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## **1.0 PROPERTY INFORMATION AND INTRODUCTION**

The subject property for this Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a 7.45 hectare (ha) parcel of land located at 6776 Rothbourne Road, Property Identification Number 045360357, and is legally known as Part Lot 18 Concession 12, Geographic Township of Goulbourn, City of Ottawa. The subject property is located within the west end of the City of Ottawa, with 330 metres (m) of frontage on the east side of Highway 7, directly south of the western end of Rothbourne Road (**Figure 1**).

The subject property is designated as General Rural Area in the north and south with an Environmental Protection Zone (EP3) spanning the middle portion of the property under the City of Ottawa Zoning By-law No. 2008-250.

The subject property is located within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's (MNRF) - Kemptville District and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Park's (MECP) – Ottawa District. This EIS focuses on the undeveloped parcels of land south of the existing tow yard within the subject property. The existing tow yard will not be included as part of the study area and will be considered adjacent lands.

There is confirmed Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) present within the subject property. As such, the City of Ottawa requires an EIS be carried out for the subject property due to the presence of a PSW, as outlined in the *Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines* (City of Ottawa, 2015). This EIS report assesses the potential impacts that the development of a gravel lot for vehicle storage and warehouse building may have upon the existing woodlands, natural heritage features, including Significant Woodlands and Wetlands and species at risk (SAR), and their habitat.

McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd. (McIntosh Perry) was retained by Metro Towing to carry out an EIS to assess the existing natural heritage features. This EIS summarizes the findings of the surveys, outlines potential impacts as a result of the proposed development, and provides recommendations in order to mitigate anticipated impacts on natural heritage features. The information contained in this report represents surveys undertaken in the summers of 2017 and 2018, and spring of 2019 and does not represent year-round data.



## 2.0 METHODOLOGY

In order to acquire information on habitat present within and adjacent to the area of the proposed development, field investigations were carried out on September 12, 2017 and September 13, 2018 by H. Lunn as well as May 23, 2019 by E. Pohanka of McIntosh Perry (**Table 1**). Wetland mapping was also carried out on September 21, 2017 by J. King of McIntosh Perry and N. Stow of the City of Ottawa. The field investigation was carried out on the subject property (6776 Rothbourne Road), within the undeveloped area of the subject property. The area surveyed will be hereafter referred to in this report as the "study area." The field investigation was conducted to provide an inventory and assessment of the natural heritage features of the study area. The field investigation included the identification of the following features within the study area:

- Existing vegetation communities;
- Significant woody vegetation;
- Areas of critical or significant habitat (i.e., Significant Valleylands, Significant Woodlands, Significant Wildlife Habitat, PSW's, etc.);
- Soil types;
- Areas of groundwater recharge and discharge, drainage patterns, watercourses, wetland habitat, other areas of surface water;
- SAR and their habitat, and
- Resident or migratory birds and other wildlife species.

**Table 1** outlines activities carried out within the study area during the field investigations.

	Table 1: Summary of Field Investigation Activities								
Date	Personnel Involved Time of Survey		Weather Conditions	Purpose of Visit					
September 12, 2017	H. Lunn	9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	18 °C, clear, low wind	Existing environmental conditions survey (including identification of vegetation and wildlife species present and determining vegetation community boundaries) and species at risk habitat screening.					
September 21, 2017	J. King and N. Stow	N/A	N/A	Provincially Significant Wetland boundary mapping.					
September 13, 2018	H. Lunn	12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	26 °C, warm, moderate wind	Existing environmental conditions survey (including identification of vegetation and wildlife species present and determining vegetation community boundaries) and species at risk habitat screening.					
May 13, 2019	E. Pohanka	10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	12°C, overcast, low wind	Existing environmental conditions survey (including identification of vegetation and wildlife species present and determining vegetation community boundaries) and species at risk habitat screening.					
July 18, 2019	E. Pohanka	8:00 a.m. to 9:30 am	23 °C, sunny, low wind	Species at Risk Butternut location survey.					

Table 1: Summary of Field Investigation Activities								
Date Personn Involve		Time of Survey	Weather Conditions	Purpose of Visit				
July 7, 2020	E. Pohanka	11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	29 °C, sunny, low wind	Inspecting existing structures for Barn Swallow nesting activities.				

The vegetation communities observed within the study area were characterized using the Ecological Land Classification (ELC) protocol (Lee et al., 1998), and delineated on an aerial photograph. During the field investigations, observations of wildlife species were made through sight, sound, and physical evidence.

Photographs were taken during the field investigations depicting vegetation communities and natural heritage features observed within the study area. This photographic record can be found in **Appendix A** of this report (**Photos 1 – 14**).

Background information on wildlife and plant species, and other significant natural heritage features known to occur within or adjacent to the study area was obtained from the following sources:

- The MNRF Kemptville District (received April 12, 2019 Appendix B);
- The Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) database accessed via the MNRF's Make a Map: Natural Heritage
   Areas

(http://www.gisapplication.lrc.gov.on.ca/mamnh/Index.html?site=MNR\_NHLUPS\_NaturalHeritage&vie wer=NaturalHeritage&locale=en-US). This search tool allows areas to be searched at up to 1 km<sup>2</sup> grid resolution and provides reports concerning rare species tracked by the NHIC. Information for each 1 km<sup>2</sup> square within the study area was reviewed for occurrences of rare species tracked by NHIC;

- The MNRF's Land Information Ontario (LIO) Metadata Management Tool, this tool contains information (e.g., location of PSW's, SAR element occurrences, etc.) licensed under the Open Government Licence for Ontario;
- Data from the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas Database (OBBA) was accessed from the data summaries page of the Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario website (<u>http://www.birdsontario.org/atlas/datasummaries.jsp?lang=eng</u>). Information for each 10 km<sup>2</sup> grid square was reviewed for the study area;
- Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas was accessed for the data summaries (<u>https://ontarionature.org/oraa/maps/</u>). Information for each 10 km<sup>2</sup> grid square was reviewed for the study area;
- Information from the *Poole Creek: Macro Stream Assessment Report* by Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) (2009);
- Habitat in the study area was evaluated by use of aerial photography accessed through Google Earth aerials and StreetView mapping (<u>https://www.google.ca/maps</u>), and
- Vascular Plants of the City of Ottawa, with the Identification of Significant Species (Brunton, 2005).

## 3.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

#### 3.1 Existing Land Use

At the time of the field investigations, the study area was undeveloped (**Photos 1 - 14**). The study area consists of vegetated areas in a range of pioneer and successional stages.

Schedule L3 Natural Heritage System Overlay, of the *City of Ottawa's Official Plan* (2003), identifies the subject property as an area containing 'Natural Heritage System Features.' A 'Natural Heritage System' is defined by the *Provincial Policy Statement*, 2014 (PPS) as "...a system made up of natural heritage features and areas, linked by natural corridors which are necessary to maintain biological and geological diversity, natural functions, viable populations of indigenous species and ecosystems." Land uses adjacent to the subject property included commercial property to the north (i.e. vehicle storage), commercial properties to the east and south (i.e. cleared vacant lots), and transportation infrastructure directly west of the study area.

## **3.2** Natural Heritage System Components

The following background information was collected from various sources (refer to Section 2.0 of this report):

- The MNRF Kemptville District provided direction to utilize the NHIC mapping and other natural heritage resources;
- According to the NHIC mapping reviewed, the following natural features have been identified within the vicinity of the study area:
  - o Goulbourn Wetland Complex, a Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW);
  - Rothbourne Road natural area;
- LIO data from the MNRF identified the following natural features have been identified within 2 km of the study area:
  - Goulbourn Wetland Complex (PSW);
  - Rothbourne Road (natural area);
  - Stittsville West (natural area), and
  - North Goulbourn (natural area).

The PPS defines Significant Wetlands as "...an area identified as provincially significant by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources using evaluation procedures established by the Province..." (PPS, 2014). The *City of Ottawa's Official Plan* (2003), identifies wetlands as "...essential components of ecosystems that contribute to the high quality of the environment in Ottawa. Wetlands control and store surface water to assist in flood control, act as sediment traps to improve water quality, and provide habitat for a wide variety of plant and animal species and may serve as recharge areas for groundwater resources". The Goulbourn Wetland Complex was identified within the study area based on NHIC and LIO data. The boundaries of the wetland complex according to LIO data, shows the wetland occurring in a narrow tract of land along the west boundary of the study area (**Figure 2**). However, this data was determined to be historic (1999) and required updating. McIntosh Perry and City of Ottawa staff conducted a wetland evaluation to map the current boundaries of the PWS within the study area. **Figure 3** outlines the new boundaries of the Goulbourn Wetland Complex within the study area approximately in a

west-east orientation across the study area near the north end. The wetland is situated along a tributary of Poole Creek. The tributary drains into Poole Creek east of the study area which in turn, drains into the Carp River. The new boundaries of the wetland include narrow-leaved emergent marshes and tall shrub swamp.

The PPS defines a Significant Woodland as "...an area which is ecologically important in terms of features such as species composition, age of trees and stand history; functionally important due to its contribution to the broader landscape because of its location, size or due to the amount of forest cover in the planning area...". Section 2.4.2 (Natural Features and Functions in the *City of Ottawa's Official Plan* (2003), defines Significant Woodlands "...as woodlands that combine all three features listed below in a contiguous (canopy appears unbroken on an aerial photograph), forested area:

- Mature stands of trees 80 years of age or older;
- Interior forest habitat located more than 100 m inside the edge of a forest patch, and
- Woodland adjacent to a surface water feature such as a river, stream, drain, pond, or wetland, or any groundwater feature including springs, seepage areas, or areas of groundwater upwelling".

All wooded vegetation communities within the study area (refer to Section 3.5 of this report for information on vegetation communities present within the study area), were not considered to be Significant Woodland based on the City of Ottawa *Official Plan* (2015).





LEGEND



->-- Watercourse



Goulbourn Wetland Complex (PSW Wetland)

Unevaluated Wetland

Waterbody



GIS data provided by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, 2015.





#### 3.3 Landforms, Soils and Geology

The physiography of the study area is within the glaciomarine deposit. The bedrock geology of the study area consists of limestone, dolostone, shale, arkose, and sandstone of the Ottawa Group, Simcoe Group, and Shadow Lake Formation (Ontario Geological Survey, 2010). According to the *Soils of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton* (Canada Department of Agriculture, 1987), soils present within the study area included neutral to medium acid fine sand or loamy sand, on nearly level slopes with good to poor drainage.

#### 3.4 Surface Water, Groundwater and Fish Habitat

The property is located within the Poole Creek Subwatershed of the Mississippi Valley Watershed managed by the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA, 2009). A tributary of Poole Creek flows through the study area for approximately 240 m in an eastward direction, bisecting the subject property. The tributary drains into Poole Creek approximately 2 km downstream of the study area. This tributary is a headwater of the Goulbourn Wetland Complex situated on the west side of Highway 7 and the south side of Hazeldean Road. Poole Creek continues flowing north east through the Village of Stittsville where the watercourse becomes impacted by urban development. The tributary within the study area is considered a cold/cool water headwater of Poole Creek with lower impacts from development. Poole Creek and its tributaries are considered one of the few remaining cold water tributaries to the Carp River within the City of Ottawa. Alterations to Poole Creek including channelization have occurred in some downstream sections of the watercourse due to the spread of urban development in the Stittsville area (MVCA, 2009).

During the field investigations, the soils were observed to have moderately poor drainage as was evident with the wet soils and wetlands present in the study area. Standing water was present in many areas adjacent to the tributary (**Photos 2 - 14**). The tributary was flowing during the May 23, 2019 field investigation; however, the rate was low. Potential groundwater was observed within the tributary due to oil-like films on the water surface within the portions of the watercourse within the cattail wetland; however, this may have been caused by runoff from Highway 7. The depth of the water varied from approximately 0.3 to 0.8 m deep. The substrate consisted of silt, clay, muck, and organic debris. The banks of the watercourse had very shallow slopes and contained tall shrub swamp conditions. Robust emergents, narrow-leaved emergents, and ground cover types of vegetation were also present within and adjacent to the watercourse. No fish were observed within the watercourse during the May 23, 2019 field investigation.

In 2017, it was identified that there were significant alterations on the adjacent property. It was observed at this time that there was no defined channel downstream and that there was a barrier to water flow and fish migration. It is not anticipated that fish can access this portion of the tributary. Flow and water levels leading to the eastern border of the study area was observed to be minimal during the 2019 field investigations. The following species of fish are known to occur within the tributary upstream of Hazeldean Road (east/downstream of the study area): Bluntnose Minnow (*Pimephales notatus*), Central Mudminnow (*Umbra limi*), Common Shiner (*Luxilus cornutus*), Creek Chub (*Semotilus atromaculatus*), Finescale Dace (*Chrosomus neogaeus*), Golden Shiner (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*), Iowa Darter (*Etheostoma exile*), Johnny Darter (*Etheostoma nigrum*), Mottled Sculpin (*Cottus bairdii*), Pumpkinseed (*Lepomis gibbosus*), Rock Bass (*Ambloplites rupestris*) and Western Blacknose Dace (*Rhinichthys obtusus*) (MVCA, 2009). The presence of Mottled Sculpin indicates that cold water habitat is present within the

tributary. It is not likely that fish are able to pass upstream into the study area and flows/water levels are not conducive to fish habitat. Based on the habitat observed, it is expected that oxygen levels within the watercourse within the subject property would not be sufficient to allow most fish to survive if they were able to navigate to the site.

No well records were identified within the study area. A total of 15 wells are located within 500 m of the study area. The well depths range from 11 m to 200.9 m. The well uses range from domestic water supply (10), industrial water supply (1), commercial water supply (1), public water supply (1), and abandoned (2).

#### 3.5 Vegetation Cover

A spring vegetation survey was completed on May 23, 2019. Habitat observed during the field investigation included several vegetation communities (**Photos 1 – 14**). The following section outlines the existing vegetation communities identified within the study area. For a detailed map of vegetation communities present within the study area, refer to **Figure 4**. Photographs of the vegetation communities can be found in **Appendix A**. A complete listing of vegetation species observed within the study area during the field investigations is found in **Table 2**. SAR vegetation was observed within the study area during the September 12, 2017 field investigation. One (1) Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*) sapling was identified in the south end of the study area. During the July 18, 2019 field investigation, ten (10) Butternuts were identified throughout the study area. No other nationally, provincially or regionally rare or endangered plant species were observed during the field investigation.

#### 3.5.1 Vegetation Community 1: Mineral Cultural Meadow (CUW1)

Vegetation Community 1 was classified through ELC as a Mineral Cultural Meadow (CUM1) (**Photo 1**). This community lacked significant woody vegetation. It was previously cleared and is considered a disturbed area with herbaceous growth regenerating the area. The dominant species included grass (Poaceae spp.), broad-leaved cattail (*Typha latifolia*), and coltsfoot (*Tussilago farfara*). This community was present along the north boundary of the study area stretching to the northeast corner.

#### 3.5.2 Vegetation Community 2: Mineral Meadow Marsh (MAM2)

Vegetation Community 2 was classified through ELC as a Mineral Meadow Marsh (MAM2) (**Photo 2**). A small area consisting of this community was present directly west of the Mineral Cultural Meadow along the northern boundary of the study area. The community consisted of wet soils and vegetation dominated by broad-leaved cattail.

#### 3.5.3 Vegetation Community 3: Mineral Cultural Thicket (CUT1)

Vegetation Community 3 was classified through ELC as a Mineral Cultural Thicket (CUT1) (**Photo 5**). This is the largest community of the study area. A small area of this community was located in the northwest corner. The majority of this community was situated directly south of the PSW and occupies the center of the study area. The canopy of this community was dominated by shrub willow (*Salix* spp.) and common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*). These species are indicative of regeneration of a previously disturbed site. The understory consisted of the same species at a lower height. Various herbaceous wildflowers and grass provided ground cover in this community.

#### 3.5.4 Vegetation Community 4: Mineral Cultural Savannah (CUS1)

Vegetation Community 4 was classified through ELC as a Mineral Cultural Savannah (CUS1) (**Photo 4**). This community occupies a large area in the east and south ends of the study area. The canopy was sparse and intermittent in this community and dominated by young poplar species (*Populus* spp.). The presence of young poplar species is indicative of regeneration of a previously disturbed site. Ground cover consisting of herbaceous wildflowers and grass was present.

#### 3.5.5 Vegetation Community 5: Fresh-Moist Poplar-Deciduous Forest (FOD8-1)

Vegetation Community 5 was classified through ELC as a Fresh-Moist Poplar-Deciduous Forest (FOD8-1) (**Photo 6**). This community was located in the southwest corner and continues in a narrow, northward direction. The canopy of the community was dominated by tall poplar species. The understory consisted of young sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) and wild red raspberry (*Rubus strigosus*). Ground cover was sparse and consisted of moss (Bryophyta) and ostrich fern (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*).

#### 3.5.6 Vegetation Community 6: Fresh-Moist White Cedar-Sugar Maple Mixed Forest (FOM7-1)

Vegetation Community 6 was classified through ELC as a Fresh-Moist White Cedar-Sugar Maple Mixed Forest (FOM7-1). This community was located along the west boundary of the study area. The canopy of this community consisted of a mix of mature eastern white-cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*), sugar maple, white birch (*Betula papyrifera*), and white spruce (*Picea glauca*). Understory species was dominated by common buckthorn. The narrow stand of mature trees contained in this community most likely represents mature forest that was previously present throughout the study area prior to clearing. Based on Google Earth (Maxar Technologies, 2019) satellite imagery, the majority of the study area appears to have been cleared between 2004 and 2008.

#### 3.5.7 Vegetation Community 7: Dry-Fresh White Pine-Sugar Maple Mixed Forest (FOM2-2)

Vegetation Community 7 was classified through ELC as a Dry-Fresh White Pine-Sugar Maple Mixed Forest (FOM2-2) (**Photo 7**). This community was located along the west boundary of the study area near the southwest corner. The canopy of this community is dominated by mature eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus*) and a mix of mature sugar maple and poplars. Little to no understory was present in this community. Ground cover consisted of herbaceous wildflowers and grass. The narrow stand of mature trees contained in this community most likely represents mature forest that was previously present throughout the study area prior to clearing.

#### 3.5.8 Vegetation Community 8: Willow Mineral Thicket Swamp (SWT2-2)

Vegetation Community 8 was classified through ELC as a Willow Mineral Thicket Swamp (SWT2-2) (**Photo 9**). This community was located along the tributary of Poole Creek within the reclassified boundaries of the PSW. The community consisted of shrub willows, phragmites (*Phragmites australis australis*), broad-leaved cattails, and herbaceous plants.

#### 3.5.9 Vegetation Community 9: Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh (MAS2-1)

Vegetation Community 9 was classified through ELC as a Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh (MAS2-1) (**Photo 13**). This community is located on the north and south sides of Vegetation Community 8. These areas consisted of low-lying

wet areas dominated by broad-leaved cattails. Other herbaceous broad-leaved plants and some sparse shrubs were also present. Refer to **Table 2** for a complete listing of species observed within the study area.



