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NATURAL HERITAGE SCREENING AND EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

WSP was retained by Access Property Development Inc. (APD) to prepare a Planning Rationale and Design Brief (the “Report”) in support of a Site Plan Control application for the properties municipally known as 415 Legget Drive and 2700 Solandt Road (“the site”), in the City of Ottawa.

There is an existing 18,084.7 m² (194,662 ft²) two-storey flex/office building at 415 Legget Drive. Existing parking for the existing building is located at the north and east sides of the site. There is an existing stormwater pond at the northeast corner of the site. The redevelopment of the site is split into two (2) phases. Phase 1 includes the change of use from existing office and manufacturing occupancy building to 2-storey self storage and single-storey high bay warehousing occupancy. A partial removal of the second storey is proposed which will reduce the overall Gross Floor Area (GFA) of the building to approximately 14,347 m².

The proposed development for Phase 2 consists of two (2) one-storey, storage warehouse buildings, with a proposed total GFA of approximately 18,580 m² (199,993.4 ft²), to be located on existing parking areas north and east of the existing building at 415 Legget Drive. The two (2) warehouse buildings are proposed to contain light industrial warehousing and ancillary office uses. Phase 2 of the project will require Site Plan approval.

A natural heritage screening and existing conditions for the 415 Legget Drive and Solandt Road Project (herein known as “the Project”) in Kanata, Ontario (**Figure 1**) has been conducted. The Study Area is located within the municipality of the City of Ottawa.

The purpose of this document is to assist APD in managing the environmental risks associated with the proposed Project by conducting a natural heritage background review of sensitive environmental features, wildlife and wildlife habitat, and Species at Risk (SAR) that may be present within the Study Area.

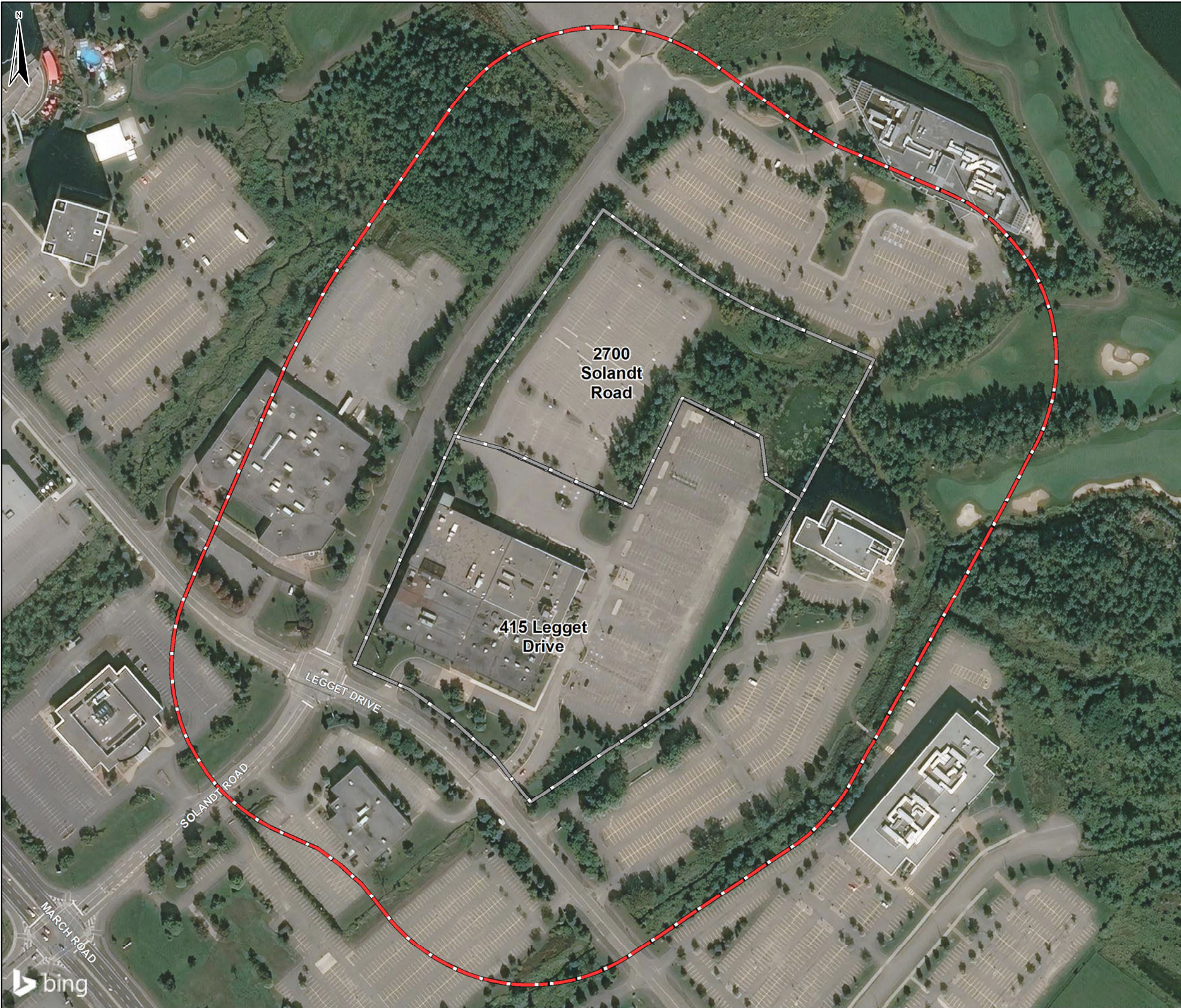
For this report, the Study Area includes the area within 120 m of the Project footprint to account for policy recommendations and setback distances outlined in the *Provincial Policy Statement* (PPS, 2020) and the accompanying *Natural Heritage Reference Manual* (MNR, 2010).



1.2 SCOPE

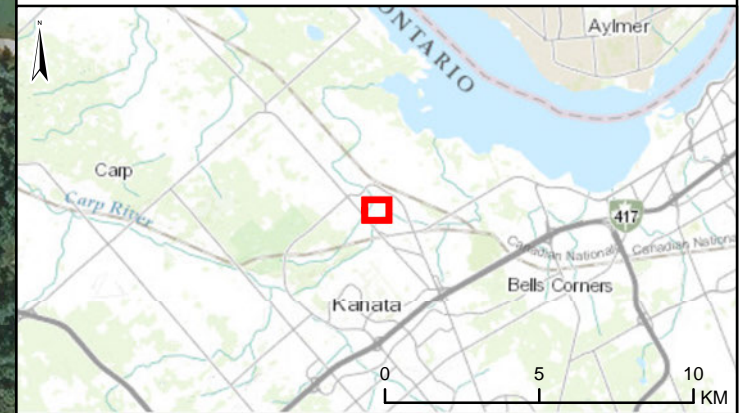
The main objective of the ecological assessment was to complete a baseline/preliminary evaluation. A detailed ecological assessment could not be performed due to the seasonal constraints at the time of assessment (i.e. Fall). The ecological assessment included; vegetation community identification, wildlife habitat assessment, and Species at Risk (SAR) screening within the Project Study Area to determine if the Project has the potential to adversely impact wildlife/SAR associated with the proposed works. Based on results and impact assessment, recommended mitigation measures have also been proposed. To determine the ecological risks of the Project, three components were adopted. They include:

- A desktop background review of available online biodiversity databases to determine which wildlife/SAR has a record/likelihood of occurrence within the Study Area, as well as any significant natural heritage features;
- An ecological field survey to confirm the presence or absence of wildlife/SAR habitat and record any direct observations of wildlife within the Project Study Area;
- Based on field survey results and a habitat suitability analysis, a risk level (High, Medium, Low) will be assigned for each SAR with the potential to conflict with construction activities.

