Environmental Impact Study: Plan 5151 Lot 51 Sunset Blvd Christie Beach, Town of Blue Mountains



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Executive Summary

This Environmental Impact Study (EIS) has been prepared on behalf of Vincenzo Macchia in support of proposed development of a single detached dwelling.

Skelton Brumwell & Associates Inc. has been retained to prepare this Environmental Impact Study, which includes a description of the subject lands and the development proposal, analysis of the environmental planning framework, the results of background research and field investigations, and assessment of impacts, proposed mitigation, and an opinion with respect to the proposed natural heritage policy compliance of the proposed development.

The subject lands are located at Plan 515 51 Sunset Blvd Christie Beach in the Town of Blue Mountains. The property is approximately 0.17 ha in size

The proposal involves creation of a development envelope in the front portion of the lot 25m north of the south lot line. It also involves installation of an armour stone wall along the top of bank of a watercourse along the westerly lot line.

The proposal, with full implementation of recommended avoidance and mitigation measures, results in an acceptable level of policy consistency and conformity in the context of the requirements set out by the provincial and municipal policies applicable to the development of the subject lands.

In accordance with those requirements, this EIS recommends as follows:

- To minimize disruption to the significant woodlands to the south, tree removal should be limited to the extent required only for construction of the armour stone wall in the area 25m north of the south lot line.
- It is recommended that when the building envelope be staked on-site and the disturbance area required for the construction of the armour stone wall similarly be identified. An ecologically based tree retention plan can then be prepared by an ecologist to ensure that integrity of a buffer for the significant woodlands is maintained to maximum possible extent. The emphasis on the tree retention plan will be to maintain contiguous blocks of woodland and recommend more detailed tree protection and mitigation for ecological purposes within the proposed lot and in relation to the adjacent lands on the subject property. The tree retention plan would also identify removal of invasive species and any compensation planting required in the proposed construction area for the armour stone wall to re-establish appropriate cover for the watercourse.
- It is recommended that clearing adhere to the provisions of the Migratory Birds Convention Act and bat roosting periods, with no cutting between April 1st-October 15th. Where this is not possible, tree removal should occur under supervision of an ecologist to ensure no nesting birds or bat roosting areas are disturbed.
- An existing ditch/swale is situated between the proposed building envelope and the top of bank of the watercourse. This feature should be retained as a drainage and infiltration feature for runoff from the building envelope
- Prior to any site disturbance, including tree clearing, the development area be isolated with silt fencing. This fencing should be maintained until construction is completed and a stable surface cover is restored.

•	The work to construct an armour stone rock retaining wall along the existing top of bank of the watercourse should be conducted during low water flows and the disturbance area should be isolated with silt fencing to be installed prior to any site disturbance and this should be maintained until a stable surface cover is restored.

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Environmental Impact Study

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1.0 Introduction

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2.0 Proposal

The subject lands are located at Plan 515 51 Sunset Blvd Christie Beach in the Town of Blue Mountains. The property is approximately 0.17 ha in size.

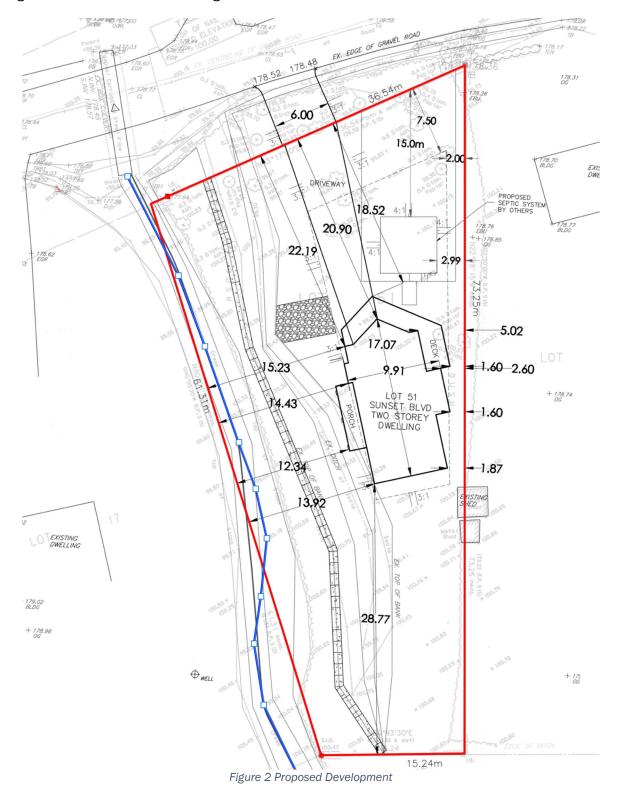


Figure 1 Location

The property is covered by successional woodlands and is bounded on the west side by a small watercourse which enters Georgian bay a short distance to the north. The lot is situated on the south side of Sunset Boulevard. Lands to the south consist of a large parcel which supports a large woodland and wetlands.