#### LEGEND



Watercourse

Site Location

Dry-Fresh White Pine - Sugar Maple Mixed Forest (FOM2-2)

Fresh-Moist Poplar Deciduous Forest (FOD8-1)

Fresh-Moist White Cedar - Sugar Maple Mixed Forest (FOM7-1)

Mineral Cultural Meadow (CUM1)

Mineral Cultural Savannah (CUS1)

Mineral Cultural Thicket (CUT1)

Mineral Meadow Marsh (MAM2)

Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh (MAS2-1)

Willow Mineral Thicket Swamp (SWT2-2)

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Table 2: Vegetation Species observed within the Study Area						
Common Name	Scientific Name	Status According to Brunton (2005)	Common Name	Scientific Name	Status According to Brunton (2005)	
Tree Species						
balsam fir	Abies balsamea	Common	red maple	Acer rubrum	Common	
balsam poplar	Populus balsamifera	Common	sugar maple	Acer saccharum	Common	
butternut	Juglans cinerea	Common	trembling aspen	Populus tremuloides	Common	
eastern white pine	Pinus strobus	Common	white birch	Betula papyrifera	Common	
green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Common	white elm	Ulmus americana	Common	
largetooth aspen	Populus grandidentata	Common	white poplar	Populus alba	Common	
Manitoba maple	Acer negundo	Common	white spruce	Picea glauca	Common	
Shrub Species						
black elderberry	Sambucus canadensis	Uncommon	round-leaved dogwood	Cornus rugosa	Common	
black raspberry	Rubus occidentalis	Uncommon	shrub willow	Salix spp.	N/A	
common blackberry	Rubus allegheniensis	Common	speckled alder	Alnus incana	Common	
glaucous honeysuckle	Lonicera dioica	Uncommon	staghorn sumac	Rhus typhina	Common	
glossy buckthorn	Rhamnus frangula	Common (aggressive invasive)	Virginia creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Uncommon	
ninebark	Physocarpus opulifolius	Uncommon	Virgin's bower	Clematis virginiana	Common	
purple-flowering raspberry	Rubus odoratus	Common	wester poison-ivy	Toxicodendron rydbergii	Common	
red-osier dogwood	Cornus sericea	Common	wild black currant	Ribes americanum	Common	
riverbank grape	Vitis riparia	Common	wild red raspberry	Rubus strigosus	Common	
Herbaceous Species						
barren strawberry	Woldsteinia fragarioides	N/A	greater burdock	Arctium minus	Common	
black medick	Medicago lupulina	Common	hawkweed	Hieracium spp.	N/A	
boneset	Eupatorium perfoliatum	Common	large-leaved aster	Eurybia macrophylla	Common	
bracken fern	Pteridium aquilinum	Common	marsh blue violet	Viola cucullata	Common	
broad-leaved cattail	Typha latifolia	Common	marsh fern	Thelypteris palustris	Common	
bull thistle	Cirsium vulgare	Common	meadow horsetail	Equisetum pratense	Uncommon	
butter-and-eggs	Linaria vulgaris	Common	moss	Bryophyta	N/A	
Canada anemone	Anemone canadensis	Common	mustard	Brassicaceae	N/A	
Canada goldenrod	Solidago canadensis	Common	New England aster	Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	Common	
coltsfoot	Tussilago farfara	Uncommon (spreading common)	pearly everlasting	Anaphalis margaritacea	Common	
common dandelion	Taraxacum officinale	Common	phragmites	Phragmites australis australis	Uncommon (locally abundant adventive)	

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Status According to Brunton	(2005)

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Table 2: Vegetation Species observed within the Study Area							
Common Name	Scientific Name	Status According to Brunton (2005)	Common Name	Scientific Name	Status According to Brunton (2005)		
common evening-primrose	Oenothera biennis	Common	purple loosestrife	Lythrum salicaria	Common (invasive)		
common milkweed	Asclepias syriaca	Common	Queen Anne's lace	Daucus carota	Common		
common mullein	Verbascum thapsus	Common	red clover	Trifolium pratense	Common		
common ragweed	Ambrosia artemisiifolia	Common	sedge	Carex spp.	N/A		
common St. John's-wort	Hypericum perforatum	Common	sensitive fern	Onoclea sensibilis	Common		
cow vetch	Vicia cracca	Common	spikerush	Eleocharis spp.	N/A		
creeping Charlie	Glechoma hederacea	Common	spreading dogbane	Apocynum androsaemifolium	Common		
curled dock	Rumex crispus	Common	white sweet-clover	Melilotus alba	Common		
foamflower	Tiarella cordifolia	Common	white trillium	Trillium grandiflorum	Common		
fringed polygala	Polygala paucifolia	Uncommon	wild strawberry	Fragaria virginiana	Common		
grass sp.	Poaceae	N/A	woolgrass	Scirpus cyperinus	Common		
grass-leaved goldenrod	Euthamia graminifolia	Common					

## 3.6 Habitat for Species at Risk & Significant Wildlife Habitat

Background information obtained from the sources listed in Section 2.0 of this report, indicated that SAR and their habitat were potentially present within the study area. These species have been listed in **Table 3**. Given habitat observed during the field investigation and direct observation of SAR, a determination was made as to whether these species had the potential to be or were present within the study area (**Table 3**).

Table 3: Species at Risk Potentially or Confirmed to be Present within the Study Area				
*Common Name	Scientific Name	Provincial Status (ESA, 2007)	Federal Status (SARA Schedule 1)	Potential/Unconfirmed or Confirmed Habitat Present within Property Boundaries
Plants				
Butternut <sup>3, 6</sup>	Juglans cinerea	Endangered	Endangered	Confirmed present in the study area
Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid <sup>3</sup>	Platanthera leucophaea	Endangered	Endangered	No habitat
Insects				
Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee <sup>3</sup>	Bombus bohemicus	Endangered	Endangered	No habitat
Monarch <sup>3</sup>	Danaus plexippus	Special Concern	Special Concern	Potential/Unconfirmed
Amphibians				
Jefferson Salamander <sup>2</sup>	Ambystoma jeffersonianum	Endangered	Endangered	No habitat
Western Chorus Frog <sup>2</sup>	Pseudacris triseriata	No Status	Threatened	No habitat
Turtles				
Blanding's Turtle <sup>1, 2,</sup> 3, 5	Emydoidea blandingii	Threatened	Threatened	Potential Category 2/3 habitat
Common Snapping Turtle <sup>1, 2, 3, 5</sup>	Chelydra serpentina	Special Concern	Special Concern	Potential/Unconfirmed
Snakes and Lizards				
Eastern Milksnake <sup>2</sup>	Lampropeltis triangulum triangulum	No Status	Special Concern	Potential/Unconfirmed
Birds				
Bald Eagle <sup>3</sup>	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Special Concern	N/A	No habitat
Bank Swallow <sup>3, 4</sup>	Riparia riparia	Threatened	Threatened	No habitat

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*Common Name	Scientific Name	Provincial Status (ESA, 2007)	Federal Status (SARA Schedule 1)	Potential/Unconfirmed or Confirmed Habitat Present within Property Boundaries
Barn Owl <sup>6</sup>	Tyto alba	Endangered	Endangered	No habitat
Barn Swallow <sup>3, 4</sup>	Hirundo rustica	Threatened	Threatened	Confirmed present in the study area; foraging habitat only
Black Tern <sup>6</sup>	Chlidonias niger	Special Concern	N/A	No habitat
Bobolink <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	Threatened	Threatened	No habitat
Canada Warbler <sup>6</sup>	Cardellina Canadensis	Special Concern	Threatened	No habitat
Chimney Swift <sup>3</sup>	Chaetura pelagica	Threatened	Threatened	No habitat
Common Nighthawk <sup>3</sup>	Chordeiles minor	Special Concern	Threatened	Potential habitat adjacent to study area
Eastern Meadowlark <sup>1, 3, 4</sup>	Sturnella magna	Threatened	Threatened	No habitat
Eastern Whip-poor- will <sup>3, 4</sup>	Antrostomus vociferous	Threatened	Threatened	No habitat
Eastern Wood- pewee <sup>3, 4</sup>	Contopus virens	Special Concern	Special Concern	Potential/Unconfirmed
Evening Grosbeak <sup>4</sup>	Coccothraustes vespertinus	Special Concern	No Status	No habitat
Golden-winged Warbler <sup>6</sup>	Vermivora chrysoptera	Special Concern	Threatened	No habitat
Grasshopper Sparrow <sup>6</sup>	Ammodramus savannarum	Special Concern	Special Concern	No habitat
Horned Grebe <sup>3</sup>	Podiceps auritus	Special Concern	Special Concern	No habitat
Least Bittern <sup>3</sup>	Ixobrychus exilis	Threatened	Threatened	No habitat
Loggerhead Shrike <sup>3</sup>	Lanius ludovicianus	Endangered	No Status	No habitat
Olive-sided Flycatcher <sup>6</sup>	Contopus cooperi	Special Concern	Threatened	No habitat
Peregrine Falcon <sup>6</sup>	Falco peregrinus	Special Concern	Special Concern	No habitat
Piping Plover <sup>6</sup>	Charadrius melodus	Endangered	Endangered	No habitat
Red-headed Woodpecker <sup>3</sup>	Melanerpes erythrocephalus	Special Concern	Threatened	No habitat

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*Common Name	Scientific Name	Provincial Status (ESA, 2007)	Federal Status (SARA Schedule 1)	Potential/Unconfirmed or Confirmed Habitat Present within Property Boundaries
Red Knot <i>rufa</i> subspecies <sup>6</sup>	Calidris canutus rufa	Endangered	Endangered	No habitat
Red-necked Phalarope <sup>6</sup>	Phalaropus lobatus	Special Concern	No Status	No habitat
Rusty Blackbird <sup>6</sup>	Euphagus carolinus	Special Concern	Special Concern	Potential/Unconfirmed
Short-eared Owl <sup>6</sup>	Asio flammeus	Special Concern	Special Concern	No habitat
Wood Thrush <sup>1, 3, 4</sup>	Hylocichla mustelina	Special Concern	Threatened	No habitat
Yellow Rail <sup>3</sup>	Coturnicops noveboracensis	Special Concern Special Concern		No habitat
Mammals				
Eastern Small- footed Myotis <sup>3</sup>	Myotis leibii	Endangered	N/A	No habitat
Little Brown Myotis <sup>3</sup>	Myotis lucifugus	Endangered	Endangered	No habitat
Northern Myotis <sup>3</sup>	Myotis septentrionalis	Endangered	Endangered	No habitat
Tri-coloured Bat <sup>3</sup>	Perimyotis subflavus	Endangered	Endangered	No habitat

\*This table was assembled from various sources of background information. The following information sources were consulted to compile background information: 1 – LIO geodatabase (MNRF, 2018); 2 – Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Ontario Nature, 2019); 3 – MNRF Background Information Request (Devlin, 2019); 4 – Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario (Bird Studies Canada et al., 2008); 5 – NHIC data (MNRF, 2014); 6 – General range

Of the SAR identified by background information as potentially present within the vicinity of the study area, habitat observed during the field investigation within the study area does not appear to be suitable for the life processes of the following SAR: Bald Eagle, Bank Swallow, Barn Owl, Barn Swallow, Black Tern, Bobolink, Canada Warbler, Chimney Swift, Eastern Meadowlark, Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid, Eastern Small-footed Myotis, Eastern Whip-poor-will, Evening Grosbeak, Golden-winged Warbler, Grasshopper Sparrow, Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee, Horned Grebe, Jefferson Salamander, Least Bittern, Little Brown Myotis, Loggerhead Shrike, Northern Myotis, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Peregrine Falcon, Piping Plover, Red Knot *rufa* subspecies, Redheaded Woodpecker, Red-necked Phalarope, Short-eared Owl, Tri-colored Bat, Western Chorus Frog, Wood Thrush, and Yellow Rail. In addition, although habitat was observed to be suitable for the Rusty Blackbird, the species was not observed to be present within the study area, or within 50 m of the study area. Only low quality, migratory habitat for this species is available within the wooded areas of the study habitat. It is unlikely that this species relies on habitat within the study area for significant life processes. The Common Nighthawk may

utilize adjacent property consisting of gravel lots (north of the study area) for nesting, however no nesting habitat was identified within the study area. A Barn Swallow was identified directly north of the study area in the gravel lot, perched on the ground and also foraging within the study area (**Photo 17**). This species may utilize the study area for aerial foraging, however it does not provide any nesting habitat (i.e. bridges, box culverts, other artificial structures with covered ledges) or significant habitat for its life processes. During the July 7, 2020 field investigation, no nests, remnants of nests, or evidence of Barn Swallow nesting was observed on structures within the existing tow yard or within the culvert under Highway 7 directly adjacent to the study area. The culvert does not provide suitable nesting habitat for Barn Swallows due to the shape (i.e. reinforced concrete box with no ledge space). These species will not be discussed further in this report.

Suitable habitat for the following species was deemed to be potentially present within the study area, during the 2019 field investigation: Blanding's Turtle, Butternut, Common Snapping Turtle, Eastern Milksnake, Eastern Wood-pewee, and Monarch.

The Butternut is listed as 'Endangered' under the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA) (2007) and the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) (2002). Habitat for this species and individuals of this species are afforded protection. Habitat is available within the study area due to the wide range of habitat preferences for Butternuts in which to grow. Butternuts are shade intolerant and prefer open areas but often become crowded out by other pioneer species (i.e. regenerating areas). Ten (10) Butternuts were identified and located within the study area during the July 18, 2019 field investigation. Three (3) of these individuals appeared to be mature trees with at least one (1) fruiting (**Photos 18 - 22**). The Butternuts were identified within the Mineral Cultural Savannah (CUS1) and Mineral Cultural Thicket (CUT1) south of the PSW. Under the ESA, individuals must be assessed by a qualified Butternut Health Inspector to determine the general health and viability of the individual to resist the butternut canker (*Sirococcus clavigignenti-juglandacearum*) and produce immune offspring.

Adult Monarch may utilize cultural meadows, meadow marshes, and cultural thickets within the study area for foraging if there are a variety of wildflowers available. This species relies heavily on milkweed (*Asclepias* spp.) for several life processes. Common milkweed was identified within the study area. This species is listed as 'Special Concern' under ESA and SARA and does not receive habitat protection. No individuals of this species were observed during the field investigations.

Migratory habitat for Blanding's Turtle and Common Snapping Turtle is available within the study area within the PSW. The Common Snapping Turtle is listed as 'Special Concern' under the ESA and SARA and does not receive habitat protection. The Blanding's Turtle is listed as 'Threatened' under the ESA and SARA and receives habitat protection. The City of Ottawa has indicated a Blanding's Turtle has been recorded to be present within 2 km of the study area. Based on the *General Habitat Description for the Blanding's Turtle (Emydoidea blandingii)* by MNRF (2013a), Category 2 Habitat for Blanding's Turtle is available in any connected wetland and waterbody complex extending up to 2 km from the Blanding's Turtle does as well as 30 m around these suitable wetlands/waterbodies. Category 3 Blanding's Turtle Habitat is any area from 30 m to 250 m around Category 2 Habitat. These habitats are present within study area (**Figure 5**). These habitats are also suitable for the Snapping Turtle. The habitat within the study area only provides the function of migration to more suitable habitat outside of the study area for these species. Quality habitat suitable for Blanding's Turtle does not occur on adjacent properties in either direction of watercourse flow. No nesting habitat for these species was

observed within the study area and it is not likely that these species are present in significant numbers within the study area due to the limited wetland habitat type available. No individuals of these species were observed during the field investigations.

The Eastern Milksnake may be present within the study area for foraging, breeding, and/or overwintering. This species is considered a habitat generalist and may utilize a variety of habitats within the study area. This species is listed as 'Special Concern' under the SARA and does not receive habitat protection. No individuals of this species were observed during the field investigations.

The Eastern Wood-pewee is listed as 'Special Concern' under the ESA and SARA. The habitat for this species is not afforded protection under the ESA or SARA. However, individuals of this species, their eggs, nest and fledglings are protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (MBCA) (1994). The Eastern Wood-pewee is a habitat generalist which will utilize a variety of habitats for nesting and foraging, however it prefers edge habitat near water. Habitat of this type is available within the study area; however, it is unlikely that this species relies on the study area for important life processes as no individuals were identified during the field investigations.



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Site Location

Updated PSW Boundary

Category 2 Blandings Turtle Habitat

Category 3 Blandings Turtle Habitat



## 3.7 Wildlife & Significant Wildlife Habitat

The study area is located in the Smiths Falls Ecodistrict (6E-11) of the Lake Simcoe-Rideau Ecoregion (6E) within the Mixedwood Plains Ecozone (Ecological Stratification Working Group, 1996). Characteristic wildlife present within this Ecoregion includes: northern raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), striped skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*), white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*), groundhog (*Marmota monax*), waterfowl, turtles, snakes, and various bird species (Crins, et al., 2009).

The following section outlines the existing wildlife observations from the field investigations conducted within the study area. **Table 4** lists the species observed during the 2017, 2018, and 2019 field investigations. Habitat present within the study area represented appropriate breeding/nesting/foraging habitat for all wildlife species observed with the exception of the Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*).

Table 4: Wildlife Species Observed within the Study Area					
Common Name	Scientific Name	Resident/Seasonally	Evidence		
Amphibians					
spring peeper	Pseudacris crucifer	Resident	Singing males, within appropriate breeding habitat, during appropriate breeding season (singing male)		
Birds					
Alder Flycatcher	Empidonax alnorum	Seasonally	Singing male, within appropriate breeding habitat, during appropriate breeding season (singing male)		
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristis	Seasonally	Singing male, within appropriate breeding habitat, during appropriate breeding season (singing male)		
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	Seasonally	Singing male, within appropriate breeding habitat, during appropriate breeding season (singing male)		
American Woodcock	Scolopax minor	Seasonally	Visual observation		
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	Resident	Singing male		
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	Seasonally	Visual observation		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Setophaga pensylvanica	Seasonally	Singing male, within appropriate breeding habitat, during appropriate breeding season (singing male)		
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	Seasonally	Singing male, within appropriate breeding habitat, during appropriate breeding season, carrying nesting material		
Eastern Phoebe	Sayornis phoebe	Seasonally	Singing male		

Table 4: Wildlife Species Observed within the Study Area				
Common Name	Scientific Name	Resident/Seasonally	Evidence	
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	Resident	Visual observation	
Gray Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	Seasonally	Singing male, within appropriate breeding habitat, during appropriate breeding season (singing male)	
Great Crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus crinitus	Seasonally	Singing male, within appropriate breeding habitat, during appropriate breeding season (singing male)	
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus	Seasonally	Singing male	
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	Seasonally	Visual observation	
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla	Seasonally	Singing male	
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	Seasonally	Singing male, within appropriate breeding habitat, during appropriate breeding season (singing male)	
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	Seasonally	Singing male, within appropriate breeding habitat, during appropriate breeding season (singing male)	
Swamp Sparrow	Melospiza georgiana	Seasonally	Singing male, within appropriate breeding habitat, during appropriate breeding season (singing male)	
Warbling Vireo	Vireo gilvus	Seasonally	Singing male, within appropriate breeding habitat, during appropriate breeding season (singing male)	
White-throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	Seasonally	Singing male, within appropriate breeding habitat, during appropriate breeding season (singing male)	
Yellow Warbler	Setophaga petechia	Seasonally	Singing male, within appropriate breeding habitat, during appropriate breeding season (singing male)	
Mammals				
North American beaver	Castor canadensis	Resident	Chewed branches observed, small beaver dam in watercourse	
white-tailed deer	Odocoileus virginianus	Resident	Tracks, browse, adult observed	

For those observations of male birds singing, within appropriate breeding habitat, during the appropriate breeding season, this quality of breeding evidence represents "possible breeder," under the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas' *Breeding Evidence Codes* (Bird Studies Canada, 2019) with the exception of the Common Yellowthroat which is a 'probable breeder' within the study area due to the observation that a male individual was carrying nesting

materials. The Alder Flycatcher, American Goldfinch, American Robin, American Woodcock, Canada Goose, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Eastern Phoebe, Gray Catbird, Great Crested Flycatcher, Killdeer, Mallard, Ovenbird, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Warbling Vireo, White-throated Sparrow, Yellow Warbler, their nests, and eggs are protected under the MBCA. The Canada Goose was observed as a flyover and is not considered to be a resident breeder within the study area. The Blue Jay is afforded protection under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* (FWCA) (1997). The European Starling and Red-winged Blackbird are not afforded protection under the MBCA.