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-  Study Area
-  Subject Property

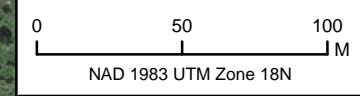


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415 Legget Drive and 2700 Solandt Road
415 Legget Drive and 2700 Solandt Road, Ottawa, Ontario

Figure 1
Study Area

Sources:
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LIO, 2020

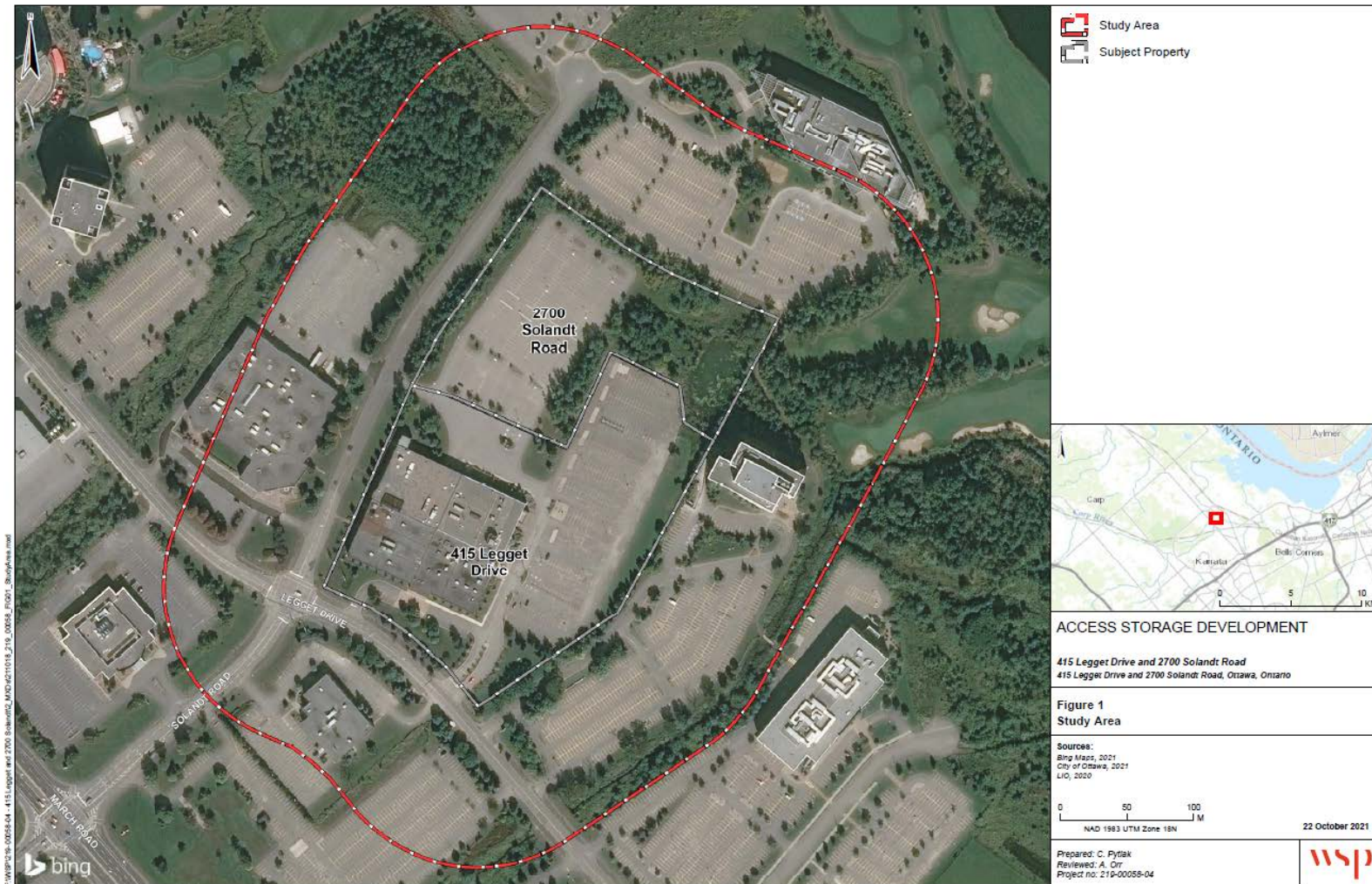


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Figure 1 Project Study Area



1.3 PROPERTY INFORMATION

Owner:	Access Property Development
Address:	415 Legget Drive and 2700 Solandt Road, Kanata, Ontario
Lot and concession:	Lot 8, Concession 4
Property Identification Number(s):	061430081620964
Zoning:	Area C - Suburban IP6 Subzone – Kanata North Business Park
Official Plan designation (Schedule B):	Urban Employment Area
Existing Land Uses:	Industrial

1.4 STUDY APPROACH

The following approach has been developed to provide a clear methodological direction towards characterizing the natural environment and assessing the potential for significant species and habitats within the Study Area.

Policy Framework:	This section outlines the policies and legislation that apply to the protection of natural heritage features within the Study Area as it relates to the Project.
Natural Heritage Screening:	This section provides detailed background information collected from a variety of publicly accessible resource databases to describe the natural heritage features and significant features that may occur within the Study Area.
Methodology:	This section provides a summary of the specific protocols and methods used to evaluate potential natural heritage features and species identified within the natural heritage screening.
Survey Results:	This section provides the results from the field surveys. This also includes any incidental observations or notable observations made by the field biologists.
Impact Assessment and Mitigation:	<p>This section provides the assessment of potential environmental impacts associated with the Project on the natural heritage system, including the natural heritage features and species surveyed in this study.</p> <p>The mitigation measures proposed in this section are aimed at reducing or eliminating potential impacts on natural heritage features. Where mitigation may not be possible, compensation may be proposed.</p> <p>This section will also identify any future permitting or agency authorizations that may be required before the Project may proceed.</p>

Summary and Conclusions:

This section provides a summary of the Study’s findings, outlines any notable provisions, and provides WSP’s general recommendations.

2 POLICY FRAMEWORK

This study references the regulatory agencies and legislative authorities mandated to protect different elements of natural heritage features and SAR within Ontario and Canada. **Table 1** provides a list of the policies and legislation that apply to the protection of natural heritage features and SAR within Ontario and Canada.

Table 1 Policies, Legislation and Background Sources

Policy/Regulations	Reference Materials and Supporting Documents
Federal Government of Canada	
Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA) (1994) (S.C. 1994, c. 22)	Environment and Climate Change Canada – online resources
Species at Risk Act (SARA) (2002) (S.C., 2002, c. 29)	Federal Species at Risk Public Registry
Fisheries Act (1985) (R.S.C., 1985, c. F-14)	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) – online resources
Province of Ontario	
Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (2020), under Planning Act, R.S.O. (1990) c. P.13	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) – Kemptville District
	MNRF Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) – Online [Accessed: 2021/10/21] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>SAR and Species of Conservation Concern</i> • <i>Natural Heritage Features</i>
	Natural Heritage Reference Manual (MNRF, 2010)
	MNRF Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide (MNRF, 2000) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Significant Wildlife Habitat Eco-region 6E Criterion Schedules</i> (MNRF, 2016)
Endangered Species Act (ESA) (2007) (S.O. 2007, c. 6)	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) List (O.Reg. 230/08)
	MNRF NHIC – Online [Accessed: 2021/10/21] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Species at Risk occurrence records</i>
	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (OBBA) – Online [Accessed: 2021/10/21]
	Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas – Online [Accessed: 2021/10/21]
	Atlas of the Mammals of Ontario (Dobbyn, 1994)
Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)	
Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority: Regulation of Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses (O. Reg. 175/06), under Conservation Authorities Act, (R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27)	MVCA Regulations Mapping – Online [Accessed: 2021/10/21]
City of Ottawa	

Policy/Regulations	Reference Materials and Supporting Documents
City of Ottawa Official Plan (2003)	Official Plan; Schedules B (Urban Policy Plan), K (Environmental Constraints), and L3 (Natural Heritage System Overlay (West) – Online [Accessed: 2021/10/21]
	Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines (2015a)
	City of Ottawa Tree Conservation Report Guidelines (2019a)
	Site Alteration By-Law (2018)
	Protocol for Wildlife Protection During Construction (2015b)

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 BACKGROUND RECORDS REVIEW

Background data was collected and reviewed to identify natural heritage features and SAR with occurrence records within the Study Area. Publicly available databases (**Table 1**) were consulted to develop a list of SAR that have a record within a 1 km² or 10 km² grid (dependent on the database being consulted) encompassing the Project area.

Documents and/or online publicly available databases mentioned in **Table 1** were searched for the presence or absence of the following:

- Aquatic Environment
 - Natural Heritage Features
 - Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSW)
 - Significant Woodlands
 - Significant Valleylands
 - Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI)
 - Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH)
 - Fish Habitat
 - Species at Risk and Species at Risk Habitat
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3.2 ECOLOGICAL FIELD SURVEY

A visual search of the Project Study Area was completed with special attention paid to vegetation communities, plant species readily identifiable during the fall season, stick nests, turtle basking, and other wildlife habitat characteristics.

3.2.1 VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

Vegetation communities within the Study Area were characterized at a high-level by identifying the dominance of canopy tree species using the ELC system for southern Ontario (Lee, et al., 1998).

3.2.2 SIGNIFICANT WILDLIFE HABITAT

The MNRF has identified four categories of SWH within the *SWH Criteria Schedules for Ecoregion 6E* (MNRF, 2015b). They include:

- Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals
- Rare Vegetation Communities or Specialized Habitat for Wildlife
- Habitat for Species of Conservation Concern (excluding Endangered or Threatened Species)
- Animal Movement Corridors

The potential for candidate SWH was reviewed using MNRF (2015), available background information, and air-photo interpretation.

In addition, wildlife features associated with the following wildlife activity were also included in the search:

- Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*) trees present within 50 m of the proposed work footprint;
- Potential bat roosts and associated evidence (cavity trees);
- Vernal pools within woodland features for amphibian breeding habitat;
- Seeps or springs for winter wildlife;
- Raptor stick nests to detect for woodland breeding nesting habitat;
- Piles of debris and/or broken and fissured rocks for reptile hibernacula.

Incidental wildlife observations (tracks, scat, and dens) within or adjacent to the Study Area were also recorded.