The subject lands are surrounded by residential dwellings and Georgian Bay shoreline to the north, residential dwellings to the east and west, and a large block of woodlands and wetlands to the south.

The study involves assessing the environmental impacts of a proposed building envelope for a for a single detached residential dwelling.



3.0 Policy Context

The lands are governed by the Official Plans of the County of Grey and Town of the Blue Mountains and the Comprehensive Zoning By-law of the Town.

The County of Grey Official Plan designates the lands as Recreational Resort Area and Hazard Lands. The County Official Plan also identifies the lands as containing a Stream and being adjacent to Significant Woodlands located south of the lot.

The Town of the Blue Mountains Official Plan designates the lands as Residential Recreational Area and Hazard. The Town's Official Plan also identifies the subject lot as containing Significant Woodland and Stream constraints. It is noted that the Significant Woodland mapping is qualified as showing Significant Woodlands as identified in the County Official Plan. As indicated the County Official Plan does not designate the woodlands on the lot as significant. It is also noted that policy in the Town Plan does not prohibit development in significant woodlands as long as there is no negative impact to the feature and ecological functions. The lands are zoned Residential One (R1-1) and Hazard (H) in the Town of the Blue Mountains Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

The Official Plans and Zoning By-law are generally prohibitive of development within identified natural heritage features although development may be supported in certain features subject to the findings of an environmental impact study.

The requirement for an environmental impact study, or natural heritage assessment, therefore arises from the fact that the subject lands are mapped as containing and/or being adjacent to natural heritage features. Preparation of an environmental impact study was specifically requested by the Town.

The environmental impact study requirement is intended to ensure that the natural heritage features and areas have been appropriately identified and that development on lands adjacent to the those features and areas will not have a negative impact.

Compliance with the natural heritage protection policies of the Provincial and municipal documents applicable to the lands requires a determination of whether or not any of the following exist on the site or adjacent lands: significant wetlands; habitat of endangered or threatened species; permanent and intermittent streams and fish habitat; significant woodlands; significant valley lands; significant wildlife habitat; and significant areas of natural and scientific interest.

In accordance with the Provincial Policy Statement 2020, development and site alteration are not permitted in significant wetlands. Development may be permitted within significant woodlands, significant valleylands, significant wildlife habitat and areas of natural and scientific interest, as well on lands adjacent to natural heritage features, where it has been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features and their ecological functions.

The following sections of this report are intended to address the natural heritage policy requirements of the Province and municipalities to assess consistency and conformity with provincial and municipal requirements.

4.0 Background Information

In order to determine the potential for various key natural heritage features of the development area and adjacent lands, existing sources of information were used including the official plan and natural heritage resource mapping, aerial photography and other existing data base information.

Background research was completed to identify previously identified natural heritage features and functions on/or adjacent to the lot. The documents/sources listed below provided additional resources for this study and are referred to, as applicable, in the analysis set out in this report:

- Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC);
- Town of Blue Mountains Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law;
- Grey County Interactive Mapping;
- Ontario Nature Reptile & Amphibian Atlas; and
- iNaturalist and eBird mapping.

5.0 Field Investigations

A single site visit was conducted. Field investigations occurred only on the subject lands. All other adjacent lands were investigated using remote, roadside and property line observations.

Survey	Staff Initials	Date	Start Time	Temperature	Cloud Cover	Precipitation	Wind (Beaufort Wind Scale)
Field Survey	TMW, MJW	October 5, 2022	11:30am	23	0%	None	0

5.1 Vegetation and Ecological Land Classification

5.1.1 Methodology

A vascular plant survey was completed using a roving transect through all habitats and areas planned for development. Particular attention was paid during field investigations for Species at Risk listed in the Ontario Endangered Species Act (2007).

Vegetation communities were identified using the Ecological Land Classification (ELC) for Southern Ontario, First Approximation (Lee et al., 1998). Polygons were delineated using aerial photography, field sampled and classified into the most appropriate vegetation type. The polygons were identified based on vegetative cover, soils and landscape features.