The study area was examined under the *Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide* (MNRF, 2000) and its supporting document *Significant Wildlife Habitat Criteria Schedules for Ecoregion 6E* (MNRF 2015) to determine if significant wildlife habitat is present within the existing study area. **Table 5** outlines the various significant wildlife habitat (SWH) categories and rationale on their designation within the study area.

Table 5: Significant Wildlife Habitat within the Study Area				
Specialized Wildlife Habitat Category	Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat (Y/N)	Confirmed Significant Wildlife Habitat (Y/N)		
Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Areas (Terrestrial)	No	No		
Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Areas (Aquatic)	No	No		
Shorebird Migratory Stopover Area	No	No		
Raptor Wintering Area	No	No		
Bat Hibernacula	No	No		
Bat Maternity Colonies	No	No		
Bat Migratory Stopover Area	No	No		
Turtle Wintering Area	No	No		
Reptile Hibernaculum	No	No		
Colonially-Nesting Bird Breeding Habitat (Bank and Cliff)	No	No		
Colonially-Nesting Bird Breeding Habitat (Tree/Shrubs)	No	No		
Colonially-Nesting Bird Breeding Habitat (Ground)	No	No		
Migratory Butterfly Stopover Area	No	No		
Landbird Migratory Stopover Areas	No	No		
Deer Yarding Areas	No	No		
Deer Winter Congregation Areas	No	No		
Cliff and Talus Slopes	No	No		
Sand Barren	No	No		
Alvar	No	No		
Old Growth Forest	No	No		

Table 5: Significant Wildlife Habitat within the Study Area				
Specialized Wildlife Habitat Category	Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat (Y/N)	Confirmed Significant Wildlife Habitat (Y/N)		
Savannah	No	No		
Tallgrass Prairie	No	No		
Other Rare Vegetation Communities	No	No		
Waterfowl Nesting Area	No	No		
Bald Eagle and Osprey Nesting, Foraging and Perching Habitat	No	No		
Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat	No	No		
Turtle Nesting Areas	No	No		
Seeps and Springs	No	No		
Amphibian Breeding Habitat (Woodland)	No	No		
Amphibian Breeding Habitat (Wetlands)	Yes	No		
Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat	No	No		
Marsh Bird Breeding Habitat	Yes	No		
Open Country Bird Breeding Habitat	No	No		
Shrub/Early Successional Bird Breeding Habitat	No	No		
Terrestrial Crayfish	No	No		
Special Concern and Rare Wildlife Species	Yes	No		
Amphibian Movement Corridors	No	No		
Deer Movement Corridors	No	No		
Mast Producing Areas	No	No		
Lek	No	No		

Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat was determined to be present within the study area for three (3) categories: Amphibian Breeding Habitat (Wetlands), Marsh Bird Breeding Habitat, and Special Concern and Rare Wildlife Species.

Candidate Amphibian Breeding Habitat is present within the PSW portions of the study area. This area consists of ephemeral water features (i.e. Poole Creek) isolated from woodland ecosites which contain in-water structures including woody and herbaceous vegetation in which amphibians can utilize for calling, foraging, escape, and concealment from predators. Only Spring Peepers were heard within the study area which is not included in the list of wildlife species characteristic of this SWH; however, the PSW conditions meet the criteria.

Candidate Marsh Breeding Bird Habitat is present within the mineral meadow marsh (as part of the PSW) portions of the study area. This is based on the criterion of 'All wetland habitat is to be considered as long as there is

shallow water with emergent vegetation present." Although the conditions within the study area meet this criterion, no bird species listed as characteristic of this SWH (e.g. American Bittern, Virginia Rail, Common Gallinule, Sedge Wren, Common Loon, Sandhill Crane, Trumpeter Swan, etc.). were observed within the study area during the field investigations. The wetland conditions are limited to the Poole Creek corridor through the study area and surface water is seasonal which limits the suitability of the study area for this SWH. Although the criterion for this SWH was met within the study area, it is unlikely that the study area provides breeding habitat for marsh breeding birds and therefore will not be discussed further.

Candidate Special Concern and Rare Wildlife Species habitat is present throughout the entire study area based on the elemental occurrences of Blanding's Turtles within 2 km of the study area. These habitats are also suitable for the Snapping Turtle. The habitat within the study area only provides the function of migration to more suitable habitat outside of the study area for these species. No nesting habitat for these species was observed within the study area and it is not likely that these species are present in significant numbers within the study area due to the limited wetland habitat type available. No individuals of these species were observed during the field investigations.

## 4.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The proposed development within the study area involves the following:

- Clearing of approximately 4.44 ha (4.27 ha in the south end and 0.17 ha within the PSW and setback) of the study area to convert into a gravel tow yard;
- Construction of an access road from the existing tow yard north of the study area to the south end of the study area which will also act as a fire route;
- Installation of a culvert at the fire route access road crossing over the tributary of Poole Creek within the PSW, and
- Construction of a proposed warehouse in the southwest corner of the study area.

Refer to **Figure 6** for the site plan for the proposed development. The development will include clearing approximately 4.27 ha of vegetation in the south end of the study area. This will occur adjacent to a 30 m buffer around the PSW. Light duty (15 mm Granular 'A' and 350 mm Granular 'B') gravel will be placed in the cleared area which will serve as a tow yard. As part of the clearing, the construction of a clay berm has been recommended by MVCA south of the PSW to separate a 30 m buffer zone around the PSW from the tow yard. This berm will act as an ecological boundary from the tow yard and prevent runoff from entering the PSW. Additionally, a grass swale will be constructed on the north side of the existing berm separating the study area and the existing tow yard to the north. The swale will be constructed within the existing gravel of the tow yard and will have a width ranging from 9.6 m to 12 m. The purpose of the swale construction is to divert storm water from the existing tow yard eastward. A 600 mm pipe with a length of 11.21 m will be installed in the swale where the fire route access road will cross the swale. The pipe will divert stormwater under the proposed road from the west end of the swale to the east end. Level spreaders will be installed on the northwest and southwest quadrants of the proposed culvert installation. These areas will function as stormwater controls.

A fire route access road will be constructed from Rothbourne Road which will extend through the existing tow yard and enter the study area. The gravel road will cross the PSW at its narrowest point within the study area where a culvert will be installed within the watercourse for the road crossing. The width of the travelled lanes of the road will be 6 m with a 2 m slope on both sides; a total of 10 m wide. The road will continue south along the west end of the study area and end in a cul-de-sac in the southwest corner of the study area. Eight (8) parking spots with typical dimensions (2.6 m to 3.1 m wide and minimum of 5.2 m length) will be developed on the north side of the cul-de-sac. Additional clearing will occur within the PSW and its buffers at the narrowest point to accommodate the fire route access road. Heavy duty (150 mm Granular 'A' and 500 mm Granular 'B' Type 2) gravel will be installed to form the fire route access road.

The proposed culvert to be installed in the tributary of Poole Creek will be a concrete box culvert with a span of 2.4 m, a rise of 1.2 m, and a length of 21 m. The culvert will be set at the slope of the existing watercourse and sunk by 10% (120 mm). Rip rap will be installed at the inlet and outlet of the culvert to minimize erosion.

The proposed warehouse will be constructed in the southwest corner of the study area. The proposed warehouse will have a width and length of 30.48 m and a height of 8.53 m, covering an area of 969.4 m<sup>2</sup>. The warehouse will adhere to the following setbacks:

- Zoning side yard setback of 3 m on the west side and 15 m on the south side;
- A landscape buffer setback of 10 m on the west side, and
- Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) setback of 14 m from the Highway 7 ROW on the west side and south side.

In addition to the setbacks, an opaque 1.8 m fence will be installed along the entire property line including the existing tow yard property north of the study area.



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## 5.0 IMPACT ASSESSMENT & RECOMMENDATIONS

The following sections outline and assess any potential impacts that are expected as a result of the proposed development. Recommendations for mitigation measures to avoid these impacts are outlined in Section 6.0 of this report.

#### 5.1 Natural Heritage System Components, Surface Water, Groundwater and Fish Habitat

#### 5.1.1 Provincially Significant Wetland

A portion of the Goulbourn Wetland Complex (PSW) is present within the study area. The boundaries of this PSW were reclassified based on field verification. Approximately 0.43 ha of the previous boundary was removed from the study area. Approximately 1.23 ha were added to the study area in a west-east orientation across the middle (Figure 7). Due to the presence of a PSW within the study area, a 30 m setback from the boundaries of the PSW is established in which no clearing or development are to take place (see Figure 6). This setback was chosen based on the City of Ottawa watercourse setback policies and Conservation Authority regulations (City of Ottawa, 2003). However, the proposed site plan illustrates that the fire route access road will be constructed within the PSW. Clearing of vegetation and installation of a culvert within the PSW will occur as part of the road construction within the PSW. Approximately 129 m<sup>2</sup> of the PSW will be impacted due to the installation of the road. The wetland habitat within the study area is part of a wetland complex that provides ecological functions including habitat for flora/fauna and potential use by species at risk as well as providing groundwater and surface water protection which sustains watercourses in the area. A 30 m setback from the PSW boundaries was established to protect the PSW from further alteration as downstream stretches of the watercourse and wetland have been significantly and permanently altered. Based on the main use of the wetland as a wildlife corridor (limited potential for turtles, however it is expected small mammals, reptiles and amphibians and birds would utilize the corridor), the boundary of one side of the wetland being Highway 7 and the wetland on the adjacent property no longer functioning and no significant sensitivities within the wetland, it is expected that on its own this area would not function as a PSW. The 30 m setback on either side of the wetland allows for the wildlife corridor to persist with a minimum width of more than 60 m for the extent of the property. A 30 m buffer allows for the wetland habitat to continue to function as it is presently. An increase in surface water to the wetland should aid in its function possibly allowing for the surface water to persist longer into the year and create opportunity for Spring Peeper or other amphibians to breed. The culvert installed will continue to allow wildlife passage to remain off the travelled portion of a road. A 120 m setback (as per the City of Ottawa Official Plan) was not feasible as this would not allow development throughout the entire study area. Impacts will occur within 120 m of the wetland including alteration of the PSW (129 m<sup>2</sup>). These alterations and associated mitigation measures to address their impacts will be discussed below. No construction (with the exception of the road crossing and wetland enhancement) will be afforded within the 30 m setback.

Due to the impacts of the road installation on the PSW, approximately 129 m<sup>2</sup> of wetland will be re-established within the property. Potential wetland enhancement areas for wetland re-establishment are present on the north side of the PSW boundary and directly adjacent to the west side of the proposed culvert crossing, within the setback limits (**Figure 7**). Conditions which support the ecological functions of the existing PSW must be created

and maintained within the potential wetland enhancement area. This will replace and add to the wetland area impacted by the installation of a fire route access road.

Level spreaders will be constructed directly adjacent to the northwest and southwest quadrants of the culvert installation which is directly adjacent to the PSW boundaries. These level spreaders will act as storm water management areas which will allow treated and settled water to slowly drain back into the wetland. These areas cover approximately 765 m<sup>2</sup> and will be included in the wetland construction. The stormwater retained in these areas will not be sourced from the existing or proposed tow yard due to the existing berm north of the PSW and the proposed berm south of the PSW which will separate the wetland from the tow yards. The proposed berm is considered to be a buffer, as described in the Natural Heritage Reference Manual (MNRF, 2010) that contributes substantially to the protection of the PSW. This will reduce potential contaminants from entering the storm water in the level spreaders and potentially create extensions to the existing PSW as the temporary presence of pools may create habitat for specialized flora and fauna (e.g. amphibian breeding habitat). The level spreaders will be designed so that the stormwater will pool, settle, and slowly drain into the wetland (i.e. incorporating rip rap substrates, spreading concentrated flows, and utilization of grass swales). The stormwater reaching the wetland will be controlled to pre-development rates which meets an enhanced level of quality control (80 % Total Suspended Solids removal) as shown in the *Hydrologic Impact Assessment* (McIntosh Perry, 2020) (HIA). The HIA provided the following conclusions:

- Through the development of the site plan, increased runoff into the wetland is expected, with a corresponding shortfall in infiltration;
- To combat these increases and shortfalls, stormwater management and infiltration mitigation measures are proposed to minimize any potential impacts, and
- Infiltration measures will be proposed on both the north and south portions of the site to ensure that the total infiltration meets pre-development infiltration volumes.

It is not anticipated that these areas will contribute to significant alteration of flows and water levels within the watercourse and PSW. Additional details on hydrological impacts and mitigation measures are available in the *Hydrologic Impact Assessment* (McIntosh Perry, 2020).

Additional wetland construction areas will be constructed on the north side of the PSW, east of the proposed culvert crossing. Certain areas directly adjacent to the north side of the PSW will be graded to match the existing wetland conditions and seeded/planted with native plants that compliment or match the existing flora composition of the wetland. These areas will create approximately 881 m<sup>2</sup> of new wetland as part of the wetland construction. Combined with the level spreaders, a total of approximately 1646 m<sup>2</sup> of new wetland will be constructed as part of the wetland construction. This provides approximately 12:1 replacement of wetlands within the study area.

The installation of a culvert in the tributary of Poole Creek will cause temporary impacts to the watercourse. In a memo prepared by McIntosh Perry, the proposed culvert installed in the watercourse will be a concrete box culvert with a span of 2.4 m, rise of 1.2 m, and length of 21 m. The culvert will be embedded 10% (120 mm) into the existing slope of the watercourse and existing alignment. The culvert size was chosen to reflect the dimensions of the upstream culvert under Highway 7 (2.1 m by 1.1 m) and the downstream culvert under Rothbourne Road

(2.7 m and 1.0 m). The design flow of the proposed culvert during the 5-year return period is 0.33 m<sup>3</sup>/s with an outlet velocity of 1.00 m/s. The culvert design was also chosen to adhere to City of Ottawa standard design practices in which overtopping of the culvert will not occur during the 100-year return period. Rip rap will be installed at the inlet and outlet as well to control erosion of the banks and substrate of the watercourse. Rip rap substrate will allow potential groundwater to continue to seep through and enter the watercourse. Riparian areas that are permanently altered as part of the culvert/road installation will be replaced in the wetland construction design. It is not anticipated that flows or water levels within the watercourse will be significantly altered or impacted due to the installation of the box culvert.

The existing wetland communities within study area consist of cattail mineral shallow marsh (MAS2-1) and willow mineral thicket swamp (SWT2-2). Native plants that match the existing wetland conditions will be seeded/planted within the wetland construction areas (seen in Figure 7) which will far exceed the amount of riparian area removed due to the development. A wetland seed mix will be planted to match and enhance the cattail mineral shallow marsh areas. This mix will consist of native graminoid and forb plants that may include, but are not limited to (subject to availability and suitability): awl sedge (Carex stipata), boneset (Eupatorium perfoliatum), fox sedge (Carex vulpinoidea), fringed sedge (Carex crinata), green bulrush (Scirpus atrovirens), hard-stemmed bulrush (Scirpus acutus), lurid sedge (Carex lurida), nodding bur marigold (Bidens ceruna), purple-stemmed aster (Aster puniceus), rice cutgrass (Leersia oryzoides), soft rush (Juncus effusus), spotted Joe-Pye weed (Eupatorium maculatum), swamp milkweed (Asclepias incarnata), tall mannagrass (Glyceria grandis), and Virginia wild rye (Elymus virginicus). Removal of vegetation in the wetland construction areas should be implemented prior to seeding to remove invasive species and noxious plants that may hinder the success of the wetland construction. Applications of a diverse wetland seed mix will follow in the fall to allow stratification and dormancy period during winter. A nurse crop will be incorporated with the wetland seed mix to help prevent erosion of the site prior to winter. The nurse crop is also intended as quickly germinating plants which will reduce competition with noxious plants. Nurse crop plants such as annual rye, annual oats, or annual white millet are ideal as these plants will die off and not re-establish in the spring, allowing the wetland seed mix to establish (OSC, 2020). This application will be best suited in Wetland Construction Areas 1 and 2 (764 m<sup>2</sup> total) in the west end of the study area to match the existing marsh conditions.

Additionally, native shrubs will be planted to match the conditions of the existing mineral thicket swamp areas. These areas are characterized by wet soils with low to medium height shrubs creating thickets that are established along the riparian areas of Poole Creek. Native shrub species may include, but are not limited to (subject to availability and suitability): Bebb's Willow (*Salix bebbiana*), black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*), high-bush cranberry (*Viburnum trilobum*), gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*), nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*), narrow-leaved meadowsweet (*Spiraea alba*), peach-leaved willow (*Salix amygdaloides*), red-osier dogwood, shining silky (*Salix lucida*), dogwood (*Cornus amomum*), and speckled alder. Shrubs will be planted in the fall to allow for a dormancy period or in the spring to provide the longest growing period possible. The root systems of the shrubs will provide stabilization of the riparian area and prevent erosion as well as provide diverse habitat for native fauna. This application will be best suited in Wetland Construction Areas 3, 4, and 5 (881 m<sup>2</sup> total) along the riparian area of Poole Creek to match the existing thicket swamp conditions. The specific details and quantities on wetland plantings will be prepared by the landscape contractor.
As such, it is not expected that this development will have significant negative effects to the PSW. The creation of new wetland habitat and the addition of longer persisting surface water should add wetland function in the long term.

#### 5.1.2 Fish Habitat

No fish habitat was present within the study area due to migration barriers downstream of the study area. If possible, migration connection to the study area may be re-established as part of the wetland restoration. Migration barriers downstream would need to be removed in order for fish to access the study area. The installation of rip rap on both ends of the culvert will provide potential spawning habitat for Mottled Sculpin if connection is re-established. The interstitial spaces of the rip rap can be used by this species for spawning habitat in the spring. Groundwater may also be negatively impacted by installing the new culvert by creating and impermeable barrier to upwellings or seepage within the watercourse; however, the installation of rip rap provides alternative areas in which groundwater can permeate to the surface water.