3.3 SPECIES AT RISK SCREENING AND RISK ASSESSMENT

The SAR screening was assigned based on the likelihood of significant natural heritage features or SAR to occur within the Project Study Area and the nature of work being proposed. The risk levels associated to the Project were assigned one of five rankings:

No Risk – Construction activities possess no threat to SAR and SAR habitat as they are absent from the project area or do not generally occur within the study area.

Low Risk – Identified SAR and their associated habitats have low potential to occur within or adjacent to the Study Area. Impacts to SAR and SAR habitat are anticipated to be minimal, providing general mitigation measures are employed.

Medium Risk – A moderate likelihood exists that SAR will be present in or adjacent to the project location based on the presence of suitable habitat. Harm or harassment to individual SAR, or damage to SAR habitat necessary for critical life stages (e.g. nesting) would occur if species-specific mitigation measures are not implemented.

High Risk – A high likelihood exists that SAR will be present in or adjacent to the project location or have been recently confirmed. Serious harm to individual SAR and destruction of SAR regulated habitat or general habitat would occur if mitigation measures are not implemented.

*It is assumed that SAR classified as **High Risk** may require consultation with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) for permitting and authorization.*

3.3.1 SPECIES AT RISK LEGISLATION AND HABITAT RISK ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

When assessing the potential risk level associated with a site, the identification of potential SAR habitat was an important factor as numerous species are afforded specific habitat protection under the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA, 2007). In general, species listed as ‘Special Concern’ do not receive any general habitat protection under the act. Habitat protection under the ESA is only afforded to species classified as Threatened or Endangered and is classified as either general or regulated habitat.

General habitat is defined as:

“with respect to any other species of animal, plant or other organism, an area on which the species depends, directly or indirectly, to carry on its life processes, including life processes such as reproduction, rearing, hibernation, migration or feeding.”

General habitat protection is afforded to all species once they become listed as Threatened or Endangered and remains in place until regulated habitat is designated.

Regulated habitat is defined as:

“with respect to a species of animal, plant or any other organism for which a regulation made under Clause 55 (1) (a) is in force, the area prescribed by that regulation as the habitat of the species.”

Regulated habitat provides more precise details on the species-specific habitats, such as specific features, geographic boundaries, or unique requirements of a species.

4 RESULTS

The following sections outline the findings from the desktop screening and characterize the existing conditions within the Project Study Area. **Figure 2** displays the results of natural heritage features present within 2 km of the Study Area. Detailed SAR screening results are also included below.

4.1 BACKGROUND RECORDS REVIEW

4.1.1 AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT

Aquatic features are present within 1 to 2 km of the Project Study Area and are shown in **Figure 2**. They include:

- Lac Deschenes – Ottawa River; provides aquatic and fish habitat
- Shirley’s Brook; provides aquatic and fish habitat
- Unnamed watercourses – potential aquatic and fish habitat

4.1.2 NATURAL HERITAGE FEATURES

The background records review identified three significant natural heritage features within 1 to 2 km of the Study Area (**Figure 2**). This includes:

- South March Highlands – Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI)
- Shirley’s Bay Game Crown Game Reserve – ANSI

Although not significant, Unevaluated Wetlands are also present throughout the Study Area.

No other natural heritage features, such as Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSW) or Significant Valleylands were identified to occur.

4.1.3 SPECIES AT RISK RECORDS

A review of online resources outlined in **Table 1** identified 19 SAR with occurrence records within 1 to 10 km of the Study Area (**Table 2**).

Table 2 SAR Records for the 415 Legget Drive & 2700 Solandt Road Project Study Area

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA (Schedule 1) (Federal)	SARO (Provincial)
Vascular Plants			
Butternut	<i>Juglans cinerea</i>	Endangered	Endangered
Insects			
Monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Special Concern	Special Concern
Amphibians/Reptiles			
Blanding’s Turtle	<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	Threatened	Threatened
Eastern Milksnake	<i>Lampropeltis triangulum</i>	Special Concern	NAR
Midland Painted Turtle	<i>Chrysemys picta marginata</i>	Special Concern	NAR

Common Name	Scientific Name	SARA (Schedule 1) (Federal)	SARO (Provincial)
Northern Map Turtle	<i>Graptemys geographica</i>	Special Concern	Special Concern
Snapping Turtle	<i>Chelydra serpentina</i>	Special Concern	Special Concern
Western Chorus Frog (Great Lakes/St. Lawrence pop.)	<i>Pseudacris maculate pop.</i> 1	Threatened	Not at Risk
Birds			
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Not at Risk	Special Concern
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Threatened	Threatened
Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	Threatened	Threatened
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	Threatened	Threatened
Eastern Whip-poor-will	<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>	Threatened	Threatened
Eastern Wood-pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	Special Concern	Special Concern
Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	Threatened	Special Concern
Mammals			
Little Brown Myotis	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Endangered	Endangered
Northern Myotis	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Endangered	Endangered
Tricolored Bat	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Endangered	Endangered
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	<i>Myotis leibii</i>	NAR	Endangered

4.2 ECOLOGICAL FIELD SURVEY RESULTS

Field surveys to determine vegetation communities, as well as the presence and/or absence of wildlife/SAR individuals and their habitat, were conducted by a WSP ecologist on October 15, 2021. Weather conditions consisted of 19°C, 100% cloud cover, wind speed of 1 km/hr, and no precipitation. The following subsections provide a summary of the existing natural environment features identified within the Project Study Area and include vegetation communities, wildlife habitat, and the potential for SAR.

4.2.1 VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

The characterization of vegetation communities was a high-level assessment in order to evaluate the presence of wildlife and SAR habitats within the Study Area. The Project Study Area is predominately occupied by parking facilities, existing buildings, and roads. Manicured grass with planted trees of Red Maple, Silver Maple, White Spruce, and Scotch Pine occur around the perimeter of the parking lots and buildings. However, in between property parcels natural areas have been retained.

The natural areas consisted of the following vegetation communities:

- Poplar Deciduous Forest
- Mixed Meadow
- Cattail and Purple Loosestrife Meadow Marsh
- Open Aquatic Pond

No butternut or other SAR vascular plants were observed within 120 m of the Study Area.

4.2.2 WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

A few potential wildlife habitat features were identified within the Study Area. Common species and/or wildlife evidence incidentally observed included; Great Blue Heron (observed hunting in the northeastern pond), White-breasted Nuthatch, Black-capped Chickadee, and American Goldfinch.

Potential/candidate SWH wildlife habitat was also noted and include:

- Potential **turtle wintering habitat** in the form of the open aquatic feature with soft, sandy substrate;
- Potential **amphibian wetland breeding habitat** in the form of cattail meadow marsh as well as areas of ditches containing water.

Photographs were taken of the Project Study Area and are provided in **Appendix B**.

4.2.3 SPECIES AT RISK SCREENING AND RISK ASSESSMENT

At the time of field investigations, **no SAR individuals were observed**. The screening was completed for the SAR identified as potentially occurring in the Study Area. Those species are outlined in **Table 2**. The screening and risk assessment were based on the observed existing conditions and the identified presence of suitable habitat within the Study Area. The results of the screening and risk assessment are documented in **Appendix A – Species at Risk Screening and Risk Assessment**.