The significance of the vegetation communities was assessed based on the Natural Heritage Information Centre's (NHIC) rankings where applicable and no significant vegetation communities were identified.

The iNaturalist data was reviewed relative to documented occurrence of all special concern and provincially rare (S1-S3, SH) plant and animal species.

5.1.2 Data

There were 44 plant species identified within property. All species observed on the property are found to be common to similar habitats found in Ontario.

A list of vascular plants and their status in Ontario is included is set out below:

Common Name	Latin Name	S_Rank
American Basswood	Tilia americana	S5
American Elm	Ulmus americana	S5
Balsam Poplar	Populus balsamifera	S5
Calico Aster	Symphyotrichum lateriflorum	S5
Canada Anemone	Anemone canadensis	S5
Canada Goldenrod	Solidago canadensis	S5
Chicory	Cichorium intybus	SNA
Climbing Nightshade	Solanum dulcamara	SNA
Colt's-foot	Tussilago farfara	SNA
Common Dandelion	Taraxacum offinciale	SNA
Common Milkweed	Asclepias syriaca	S5
Common Mullein	Verbascum thapsus ssp. thapsus	SNA
Common Plantain	Plantago major	SNA
Common Ragweed	Ambrosia artemisiifolia	S5
Common Red Raspberry	Rubus idaeus	S5
Cow Vetch	Vicia cracca	SNA
Eastern White Cedar	Thuja occidentalis	S5
English Ivy	Hedera helix	SNA
European Buckthorn	Rhamnus cathartica	SNA
Green Ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	S4
New England Aster	Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	S5
Periwinkle	Vinca minor	SNA
Pin Cherry	Prunus pensylvanica	S5
Poison Ivy	Toxicodendron radicans	S5
Red Maple	Acer rubrum	S5
Red Osier Dogwood	Cornus stolonifera	S5
Sensitive Fern	Onoclea sensibilis	S5
Star-flowered False Solomon's Seal	Maianthemum stellatum	S5
Sugar Maple	Acer saccharum	S5
Tall Buttercup	Ranunculus acris	SNA
Tatarian Honeysuckle	Lonicera tatarica	SNA
Trembling Aspen	Populus tremuloides	S5
Virginia Creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	S4
White Ash	Fraxinus americana	S4
White Birch	Betula papyrifera	S5
Wild Carrot	Daucus carota	SNA
Wild Grape	Vitis riparia	S5

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Wild Sarsaparilla	Aralia nudicaulis	S5
Woodland Horsetail	Equisetum sylvaticum	S5
Woodland Strawberry	Fragaria vesca	S5

No observations were recorded on the subject or adjacent lands in the reviewed iNaturalist data relative to documented occurrence of all special concern and provincially rare (S1-S3, SH) plant species.

Vegetation communities were identified within the study area using ELC to the Vegetation Type shown in Figure 3.

FOD8-1 Fresh - Moist Poplar Deciduous Forest Type

This community is dominated by Trembling Aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) and White Birch (*Betula papyrifera*). Associate species included Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*), Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*), American Basswood (*Tilia americana*), Balsam Poplar (*Populus balsamifera*), American Elm (*Ulmus americana*) and Eastern White Cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*). Subcanopy consisted almost exclusively of European Buckthorn (Rhamnus cathartica). Ground cover was diverse with a mix of woodland and meadow species. Species included Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*), English Ivy (*Hedera helix*), Wild Grape (*Vitis riparia*), Woodland Horsetail (*Equisetum sylvaticum*), New England Aster (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*) and Calico Aster (*Symphyotrichum lateriflorum*) among others.



Figure 3 ELC

The lands contained a large amount of introduced and invasive plant species which dominated the understorey. The site exhibited characteristics of a disturbed ecosystem.

5.2 Birds

5.2.1 Methodology

Due to the limited size of the subject property and proximity of adjacent residential development, it was determined that a breeding bird survey was not required.

A stick nest survey was conducted on the entire subject property during the October 5, 2022 survey. This stick nest survey resulted in no nest observations.

The website eBird's data was also reviewed relative to determination of the potential presence of threatened and endangered species as well as Significant Wildlife Habitat for birds within 200m of the site. The iNaturalist data was also reviewed relative to documented occurrence of bird species.