## 5.2 Vegetation Cover

#### 5.2.1 Tree Conservation

Vegetation removal is proposed to occur on approximately 4.44 ha of the study area in the south end and within the PSW and its setback where the road installation is to occur. The majority of the vegetation communities to be impacted by clearing within the study area are indicative of previously disturbance where regeneration of pioneer species (i.e. poplars) and non-native invasive species (i.e. common buckthorn) have established. The mature trees within the Fresh-Moist White Cedar-Sugar Maple Mixed Forest and the Dry-Fresh White Pine-Sugar Maple Mixed Forest are not anticipated to be impacted by clearing activities as these trees are located within the 10 m landscape setback, and a 14 m MTO setback which is not proposed to be cleared in the west end of the study area (Figure 8). If vegetation clearing is proposed for the south and southeast periphery of the study area within these setbacks (for the purposes of grading), it is recommended that these areas are re-seeded with native grass species which may include but is not limited to: Canada wild rye (*Elymus canadensis*), Indiangrass (*Sorghastrum nutans*), and little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*). Alternatively, these areas may be re-seeded with a native seed mixture which contains a variety of grass and wildflower species which may promote more diverse ecological functions. Appropriate wildflower species in the mixture may include but is not limited to: black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), blue vervain (*Verbena hastata*), boneset (*Eupatoium perfoliatum*), and common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*).

Clearing will not occur within the 30 m setback from the PSW which will also provide conservation of existing trees. Clearing will not occur within the Tree Protection Area in which the FOM2-2 and FOM7-1 vegetation communities are located. These communities are the only representations of mature coniferous and deciduous trees within the study area. These trees will not be impacted as no clearing or grading will occur within the Tree Protection Area. Recommendations have been outlined in Section 6.0 to protect trees within the Tree Protection Area setback limits.

#### 5.2.2 SAR Vegetation

Several Butternut trees ranging in age and height classes were identified within the Mineral Cultural Savannah and Mineral Cultural Thicket south of the PSW within the study area (**Figure 8**). At least 30 days prior to any vegetation clearing, these individuals must be assessed by a qualified Butternut Health Assessor into Categories 1, 2 or 3 as part of the requirements under Section 23.7 of Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 242/08 – *General* of the ESA. The following are definitions of the Butternut Categories during a health assessment under O. Reg. 242/08:

- Category 1 tree "the butternut tree is affected by butternut canker to such an advanced degree that retaining the tree would not support the protection or recovery of butternut trees in the area in which the tree is located";
- Category 2 tree "the butternut is not affected by butternut canker, or the butternut tree is affected by butternut canker, but the degree to which it is affected is not too advanced and retaining the tree could support the protection or recovery of butternut trees in the area in which the tree is located", and
- Category 3 tree "the butternut tree may be useful in determining sources of resistance to butternut canker".

A Butternut Health Assessment was conducted in the study area on August 13, 2019 and a report was prepared on September 5, 2019 (**Appendix C**). A total of 17 Butternuts were identified within the study area. Four (4) of the individuals were ranked as Category 2 and 13 of the individuals were ranked as Category 2. The Report noted that a large portion of the lands that were surveyed had recently been cleared. No other at-risk vegetation was observed within this area. Impact to adjacent vegetation as a result of the proposed removal is not anticipated. The entirety of the development is proposed to occur within the study area.



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#### 5.3 Habitat for Species at Risk & Significant Wildlife Habitat

Due to their status of 'Special Concern,' habitat for the Eastern Wood-pewee is considered Significant Wildlife Habitat. Given that no individuals of this species were heard or observed during the May 13, 2019 field investigation and this species is known to be habitat generalist, it is not anticipated that this species will be negatively impacted by the proposed development. It is unlikely that this species relies significantly on habitat within the study area for life processes due to the species' generalist behaviour with regards to habitat. However, an avian screening should be conducted prior to any proposed vegetation clearing by a qualified avian biologist, if clearing is to be conducted from April 10 to September 5, to ensure the species is not utilizing the study area for nesting purposes. Eastern Wood-pewee nests and eggs are afforded protection under the MBCA and cannot be harmed, harassed, or killed as a result of development activities.

Category 2 and 3 Blanding's Turtle habitats are present within the majority of the study area. These areas may also contain other SAR turtles and Eastern Milksnake. Overwintering habitat for Blanding's Turtle is not present within the wetland associated with the study area. No nesting habitat is present within the study area. Suitable habitat for life processes of this species is available outside of the study area. An elemental occurrence of Blanding's Turtle was identified within 2 km northeast of the study area. It is unlikely that the Blanding's Turtle exists in high densities within the study area due limited habitat available and function the habitat provides (migratory corridor only). Snapping Turtles will may be present in the wetland habitat within the study area for similar purposes (migratory corridor).

The project will include construction of a road crossing/culvert through the PSW. Any excavation or heavy equipment use in the wetland within the study area, conducted between June 1 and September 15, has the potential to harm travelling Blanding's Turtles and other SAR turtles that utilize the watercourse. As such, the following mitigation measures should be employed to protect SAR and their habitat during construction and to maintain compliance with the ESA. Consultation with the Ottawa District of MECP has been initiated due to the confirmed presence of Category 2 and 3 Blanding's Turtle Habitat within the study area. The below mitigation measures must be confirmed as sufficient with MECP as well as confirmation of any permits and approvals that may be required to complete the proposed project works. These mitigation measures should only be utilized once final approval from MECP has been confirmed:

- Timing of Road Construction Work: In-water work within Category 2 Blanding's Turtle Habitat is anticipated. No in-water work shall be conducted within wetland habitat during the active turtle period from May 1 to September 15 of any year, unless the area has been cleared of turtles by a qualified biologist;
- Exclusion Measures to Prevent Turtle Nesting in the Work Area: Temporary turtle exclusion barriers should be installed by May 1, prior to the turtle nesting season, at the work locations where soils are stockpiled. This will reduce the likelihood of culvert and road installation work harming or killing turtle eggs, by preventing turtles from accessing and nesting within the work zone. Temporary turtle exclusion measures should be maintained until July 15 (i.e. the end of the period when turtle lay their eggs):

- All stockpiled topsoil, sand and gravel must be completely encircled with silt fence or completely covered with geotextile to prevent turtles from accessing and nesting in the materials between May 1 and July 15 of any year;
- "Heavy duty" silt fence, particularly those with reinforced nylon netting, should not be used during construction, as they have the potential to trap and kill large-bodied snakes (MNRF, 2013b), and
- All temporary turtle exclusions measures must be removed after the work has been completed.

If any SAR are observed during construction, all work within the work site should cease and the local MECP management biologist should be contacted (Ottawa District Office: 613-521-3450).

## 5.4 Wildlife & Significant Wildlife Habitat

A total of 17 species of migratory birds and one (1) non-migratory bird were observed to be possible breeders within the study area during the 2019 field investigation (**Table 4**). Therefore, if construction (including any vegetation removal) is proposed from April 10 to September 5 (Hussel and Lepage, 2015), of any year, the area where clearing is proposed to occur, must be screened by an avian specialist prior to construction activity. This is recommended in order to prevent negative impacts to migratory birds and other bird species (especially those that are known to nest within recently cleared areas, such as the Killdeer), their nests and eggs, which are protected under the MBCA or the FWCA.

The white-tailed deer is a highly mobile species which travels for extended periods of time in search of food. There were no deer yards or significant browse evidence (i.e. only minimal browse was observed) which suggests that this species does not rely significantly on the study area for life processes. The North American beaver is an amphibious species which occupy most of its life in water. Impacts to the watercourse within the study area will occur due to the installation of the new culvert crossing, however there was no evidence of beavers utilizing the specific site in which the culvert will be installed.

Based on the *Significant Wildlife Habitat Criteria Schedules for Ecoregion 6E* (MNRF, 2015), Candidate Wetland Amphibian Breeding habitat is present within the study area. Potential amphibian breeding habitat is available within the PSW in the study area; however, species composition was limited based on the field investigations. Additional wetland construction areas will be constructed on the north side of the PSW, east of the proposed culvert crossing. Certain areas directly adjacent to the north side of the PSW will be graded to match the existing wetland conditions and seeded/planted with native plants that compliment or match the existing flora composition of the wetland. These areas will create approximately 881 m<sup>2</sup> of new wetland as part of the wetland construction. Wetland amphibian breeding habitat will be enhanced through the design of the wetland construction by matching the existing conditions with respect to water levels, flows, and vegetation. Residual negative impacts are not anticipated to wetland amphibian breeding habitat as a result of the proposed development.

Based on the *Significant Wildlife Habitat Criteria Schedules for Ecoregion 6E* (MNRF, 2015), Candidate Special Concern and Rare Wildlife Species habitat is present throughout the entire study area based on Blanding's Turtles Category 2 and 3 habitats as well as Snapping Turtle habitat. See Section 5.3 for details on impacts and mitigation measures for these species.

## 5.5 Wildland Fire Risk Assessment

According to Section 3.1.8 of the *Provincial Policy Statement*, 2014, "Development shall generally be directed to areas outside of lands that are unsafe for development due to the presence of hazardous forest types for wildland fire. Development may, however, be permitted in lands with hazardous forest types for wildland fire where the risk is mitigated in accordance with wildland fire assessment and mitigation standards."

Wildland fire assessment is necessary to determine the presence or absence of forest types associated with the risk of high to extreme wildland fire. Recommended mitigation techniques are designed to disrupt that principle of combustion by eliminating one or more of the three necessary elements of fire (heat, oxygen and fuel). They do so by minimizing the opportunity for ignition of new fires from embers; reducing the potential for direct flame contact from approaching wildland fires; and reducing the effects of radiant heat from an approaching wildland fire by reducing the opportunity for crown fire potential (MNRF, 2016).

The woody species composition (refer to Section 3.5), condition (i.e. very few coniferous trees on the southwest edge of the study area within a regenerating area consisting of young deciduous trees, etc.), and health (i.e. low occurrence of insect or diseased trees), within 100 m of the proposed development, characterizes the adjacent wooded area as not a hazardous forest type. Therefore, further risk assessment and mitigation measures are not required.

## 6.0 **RECOMMENDED MITIGATION**

In order to minimize or eliminate environmental impacts and to help achieve ecological and environmental improvements from the proposed construction and development, the following mitigation measures are recommended:

- The creation of 1646 m<sup>2</sup> of wetland directly adjacent to the existing PSW within the setback will replace the 129 m<sup>2</sup> of PSW area impacted due to the installation of the fire route access road. This wetland enhancement will support the ecological functions of the existing PSW by potentially diversifying the wetland habitat (i.e. level spreaders may provide amphibian breeding habitat) as well as extending the existing wetland boundaries through an approximate 12:1 replacement;
- To reduce impacts to fish in the tributary of Poole Creek downstream of the study area, in-water work should be conducted from July 1 to March 14 in order to avoid potential downstream impacts;
- As part of the proposed works, the following mitigation measures must be implemented for Tree Preservation efforts:
  - Protect trees and their roots (within the setback limits) from damage, compaction, and wetland replacement resulting from construction;
  - Do not place material or equipment on bare roots of the protected trees;
  - Do not attach any signs or notices to protected trees to prevent mechanical damage to the tree;
  - o Do not damage the root system, trunk or branches of any protected trees;
  - Ensure that exhaust fumes from all equipment are not directed towards the canopy of the protected trees;
- In accordance with Appendix 10 of the *Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines*, it is recommended that only locally appropriate native species be used for landscaping within the subject property. This would contribute to re-establishing native plants within the wider landscape and potentially have a positive impact for biodiversity (i.e., using native species for pollinators such as bees). This can be implemented during the construction of the grass swale on the north side of the northern berm. Disturbed areas should be replanted with locally grown native species. Use of non-native plant material should be discouraged;
- Natural areas to be retained are to be isolated by sturdy construction fencing or similar barriers at least 1 m in height during construction in order to ensure their retention;
- To prevent the introduction and spread of invasive plant species into the site, equipment utilized during construction should be inspected and cleaned in accordance with the *Clean Equipment Protocol for Industry* (Appendix D);
- Due to the presence of Butternut trees within the study area, a Butternut Health Assessment must be conducted at least 30 days prior to vegetation clearing. The recommendations and mitigation measures determined within the report must be followed to satisfy the ESA requirements;
- During construction, the Contractor should have a spill kit on-hand at all times, in case of spills;
- In accordance with Appendix 10 of the *Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines* (2015) for the City of Ottawa, no clearing of any vegetation or other construction, should occur from April 10 to September 5, unless a qualified biologist has determined that no nesting is occurring within 5 days prior to the clearing.

Note: these dates are based upon breeding bird nesting data for eastern Ontario, provided by Environment Canada. The nests and eggs of many species are protected under federal and/or provincial legislation (i.e. MBCA, FWCA);

- In accordance with Table 1 of the City of Ottawa's *Protocol for Wildlife Protection during Construction* (2015), prior to removal of any shrubs or trees in March through mid-August (breeding migratory birds), a biologist should be retained to inspect the habitat for active nests or dens. If none are determined to be present, removal should occur within a few days of the inspection (the same day if possible during sensitive periods). Thickets or woodlands should not be removed during sensitive times of year (i.e. March through mid-August for the breeding season, Mid-October through March for overwintering wildlife). The *Canadian Wildlife Service does not support relying on inspections for migratory bird nests in such habitats due to the difficulty of locating all nests and risk to birds*, and
- Should any SAR be discovered during construction, a management biologist at MECP Ottawa District should be contacted immediately, and operations modified to avoid any negative impacts to SAR or their habitat until further direction is provided by MNRF.

## 7.0 SUMMARY

This EIS supports the development of a tow yard on the property at 6776 Rothbourne Road, legally known as "Part Lot 18 Concession 12, Geographic Township of Goulbourn, City of Ottawa."

This EIS has assessed existing land use and determined the impacts to the natural heritage features (i.e. PSW, Significant Woodland, unevaluated wetland, Significant Wildlife Habitat, etc.), as well as SAR and SAR habitat as a result of the proposed development. The project design incorporates mitigation measures to protect natural heritage features or replacement of any loss of these features. The mitigations measures include various strategic designs to achieve no residual effects on the natural heritage features:

- Avoidance Measures:
  - Tree Protection Area setback to protect the remaining mature coniferous and deciduous trees within the study area;
  - PSW setback to avoid any development within 30 m of the wetland (with the exception of the culvert/road installation);
- Structural Designs:
  - The culvert crossing is designed to ensure groundwater seeps are able to permeate through installed rip rap substrate;
  - The level spreaders are designed to enhance wetland habitat and ensure that no functions of the wetland will be impacted by changes in flow or water levels;
- Wetland Construction:
  - $\circ$  Approximately 1646  $m^2$  of wetland habitat will be created and integrated with the existing wetland to replace the loss of 129  $m^2$  of wetland, and
  - Butternut saplings will potentially be planted either on site or in suitable habitat as part of the recommendations in the Butternut Health Assessment.

The proposed works required consultation with MVCA which was conducted on several dates from 2017 to 2018 (August 30, 2017, September 17, 2018, May 14, 2018, and December 11, 2018). Consultation with MVCA will continue to determine requirements for the proposed works. Consultation with the Ottawa District of MECP must also continue to establish and confirm recommendations regarding Blanding's Turtle habitat. These recommendations must be incorporated into the project design upon confirmation. These recommendations will be provided to protect migratory habitat for SAR turtles and snakes. Recommendations in the Butternut Health Assessment must also be followed to either protect Butternuts present within the study area or compensate for removals of individual Butternuts.

If the recommendations and mitigation measures provided in Sections 5.0 and 6.0 of this report are followed, the proposed development is not anticipated to negatively impact the natural heritage features observed to be present within the study area.

## 8.0 LIMITATIONS

The investigations undertaken by McIntosh Perry with respect to this report and any conclusions or recommendations made in this report reflect McIntosh Perry's judgment based on the site conditions observed at the time of the site inspection(s) on the date(s) set out in this report and on information available at the time of the preparation of this report.

This report has been prepared for specific application to this site, and it is based, in part, upon visual observation of the site and terrestrial investigations at various locations during a specific time interval, as described in this report. Unless otherwise stated, the findings cannot be extended to previous or future site conditions, or portions of the site which were unavailable for direct investigation.

If site conditions or applicable standards change or if any additional information becomes available at a future date, modifications to the findings, conclusions, and recommendations in this report may be necessary.

If you have any question, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at McIntosh Perry at 613-903-6147.

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# **APPENDIX A – SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1: Mineral Cultural Meadow (CUM1) in the northeast side of the study area. 23 May 2019.



Photo 2: Mineral Meadow Marsh (MAM2) in the north end of the study area. 23 May 2019.



*Photo 3: North end of proposed fire route access road through the Mineral Meadow Marsh in the north end of the 20 m setback from the PSW. 23 May 2019.* 



Photo 4: Mineral Cultural Savannah (CUS1) present throughout the majority of the south and east end of the study area. 23 May 2019.



*Photo 5: Mineral Cultural Thicket (CUT1) present within the center of the study area. 23 May 2019.* 



Photo 6: Fresh-Moist Poplar-Deciduous Forest (FOD8-1) present in the south end towards the west side of the study area where the proposed fire route access road and warehouse are to be located. 23 May 2019.



*Photo 7: Dry-Fresh White Pine-Sugar Maple Mixed Forest (FOM2-2) present along the southwest boundary of the study site near Highway 7. 18 July 2019.* 



Photo 8: Upstream view of tributary of Poole Creek entering study area from Highway 7 culvert (background) and entering PSW within study area. 23 May 2019.



Photo 9: Downstream view of tributary of Poole Creek within Willow Mineral Thicket Swamp (SWT2-2) of the PSW. 23 May 2019.



Photo 10: Small beaver dam constructed in the tributary of Poole Creek within the PSW. 23 May 2019.



Photo 11: North American beaver (Castor canadensis) chew evidence was present in and near the tributary of Poole Creek. 23 May 2019.



Photo 12: Downstream view of tributary of Poole Creek within the PSW. 23 May 2019.



Photo 13: Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh (MAS2-1) of the PSW. 23 May 2019.



Photo 14: Film on standing water which may indicate groundwater upwelling within the PSW. 23 May 2019.



*Photo 15: White-tailed deer* (Odocoileus virginianus) *tracks and an adult were observed within the study area during the 2019 field investigations. 23 May 2019.* 



Photo 16: American Robin (Turdus migratorius) observed within the study area which represents one of several migratory bird species present in the study area. 23 May 2019.



Photo 17: Barn Swallow (Hirundo rustica) observed in the existing tow yard just outside the study area which was also observed foraging in the study area. 23 May 2019.



Photo 18: Immature Butternut (Juglans cinerea) observed within the study area. 18 July 2019.



Photo 19: Mature Butternut (Juglans cinerea) observed within the study area. 18 July 2019.



Photo 20: Bark of mature Butternut (Juglans cinerea) with low rate of damage from Butternut canker. 18 July 2019.



*Photo 21: Bark of mature Butternut (Juglans cinerea) with moderate rate of damage from Butternut canker. 18 July 2019.* 



Photo 22: Fruit (nut) of mature Butternut (Juglans cinerea) within the study area. 18 July 2019.



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## **APPENDIX B – REGULATORY AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE**

## **Erik Pohanka**

From:	Jeff King
Sent:	Friday, April 12, 2019 3:36 PM
То:	Erik Pohanka
Subject:	FW: Info request 6776 Rothbourne
Attachments:	InfoRequestGuide_2018-12-18-FINAL.PDF; InformationRequest-ResponseLetter.pdf;
	KVD_In_Water_Work_Timing_Guidelines_2018-02-27.pdf;
	TownshipsSAR_KemptvilleDistrict_Nov2018.pdf

#### Jeff King, C.Tech.

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From: Inforequest, Kemptville (MNRF) <Kemptville.Inforequest@ontario.ca>
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To: Heather Lunn <h.lunn@mcintoshperry.com>
Cc: Inforequest, Kemptville (MNRF) <Kemptville.Inforequest@ontario.ca>
Subject: RE: Info request 6776 Rothbourne

Thank you for your request.