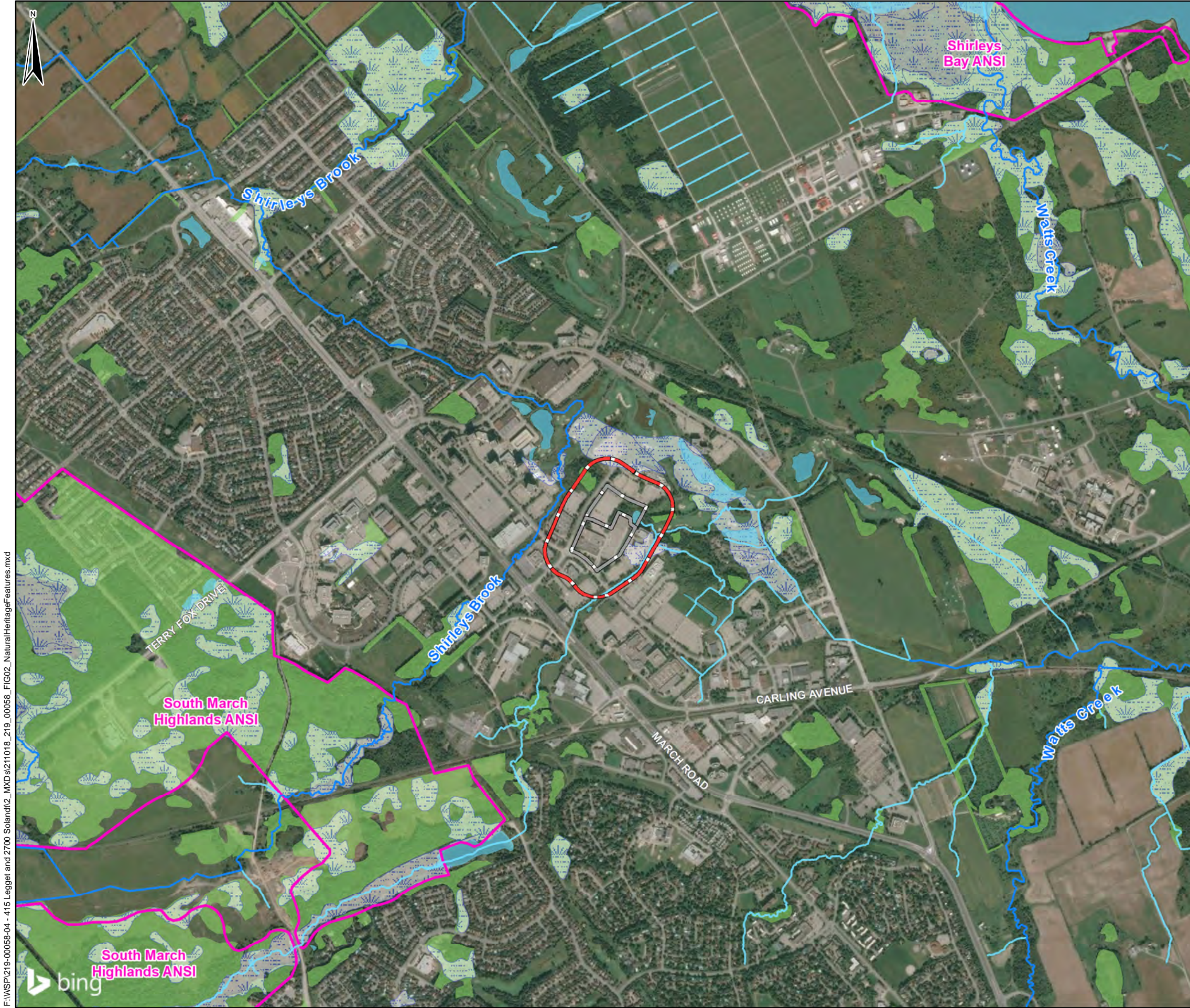
Summarized below are the species with a likelihood of occurrence (ranked as either High, Moderate, or Low) based on current records and the presence of suitable habitat. As there were no direct observations of SAR within the Study Area, no species were assigned as a High Risk to the Project.









Moderate Potential:

- Barn Swallow: potential nesting habitat on building structures. However, no inactive nests were observed at the time of field investigations. New nests may appear in subsequent breeding seasons.
- Western Chorus Frog: potential breeding habitat of marsh communities, swales, and ditches.
- Blanding’s Turtle: potential wintering/basking habitat of open pond with soft, sandy substrates.
- Midland Painted Turtle: potential wintering/basking habitat of open pond with soft, sandy substrates.
- Snapping Turtle: potential wintering/basking habitat of open pond with soft, sandy substrates.

Low Potential:

- Eastern Wood-pewee: potential breeding habitat within the Poplar Forest communities, exhibiting dense understorey suitable for nesting.
- Wood Thrush: potential breeding habitat within the Poplar Forest communities, exhibiting dense understorey suitable for nesting.
- Monarch: potential foraging and dispersal habitat within the meadow communities as common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) plants (necessary for egg and larval development) were observed.



-  Study Area
-  Subject Property
-  Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (MNR, 2021)
-  Wooded Area (MNR, 2020)
-  Wetland (MNR, 2021)
-  Waterbody (MNR, 2021)
-  Watercourse (MNR, 2021)
-  Fish Habitat (MNR, 2019)

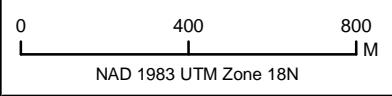


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Figure 2
Natural Heritage Features

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 MNR, 2021



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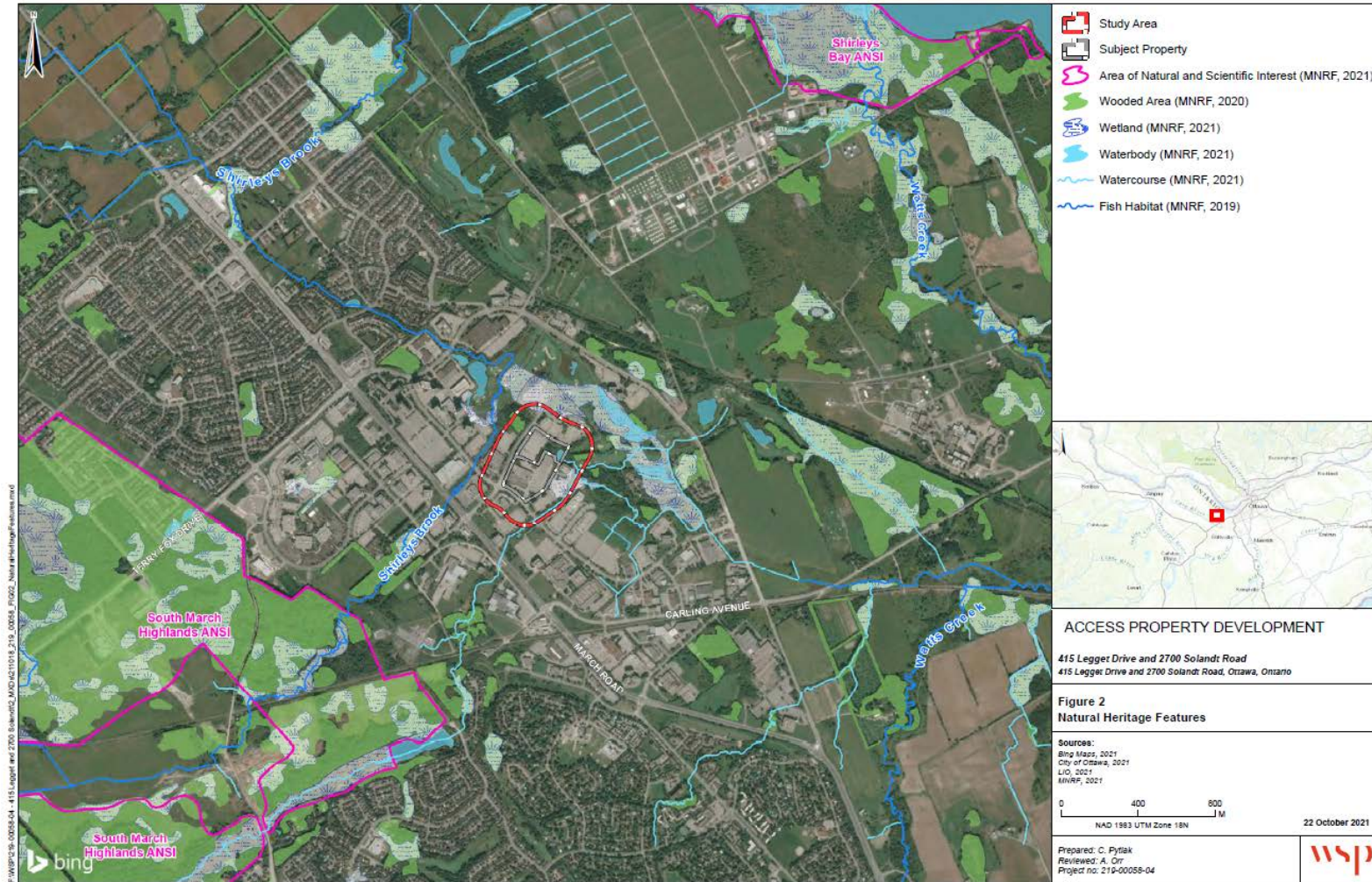
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Figure 2 Natural Heritage Features within the Study Area



5 MITIGATION MEASURES

The Project site is home to 18,084.7 m² (194,662 ft²) two-storey flex/office building at 415 Legget Drive. Existing parking for the existing building is located at the north and east sides of the site. There is an existing stormwater pond at the northeast corner of the site. The redevelopment of the site is split into two (2) phases. Phase 1 includes the change of use from existing office and manufacturing occupancy building to 2-storey self storage and single-storey high bay warehousing occupancy. A partial removal of the second storey is proposed which will reduce the overall GFA of the building to approximately 14,347 m².

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It is anticipated that the footprint of the Phase 2 development is to remain within the existing parking facilities. As such, temporary and/or permanent disturbance to the immediate and surrounding natural areas is not expected. Please refer to **Figure 3** for Project site plan.

Although there is a low to moderate potential for eight (8) SAR to occur in the Project Study Area, the areas immediately adjacent to building and parking lot provides minimal suitability for nesting or roosting habitat or other sensitive habitats for SAR. Indirect impacts will be limited to minor removals or temporary disturbance to foraging habitats, which are also widely available in the surrounding landscape.