5.2.2 Data

There were 9 bird species identified within property as follows:

Common Name	Scientific Name	S_Rank
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	S5B
American Goldfinch	Carduelis tristis	S5B
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	S5B
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	S 5
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	S 5
Downy Woodpecker	Picoides pubescens	S5
Pileated Woodpecker	Dryocopus pileatus	S5
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus varius	S5B
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	S5

All species observed on the subject property are considered common within the province.

Based on site conditions, the following bird habitat is not present on the site or adjacent lands:

- waterfowl stopover or staging areas (terrestrial);
- colonial-nesting habitat (bank and cliff);
- colonial nesting habitat (trees/shrubs);
- colonial nesting habitat (ground);
- migratory stopover area;
- waterfowl nesting area;
- marsh bird breeding habitat;
- open country breeding habitat; and
- shrub/early successional habitat.

The combination of field observations as well as previously documented species therefore indicates the following species of conservation significance on, or with potential habitat on, the site:

(modified chart below to list only the species with on site or adjacent land observations)

Species	Conservation Significance	Observed Yes/No	NHIC Record Yes/No And Square #	eBird/iNaturalist record within 200m. Yes/No/NA NA applies where habitat does not occur on site or adjacent land
Red-headed Woodpecker Melanerpes erythrocephalus	Endangered	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property - relies on oak and beech forests
Bald Eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Special Concern, Bald Eagle and Osprey Nesting, Foraging, Perching Habitat	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property – incidental observation of species – woodland character and existing disturbances do not support nesting habitat and no stick nests observed.
Canada Warbler Cardellina canadensis	Special Concern, Woodland Area- Sensitive Species	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property - woodland does not provide interior habitat - existing residential development precludes interior habitat
Common Nighthawk Chordeiles minor	Special Concern	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property

Eastern Wood-Pewee Contopus virens	Special Concern	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property - proximity of adjacent houses eliminates nesting habitat on site but habitat exists in adjacent woodlands
Evening Grosbeak Coccothraustes vespertinus	Special Concern	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property – primarily a northern Ontario species – relies heavily on spruce budworm for feeding
Horned Grebe Podiceps auritus	Special Concern	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property
Wood Thrush Hylocichla mustelina	Special Concern	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property – avoids habitat surrounded by houses – proximity of development negates habitat on lot but habitat occurs on adjacent lands to the south
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Sphyrapicus varius	Woodland Area- Sensitive Species	Yes	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property - woodland does not provide interior habitat - existing residential development precludes interior habitat

Red-breasted Nuthatch Sitta canadensis	Woodland Area- Sensitive Species	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property woodland does not provide interior habitat – existing residential development precludes interior habitat
Veery Catharus fuscescens	Woodland Area- Sensitive Species	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property woodland does not provide interior habitat – existing residential development precludes interior habitat
Black-throated Green Warbler Setophaga americana	Woodland Area- Sensitive Species	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property woodland does not provide interior habitat – existing residential development precludes interior habitat
Blackburnian Warbler Setophaga fusca	Woodland Area- Sensitive Species	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property woodland does not provide interior habitat – existing residential development precludes interior habitat
Black-throated Blue Warbler Setophaga caerulescens	Woodland Area- Sensitive Species	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property

				woodland does not provide interior habitat – existing residential development precludes interior habitat
Ovenbird Seiurus aurocapilla	Woodland Area- Sensitive Species	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property woodland does not provide interior habitat – existing residential development precludes interior habitat
Scarlet Tanager Seiurus aurocapilla	Woodland Area- Sensitive Species	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property woodland does not provide interior habitat - existing residential development precludes interior habitat
Brown Thrasher Toxostoma rufum	Shrub/Early Successional Species	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property
Black-billed Cuckoo Spizella pusilla	Shrub/Early Successional Species	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property
Eastern Towhee Pipilo erythrophthalmus	Shrub/Early Successional Species	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property
Great Blue Heron Ardea herodias	Colonial Nesting Bird breeding habitat (Tree/Shrubs)	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property incidental observation of species - woodland

				character and existing disturbances do not support nesting habitat and no stick nests observed
Green Heron Butorides virescens	Colonial Nesting Bird breeding habitat (Tree/Shrubs)	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property incidental observation of species – woodland character and exsitng disturbances do not support nesting habitat and no stick nests observed
Herring Gull Butorides virescens	Colonial Nesting Bird Breeding Habitat (Ground)	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property
Ring-billed Gull Larus delawarensis	Colonial Nesting Bird Breeding Habitat (Ground)	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property
Common Tern Sterna hirundo	Colonial Nesting Bird Breeding Habitat (Ground)	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property
Cooper's Hawk Accipiter cooperii	Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property - incidental observation of species – woodland character does not support nesting habitat and no stick nests observed
Sharp-shinned Hawk Accipiter striatus	Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property- incidental