Please find attached your Response Letter, Work in Water Timing Guidelines, Species at Risk Lists by Township and an Information Request Guide.

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To: Inforequest, Kemptville (MNRF) <<u>Kemptville.Inforequest@ontario.ca</u>>
Subject: FW: Info request

Good morning,

We were just wondering if the attached request, sent in mid-October, has been lost in the shuffle somewhere? We are hoping to get the requested information soon, but understand the MNRF's heavy workload at the moment.

Thanks,

Heather

Heather Lunn, B.A.

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Subject: Info request

Please see attached for a request for background information.

Thanks,

Heather

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## Natural Heritage Information Request Response

Thank you for your request for information on natural heritage features. In order to provide the most efficient service possible, the attached *Natural Heritage Information Request Guide* has been developed to assist you with accessing natural heritage data and values from convenient online sources.

It remains the proponent's responsibility to complete a preliminary screening for each project, to obtain available information from multiple sources, to conduct any necessary field studies, and to consider any potential environmental impacts that may result from an activity. We wish to emphasize the need for the proponents of development activities to complete screenings prior to contacting the Ministry or other agencies for more detailed technical information and advice.

The Ministry continues to work on updating data housed by Lands Information Ontario and the Natural Heritage Information Centre, and ensuring this information is accessible through online resources. Species at risk data is regularly being updated. In order to ensure access to reliable and up to date information, the attached list provides a summary of species at risk that have been observed, or may potentially be present, at a geographic township / municipal level.

This information will assist in scoping the necessary field assessments for an area if development or site alteration is proposed. This information is not meant to circumvent the responsibility of the proponent to undertake species and / or habitat surveys. Surveys or additional site level assessment are often required to confirm presence or absence of natural heritage features and values. Environmental consulting firms have the professional and technical expertise to assess sites for natural heritage features and can gauge the potential for such features to exist.

Absence or lack of information for a given geographic area does not necessarily mean the absence of natural heritage features. Many areas in Ontario have never been surveyed and new plant and animal species records are still being discovered for many localities. In addition, new species may be listed and new natural heritage features may be defined over time. For these reasons, the Ministry cannot provide a definitive statement on the presence, absence or condition of natural heritage features in all parts of Ontario.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Kemptville District

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Last Revised: February 27, 2018

## SUBJECT: UPDATED IN-WATER WORK TIMING GUIDELINES IN KEMPTVILLE DISTRICT

## To: all interested parties

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Kemptville District Office has recently reviewed and updated its In-water Work Timing Guidelines. These guidelines are intended to provide the timing for in-water work related to an activity, in order to protect fish during spawning and other critical life stages. Timing guidelines are based on species\* presence and are therefore subject to change if new information becomes available.

## Timing Guidelines in Kemptville District are:

Waterbody (and applicable geography or Fisheries Management Zone)	Timing Guidelines (no in-water works)
<ul> <li>St. Lawrence River (FMZ 20)</li> </ul>	March 15 – July 15 (Spring spawning species)
<ul> <li>Ottawa River – Lac Des Chats (FMZ 12)</li> </ul>	October 1 to July 15 (Spring and fall spawning species, including Lake Trout and Lake Whitefish)
<ul> <li>Ottawa River – Lac Deschenes (FMZ 12)</li> </ul>	October 15 to July 15 (Spring and fall spawning species, including Cisco)
<ul> <li>Ottawa River – Lac Dollard des Ormeaux (FMZ 12)</li> </ul>	January 1 to July 15 (Winter and spring spawning species, including Burbot)
<ul> <li>Big Rideau Lake (South Burgess, North Burgess, Bastard and South Elmsley Twps)</li> </ul>	October 1 to June 30 (Spring and fall spawning
<ul> <li>Charleston Lake (Lansdowne and Escott Twps)</li> <li>Crow Lake (South Crosby Twp)</li> </ul>	species, including Lake Trout)
<ul> <li>Bass Lake (South Elmsley Twp)</li> <li>Lower Rideau Lake (South Elmsley Twp)</li> <li>Bob's Lake (South Sherbrooke Twp)</li> <li>Christie Lake (South Sherbrooke Twp)</li> <li>Dalhousie Lake (Dalhousie Twp)</li> <li>Davern Lake (South Sherbrooke Twp)</li> <li>Farren Lake (South Sherbrooke Twp)</li> </ul>	October 15 to June 30 (Spring and Fall spawning species, including Lake Whitefish and Cisco)
<ul> <li>Grippen Lake (Leeds Twp)</li> <li>Indian Lake (South Crosby Twp)</li> <li>Little Long Lake (Lansdowne Twp)</li> <li>Millpond Lake (South Burgess)</li> <li>Otter Lake (South Elmsley, South Burgess and Bastard Twps)</li> </ul>	

0	Otty Lake (North Burgess and North Elmsley Twps)	
0	Pike Lake (North Burgess Twp)	
0	Silver Lake (South Sherbrooke Twp)	
0	Redhorse Lake (Lansdowne Twp)	
0	Tay River (South Sherbrooke, Bathurst, Drummond and North	
	Elmsley Twps)	
0	Wolfe Lake (North Crosby Twp)	
0	Bennett Lake (Bathurst Twp)	
0	Crosby Lake (North Crosby Twp)	
0	Gananoque River (Leeds Twp)	
0	Lac Georges (Plantagenet and Alfred Twps)	
0	Gillies Lake (Lanark Twp)	
0	Little Crosby Lake (North Crosby Twp)	
0	McLaren Lake (North Burgess Twp)	lonuon 1 luna 20
0	Mississippi Lake (Drummond, Beckwith and Ramsay Twps)	January 1 – June 30
0	Mississippi River (Beckwith, Ramsay, Pakenham and Fitzroy	(Willier and spilling
	Twps)	including Burbot)
0	Raisin River below Martintown dam (Charlottenburgh Twp)	
0	Rideau River (Wolford, Oxford, Montague, Marlborough, South	
	Gower, North Gower, Osgood, Nepean and Gloucester Twps)	
0	South Lake (Leeds Twp)	
0	South Nation River below Plantagenet weir (Plantagenet Twp)	
0	Upper Rideau Lake (North Crosby Twp)	
0	Westport Sand Lake (North Crosby Twp)	
0	Small rivers and streams (denoted on 1:50,000 National	March 15 to June 30
	Topographic System maps as being one-lined)	(Spring spawning species)
0	All other waterbodies in FMZ 18	

\*Additional timing guidelines may apply as they relate to endangered and threatened species for works in both water and wetland areas. Timing guidelines are subject to change, depending on species found in a given waterbody.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Joffre Côté, Management Biologist (at 613-258-8214 or joff.cote@ontario.ca) or Jane Devlin, Management Biologist (at 613-258-8418 or jane.devlin@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

John Boos

Resources Management Supervisor Kemptville District Office Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

#### Kemptville District Species at Risk, Listed by Geographic Township

The following lists have been created to supplement the Species at Risk Occurrence information available in Natural Heritage Make a Map, and provide summaries of species at risk that have been observed, or may potentially be present, at a geographic township / municipal level in Kemptville District. Species with historical observations may not be included. The full Species at Risk in Ontario list can be found in *Ontario Regulation 230/08* (*ESA*, 2007) and on our website (www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk-ontario). The lists below were last updated in November 2018, and include amendments to *O. Reg.230/08* on/up to August 1, 2018.

<u>Geographic Townships:</u>				
ALFRED	FINCH	NORTH CROSBY		
AUGUSTA	FITZROY	NORTH GOWER		
BASTARD	GLOUCESTER	NORTH SERBROOKE		
BATHURST	GOULBOURN	OSGOODE		
BECKWITH	HUNTLEY	OSNABRUCK		
BURGESS	KENYON	OXFORD		
CALEDONIA	KITLEY	PAKENHAM		
CAMBRIDGE	LANARK	PLANTAGENET		
CHARLOTTENBURGH	LANCASTER	RAMSAY		
CLARENCE	LANSDOWNE	ROXBOROUGH		
CORNWALL	LAVANT	RUSSELL		
CUMBERLAND	LEEDS	SOUTH CROSBY		
DALHOUSIE	LOCHIEL	SOUTH GOWER		
DARLING	LONGUEUIL	SOUTH SHERBROOKE		
DRUMMOND	MARCH	TORBOLTON		
EAST HAWKESBURY	MARLBOROUGH	WEST HAWKESBURY		
EDWARDSBURGH	MATILDA	WILLIAMSBURGH		
ELIZABETHTOWN	MONTAGUE	WINCHESTER		
ELMSLEY	MOUNTAIN	WOLFORD		
ESCOTT	NEPEAN	YONGE		

ALFRED	AUGUSTA	BASTARD
American Eel	American Eel	American Eel
American Ginseng	American Ginseng	Bald Eagle
Bald Eagle	Bald Eagle	Bank Swallow
Bank Swallow	Bank Swallow	Barn Swallow
Barn Swallow	Barn Swallow	Black Tern
Black Tern	Black Tern	Blanding's Turtle
Blanding's Turtle	Blanding's Turtle	Bobolink
Bobolink	Bobolink	Bridle Shiner
Butternut	Bridle Shiner	Butternut
Canada Warbler	Butternut	Cerulean Warbler
Channel Darter	Cerulean Warbler	Chimney Swift
Chimney Swift	Chimney Swift	Eastern Meadowlark
Common Nighthawk	Eastern Meadowlark	Eastern Musk Turtle
Cutlip Minnow	Eastern Musk Turtle	Eastern Ribbonsnake
Eastern Meadowlark	Eastern Ribbonsnake	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Eastern Musk Turtle	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Eastern Whip-poor-will
Eastern Ribbonsnake	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Eastern Wood-pewee
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Eastern Wood-pewee	Golden-winged Warbler
Eastern Wood Pewee	Grass Pickerel	Grass Pickerel
Evening Grosbeak	Gray Ratsnake	Gray Ratsnake
Hickorynut	Least Bittern	Least Bittern
Lake Sturgeon	Little Brown Myotis	Little Brown Myotis
Least Bittern	Loggerhead Shrike	Loggerhead Shrike
Little Brown Myotis	Louisiana Waterthrush	Monarch
Monarch	Monarch	Northern Map Turtle
Northern Map Turtle	Northern Map Turtle	Northern Myotis
Northern Myotis	Northern Myotis	Pugnose Shiner
Peregrine Falcon	Short-eared Owl	Snapping Turtle
River Redhorse	Snapping Turtle	Tri-colored Bat
Rusty Blackbird	Transverse Lady Beetle	Wood Thrush
Short-eared Owl	Tri-colored Bat	
Silver Lamprey	Wood Thrush	
Snapping Turtle	Yellow-banded Bumblebee	
Spotted Turtle		
Tri-colored Bat		
West Virginia White		
Whip poor will		
Wood Thrush		
BATHURST	BECKWITH	BURGESS
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American Eel	American Eel	American Eel
American Ginseng	Bald Eagle	American Ginseng
Bald Eagle	Bank Swallow	Bald Eagle
Bank Swallow	Barn Swallow	Bank Swallow
Barn Swallow	Black Tern	Barn Swallow
Black Tern	Blanding's Turtle	Blanding's Turtle
Blanding's Turtle	Bobolink	Bobolink
Bobolink	Butternut	Bridle Shiner
Butternut	Chimney Swift	Butternut
Cerulean Warbler	Eastern Meadowlark	Canada Warbler
Chimney Swift	Eastern Musk Turtle	Cerulean Warbler
Eastern Meadowlark	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Chimney Swift
Eastern Musk Turtle	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Common Five-lined Skink
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Eastern Wood-pewee	Common Nighthawk
Eastern Whip-poor-will	Least Bittern	Eastern Meadowlark
Eastern Wood-pewee	Little Brown Myotis	Eastern Musk Turtle
Golden-winged Warbler	Loggerhead Shrike	Eastern Ribbonsnake
Gray Ratsnake	Monarch	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Least Bittern	Northern Myotis	Eastern Whip-poor-will
Little Brown Myotis	Snapping Turtle	Eastern Wood-pewee
Little Brown Myotis	Tri-colored Bat	Golden-winged Warbler
Monarch	Wood Thrush	Gray Ratsnake
Northern Map Turtle		Least Bittern
Northern Myotis		Little Brown Myotis
Rusty Blackbird		Loggerhead Shrike
Snapping Turtle		Monarch
Tri-colored Bat		Northern Map Turtle
Wood Thrush		Northern Myotis
		Olive-sided Flycatcher
		Peregrine Falcon
		Pugnose Shiner
		Snapping Turtle
		Tri-colored Bat
		Wood Thrush

CALEDONIA	CAMBRIDGE	CHARLOTTENBURGH
American Ginseng	American Brook Lamprey	American Eel
Amphibians	American Eel	American Ginseng
Bald Eagle	Bald Eagle	Bald Eagle
Bank Swallow	Bank Swallow	Bank Swallow
Barn Swallow	Barn Swallow	Barn Swallow
Black Tern	Black Tern	Black Tern
Blanding's Turtle	Blanding's Turtle	Blanding's Turtle
Bobolink	Bobolink	Bobolink
Butternut	Branching Burreed	Bridle Shiner
Canada Warbler	Butternut	Butternut
Chimney Swift	Chimney Swift	Canada Warbler
Common Nighthawk	Eastern Meadowlark	Chimney Swift
Eastern Meadowlark	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Common Nighthawk
Eastern Ribbonsnake	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Cutlip Minnow
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Eastern Wood-pewee	Eastern Meadowlark
Eastern Wood Pewee	Evening Grosbeak	Eastern Musk Turtle
Evening Grosbeak	Horned Grebe	Eastern Ribbonsnake
Golden Eagle	Lake Sturgeon	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Little Brown Myotis	Little Brown Myotis	Eastern Wood Pewee
Monarch	Monarch	Evening Grosbeak
Northern Myotis	Northern Map Turtle	Grass Pickerel
Peregrine Falcon	Northern Myotis	Gray Fox
Rusty Blackbird	Short-eared Owl	King Rail
Short-eared Owl	Snapping Turtle	Lake Sturgeon
Snapping Turtle	Tri-colored Bat	Least Bittern
Spotted Turtle	Wood Thrush	Little Brown Myotis
Tri-colored Bat	Yellow-banded Bumblebee	Monarch
West Virginia White		Northern Map Turtle
Whip poor will		Northern Myotis
Wood Thrush		Northern Sunfish
		Olive-sided Flycatcher
		River Redhorse
		Rusty Blackbird
		Silver Lamprey
		Snapping Turtle
		Tri-colored Bat
		West Virginia White
		Whip poor will
		Wood Thrush
		Yellow Rail
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CLARENCE	CORNWALL	CUMBERLAND
American Brook Lamprey	American Eel	American Brook Lamprey
American Eel	Bald Eagle	American Eel
Bald Eagle	Bank Swallow	Bald Eagle
Bank Swallow	Barn Swallow	Bank Swallow
Barn Owl	Blanding's Turtle	Barn Swallow
Barn Swallow	Bobolink	Black Tern
Black Tern	Butternut	Blanding's Turtle
Blanding's Turtle	Chimney Swift	Bobolink
Bobolink	Cutlip Minnow	Butternut
Butternut	Eastern Meadowlark	Channel Darter
Channel Darter	Eastern Musk Turtle	Chimney Swift
Chimney Swift	Eastern Silvery Minnow	Common Nighthawk
Eastern Meadowlark	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Eastern Meadowlark
Eastern Ribbonsnake	Eastern Wood-pewee	Eastern Silvery Minnow
Eastern Silvery Minnow	Lake Sturgeon	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Least Bittern	Eastern Whip-poor-will
Eastern Whip-poor-will	Little Brown Myotis	Eastern Wood-pewee
Eastern Wood-pewee	Monarch	Henslow's Sparrow
Lake Sturgeon	Northern Map Turtle	Horned Grebe
Least Bittern	Northern Myotis	Lake Sturgeon
Little Brown Myotis	Peregrine Falcon	Little Brown Myotis
Monarch	Pugnose Shiner	Monarch
Northern Map Turtle	River Redhorse	Northern Brook Lamprey
Northern Myotis	Silver Lamprey	Northern Map Turtle
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Snapping Turtle	Northern Myotis
River Redhorse	Spotted Turtle	Peregrine Falcon
Short-eared Owl	Tri-colored Bat	Short-eared Owl
Silver Lamprey	Wood Thrush	Silver Lamprey
Snapping Turtle	Yellow Rail	Snapping Turtle
Transverse Lady Beetle		Spotted turtle
Tri-colored Bat		Tri-colored Bat
Wood Thrush		Wood Thrush
		Yellow-banded Bumblebee

EAST HAWKESBURY	EDWARDSBURGH	ELIZABETHTOWN
American Eel	American Eel	American Eel
American Ginseng	Bald Eagle	American Ginseng
Bald Eagle	Bank Swallow	American Water-willow
Bank Swallow	Barn Swallow	Bald Eagle
Barn Swallow	Black Tern	Bank Swallow
Black Tern	Blanding's Turtle	Barn Swallow
Blanding's Turtle	Bobolink	Black Tern
Bobolink	Butternut	Blanding's Turtle
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Butternut	Cutlip Minnow	Bridle Shiner
Canada Warbler	Eastern Meadowlark	Butternut
Channel Darter	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Cerulean Warbler
Chimney Swift	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Chimney Swift
Common Nighthawk	Eastern Wolf	Common Nighthawk
Cutlip Minnow	Eastern Wood-pewee	Cutlip Minnow
Eastern Meadowlark	Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee	Eastern Meadowlark
Eastern Musk Turtle	Henslow's Sparrow	Eastern Musk Turtle
Eastern Ribbonsnake	Horned Grebe	Eastern Pondmussel
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Little Brown Myotis	Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid
Eastern Wood Pewee	Monarch	Eastern Ribbonsnake
Evening Grosbeak	Northern Map Turtle	Eastern Silvery Minnow
Hickorynut	Northern Myotis	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Lake Sturgeon	Pugnose Shiner	Eastern Whip-poor-will
Least Bittern	Snapping Turtle	Eastern Wood-pewee
Little Brown Myotis	Tri-colored Bat	Golden-winged Warbler
Mammals	Wood Thrush	Grass Pickerel
Monarch		Gray Fox
Northern Map Turtle		Gray Ratsnake
Northern Myotis		Henslow's Sparrow
River Redhorse		King Rail
Rusty Blackbird		Least Bittern
Short-eared Owl		Little Brown Myotis
Silver Lamprey		Loggerhead Shrike
Snapping Turtle		Monarch
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West Virginia White		Northern Myotis
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Wood Thrush		Snapping Turtle
		Spotted Turtle
		Transverse Lady Beetle
		Tri-colored Bat
		Wood Thrush
		Yellow Rail