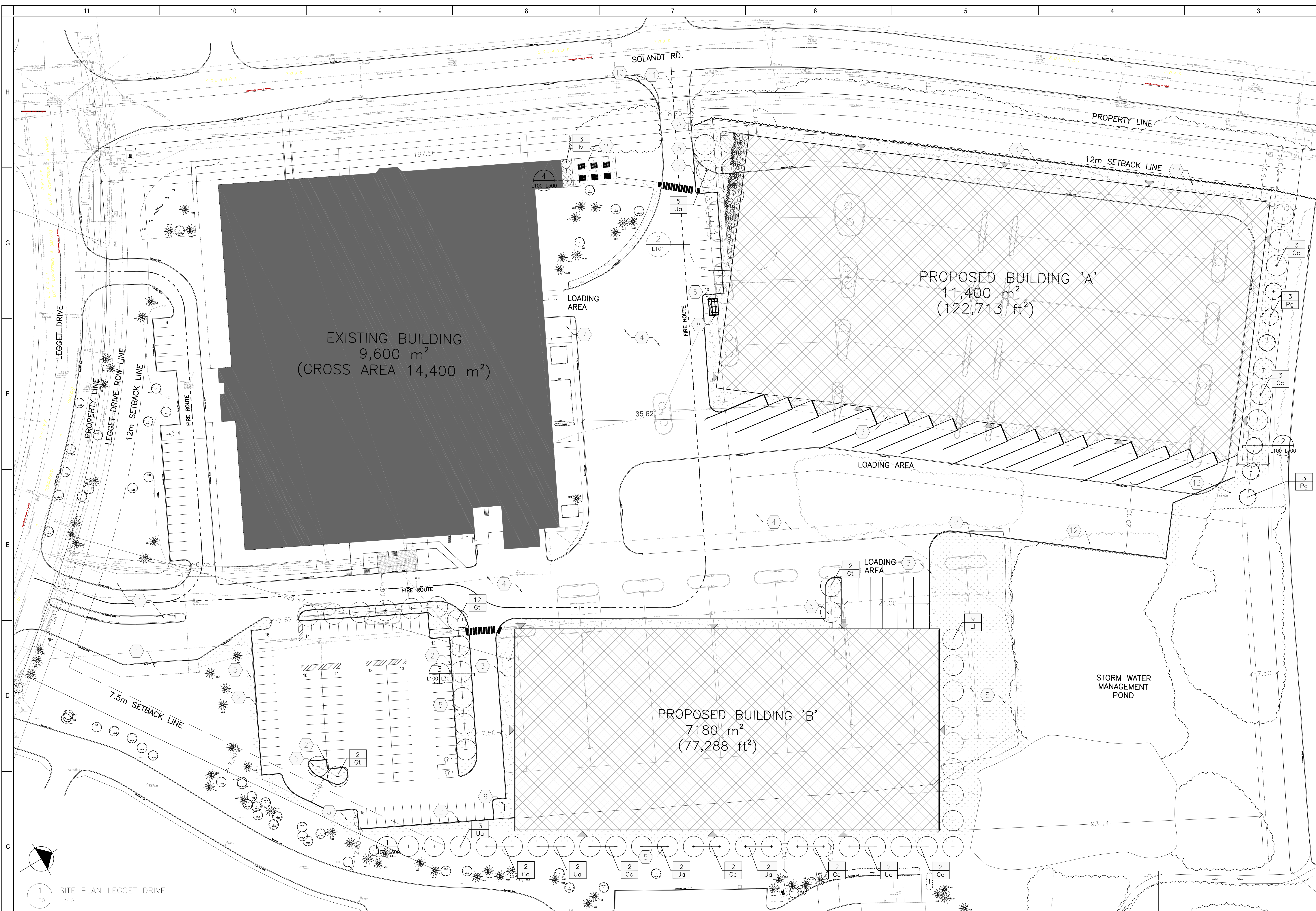
5.1 AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT

The following general mitigation measures are recommended to address impacts on the aquatic environment:

- ✓ DFO's Measures to protect fish and fish habitat, which includes:
 - Prevent the death of fish by avoiding the use of explosives in or near water, and respect in-water timing windows if in-water work is required;
 - Maintain riparian vegetation;
 - Avoid conducting work in the water, or placing fill or any material below the high-water mark; disturbing or removing material along the banks or bed of a waterbody; and building structures in unstable areas, or that may contribute to erosion;
 - Maintain fish passage;
 - Ensure proper sediment control ;
 - Prevent the entry of deleterious substances in water.
- ✓ Grading plan to direct stormwater flows to appropriate drainage infrastructure;
- ✓ Heavy-duty silt fencing (OPSD 0219.1300) and/or other equivalent erosion and sediment control measures should be installed around the perimeter of the work area to clearly demarcate the development area and prevent erosion and sedimentation into adjacent habitats. Erosion and sediment control measures should be monitored regularly to ensure they are functioning properly and if issues are identified should be dealt with promptly;
- ✓ Materials storage sites and equipment parking will be located at a minimum distance of 30 m from any waterbody, watercourse, or wetland;

- ✓ Stockpiling of excavated material should not occur outside the delineated work area. If stockpiling is to occur outside of this area, silt fencing should be used to contain any soil piles to prevent sedimentation into adjacent areas;
- ✓ Areas of stockpiled or exposed soils should be stabilized using tarps or other similar covers;
- ✓ A spill response plan should be developed and implemented as required. Any environmental spills (biological, chemical or petroleum based) must be reported to Ontario's Spills Action Centre, available 24 Hours a day and 7 days a week, at 1-800-268-6060.

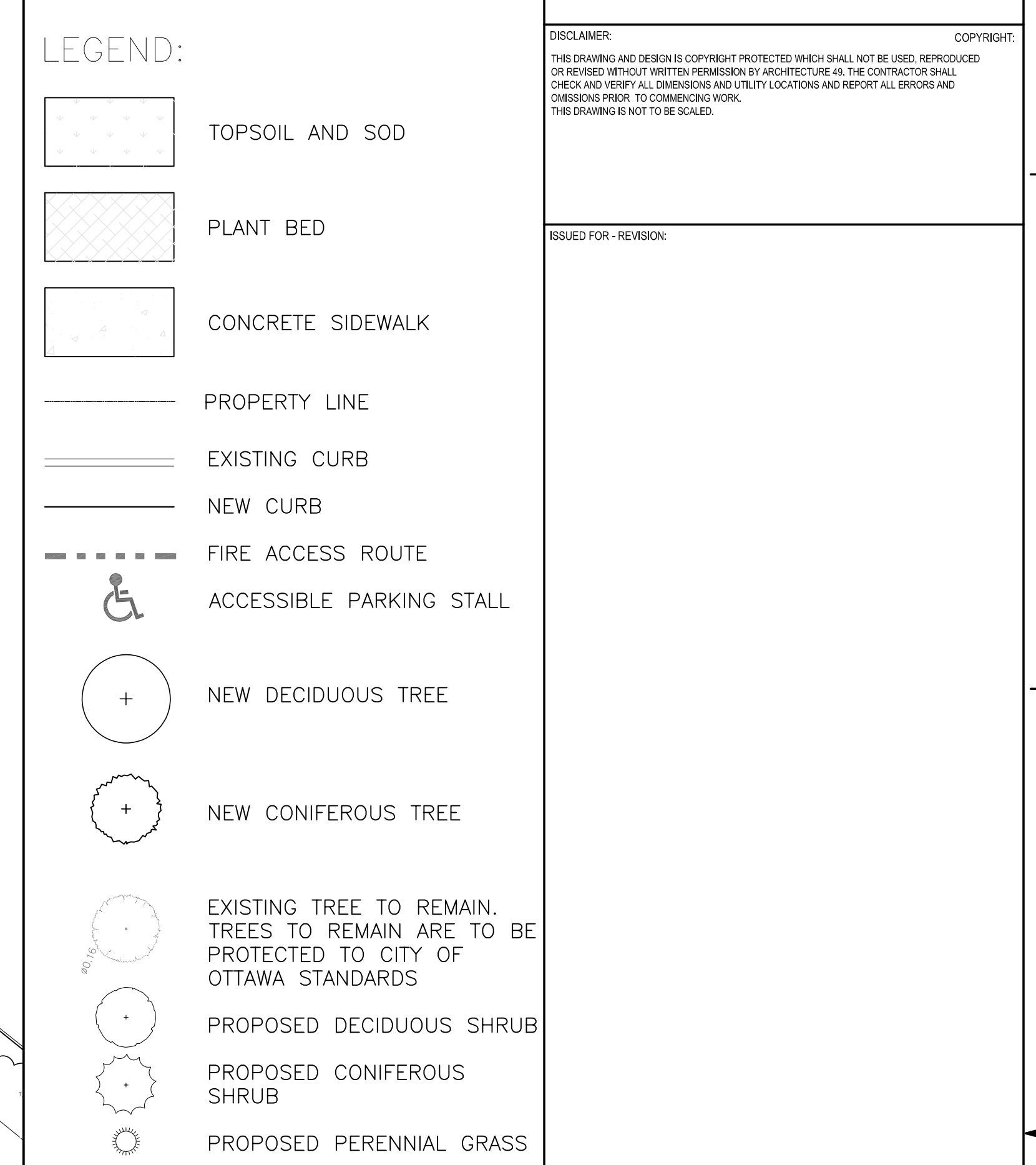
With the mitigation measures outlined above, it is anticipated that the proposed project may result in marginal indirect impacts to the aquatic habitat. Impacts can be reduced or eliminated with the implementation of measures to protect fish and fish habitat during construction.



