandy acidic soils, occurring with red oak, black cherry, sugar maple and beech.	One population reported along Dolman Ridge Road (federal property); may have been extirpated.	No	None. Does not occur in the vicinity.
American Ginseng ( <i>Panax quinquefolius</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Grows in rich, moist, but well-drained, and relatively mature, deciduous woods dominated by Sugar Maple, White Ash, and American Basswood.	Various (locations confidential) Critical habitat broadly identified in Ottawa area.	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Commonly found in riparian habitats, but is also found on rich, moist, well-drained loams, and well-drained gravels, especially those of limestone origin.	Widespread	No	None. While the area may generally be suitable, no individuals were observed on or adjacent to the site.
Eastern Prairie Fringed-orchid ( <i>Platanthera leucophaea</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Populations are found in three main habitat types: fens (peat-forming wetlands fed by groundwater), tallgrass prairie, and moist old fields	Richmond Fen (2 locations)	No	None. No suitable habitat.
<b>Lichens</b>						
Flooded Jellyskin ( <i>Leptogium rivulare</i> )	<b>No Status</b>	<b>Threatened</b>	It grows in seasonally flooded habitats, typically on the bark of deciduous trees and rocks along the margins of seasonal ponds and on rocks along shorelines and stream/riverbeds.	Stony Swamp, Marlborough Forest	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Pale-bellied Frost Lichen ( <i>Physconia subpallida</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Typically grows on the bark of hardwood trees such as White ash, Black walnut, and American elm. Could also be found growing on fence posts and boulders.	Historical records in downtown area (extirpated locally). No critical or regulated habitat identified in Ottawa.	No	None. No longer known to occur in Ottawa.
<b>Insects</b>						
Bogbean Buckmoth ( <i>Hemileuca</i> sp. 1)	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Restricted to open, chalky, low shrub fens containing large amounts of bogbean, an emergent wetland flowering plant.	Richmond Fen (2 locations)	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee ( <i>Bombus bohemicus</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Live in diverse habitats including open meadows, mixed farmlands, urban areas, boreal forest and montane meadows. Host nests occur in abandoned underground rodent burrows and rotten logs.	Historic occurrences only; no known recent occurrences.	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Monarch butterfly ( <i>Danaus plexippus</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Milkweeds are the sole food plant for Monarch caterpillars. These plants predominantly grow in open and periodically disturbed habitats such as roadsides, fields, wetlands, prairies, and open forests.	Widespread	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Mottled Duskywing ( <i>Erynnis martialis</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>No Status</b>	Requires host plants such as the New Jersey Tea and the Prairie Redroot. These plants grow in dry,	Constance Bay area, Burnt Lands Alvar	No	None. No suitable habitat.



			well-drained soils or alvar habitat within oak woodland, pine woodland, roadsides, riverbanks, shady hillsides and tall grass prairies.			
Nine-spotted Lady Beetle ( <i>Coccinella novemnotata</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>No Status</b>	Occur within agricultural areas, suburban gardens, parks, coniferous forests, deciduous forests, prairie grasslands, meadows, riparian areas and isolated natural areas.	Unknown – historically present, but COSSARO reports no Ontario records since mid-1990s	No	Low. Habitat is suitable, presence is possible, but as a habitat generalist, no portion of the Site provides necessary habitat.
Rapids Clubtail ( <i>Gomphus quadricolor</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Inhabit a wide variety of riverine habitats ranging in size from the St. Lawrence River to small creeks Larvae are typically found in microhabitats with slow to moderate flow and fine sand or silt substrates where they burrow into the stream bed. Adults disperse from the river after emerging and feed in the forest canopy and other riparian vegetation.	None known. No regulated habitat identified in Ottawa.	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Rusty-patched Bumble Bee ( <i>Bombus affinis</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Endangered</b>	Can be found in open habitat such as mixed farmland, urban settings, savannah, open woods, and sand dunes.	Historic records only from scattered sites in Ottawa and Gatineau.	No	None. No suitable habitat.
Transverse Lady Beetle ( <i>Coccinella transversoguttata</i> )	<b>Endangered</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Able to live in a wide range of habitats, including agricultural areas, suburban gardens, parks, coniferous forests, deciduous forests, prairie grasslands, meadows and riparian areas.	Unknown – historically present, but COSSARO reports no southern Ontario records since 1985.	No	None. Not identified in the vicinity.
West Virginia White butterfly ( <i>Pieris virginiensis</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>No Status</b>	Lives in moist, deciduous woodlots. Requires a supply of toothwort, a small, spring-blooming plant that is a member of the mustard family, since if it the only food source for larvae.	Unknown; no records in NESS or NHIC	No	None. Not identified in the vicinity.
Yellow-banded Bumble Bee ( <i>Bombus terricola</i> )	<b>Special Concern</b>	<b>Special Concern</b>	Forage and habitat generalist, able to use a variety of nectaring plants and environmental conditions.	Sporadic sightings submitted throughout	No	None. No suitable habitat.





## Appendix E – Geotech Report