ELMSLEY	ESCOTT	FINCH
American Eel	American Eel	American Eel
Bald Eagle	American Ginseng	Bald Eagle
Bank Swallow	Bald Eagle	Bank Swallow
Barn Swallow	Bank Swallow	Barn Swallow
Black Tern	Barn Swallow	Blanding's Turtle
Blanding's Turtle	Black Tern	Bobolink
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Eastern Whip-poor-will	Eastern Musk Turtle	Northern Myotis
Eastern Wood-pewee	Eastern Ribbonsnake	Short-eared Owl
Golden-winged Warbler	Eastern Silvery Minnow	Snapping Turtle
Grasshopper Sparrow	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Tri-colored Bat
Gray Ratsnake	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Wood Thrush
Least Bittern	Eastern Wood-pewee	Yellow-banded Bumblebee
Little Brown Myotis	Golden-winged Warbler	
Loggerhead Shrike	Grass Pickerel	
Monarch	Gray Fox	
Northern Map Turtle	Gray Ratsnake	
Northern Myotis	Henslow's Sparrow	
Peregrine Falcon	Horned Grebe	
Snapping Turtle	Lake Sturgeon	
Tri-colored Bat	Least Bittern	
Wood Thrush	Little Brown Bat	
	Loggerhead Shrike	
	Monarch	
	Northern Map Turtle	
	Northern Myotis	
	Olive-sided Flycatcher	
	Peregrine Falcon	
	Piping Plover	
	Pugnose Shiner	
	Red-headed Woodpecker	
	Snapping Turtle	
	Tri-colored Bat	
	Wood Thrush	

FITZROY	GLOUCESTER	GOULBOURN
American Eel	American Eel	Bald Eagle
American Ginseng	American Ginseng	Bank Swallow
Bald Eagle	Bald Eagle	Barn Swallow
Bank Swallow	Bank Swallow	Blanding's Turtle
Barn Swallow	Barn Swallow	Bobolink
Blanding's Turtle	Black Tern	Bogbean Buckmoth
Bobolink	Blanding's Turtle	Butternut
Butternut	Bobolink	Chimney Swift
Canada Warbler	Butternut	Common Nighthawk
Chimney Swift	Canada Warbler	Eastern Meadowlark
Common Nighthawk	Channel Darter	Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid
Eastern Meadowlark	Chimney Swift	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Eastern Musk Turtle	Common Nighthawk	Eastern Whip-poor-will
Eastern Ribbonsnake	Eastern Meadowlark	Eastern Wood-pewee
Eastern Silvery Minnow	Eastern Musk Turtle	Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Eastern Ribbon Snake	Horned Grebe
Eastern Whip-poor-will	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Least Bittern
Eastern Wood-pewee	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Little Brown Myotis
King Rail	Eastern Wood-pewee	Loggerhead Shrike
Lake Sturgeon	Evening Grosbeak	Monarch
Least Bittern	Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee	Northern Myotis
Little Brown Myotis	Henslow's Sparrow	Red-headed Woodpecker
Loggerhead Shrike	Hickorynut	Snapping Turtle
Monarch	Lake Sturgeon	Tri-colored Bat
Northern Map Turtle	Least Bittern	Wood Thrush
Northern Myotis	Little Brown Myotis	Yellow Rail
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Loggerhead Shrike	
Peregrine Falcon	Monarch	
Red-headed Woodpecker	Northern Brook Lamprey	
River Redhorse	Northern Map Turtle	
Short-eared Owl	Northern Myotis	
Snapping Turtle	Peregrine Falcon	
Transverse Lady Beetle	Red-headed Woodpecker	
Tri-colored Bat	River Redhorse	
Wood Thrush	Rusty Blackbird	
	Short-eared Owl	
	Silver Lamprey	
	Snapping Turtle	
	Spotted Turtle	
	Transverse Lady Beetle	
	Tri-colored Bat	
	Wood Thrush	

HUNTLEY	KENYON	KITLEY
Bald Eagle	American Eel	Bald Eagle
Bank Swallow	American Ginseng	Bank Swallow
Barn Swallow	Bank Swallow	Barn Swallow
Blanding's Turtle	Barn Swallow	Black Tern
Bobolink	Black Tern	Blanding's Turtle
Butternut	Blanding's Turtle	Bobolink
Chimney Swift	Bobolink	Butternut
Eastern Meadowlark	Bridle Shiner	Cerulean Warbler
Eastern Ribbonsnake	Butternut	Chimney Swift
Eastern Silvery Minnow	Canada Warbler	Eastern Meadowlark
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Chimney Swift	Eastern Musk Turtle
Eastern Whip-poor-will	Common Nighthawk	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Eastern Wood-pewee	Cutlip Minnow	Eastern Whip-poor-will
Golden-winged Warbler	Eastern Meadowlark	Eastern Wood-pewee
Least Bittern	Eastern Prairie Fringed-orchid	Golden-winged Warbler
Little Brown Myotis	Eastern Ribbonsnake	Grasshopper Sparrow
Loggerhead Shrike	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Gray Ratsnake
Monarch	Eastern Wood Pewee	Least Bittern
Mottled Duskywing	Evening Grosbeak	Little Brown Myotis
Northern Myotis	Gray Fox	Loggerhead Shrike
Snapping Turtle	Least Bittern	Monarch
Spotted Turtle	Little Brown Myotis	Northern Myotis
Tri-colored Bat	Monarch	Snapping Turtle
Wood Thrush	Northern Myotis	Tri-colored Bat
	Rusty Blackbird	Wood Thrush
	Snapping Turtle	
	Tri-colored Bat	
	West Virginia White	
	Whip poor will	
	Wood Thrush	

LANARK	LANCASTER	LANSDOWNE
American Eel	American Eel	American Eel
American Ginseng	American Ginseng	American Ginseng
Bald Eagle	Bald Eagle	Bald Eagle
Bank Swallow	Bank Swallow	Bank Swallow
Barn Swallow	Barn Swallow	Barn Swallow
Black Tern	Black Tern	Black Tern
Blanding's Turtle	Blanding's Turtle	Blanding's Turtle
Bobolink	Bobolink	Blunt-lobed Woodsia
Butternut	Bridle Shiner	Bobolink
Chimney Swift	Butternut	Bridle Shiner
Eastern Meadowlark	Canada Warbler	Broad Beech Fern
Eastern Musk Turtle	Chimney Swift	Butternut
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Common Nighthawk	Cerulean Warbler
Eastern Whip-poor-will	Cutlip Minnow	Chimney Swift
Eastern Wood-pewee	Eastern Meadowlark	Common Five-lined Skink
Least Bittern	Eastern Musk Turtle	Common Nighthawk
Little Brown Myotis	Eastern Ribbonsnake	Cutlip Minnow
Monarch	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Eastern Meadowlark
Northern Map Turtle	Eastern Wood Pewee	Eastern Musk Turtle
Northern Myotis	Evening Grosbeak	Eastern Ribbonsnake
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Golden Eagle	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Snapping Turtle	Grass Pickerel	Eastern Whip-poor-will
Transverse Lady Beetle	Gray Fox	Eastern Wood-pewee
Tri-colored Bat	King Rail	Golden-winged Warbler
Wood Thrush	Lake Sturgeon	Grass Pickerel
	Least Bittern	Gray Fox
	Little Brown Myotis	Gray Ratsnake
	Monarch	Henslow's Sparrow
	Northern Map Turtle	Lake Sturgeon
	Northern Myotis	Least Bittern
	Northern Sunfish	Little Brown Myotis
	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Loggerhead Shrike
	Rusty Blackbird	Monarch
	Silver Lamprey	Northern Map Turtle
	Snapping Turtle	Northern Myotis
	Tri-colored Bat	Peregrine Falcon
	West Virginia White	Piping Plover
	Whip poor will	Pugnose Shiner
	Wood Thrush	Red-headed Woodpecker
		Short-eared Owl
		Snapping Turtle
		Tri-colored Bat
		West Virginia White
		Yellow-banded Bumblebee
		Yellow-breasted Chat
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LAVANT	LEEDS	LOCHIEL
American Eel	American Eel	American Eel
American Ginseng	American Ginseng	American Ginseng
Bald Eagle	Bald Eagle	Bank Swallow
Bank Swallow	Bank Swallow	Barn Swallow
Barn Swallow	Barn Swallow	Black Tern
Blanding's Turtle	Black Tern	Blanding's Turtle
Bobolink	Blanding's Turtle	Bobolink
Butternut	Bobolink	Bridle Shiner
Chimney Swift	Bridle Shiner	Butternut
Common Five-lined Skink	Butternut	Canada Warbler
Eastern Meadowlark	Cerulean Warbler	Chimney Swift
Eastern Ribbonsnake	Chimney Swift	Common Nighthawk
Eastern Silvery Minnow	Common Five-lined Skink	Cutlip Minnow
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Eastern Meadowlark	Eastern Meadowlark
Eastern Wood-pewee	Eastern Musk Turtle	Eastern Ribbonsnake
Little Brown Myotis	Eastern Pondmussel	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Monarch	Eastern Prickly Pear Cactus	Eastern Wood Pewee
Northern Map Turtle	Eastern Ribbonsnake	Evening Grosbeak
Northern Myotis	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Gray Fox
Pale-bellied Frost Lichen	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Little Brown Myotis
Short-eared Owl	Eastern Wood-pewee	Monarch
Snapping Turtle	Golden-winged Warbler	Northern Myotis
Tri-colored Bat	Grass Pickerel	Northern Sunfish
Wood Thrush	Gray Fox	Rusty Blackbird
	Gray Ratsnake	Short-eared Owl
	Henslow's Sparrow	Snapping Turtle
	Lake Sturgeon	Tri-colored Bat
	Least Bittern	West Virginia White
	Little Brown Myotis	Whip poor will
	Loggerhead Shrike	Wood Thrush
	Monarch	
	Northern Map Turtle	
	Northern Myotis	
	Olive-sided Flycatcher	
	Peregrine Falcon	
	Pugnose Shiner	
	Snapping Turtle	
	Tri-colored Bat	
	Wood Thrush	

LONGUEUIL	MARCH	MARLBOROUGH
American Eel	American Eel	American Ginseng
American Ginseng	American Ginseng	Bald Eagle
Bank Swallow	Bald Eagle	Bank Swallow
Barn Swallow	Bank Swallow	Barn Swallow
Black Tern	Barn Swallow	Black Tern
Blanding's Turtle	Black Tern	Blanding's Turtle
Bobolink	Blanding's Turtle	Bobolink
Butternut	Bobolink	Bogbean Buckmoth
Canada Warbler	Butternut	Bridle Shiner
Channel Darter	Canada Warbler	Butternut
Chimney Swift	Chimney Swift	Chimney Swift
Common Nighthawk	Eastern Meadowlark	Common Nighthawk
Cutlip Minnow	Eastern Musk Turtle	Eastern Meadowlark
Eastern Meadowlark	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Eastern Musk Turtle
Eastern Musk Turtle	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid
Eastern Ribbonsnake	Eastern Wood-pewee	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Hickorynut	Eastern Whip-poor-will
Eastern Wood Pewee	Horned Grebe	Eastern Wood-pewee
Evening Grosbeak	Lake Sturgeon	Grasshopper Sparrow
Golden Eagle	Least Bittern	King Rail
Hickorynut	Little Brown Myotis	Least Bittern
Lake Sturgeon	Loggerhead Shrike	Little Brown Myotis
Least Bittern	Monarch	Loggerhead Shrike
Little Brown Myotis	Northern Map Turtle	Monarch
Monarch	Northern Myotis	Northern Map Turtle
Northern Map Turtle	Peregrine Falcon	Northern Myotis
Northern Myotis	River Redhorse	Red-headed Woodpecker
River Redhorse	Rusty Blackbird	Snapping Turtle
Rusty Blackbird	Rusty-patched Bumble Bee	Spotted Turtle
Short-eared Owl	Silver Lamprey	Tri-colored Bat
Silver Lamprey	Snapping Turtle	Wood Thrush
Snapping Turtle	Transverse Lady Beetle	Yellow Rail
Spotted Turtle	Tri-colored Bat	
Tri-colored Bat	Wood Thrush	
West Virginia White	Yellow-banded Bumblebee	
Whip poor will		
Wood Thrush		

MATILDA	MONTAGUE	MOUNTAIN
American Eel	Bald Eagle	Bank Swallow
Bald Eagle	Bank Swallow	Barn Swallow
Bank Swallow	Barn Swallow	Blanding's Turtle
Barn Swallow	Black Tern	Bobolink
Bobolink	Blanding's Turtle	Butternut
Butternut	Bobolink	Canada Warbler
Chimney Swift	Butternut	Chimney Swift
Cutlip minnow	Chimney Swift	Common Nighthawk
Eastern Meadowlark	Common Nighthawk	Eastern Meadowlark
Eastern Musk Turtle	Eastern Meadowlark	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Eastern Musk Turtle	Eastern Wood-pewee
Eastern Wood-pewee	Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid	Evening Grosbeak
Evening Grosbeak	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Little Brown Myotis
Henslow's Sparrow	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Monarch
Lake Sturgeon	Eastern Wood-pewee	Northern Myotis
Little Brown Myotis	Golden-winged Warbler	Peregrine Falcon
Loggerhead Shrike	Grasshopper Sparrow	Rusty Blackbird
Monarch	Gray Ratsnake	Short-eared Owl
Northern Map Turtle	Least Bittern	Snapping Turtle
Northern Myotis	Little Brown Myotis	Tri-colored Bat
Peregrine Falcon	Loggerhead Shrike	Wood Thrush
Rusty Blackbird	Monarch	Yellow-banded Bumblebee
Short-eared Owl	Northern Myotis	
Snapping Turtle	Snapping Turtle	
Tri-colored Bat	Tri-colored Bat	
Wood Thrush	Wood Thrush	
Yellow-banded Bumblebee		
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NEPEAN	NORTH CROSBY	NORTH GOWER
American Eel	American Eel	Bald Eagle
Bald Eagle	Bald Eagle	Bank Swallow
Bank Swallow	Bank Swallow	Barn Swallow
Barn Owl	Barn Swallow	Blanding's Turtle
Barn Swallow	Black Tern	Bobolink
Black Tern	Blanding's Turtle	Bridle Shiner
Blanding's Turtle	Blunt-lobed Woodsia	Butternut
Bobolink	Bobolink	Chimney Swift
Butternut	Bridle Shiner	Eastern Meadowlark
Chimney Swift	Butternut	Eastern Musk Turtle
Eastern Meadowlark	Cerulean Warbler	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Chimney Swift	Eastern Wood-pewee
Eastern Whip-poor-will	Eastern Meadowlark	Evening Grosbeak
Eastern Wood-pewee	Eastern Musk Turtle	Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee
Evening Grosbeak	Eastern Ribbonsnake	Henslow's Sparrow
Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Least Bittern
Hickorynut	Eastern Wood-pewee	Little Brown Myotis
Horned Grebe	Golden-winged Warbler	Loggerhead Shrike
Lake Sturgeon	Gray Ratsnake	Monarch
Least Bittern	King Rail	Northern Map Turtle
Little Brown Myotis	Least Bittern	Northern Myotis
Loggerhead Shrike	Little Brown Myotis	Peregrine Falcon
Monarch	Loggerhead Shrike	Red-headed Woodpecker
Northern Map Turtle	Monarch	Rusty Blackbird
Northern Myotis	Northern Map Turtle	Rusty-patched Bumble Bee
Peregrine Falcon	Northern Myotis	Short-eared Owl
Piping Plover	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Snapping Turtle
Red Knot rufa subspecies	Red-headed Woodpecker	Tri-colored Bat
Red-necked Phalarope	Snapping Turtle	Wood Thrush
River Redhorse	Tri-colored Bat	Yellow-banded Bumblebee
Rusty Blackbird	Wood Thrush	
Rusty-patched Bumble Bee	Yellow Rail	
Silver Lamprey		
Snapping Turtle		
Transverse Lady Beetle		
Tri-colored Bat		
Wood Thrush		
Yellow-banded Bumblebee		

NORTH SERBROOKE	OSGOODE	OSNABRUCK
Bald Eagle	Bald Eagle	American Eel
Bank Swallow	Bank Swallow	Bald Eagle
Barn Swallow	Barn Swallow	Bank Swallow
Blanding's Turtle	Blanding's Turtle	Barn Swallow
Bobolink	Bobolink	Blanding's Turtle
Butternut	Bridle Shiner	Bobolink
Cerulean Warbler	Butternut	Butternut
Chimney Swift	Canada Warbler	Chimney Swift
Eastern Meadowlark	Cerulean Warbler	Cutlip Minnow
Eastern Musk Turtle	Chimney Swift	Eastern Meadowlark
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Common Nighthawk	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Eastern Wood-pewee	Eastern Meadowlark	Eastern Wood-pewee
Little Brown Myotis	Eastern Musk Turtle	Lake Sturgeon
Monarch	Eastern Ribbonsnake	Least Bittern
Northern Map Turtle	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Little Brown Myotis
Northern Myotis	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Monarch
Snapping Turtle	Eastern Wood-pewee	Northern Map Turtle
Tri-colored Bat	Evening Grosbeak	Northern Myotis
Wood Thrush	Henslow's Sparrow	Pugnose Shiner
	Least Bittern	Red Knot rufa subspecies
	Little Brown Myotis	Red-headed Woodpecker
	Monarch	Red-necked Phalarope
	Northern Map Turtle	Snapping Turtle
	Northern Myotis	Tri-colored Bat
	Rusty Blackbird	Wood Thrush
	Rusty-patched Bumble Bee	Yellow Rail
	Snapping Turtle	
	Tri-colored Bat	
	Wood Thrush	

OXFORD	PAKENHAM	PLANTAGENET
American Ginseng	American Eel	American Eel
Bald Eagle	American Ginseng	American Ginseng
Bank Swallow	Bald Eagle	Bald Eagle
Barn Swallow	Barn Swallow	Bank Swallow
Black Tern	Blanding's Turtle	Barn Swallow
Blanding's Turtle	Bobolink	Black Tern
Bobolink	Bogbean Buckmoth	Blanding's Turtle
Bridle Shiner	Butternut	Bobolink
Butternut	Chimney Swift	Butternut
Chimney Swift	Eastern Meadowlark	Canada Warbler
Eastern Meadowlark	Eastern Musk Turtle	Channel Darter
Eastern Musk Turtle	Eastern Ribbonsnake	Chimney Swift
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Eastern Silvery Minnow	Common Nighthawk
Eastern Whip-poor-will	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Cutlip Minnow
Eastern Wood-pewee	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Eastern Meadowlark
Grasshopper Sparrow	Eastern Wood-pewee	Eastern Musk Turtle
Gray Ratsnake	Evening Grosbeak	Eastern Ribbonsnake
Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee	Grasshopper Sparrow	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Least Bittern	Least Bittern	Eastern Wood Pewee
Little Brown Myotis	Little Brown Myotis	Evening Grosbeak
Monarch	Loggerhead Shrike	Hickorynut
Northern Map Turtle	Monarch	Lake Sturgeon
Northern Myotis	Northern Map Turtle	Least Bittern
Snapping Turtle	Northern Myotis	Little Brown Myotis
Tri-colored Bat	Rapids Clubtail	Monarch
Wood Thrush	Red-headed Woodpecker	Northern Myotis
	River Redhorse	River Redhorse
	Short-eared Owl	Rusty Blackbird
	Snapping Turtle	Silver Lamprey
	Tri-colored Bat	Snapping Turtle
	Wood Thrush	Tri-colored Bat
		West Virginia White
		Whip poor will
		Wood Thrush