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LAYOUT NOTES:

- CONTRACTOR TO CONFIRM ALL DIMENSIONS AND REPORT ANY DISCREPANCIES TO CONTRACTOR ADMINISTRATOR PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION
- LAYOUT TO BE APPROVED BY CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION OR REMOVALS
- ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN METRIC UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
- CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL EXCAVATIONS, REMOVALS, DISPOSALS AND ROUGH GRADING AS REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCTION ALL WORKS AS SHOWN ON ALL PLANS, DETAILS AND SPECIFICATIONS
- LOCATION OF ALL UTILITIES SHOWN FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY. CONTRACTOR MUST CONTACT ALL UTILITIES REGARDING RULES FOR WORKING IN THE AREA OF THE UTILITIES PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF ANY WORK. CONTRACTOR MUST CONFIRM LOCATION OF ALL UTILITIES PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION
- ALL EXISTING ROADS, SIDEWALKS, CURBS, FENCING, PAVING, SODDED AREAS, AND APPROACHES, ETC. TO REMAIN TO BE PROTECTED DURING CONSTRUCTION TO CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR'S APPROVAL AT THE CONTRACTOR'S OWN COSTS.
- ALL EXISTING TREES, SHRUB BEDS, MULCH BEDS, AND SOD TO REMAIN TO BE PROTECTED DURING CONSTRUCTION. AREAS DAMAGED DURING CONSTRUCTION TO BE REPAIRED TO CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR'S APPROVAL AT THE CONTRACTOR'S OWN COST.
- USE SPECIFIED BACKFILL IN ALL TRENCHES RUNNING BELOW ALL STRUCTURES, PAVING, WALKWAYS, ETC.
- FILL ALL HOLES AND LOW AREAS TO DESIGN SUBGRADE WITH COMPACTED FILL (SUITABLE TO SURFACE FINISH), FOR SODDED/PLANTED AREAS USE COMPACTED CLEAN EARTH FILL SUITABLE FOR PLANT GROWTH. FOR PAVED AREAS USE COMPACTED GRANULAR BASE.
- ALL TREES WITHIN OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO AREA OF WORK TO BE PROTECTED TO CITY OF OTTAWA TREE PROTECTION STANDARDS.



SITE INFORMATION:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
 PART BLOCKS 33 AND 34, PLAN 4M-280, BEING PARTS 7, 8, AND 9 ON PLAN 4R29533

EASEMENTS:
 LT295203; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PART 8, PLAN 4R29533 AS IN LT240531; CITY OF OTTAWA, PINS 04517-1998 AND 04517-200

MUNICIPAL ADDRESS:
 415 LEGGET DRIVE / 2700 SOLANDT ROAD, OTTAWA, ONT

SITE AREA:
 72,859.8m² (784,282 FT²)

BUILDING AREA:
 EXISTING: 9,600m² (103,337 FT²)
 PROPOSED: 18,580m² (200,000 FT²)

MAX. BUILDING HEIGHT (IP):
 22m (72'-2")

ZONING INFORMATION:

ZONING:
 BUSINESS PARK INDUSTRIAL ZONE (IP-6)

PROPOSED LOT COVERAGE:
 37.9% (MAX. ALLOWABLE 45%)

BUILDING 'A' SETBACKS:
 MIN. FRONT YARD: 187.56m (REQ. 12m)
 MIN. EXT. SIDE YARD: 12m (REQ. 12m)
 MIN. REAR YARD: 8.96m (REQ. 7.5m)

BUILDING 'B' SETBACKS:
 MIN. FRONT YARD: 129.87m (REQ. 12m)
 MIN. INT. SIDE YARD: 12m (REQ. 7.5m)
 MIN. REAR YARD: 93.14m (REQ. 7.5m)

LANDSCAPING WIDTH:
 MIN. BUFFER FROM ROAD: 12m (REQ. 3m)

PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

1. WAREHOUSE:
 0.8 PER 100m² FOR THE FIRST 5000m² GROSS FLOOR AREA, 0.4 PER 100m² ABOVE 5000m² GROSS FLOOR AREA = 133 SPACES

2. ACCESSIBLE PARKING REQ.:
 3 TYPE A
 4 TYPE B

TOTAL PARKING PROVIDED:
 137 SPACES PROVIDED (131 REQ.)
 18 LOADING SPACES PROVIDED

BICYCLE PARKING:
 1 STALL PER 2000m² GROSS FLOOR AREA
 20 SPACES PROVIDED (15 REQ.)

PLANTING NOTES:

- LOCATION OF ALL PLANTS MATERIAL TO BE MARKED OUT ON SITE AND APPROVED BY CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR PRIOR TO PLANTING
- TREE SPACING, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED:
 • DECIDUOUS TREES: 6.0m MIN.
 • CONIFEROUS TREES: 3.0m MIN.
- SHRUB SPACING, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED:
 • SMALL DECIDUOUS: 600mm O.C.
 • LARGE DECIDUOUS: 900mm O.C.
 • CONIFEROUS: 750mm O.C.
 • GRASSES: 450mm O.C.
- ALL PLANT MATERIAL TO BE BEST QUALITY, REVIEWED ON SITE BY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT PRIOR TO PLANTING. UNACCEPTABLE PLANTS TO BE REPLACED AND NEW PLANTS APPROVED PRIOR TO PLANTING. REPLACEMENTS ARE AT CONTRACTOR'S OWN COST.
- ALL PLANTING EXCAVATIONS ARE TO BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT PRIOR TO PLACEMENT OF DRAINAGE COURSE, FILTER FABRIC AND/OR SOIL.
- SHRUB BEDS AT PARKING AREA TO HAVE PLANTS SET BACK SO THAT THERE IS A 450mm WIDE MULCH EDGE CURB WITH FULL GROWTH OF PLANTS.

PROPOSED PLANT LIST:

KEY	QUANTITY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SPACING (mm) (75%)	SIZE	COMMENTS
TREES - DECIDUOUS						
Lj	9	Larix laricina	Tamarack	as shown	65mm Cal. B&B	TREES TO BE BALL & BURLAP. SOURCED IN SAME GROWING ZONE. ALL TREES SHOULD HAVE 5 TO 7 MAIN BRANCHES WITH DOMINANT LEADER BRANCH AND WITHOUT DEFECT. MIN ROOT ZONE VOLUME PER TREE: 30 CU. M.
Cc	16	Carpinus caroliniana	Hornwood	as shown	50mm Cal. B&B	
Gt	16	Gleditsia thornaceros 'Draves'	Street Keeper Honeylocust	as shown	65mm Cal. B&B	
Ua	16	Ulmus americana 'Brandor'	Brandor Elm	as shown	65mm Cal. B&B	
TREES - CONIFEROUS						
Pg	6	Pinus strobus	White Spruce	as shown	180 cm height min. B&B	TREES TO BE BALL & BURLAP. SOURCED IN SAME GROWING ZONE. ALL TREES SHOULD HAVE DENSE GROWTH AND WITHOUT DEFECT. MIN ROOT ZONE VOLUME PER TREE: 30 CU. M.
SHRUBS - DECIDUOUS						
lv	3	Ilex verticillata	Winterberry	as shown	2 gal	SHRUBS TO BE IN POTS. SOURCED IN SAME GROWING ZONE. ALL SHRUBS SHOULD HAVE DENSE GROWTH, WELL ROOTED AND WITHOUT DEFECT. MIN ROOT ZONE VOLUME PER SHRUB: 5 CU. M.
Ea	36	Euonymus alatus 'Obov'	Burning Bush	900	2 gal	
SHRUBS - CONIFEROUS						
Jk	21	Juniperus sabina 'Acadia'	Acadian Juniper	1800	2 gal	SHRUBS TO BE IN POTS. SOURCED IN SAME GROWING ZONE. ALL SHRUBS SHOULD HAVE DENSE GROWTH, WELL ROOTED AND WITHOUT DEFECT. MIN ROOT ZONE VOLUME PER SHRUB: 5 CU. M.
PERENNIAL GRASSES						
Ep	84	Euphorbia polychroma 'Bonfire'	Bonfire Cushion Spurge	450	1 gal	PERENNIALS TO BE IN POTS. SOURCED IN SAME GROWING ZONE. ALL PERENNIALS SHOULD HAVE DENSE GROWTH, WELL ROOTED AND WITHOUT DEFECT.
Cg	48	Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Overdam'	Variiegated Reed Grass	600	2 gal	

- KEYNOTES:**
- EXISTING PLANTING BED
 - CONCRETE CURB
 - CONCRETE SIDEWALK
 - ASPHALT PAVEMENT
 - SODDED AREA
 - PROPOSED BICYCLE RACKS
 - EXISTING BICYCLE RACKS
 - BICYCLE PARKING OVERHEAD COVER
 - RELOCATE EXISTING PICNIC TABLES, SUPPLY NEW AS REQUIRED
 - MODIFIED EXISTING APPROACH TO ACCOMMODATE 12m TURN RADIUS
 - FIRE ACCESS ROUTE
 - REMOVAL OF EXISTING PLANTING