RAMSAY	ROXBOROUGH	RUSSELL
American Eel	American Ginseng	Bald Eagle
American Ginseng	Bald Eagle	Bank Swallow
Bald Eagle	Bank Swallow	Barn Swallow
Bank Swallow	Barn Swallow	Bobolink
Barn Swallow	Bobolink	Butternut
Black Tern	Butternut	Chimney Swift
Blanding's Turtle	Chimney Swift	Eastern Meadowlark
Bobolink	Cutlip Minnow	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Butternut	Eastern Meadowlark	Eastern Wood-pewee
Chimney Swift	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Horned Grebe
Common Nighthawk	Eastern Wood-pewee	Little Brown Myotis
Eastern Meadowlark	Golden-winged Warbler	Monarch
Eastern Musk Turtle	Least Bittern	Northern Myotis
Eastern Ribbonsnake	Little Brown Myotis	Red Knot <i>rufa</i> subspecies
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Monarch	Red-necked Phalarope
Eastern Wood-pewee	Northern Myotis	Snapping Turtle
Golden-winged Warbler	Red-headed Woodpecker	Tri-colored Bat
Gray Ratsnake	Snapping Turtle	Wood Thrush
Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee	Spotted Turtle	
Horned Grebe	Tri-colored Bat	
Least Bittern	Wood Thrush	
Little Brown Myotis	Yellow Rail	
Loggerhead Shrike		
Monarch		
Mottled Duskywing		
Northern Myotis		
Rapids Clubtail		
Red-headed Woodpecker		
River Redhorse		
Short-eared Owl		
Snapping Turtle		
Transverse Lady Beetle		
Tri-colored Bat		
Wood Thrush		
Yellow Rail		

SOUTH CROSBY	SOUTH GOWER	SOUTH SHERBROOKE
American Eel	Bald Eagle	American Eel
American Ginseng	Bank Swallow	American Ginseng
Bald Eagle	Barn Swallow	Bald Eagle
Bank Swallow	Blanding's Turtle	Bank Swallow
Barn Swallow	Bobolink	Barn Swallow
Black Tern	Bridle Shiner	Black Tern
Blanding's Turtle	Butternut	Blanding's Turtle
Bobolink	Chimney Swift	Bobolink
Bridle Shiner	Eastern Meadowlark	Butternut
Butternut	Eastern Musk Turtle	Common Five-lined Skink
Cerulean Warbler	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Common Nighthawk
Chimney Swift	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Eastern Meadowlark
Common Five-lined Skink	Eastern Wood-pewee	Eastern Musk Turtle
Eastern Meadowlark	Evening Grosbeak	Eastern Ribbonsnake
Eastern Musk Turtle	Least Bittern	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Eastern Pondmussel	Little Brown Myotis	Eastern Whip-poor-will
Eastern Ribbonsnake	Monarch	Eastern Wood-pewee
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Northern Map Turtle	Golden-winged Warbler
Eastern Whip-poor-will	Northern Myotis	Gray Ratsnake
Eastern Wood-pewee	Rusty Blackbird	Least Bittern
Golden-winged Warbler	Short-eared Owl	Little Brown Myotis
Grass Pickerel	Snapping Turtle	Loggerhead Shrike
Gray Ratsnake	Tri-colored Bat	Monarch
Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee	Wood Thrush	Northern Map Turtle
Least Bittern		Northern Myotis
Little Brown Myotis		Snapping Turtle
Monarch		Tri-colored Bat
Mottled Duskywing		Wood Thrush
Northern Map Turtle		
Northern Myotis		
Prothonotary Warbler		
Rusty-patched Bumble Bee		
Snapping Turtle		
Transverse Lady Beetle		
Tri-colored Bat		
Wood Thrush		
Yellow-banded Bumblebee		

TORBOLTON	WEST HAWKESBURY	WILLIAMSBURGH
American Eel	American Eel	American Eel
American Ginseng	American Ginseng	Bald Eagle
Bald Eagle	Bank Swallow	Bank Swallow
Bank Swallow	Barn Swallow	Barn Swallow
Barn Swallow	Black Tern	Blanding's Turtle
Blanding's Turtle	Blanding's Turtle	Bobolink
Bobolink	Bobolink	Butternut
Butternut	Bridle Shiner	Canada Warbler
Chimney Swift	Butternut	Cerulean Warbler
Eastern Meadowlark	Canada Warbler	Chimney Swift
Eastern Musk Turtle	Channel Darter	Cutlip Minnow
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Chimney Swift	Eastern Meadowlark
Eastern Wood-pewee	Common Nighthawk	Eastern Musk Turtle
Hickorynut	Cutlip Minnow	Eastern Ribbonsnake
Horned Grebe	Eastern Meadowlark	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
Lake Sturgeon	Eastern Musk Turtle	Eastern Wood-pewee
Least Bittern	Eastern Ribbonsnake	Evening Grosbeak
Little Brown Myotis	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Grass Pickerel
Monarch	Eastern Wood Pewee	Lake Sturgeon
Mottled Duskywing	Evening Grosbeak	Least Bittern
Northern Barrens Tiger Beetle	Hickorynut	Little Brown Myotis
Northern Map Turtle	Lake Sturgeon	Monarch
Northern Myotis	Least Bittern	Northern Map Turtle
Red-headed Woodpecker	Little Brown Myotis	Northern Myotis
River Redhorse	Mammals	Pugnose Shiner
Rusty-patched Bumble Bee	Monarch	Rusty Blackbird
Silver Lamprey	Northern Map Turtle	Snapping Turtle
Snapping Turtle	Northern Myotis	Tri-colored Bat
Transverse Lady Beetle	River Redhorse	Wood Thrush
Tri-colored Bat	Rusty Blackbird	
Wood Thrush	Silver Lamprey	
Yellow-banded Bumblebee	Snapping Turtle	
	Tri-colored Bat	
	West Virginia White	
	Whip poor will	
	Wood Thrush	

WINCHESTER	WOLFORD	YONGE
American Eel	Bald Eagle	American Eel
Bank Swallow	Bank Swallow	American Ginseng
Barn Swallow	Barn Swallow	Bald Eagle
Blandings Turtle	Black Tern	Bank Swallow
Bobolink	Blanding's Turtle	Barn Swallow
Butternut	Bobolink	Blanding's Turtle
Canada Warbler	Butternut	Bobolink
Chimney Swift	Canada Warbler	Bridle Shiner
Common Nighthawk	Chimney Swift	Broad Beech Fern
Eastern Meadowlark	Common Nighthawk	Butternut
Eastern Musk Turtle	Eastern Meadowlark	Cerulean Warbler
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Eastern Musk Turtle	Chimney Swift
Eastern Wood-pewee	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Common Five-lined Skink
Evening Grosbeak	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Common Nighthawk
Little Brown Myotis	Eastern Wood-pewee	Eastern Meadowlark
Monarch	Golden-winged Warbler	Eastern Musk Turtle
Northern Map Turtle	Grasshopper Sparrow	Eastern Pondmussel
Northern Myotis	Gray Ratsnake	Eastern Ribbonsnake
Peregrine Falcon	Least Bittern	Eastern Small-footed Myotis
River Redhorse	Little Brown Myotis	Eastern Whip-poor-will
Rusty Blackbird	Loggerhead Shrike	Eastern Wood-pewee
Snapping Turtle	Monarch	Golden-winged Warbler
Tri-colored Bat	Northern Map Turtle	Grass Pickerel
Wood Thrush	Northern Myotis	Gray Ratsnake
	Snapping Turtle	Henslow's Sparrow
	Tri-colored Bat	Lake Sturgeon
	Wood Thrush	Least Bittern
	Yellow-breasted Chat	Little Brown Myotis
		Monarch
		Northern Map Turtle
		Northern Myotis
		Piping Plover
		Pugnose Shiner
		Red-headed Woodpecker
		Silver Lamprey
		Snapping Turtle
		Tri-colored Bat
		Wood Thrush

### **APPENDIX C – BUTTERNUT HEALTH ASSESSMENT REPORT**

Mr. Ack Wehbe Metro Towing & Recovery 2759 Lancaster Road Ottawa, ON K1B 4V8

September 5, 2019

### RE: 6776 ROTHBORNE ROAD, STITTSVILLE, CITY OF OTTAWA BHA Report Number: 281012

Dear Mr. Wehbe

As a designated Butternut Health Assessor (BHA), I am providing the following Butternut Health Assessor's Report for the trees located at the above noted property, for which I completed an inventory and assessment during the site visit on August 13, 2019. If there are other Butternut trees at the site that may be affected by the activity and they are not identified in this report, they too must be assessed by a BHA. Shaun St.Pierre and affiliates are not responsible for delays or losses incurred from Butternuts whether they have been identified in this report or not. Where private property was concerned, if access could not be obtained then an over the fence visual survey was utilized.

A valid BHA report must include all items within the below list of enclosures.

Note that municipal by-laws and legislation other than the ESA may also be applicable to the removal or harming of trees.

Please retain this letter and a copy of the BHA Report for your records, along with any other documentation you may receive from the MNR should an examination of the trees occur. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your <u>local MNR district office</u>.

Sincerely,

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Shaun St.Pierre, B.Sc. Biology (BHA#281) 20373 Bethune Street, South Lancaster, On K0C 2C0 613.571.8883 shaunstpierre@hotmail.com

Enclosures:

- 1. Information from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry about Butternut and the Endangered Species Act, 2007
- 2. Butternut Health Assessor's Report
- 3. Original data forms
- 4. Electronic and printed copies of the Excel data spreadsheet (BHA Tree Analysis)

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Ministère des Richesses naturelles et des Forêts

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The enclosed Butternut Health Assessor's Report documents the results of the Butternut health assessment that was conducted by the designated Butternut Health Assessor (BHA) identified in the top section of the report. If there are other Butternut trees (of any size or age) at the site that may be affected by the activity and they are not identified in the enclosed BHA Report, they too must be assessed by a designated BHA.

Butternut is listed as an endangered species on the Species at Risk in Ontario List, and as such, it is protected under the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* (ESA) from being killed, harmed, or removed. If you are planning to undertake an activity that may affect Butternut, you may be eligible to follow the requirements set out in section 23.7 of Ontario Regulation 242/08 under the ESA, or you may need to seek an authorization under the ESA (e.g., a permit).

Please visit e-laws at the link provided below for the legal requirements of eligible activities under section 23.7 of Ontario Regulation 242/08 and conditions that must be fulfilled. Information about Butternut is also available at: <u>http://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/butternut-trees-your-property</u>.

If you are eligible to kill, harm or take Butternut under section 23.7 of the regulation, your first step is to submit the BHA Report and the original data forms enclosed in this package to the local Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) District Manager. Note that MNRF cannot accept photocopies or scanned electronic copies of the data forms.

### Note regarding changes:

If the enclosed BHA Report does not identify which Butternut tree(s) are proposed to be killed, harmed, or taken in Table 1 (i.e., if "unknown" is indicated in the second last column of Table 1), or, if the information in the last two columns of Table 1 has changed since the date this BHA Report was produced, <u>do not make any edits to the BHA Report</u>. Instead, please attach a cover letter that identifies which Butternut tree(s) are proposed to be killed, harmed, or taken (by referencing the tree identification numbers) when you submit the enclosed BHA Report to the local MNRF District Manager.

The BHA Report must be submitted at least 30 days prior to registering an eligible activity to kill, harm, or remove a Butternut tree. During this 30 day period, no Butternut trees (of any category) may be killed, harmed, or removed, and MNRF may contact you for an opportunity to examine the trees. If MNRF chooses to examine the trees, a representative of MNRF will contact you using the information you supplied when you submitted the BHA Report.

If you are eligible to follow the rules in regulation under section 23.7, you may register your activity using the "Notice of Butternut Impact" form on the <u>MNRF Registry</u> after the 30 day period has <u>elapsed</u>.

If you are <u>not</u> eligible to follow the rules in regulation under section 23.7, please contact the local MNRF district office to determine whether you will need to seek an authorization (e.g., a permit). A link to the directory of MNRF offices is provided below.

Note that municipal by-laws and legislation other than the ESA may also be applicable to the removal or harming of trees.

Please retain this information and a copy of the BHA Report (including copies of all data forms) for your records, along with any other documentation you may receive from MNRF should an examination of the trees occur. If you have any questions, please contact your local MNRF district office.

### Links:

Endangered Species Act, 2007: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws\_statutes\_07e06\_e.htm

Ontario Regulation 242/08 (refer to section 23.7): http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws\_regs\_080242\_e.htm

MNRF Office Locations:

https://www.ontario.ca/government/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry-regional-and-districtoffices

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Site location: 6776 ROTHBORNE ROAD, STITTSVILLE, CITY OF OTTAWA

Date(s) of Butternut health assessment: Ausgut 13, 2019 Date BHA Report prepared: September 5, 2019

Map datum used: X NAD83 🗌 WGS84

Total number of trees assessed in this BHA Report: 17

The assessed trees were numbered on site using white paint and/or white flagging tape. The numbers at the site correspond to the tree numbers referenced in this report.

This BHA Report includes the following tables:

- Table 1: Butternut Trees Assessed
- Table 2: Trees Determined by BHA to be Butternut Hybrids
- Table 3: Summary of Assessment Results

Table 1: Butternut Trees Assessed

Tree #	UTM coordinates	Category <sup>1</sup> $(1, 2, or 3^2)$	dbh³ (cm)	Cultivated? (Y/N)	Proposed to be: (enter one: unknown <sup>4</sup> , killed, harmed or taken)	If tree is proposed to be killed, harmed, or taken, indicate reason tree is proposed to be killed, harmed or taken:
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The extent to which the tree is affected by Butternut Canker is presented in the Excel document titled, "BHA Tree Analysis" that accompanies this BHA Report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Category 3 trees are not eligible to be killed, harmed or taken under section 23.7 of Ontario Regulation 242/08.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> dbh: diameter at breast height, rounded to nearest cm (if tree is shorter than breast height, enter zero)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In this column, "unknown" indicates that at the time of assessment, there are no proposals to kill, harm or take this tree that are known to the BHA.

Tree #	UTM coordinates	Category <sup>1</sup> (1, 2, or 3 <sup>e</sup> )	dbh³ (cm)	Cultivated? (Y/N)	Proposed to be: (enter one: unknown <sup>4</sup> , killed, harmed or taken)	If tree is proposed to be killed, harmed, or taken, indicate reason tree is proposed to be killed, harmed or taken:
1	18 T 423984 5011466	1	1	Ν	killed	work yard expansion
2	18 T 423997 5011566	2	3	Ν	killed	work yard expansion
3	18 T 424050 5011589	1	3	Ν	killed	work yard expansion
4	18 T 423931 5011515	2	3	N	killed	work yard expansion
5	18 T 423938 5011511	1	3	N	killed	work yard expansion
6	18 T 424053 5011589	2	1	N	killed	work yard expansion
7	18 T 424019 5011590	2	6	N	killed	work yard expansion
8	18 T 424071 5011607	1	5	N	killed	work yard expansion
9	18 T 424061 5011657	2	2	Ν	harmed	work yard expansion
10	18 T 424060 5011655	2	4	Ν	harmed	work yard expansion
11	18 T 424053 5011670	2	5	Ν	harmed	work yard expansion
12	18 T 424092 5011659	2	1	N	killed	work yard expansion
13	18 T 424089 5011650	2	2	N	killed	work yard expansion
14	18 T 424087 5011672	2	1	N	killed	work yard expansion
15	18 T 424090 5011681	2	1	N	killed	work yard expansion
16	18 T 424077 5011678	2	1	Ν	killed	work yard expansion
17	18 T 424079 5011678	2	2	Ν	killed	work yard expansion

### Table 2: Trees Determined by BHA to be Butternut Hybrids

Tree #	UTM coordinates	Method used (genetic testing or field identification):

### Table 3: Summary of Assessment Results

Result:	Total #:	Important information for persons planning activities that may affect Butternut:
Category 1	4	<ul> <li>A Category 1 tree is one that is affected by butternut canker to such an advanced degree that retaining the tree would not support the protection or recovery of butternut in the area in which the tree is located; and is considered "non-retainable".</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>During the 30 day period that follows your submission of this BHA Report to the MNRF District Manager, no Butternut trees (of Category 1, 2, or 3) may be killed, harmed, or taken, and MNRF may contact you for an opportunity to examine the trees.</li> </ul>
		• Category 1 trees may be killed, harmed or taken <u>after</u> the 30 day period that follows submission of this BHA Report to the MNRF District Manager, unless the results of an MNRF examination indicate that the assessment has not been conducted in accordance with the document entitled "Butternut Assessment Guidelines: Assessment of Butternut Tree Health for the Purposes of the <i>Endangered Species Act, 2007</i> ".
Category 2	13	<ul> <li>A Category 2 tree is one that is not affected by Butternut Canker, or is affected by Butternut Canker but the degree to which it is affected is not too advanced and retaining the tree could support the protection or recovery of butternut in the area in which the tree is located, and is considered "retainable".</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>During the 30 day period that follows your submission of this BHA Report to the MNRF District Manager, no Butternut trees (of Category 1, 2, or 3) may be killed, harmed, or taken, and MNRF may contact you for an opportunity to examine the trees.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Activities that may kill, harm or take up to a <u>maximum of ten (10)</u> Category 2 trees may be eligible to follow the rules in section 23.7 of Ontario Regulation 242/08, in accordance with the conditions and requirements set out in the regulation.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Refer to e-Laws for the legal requirements of eligible activities under section 23.7 of Ontario Regulation 242/08 and conditions that must be fulfilled: <u>http://www.e-</u> <u>laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_080242_e.htm</u></li> </ul>
		• Activities that may kill, harm or take more than ten (10) Category 2 trees are not eligible to follow the rules in section 23.7 of Ontario Regulation 242/08. Contact the local MNRF district office for information on how to seek an ESA authorization (e.g., a permit) or consider an alternative that would be eligible for the regulation.
Category 3	0	• A Category 3 tree is one that may be useful in determining sources of resistance to Butternut Canker, and is considered "archivable".
		<ul> <li>Category 3 trees are not eligible to be killed, harmed or taken under section 23.7 of Ontario Regulation 242/08.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Contact the local MNRF district office for information on how to seek an ESA authorization, or consider an alternative that will avoid killing, harming or taking any Category 3 trees.</li> </ul>
Cultivated	0	<ul> <li>An activity that involves killing, harming, or taking a cultivated Butternut tree that was not required to be planted to fulfill a condition of an ESA permit or a condition of a regulation, may be eligible for the exemption provided by subsection 23.7 (11) of O. Reg. 242/08.</li> </ul>
		• Prior to undertaking the activity, the owner or occupier of the land on which the Butternut is located (or person acting on their behalf) will need to determine whether the exemption for cultivated trees is applicable by determining whether or not the tree was cultivated as a result of the requirements for an exemption under O. Reg. 242/08 or a condition of a permit issued under the ESA. This information can be accessed by contacting the local MNRF district office.
		• The owner or occupier of the land on which the Butternut is located (or person acting on their behalf) is encouraged to append the details regarding whether the tree was planted to satisfy a requirement (e.g., the permit number or registration number) to this BHA Report for their records.
Hybrid	0	Hybrid Butternut trees are not protected under the ESA, but their removal may be subject to municipal by-laws and other legislation.

### Butternut Health Assessor's Comments:

Large portion of the subject lands had been recently cleared

This concludes the summary of the BHA Report. A complete BHA Report must also include:

- 1. All original (hard copy) data forms (i.e., all completed sets of Form 1 and Form 2), and
- 2. Electronic and printed copies of the Excel data analysis spreadsheet.