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

PROJECT NO: 210-0000043
DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2021

DESIGNED BY: AHJ
CHECKED BY: AHJ/NR/ISO

SCALE: AS INDICATED

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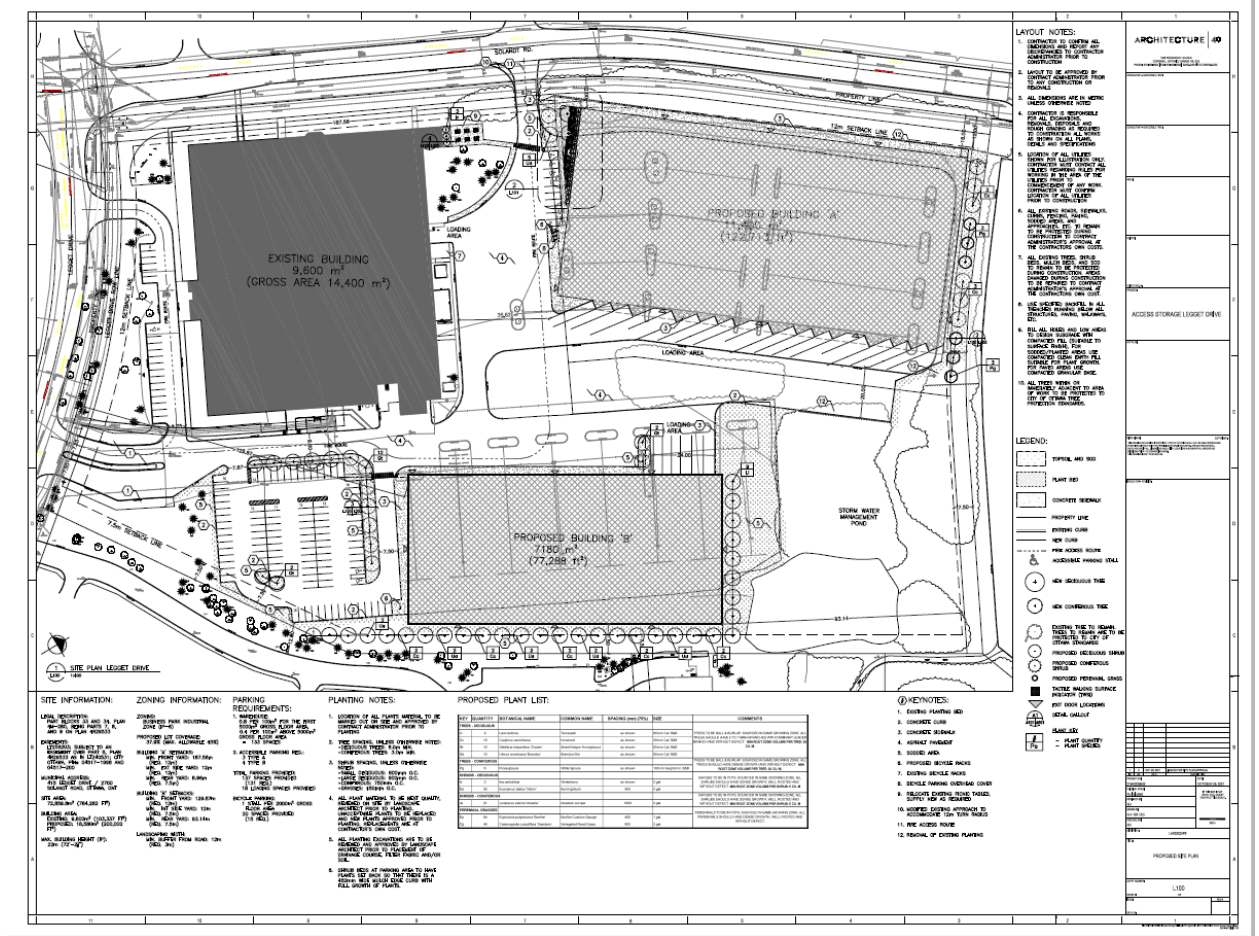


Figure 3: Project Site Plan

5.2 NATURAL HERITAGE FEATURES

5.2.1 VEGETATION COMMUNITIES MITIGATION MEASURES

- Orange snow fencing or other suitable security fencing should be used to delineate the construction limits from the adjacent natural areas. This will prevent encroachment of construction activities into the adjacent natural feature. This fencing should be monitored regularly to ensure it is functioning properly. Any deviancy in the fencing should be dealt with promptly;
- Erosion and sediment control plan should be implemented to prevent sedimentation outside of work areas;
- Landscaping plans (if applicable) should consider the use of appropriate native species to offset the loss of species and biodiversity from vegetation removals;
- Machinery will arrive on-site in a clean condition and will be free of fluid leaks, invasive species, and noxious weeds;
- All excess construction material will be removed from the site and the area restored with seeding of native species upon project completion as required;
- Retention of healthy, mature, and mid-aged trees should be prioritized where possible;
- Minimize clearing of woodlands to the least extent possible;
- Tree retention should be prioritized where possible along the work areas.

5.2.2 WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT MITIGATION MEASURES

- Clearing of vegetation should be avoided during the breeding bird season, between April 1 and August 31. Should any clearing be required during the breeding bird season, nest searches conducted by a qualified person must be completed 48 hours prior to clearing activities. If nests are found, an appropriate setback will be established by the qualified professional. No work will be permitted within this setback in accordance with the federal MBCA, 1994.
- Silt fencing should be installed around the perimeter of the project area prior to site activities as part of erosion and sediment control measures, to prevent amphibians and other wildlife from entering the site. Fencing should be maintained throughout the life cycle (until land is permanently stabilized) of the project and repaired if damaged by machinery.
- Reptile and amphibian exclusion fencing should be installed according to *Reptile and Amphibian Exclusion Fencing: Best Practices* (MNR, 2013).

5.2.3 SPECIES AT RISK IMPACT AVOIDANCE MEASURES

Species-specific wildlife surveys for SAR with potential to occur within the Study Area were not conducted at the time of field investigations due to seasonal constraints and project timelines. Potential SAR were absent from the site due to life cycles of winter migration and/or hibernation and therefore, impact avoidance is a preferred approach to remain compliant with the ESA.

- **Monarch:** To avoid indirect or incidental impacts to Monarch, vegetation removals within the meadow habitat(s) should occur outside of the growing season (May – September). It is recommended for mowing practices to be

implemented at the onset of the growing season (i.e. May) to inhibit the growth of milkweed plants and other wildflowers, thereby managing meadow areas that are proposed to be cleared for project activities.

- **Barn Swallow:** Inspect adjacent building structures for nests or activity prior to the commencement of construction. If nests (old or new) are found to be present the activity will need to be registered with the MECP to avoid contravention of the ESA.
- **Blanding's Turtle, Midland Painted Turtle, Snapping Turtle and Western Chorus Frog:** Silt fencing should be installed around the perimeter of the project area prior to site activities as part of erosion and sediment control measures, to prevent SAR turtles and Western Chorus Frog from entering the site. Fencing should be maintained throughout the life cycle (until land is permanently stabilized) of the project and repaired if damaged by machinery. Fencing is required to be removed post-construction.
 - Reptile and amphibian exclusion fencing should be installed according to *Reptile and Amphibian Exclusion Fencing: Best Practices* (MNR, 2013).
 - Wildlife exclusion fencing (i.e. Sediment and erosion control fencing) shall be installed prior to site alterations and prior to March 15 (for overwintering habitat) or May 15 (for nesting habitat), following guidance outlined in MNR (2013). Fencing shall be placed around the perimeter of the Project Area to prevent Snapping Turtle from accessing the site at any given time. Fencing shall be inspected on a regular basis and remain intact for the duration of the project.
 - A qualified person should conduct a pre-construction sweep and monitor the work area for active turtle nests during the turtle nesting season (June – August).
- **SAR Birds:** If vegetation is proposed for removal, it is recommended that clearing should be avoided during the breeding bird season (April 1 to August 31). If this window cannot be avoided, a biologist should be retained to search for active nests within the area prior to clearing to avoid contravention of the MBCA and ESA.

In the event that a SAR or possible SAR is found within the work area, cease all activities that could potentially harm the SAR immediately and contact a MECP SAR Biologist for direction, to ensure compliance with the ESA.

In addition to the SAR-specific mitigation measures listed above, standard best practices for construction should be followed including: erosion and sediment control; spills prevention; proper maintenance of equipment; and site restoration following disturbance.

With the implementation of standard mitigation measures (as described above), minor impacts to vegetation and vegetation communities, and no impacts to SAR or SAR habitats are anticipated from the proposed development at 415 Legget Drive and 2700 Solandt Road.

6 CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

WSP completed an ecological assessment, consisting of a desktop review of background records and a site visit to collect data on vegetation communities, SWH, and SAR habitat for the proposed development at 415 Legget Drive and 2700 Solandt Road, located in Kanata, Ontario. The purpose of this assessment was to identify vegetation communities, potential wildlife and SAR habitat within and around the Project Area, assess impacts, and provide recommended mitigation measures.