### **APPENDIX D – CLEAN EQUIPMENT PROTOCOL FOR INDUSTRY**

# Clean Equipment Protocol for Industry

Inspecting and cleaning equipment for the purposes of invasive species prevention













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### Introduction

#### Why Invasive Plants are a Problem

Invasive alien species are "a growing environmental and economic threat to Ontario. Alien species are plants, animals and microorganisms that have been accidentally or deliberately introduced into areas beyond their normal range. Invasive species are defined as harmful alien species whose introduction or spread threatens the environment, the economy, or society, including human health (Government of Canada 2004)." (Ontario Invasive Species Strategic Plan, 2012). The great majority of plant invasions occur in habitats that have been disturbed either naturally or by humans (Rejma'nek 1989; Hobbs and Huenneke 1992; Hobbs 2000).

The ecological effects of invasive species are often irreversible and, once established, they are extremely difficult and costly to control or eradicate. According to Pimental et al. (1999), invasive species in the U.S. cause economic and environmental damages totalling over \$138 billion per year, with agricultural weed control and crop losses totalling approximately \$34 billion per year. Exact figures for the total economic and environmental damages are not available for Canada. In Ontario however, the costs of dealing with just one invasive species is astonishing; Zebra Mussels cost Ontario power producers who draw water from the lake \$6.4 million per year in increased control/operating costs and about \$1 million per year in research costs (Colautti et al. 2006).

Invasive species can spread to new areas when contaminated mud, gravel, water, soil and plant material are unknowingly moved by equipment used on different sites. This method of spread is called an unintentional introduction, and is one of the four major pathways for invasive species introduction into a new area of Ontario (Ontario Invasive Species Strategic Plan, 2012).



Buckthorn removal, Lynde Shores Conservation Area. Photo by: Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority

Invasive plant seed and propagules (plant material, i.e. rhizomes) have the ability to travel sight unseen in mud attached to or lodged in various parts and spaces between parts of vehicles, machinery and other mechanical equipment. A recent study at Montana State University found that most seeds (99% on paved roads and 96% on unpaved roads) stayed attached to the vehicle after traveling 160 miles (257 km) under dry conditions.

Invasive plant species are commonly transported on or in vehicles and construction equipment when they are moved to new locations. Those vehicles include four-wheel drives, excavators, tractors, loaders, water trucks and all-terrain vehicles. Failure to properly clean vehicles and machinery of soils, mud, and contaminated water that may contain invasive species seed and propagules can result in permanent, irreversible environmental impacts. These impacts can mean substantial cost to the landowner, land manager and/ or the user. Businesses may also face liability issues for activities and operations that result in the introduction of invasive species.

### Some of the invasive species in Ontario which have been known to spread through equipment transfer include:

- **Common Buckthorn** (*Rhamnus cathartica*)
- **Dog-strangling Vine** (Cynanchum rossicum)
- Garlic Mustard (Alliaria petiolata)
- **Giant Hogweed** (Heracleum mantegazzianum)
- Glossy Buckthorn (Frangula alnus)
- Japanese Knotweed (Polygonum cuspidatum)
- Miscanthus or Chinese Silver Grass (Miscanthus sinensis)
- Phragmites or Common Reed (Phragmites australis subsp. australis)
- Reed Canary Grass (Phalaris arundinacea)
- Wild Parsnip (Pastinaca sativa)
- Wild Chervil (Anthriscus sylvestri)



**Dog-strangling vine** (*Cynachum rossicum*) Photo by: Hayley Anderson



**Garlic Mustard** (Alliaria petiolata) Photo by: Ken Towle



Phragmites (Phragmites australis subsp. Australis) Photo by: Michael Irvine

These plants impact biodiversity by out-competing native species for space, sunlight, and nutrients. They can also have impacts on road and driver safety by physically blocking intersection sightlines, and in the case of Phragmites and Miscanthus, may fuel intense grass fires if ignited, which can damage utility stations and hydro lines.

### The harmful effects of invasive species include:

- Physical and structural damage to infrastructure
- Human health hazards (i.e. Giant Hogweed and Wild Parsnip exposure)
- Delays and increased cost in construction activities
- Environmental damage (i.e. erosion)
- Aesthetic degradation
- Loss of biodiversity
- Reduced property values
- Loss of productivity in woodlots and agriculture

## Why Cleaning Vehicles and Equipment is Important

Passenger and recreational vehicles as well as heavy machinery are major vectors for spreading terrestrial invasive species into new areas.

It is much more costly to control invasive species after their establishment and spread than it is to prevent their spread. The spread of invasive species through unintentional introduction can be minimized significantly by the diligent cleaning of vehicles and equipment when leaving one site and moving to the next. In the case of large properties, cleaning before moving to a new site is recommended, even if it is within the same property.

This guide has been developed for the construction, agriculture, forestry and other land management industries, to provide equipment operators and practitioners with tools and techniques to identify and prevent the unintentional introduction of invasive species. It establishes a standard for cleaning vehicles and equipment and provides a guide where current codes of practice, industry standards or other environmental management plans are not already in place.

#### Passenger and recreational vehicles include:

- 2WD and 4WD cars
- 2WD and 4WD trucks
- All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's)
- Motorbikes
- Snowmobiles

#### Heavy machinery includes:

- Trucks
- Tractors
- Dozers

Graders

**Excavators** 

Skidders

Loaders

- Mowers
- Slashers
- Trailers
- Backhoes
- Water Tankers and Trucks



Dog-strangling Vine plants attached to ATV. Photo by: Francine Macdonald



Plant material attached to bobcat. Photo by: TH9 Outdoor Services

### Impacts of Invasive Species on Industry

### Construction

In the UK, Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum* or *Fallopia japonica*) is classified as a hazardous material. When construction occurs in established Japanese Knotweed stands workers sift the soil to remove root fragments and institute treatment plans to ensure that the Knotweed does not re-sprout, as it can damage housing foundations by growing through concrete and asphalt. The contractors must also thoroughly clean their equipment, and dispose of the contaminated soil at biohazard waste sites. While we do not have these requirements in Ontario, Japanese Knotweed is present here.

Invasive plant species can also increase site preparation and weed control costs, and reduce property values. For example, in Vermont the presence of the aquatic invasive plant Eurasian Watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) depressed shoreline residence property value by as much as 16.4% (Zhang and Boyle, 2010).

### Forestry/Agriculture

Invasive plant species which become established in forests will out-compete native species and prevent forest re-generation after logging or natural disturbance. Dog-strangling Vine (Cynanchum rossicum) is of particular concern in conifer plantations. This species thrives in the filtered light and open soils of mature plantations, and suppresses seedling establishment of native hardwoods. If its invasion continues, very few juvenile trees will survive to fill the shrinking canopy of over-mature pines. Reforestation sites are also susceptible; the thick mats of vegetation and aggressive competition from Dog-strangling Vine decrease available planting space and increase costs as more mature vegetation needs to be planted in order to ensure the new vegetation can outcompete the invasive plant. As a result, expensive control programs are often required.

### Land Management (Trail Use/Maintenance)

Recreational trail use and the maintenance of trails can facilitate the transport of invasive plant material and seeds, and create open and disturbed sites that are prime locations for the establishment of invasive species. Studies have proven that trails act as corridors which assist in the spread of invasive plant species. Humans, their pets, and vehicles such as ATV's can be vectors of invasion along trails because seeds and plant pieces can be carried on equipment and clothing. In addition, frequent trampling along trails alters soil properties, limits the growth of some native species, and creates conditions that may favour the growth of non-native species (Kuss et al. 1985; Marion et al. 1985; Yorks et al. 1997).

### Roadsides/Utilities

Invasive species can increase the cost of roadside and utility maintenance by requiring additional maintenance and control efforts. The presence of invasive species can also provide a safety hazard. In the case of Phragmites and Miscanthus (invasive grass species), along with interrupting sight lines, the dead stalks which remain standing each autumn also provide combustible material. Fires in these stands burn intensely, and can damage utilities and hydro lines. Phragmites along roadsides is generally assumed to be spread through the transport and burial of rhizome fragments through ditching, ploughing, and other human activities that transport rhizomes on machinery. Studies have shown that vehicles and road-fill operations can transport invasive plant seeds into uninfested areas, and road construction and maintenance operations provide optimal disturbed sites for seed germination and seedling establishment (Schmidt 1989; Lonsdale & Lane 1994; Greenberg et al. 1997; Trombulak & Frissell 2000).

### Steps to Prevent the Unintentional Introduction of Invasive Species from Equipment

Inspection and cleaning of all machinery and equipment should be performed in accordance with the procedures, checklists and diagrams provided in this protocol.

When visiting more than one site, always schedule work in the sites that are the least disturbed and free of known invasive species first, and visit sites with known invasive species infestations last. This will greatly reduce the risk of transferring plants to new locations.

### When to Inspect

#### Inspection should be done before:

- Moving vehicles out of a local area of operation
- Moving machinery between properties or sites within the same property where invasive species may be present in one area, and not in another
- Using machinery along roadsides, in ditches, and along watercourses
- Vehicles using unformed dirt roads, trails or off road conditions
- Using machinery to transport soil and quarry materials
- Visiting remote areas where access by vehicles is limited

#### Inspection should be done after:

- Operating in areas known to have terrestrial invasive plants or are in high risk areas (i.e. recently disturbed areas near known invaded areas)
- Transporting material (i.e. soil) that is known to contain, or has the potential to contain, invasive species
- Operating in an area or transporting material that you are uncertain contain invasive species
- In the event of rain. If mud contains seeds, they can travel indefinitely until it rains or the road surface is wet, allowing for long distance transport. This may result in transporting seeds to areas where those species did not previously exist

### How to Inspect

- Inspect the vehicle thoroughly inside and out for where dirt, plant material and seeds may be lodged or adhering to interior and exterior surfaces.
- Remove any guards, covers or plates that are easy to remove.
- Attention should be paid to the underside of the vehicle, radiators, spare tires, foot wells and bumper bars.

If clods of dirt, seed or other plant material are found, removal should take place immediately, using the techniques outlined below.
### When to Clean

Vehicles and heavy equipment that stay on formed and sealed roads have a low risk of spreading invasive species. Cleaning is only required when inspection identifies visible dirt clods and plant material or when moving from one area to another.

Depending on the invasive species present, vehicles may need to be cleaned even when deep snow is present. Phragmites, for example, can still be spread, even in packed snow because the seed heads are usually above the surface of the snow. Other plants, such as Dog-strangling vine, will be contained beneath deep snow.

\*Regular inspection of vehicles and machinery will identify if any soil or plant material has been collected on or in vehicles and machinery.

### Where to Clean

Clean the vehicle/equipment in an area where contamination and seed spread is not possible (or limited). The site should be:

- Ideally, mud free, gravel covered or a hard surface. If this option is not available, choose a well maintained (i.e. regularly mowed) grassy area.
- Gently sloping to assist in draining water and material away from the vehicle or equipment. Care should be taken to ensure that localized erosion will not be created, and that water runs back into the area where contamination occurred.
- At least 30m away from any watercourse, water body and natural vegetation.
- Large enough to allow for adequate movement of larger vehicles and equipment.

\*Safely locate the vehicle and equipment away from any hazards. If mechanized, ensure engine is off and the vehicle or equipment is immobilized.

### How to Clean Inside

Clean the interior of the vehicle by sweeping, vacuuming or using a compressed air device. Particular attention should be paid to the floor, foot wells, pedals, seats and under the seats.

### How to Clean Outside

Knock off all large clods of dirt. Use a pry bar or other device if necessary.

Identify areas that may require cleaning with compressed air rather than water such as radiators and grills. Clean these areas first prior to using water.

Clean the vehicle with a high pressure hose in combination with a stiff brush and/or pry bar to further assist the removal of dirt clods.

Start cleaning from the top of the vehicle and work down to the bottom.

Emphasis should be placed on the undersides, wheels, wheel arches, guards, chassis, engine bays, radiator, grills and other attachments.

When the cleaning is finished avoid driving through the waste water when removing the vehicle or equipment from the cleaning site.

For equipment such as water trucks that may be exposed to aquatic invasive species, trucks should be disinfected with bleach solution before conducting work in a new area. For further information please refer to the Invading Species Awareness Program's Technical Guidelines listed under Contacts and Resources.



Hosing down a vehicle in Queensland Australia Photo by: TH9 Outdoor Services

# Final Inspection Checklist

### Conduct a final inspection to ensure the following general clean standard has been achieved:

- No clods of dirt should be visible after wash down.
- Radiators, grills and the interiors of vehicles should be free of accumulations of seed, soil, mud and plant material parts including seeds, roots, flowers, fruit and or stems.

Diagrams have been provided to assist in quickly identifying key areas to inspect and clean on a variety of vehicles associated with the targeted industries. These can be used in combination with vehicle checklists to ensure all areas of the vehicles have been inspected and cleaned.

### **Equipment Required**

- A pump and high pressure hose OR High pressure water unit
- Minimum water pressure for vehicle cleaning should be at least 90 pounds per square inch. Water can be supplied as high volume/low pressure or low volume/high pressure (NOAA Fisheries Service).
- Air compressor and blower OR Vacuum
- Shovel
- Pry bar
- Stiff brush or broom



Cleaning station at construction site. Photo by: Mark Heaton, OMNR

# Inspection and Cleaning Diagrams and Checklists



### Excavator

### EXCAVATOR WITH KEY SPOTS TO CHECK AND CLEAN



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Cabin	Floor, mats, pedals, seats	
Engine	Radiators, engine bay, grill, air cleaner	
Tracks	Tracks, track frame, drive sprocket rollers, idlers	
Body Plates	Plates of cabin	
Body	Ledges, channels	
Bucket		
Booms		
Turret Pivot		



# Bulldozer BULLDOZER WITH KEY SPOTS TO CHECK AND CLEAN Cabin floor, mats, pedals & seat Air cleaner Radiator grill & engine bay



Cabin	Floor, mats, pedals, seats	
Engine	Radiators, engine bay, grill, air cleaner	
Tracks	Tracks, track frame, drive sprocket rollers, idlers	
Body Plates	Belly plates and rear plates	
Body	Ledges, channels	
Blade	Pivot points, hydraulic rams, a-frame	
Ripper	Ripper frame, ripper points	

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# Contacts and Resources

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Invading Species Awareness Program Workshop Manual: Aquatic Invasive Species: An Introduction to Identification, Collection and Reporting of Aquatic Invasive Species in Ontario Waters (includes information on decontaminating equipment). http://www.invadingspecies.com/download/ publications/manuals/WorkshopManual.pdf

### **Reporting Invasive Species**

To report invasive species, or view maps of existing records, visit the Invading Species Awareness Program website www.invadingspecies.com/report/ or www.eddmaps.org/Ontario.

Or call the OFAH/MNR Invading Species Awareness Program Hotline at 1-800-563-7711

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# Appendix A: Identification of Invasive Plants found in Ontario

- Common Buckthorn (Rhamnus cathartica) and Glossy Buckthorn (Frangula alnus)
- **Dog-strangling Vine** (Cynanchum rossicum)
- Garlic Mustard (Alliaria petiolata)
- Japanese Knotweed (Polygonum cuspidatum)
- Phragmites or Common Reed (Phragmites australis subsp. australis)
- Giant Hogweed (Heracleum mantegazzianum)

### (Rhamnus cathartica & R. frangula)



### Plant type: Shrub/small tree

Arrangement: Common buckthorn are sub-opposite (almost opposite). Glossy buckthorn are alternate.

Leaf: The common buckthorn leaf is egg shaped, edge of the leaf is "pebbled" (small rounded teeth). Veins converging toward leaf top. The glossy buckthorn leaf is more slender (tear drop shaped) and smooth margined.

Bark: Smooth, young bark with prominent raised patches or lenticels; rough texture and peeling bark when mature.

Seed/Flowers: Flowers are green-yellowish, small and inconspicuous. Green berries becoming purplish/black in late summer, berry > 1 cm in diameter.

Buds/Twigs: Common buckthorn has thorn-like tip on many twigs. Glossy buckthorn buds have no bud scales and lack thorny tips to twigs.

Habitat: Various - forest, thickets, meadows, dry to moist soils.

Similar native species: Native dogwoods, which lack the thorny "tip". Native dogwoods are truly opposite in arrangement of twigs; only alternate leaved (pagoda) dogwood has alternate branching.

### dog-strangling vine (Cynanchum rossicum & C. nigrum)





Plant type: Herb, twining vine

Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf: Lance shaped, smooth margin (edge)

Bark: n/a

**Seed/Flowers:** Bean shaped seed pod with seeds attached to downy 'umbrellas'. Flowers - pink (C. rossicum) or purple (C. nigrum) with five petals.

### Buds/Twigs: n/a

Habitat: Dry to moist soils; more dominant in meadows and woodland edges.

**Similar native species:** Swamp milkweed (Asclepias incarnata spp.), is an upright plant, typically found in wetland habitats.

# garlic mustard (Alliaria petiolata)





### Plant type: Herb

#### Arrangement: Alternate

**Leaf:** Saw tooth like edge, elongated heart shape. Garlic/onion smell when crushed. Leaves are kidney shaped with prominent veins.

### Bark: n/a

**Seed/Flowers:** Cluster of small white flowers with four petals. Small black < 1 mm rounded seed found in elongated 'tube-like' seed pods (similar to a bean pod).

### Buds/Twigs: n/a

Habitat: Various – dry to moist soils, in all habitat types, less often in meadows.

#### Similar native species: n/a

### japanese knotweed (Polygonum cuspidatum)





Plant type: Herb, 2 - 4 m in height.

Arrangement: Alternate

**Leaf:** Tear drop shaped, sharp pointed, dark green, flattened at base.

#### Bark: n/a

**Seed/Flowers:** Flowering stalk of many small greenish-white flowers.

**Buds/Twigs:** Large plant with a 'bamboo-like' stem. Stem light green maturing to tan colour.

Habitat: Moist to wet soils found in wetlands, water-courses and roadside ditches.

Similar native species: None.

### (Phragmites australis)







Plant type: Grass

Arrangement: Alternate

**Leaf:** Broad leaf > 1 cm wide.

### Bark: n/a

**Seed/Flowers:** Dense cascading 'broom-like' flower head. 'Cottony' in appearance when mature.

**Buds/Twigs:** Stems rough and ridged, ligule a densely hairy band. Mature plants > 3 m tall.

Habitat: Moist to wet soils. Found in wetlands, water- courses and road side ditches.

Similar native species: Species of mannagrass (Glyceria sp) including tall northern, eastern and rattlesnake grass. A native common reed exists but has a smooth stem and the ligule is not hairy. It is also quite rare.

## giant hogweed (Heracleum mantegazzianum)



Plant type: Herb. Mature plants can be over 3m tall.

Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf: Lobed leaf 1-2 m wide, lobes sharp-pointed.

Bark: n/a

Seed/Flowers: Small, white flowers in a large umbrellashaped cluster, .75 m wide.

Buds/Twigs: Hairy stem with purple spots.

Habitat: Fresh to wet soils in forests, swamps, meadows, marshes.

Similar native species: Cow parsnip (Heracleum maximum) – has smaller flowers, no purple spots on stems.Angelica (Angelica atropurpurea) has a roundedtopped flower cluster and leaves divided into many leaflets.

Do not touch this plant because it is poisonous. If you do, wash your skin immediately in cool soapy water and do not expose the area to sunlight.

Seek professional advice before removing.

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