In the background data review, records for a total of nineteen (19) SAR were identified within 1 to 10 km of the Study Area. Based on results from the ecological assessment, eight (8) SAR have potential to occur within or immediately adjacent to the Project Study Area. However, the potential impacts on SAR habitats (if applicable) are negligible as no temporary or permanent disturbance to the surrounding natural areas are anticipated. And, with the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, indirect impacts to SAR individuals or local SAR populations can be avoided.

Based on our understanding of the proposed Project, construction methods, and the current review of SAR records and potential habitat, there is potential for **Blanding's Turtle** to be impacted as a result of the proposed works. This species is designated as Threatened under the ESA and receives individual and habitat protection. **An ESA authorization may be required prior to the commencement of construction activities.** Consultation with the MECP is recommended in order to initiate the ESA authorization process. Further, it is recommended for target Blanding Turtle surveys to be conducted in spring 2022 to confirm if the species is present or absent within the northeastern pond and surrounding area.

If other wildlife and vegetation mitigation and avoidance measures outlined in this document cannot be followed however, additional wildlife evaluations may be required during opportune seasons when SAR are most active in efforts to not contravene the ESA.

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APPENDIX

A

SPECIES AT RISK
SCREENING AND RISK
ASSESSMENT

415 Legget Drive and 2700 Solandt Road - Architecture 49									
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	GENERAL HABITAT ACCORDING TO THE MNRF SIGNIFICANT WILDLIFE HABITAT TECHNICAL GUIDE	CONSERVATION STATUS			SOURCE2	HABITAT WITHIN PROJECT SCREENING AREA	RATIONALE	RISK ASSESSMENT
			Federal (SARA, Schedule 1)	Provincial (ESA, 2007)	S-Rank1				
SPECIES AT RISK & SPECIES OF CONSERVATION CONCERN									
BIRDS									
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle	Nests in a variety of forest types and habitats; preferably by water for hunting; nest in large trees.	NAR	SC	S2N,S4B	OBBA	No	Large canopy trees are absent from the study area.	No Risk
<i>Antrastomus vociferus</i>	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Breeds in a mix of habitats; open woodlands, upland forests with open ground layers, savannahs.	THR	THR	S4B	OBBA	No	Upland, contiguous open woodlands are absent from the study area.	No Risk
<i>Contopus virens</i>	Eastern Wood-pewee	Open deciduous, mixed or coniferous forest; predominated by oak with little understory; forest clearings, edges; farm woodlots, parks.	SC	SC	S4B	OBBA	YES	Deciduous forests and woodlands within the Study Area may provide breeding habitat for this species.	Low
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Barn Swallow	Farmlands or rural areas; cliffs, caves, rock niches; buildings or other man-made structures for nesting; open country near body of water.	THR	THR	S4B	OBBA	YES	Man-made structures (buildings and bridges) adjacent to watercourses are present within the Study Area.	Moderate
<i>Hyalocichla mustelina</i>	Wood Thrush	Coniferous or deciduous woods with dense young undergrowth; spruce bogs; borders of wooded swamps and damp forest; brushy pasture.	THR	SC	S4B	NHIC/OBBA	No	Deciduous forests and woodlands within the Study Area may provide minimal habitat for this species.	Low
<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	Bobolink	Large, open expansive grasslands with dense ground cover; hayfields, meadows or fallow fields; marshes; requires tracts of grassland >50 ha.	THR	THR	S4B	NHIC/OBBA	No	This species requires large expansive grasslands with dense ground cover; no meadows or grasslands are situated within the Study Area.	No Risk
<i>Sturnella magna</i>	Eastern Meadowlark	Open, grassy meadows, farmland, pastures, hayfields or grasslands with elevated singing perches; cultivated land and weedy areas with trees; old orchards with adjacent, open grassy areas >10 ha in size.	THR	THR	S4B	NHIC/OBBA	No	Large, expansive grasslands are absent from the study area.	No Risk
HERPETOZA									
<i>Pseudacris triseriata</i>	Western Chorus Frog	Occurs in marshes, or wet woodlands; requiring both terrestrial and aquatic habitats in close proximity; found in temporary ponds for breeding.	THR	NAR	S3	ORAA	YES	Marshes are present and adjacent to upland habitats within the Study Area.	Moderate
<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	Blanding's Turtle	Lives in shallow waters, usually in large wetlands and shallow lakes.	THR	THR	S3	ORAA/NHIC	YES	Marshes with shallow water are present within the study area.	Moderate
<i>Chrysemys picta marginata</i>	Midland Painted Turtle	Lives in slow-moving, fresh waters with abundant vegetation and basking sites.	SC	---	S4	ORAA	YES	Marshes with shallow water are present within the study area.	Moderate
<i>Graptemys geographica</i>	Northern Map Turtle	Inhabits rivers and lakeshores and hibernates at the bottom of deep, slow-moving river sections.	SC	SC	S3	ORAA	No	Large, deep river systems are absent from the Study Area.	No Risk
<i>Chelydra serpentina</i>	Snapping Turtle	Permanent, semi-permanent fresh water; marshes, swamps or bogs; rivers and streams with soft muddy banks or bottoms; often uses soft soil or clean dry sand on south-facing slopes for nest sites; may nest at some distance from water; often hibernate together in groups in mud under water; home range size ~28 ha.	SC	SC	S3	NHIC/OBBA	YES	Wetland habitat of marsh is present within the Study Area.	Moderate
<i>Lampropeltis triangulum</i>	Eastern Milksnake	Inhabits a wide variety of features including prairies, meadows, pastures, hayfields, rocky outcrops, and forests.	SC	NAR	S4	NHIC/ORAA	No	Meadows and forests with rocky outcrops are absent from the Study Area.	No Risk
INSECTS									

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SPECIES AT RISK & SPECIES OF CONSERVATION CONCERN									
<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Monarch	Uses three types of habitat; caterpillars feed on milkweed plants and are confined to meadows and open areas with milkweed, adult butterflies can be found in more diverse habitats where they feed on nectar from wildflowers.	SC	SC	S2N,S4B	OBA	YES	Meadows and open areas containing milkweed plants are present within the Study Area.	Low
MAMMALS									
<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Little Brown Myotis	Roost in trees and buildings; such as attics, abandoned buildings and barns for summer colonies. Hibernates in caves, abandoned mines.	END	END	S3	AMO	No	Suitable cavity trees are absent from the Study Area.	No Risk
<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Northern Myotis	Hibernates during winter in mines or caves; during summer males roost alone and females form maternity colonies of up to 60 adults; roosts in houses, man-made structures but prefers hollow trees or under loose bark; hunts within forests, below canopy.	END	END	S3	AMO	No	Suitable cavity trees and hibernaculum features are absent from the Study Area.	No Risk
<i>Myotis leibii</i>	Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Roost in a variety of habitats; under rocks, rock outcrops, buildings.	---	END	S3	AMO	No	Rock outcrops are absent from the Study Area.	No Risk
<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Tri-Colored Bat	Found in a variety of forested habitats during summer, forms day roosts and maternity colonies in older forest and occasionally in barns or other structures; forage over water and along forested streams; hibernates in a cave or underground structure and roost individually.	END	END	S3?	AMO	No	Suitable cavity trees are absent from the Study Area.	No Risk
VASCULAR PLANTS									
<i>Juglans cinerea</i>	Butternut	Grows alone or in small groups; preferring moist, well-drained soils along streams.	END	END	S3?	NHIC	No	No butternut trees were observed at the time of field investigations	No Risk
¹ S-Rank is an indicator of commonness in the Province of Ontario. A scale between 1 and 5, with 5 being very common and 1 being the least common. ² Information sources include: MNRF = NHIC = Natural Heritage Information Centre; OBBA = Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas; ORAA = Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas; OBA = Ontario Butterfly Atlas; AMO = Atlas of the Mammals of Ontario; --- denotes no information or not applicable.									

APPENDIX

B

PHOTOGRAPHIC
RECORD



Natural Heritage Screening & Existing Conditions Report
415 Legget Drive & 2700 Solandt Road Project

Photo 1

Date:
October 15, 2021

Notes:
Northeastern open aquatic pond feature – potential turtle habitat, looking northeast



Photo 2

Date:
October 15, 2021

Notes:
Cattail and Purple Loosestrife meadow marsh connected to pond, looking east.



Photo 3

Date:
October 15, 2021

Notes:
Swale running east-west
from pond to northwest
parking lot, looking east.



Photo 4

Date:
October 15, 2021

Notes:
Manicured grass strip with
planted trees adjacent to
Poplar Deciduous Forest,
looking north.



Photo 5

Date:

October 15, 2021

Notes: Manicured grass with planted trees along Solandt Road, looking south.



Photo 6

Date:

October 15, 2021

Notes: Manicured grass with planted trees, looking north.



Photo 7

Date:

October 15, 2021

Notes:

Manicured grass with planted trees, looking east toward Legget Drive.



Photo 8

Date:

October 15, 2021

Notes: Southern parking lot adjacent to Poplar Deciduous Forest, looking west.