				observation of species – woodland character does not support nesting habitat and no stick nests observed
Barred Owl Strix varia	Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property- incidental observation of species – woodland character does not support nesting habitat and no stick nests observed
Wild Turkey Meleagris gallopavo	Springs and Seeps	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property
Common Loon Gavia immer	Marsh Bird Breeding Habitat	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property
Sandhill Crane Antigone canadensis	Marsh Bird Breeding Habitat	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property
Red-tailed Hawk Buteo jamaicensis	Raptor Wintering Area	No	No	Yes – No habitat on subject property-incidental observation of species – woodland character does not support nesting habitat and no stick nests observed
Spotted Sandpiper Actitis macularius	Shorebird Migratory Stopover Area	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property

Dunlin	Shorebird Migratory	No	No	Yes - No habitat
Calidris alpina	Stopover Area			on subject property
Canada Goose	Waterfowl Stopover	No	No	Yes - No habitat
Branta canadensis	and Staging Area (Aquatic)			on subject property
Cackling Goose	Waterfowl Stopover	No	No	Yes - No habitat
Branta hutchinsii	and Staging Area (Aquatic)			on subject property
American Wigeon	Waterfowl Stopover	No	No	Yes - No habitat
Mareca americana	and Staging Area (Aquatic)			on subject property
Hooded Merganser	Waterfowl Stopover	No	No	Yes - No habitat
Lophodytes cucullatus	and Staging Area (Aquatic), Waterfowl Nesting Area			on subject property
Common Merganser	Waterfowl Stopover	No	No	Yes - No habitat
Mergus merganser	and Staging Area (Aquatic)			on subject property
Common Goldeneye	Waterfowl Stopover	No	No	Yes - No habitat
Bucephala clangula	and Staging Area (Aquatic)			on subject property
Bufflehead	Waterfowl Stopover	No	No	Yes - No habitat
Buccephala albeola	and Staging Area (Aquatic)			on subject property
Redhead	Waterfowl Stopover	No	No	Yes - No habitat
Aythya americana	and Staging Area (Aquatic)			on subject property
Red-breasted Merganser	Waterfowl Stopover	No	No	Yes - No habitat
Mergus serrator	and Staging Area (Aquatic)			on subject property
Wood Duck	Waterfowl Stopover	No	No	Yes - No habitat
Aix sponsa	and Staging Area (Terrestrial), Waterfowl Nesting Area			on subject property
Green-winged Teal	Waterfowl Stopover	No	No	Yes – No habitat
Anas carolinensis	and Staging Area (Terrestrial), Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Area			on subject property

	(Aquatic), Waterfowl Nesting Area			
Mallard Anas platyrhynchos	Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Area (Terrestrial), Waterfowl Nesting Area	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property
Northern Shoveler Spatula clypeata	Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Area (Terrestrial), Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Area (Aquatic), Waterfowl Nesting Area	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property
American Wigeon Mareca americana	Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Area (Terrestrial)	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property
Gadwall Mareca strepera	Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Area (Terrestrial), Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Area (Aquatic), Waterfowl Nesting Area	No	No	Yes - No habitat on subject property

5.3 Reptiles and Amphibians

5.3.1 Methodology

Incidental observations were made for herptiles (amphibians and reptiles) during field investigations through observations of direct sightings and physical evidence (scats, tracks) and for shelter, feeding and breeding sites (e.g., vernal pools, beneath logs, rocks, etc.).

The iNaturalist data was reviewed relative to documented occurrence of reptile and amphibian species.

5.3.2 Data

Field investigation found very small (Under 10 Square Meters) potential vernal pools that appear to be man-made. These features are too small in area to represent significant wildlife habitat.

No incidental reptile and amphibian observations were documented on the property or neighboring lands.

A review of iNaturalist data indicated that no observations of reptile or amphibian species were recorded on the subject or adjacent lands (250m).

5.4 Mammals

5.4.1 Methodology

Incidental observations were made for mammals during field investigations through observations of direct sightings and physical evidence (scats, tracks, shelter, and evidence of feeding).

A modified bat snag/roost survey was completed on the property which documented no bat snag and roost habitats within the subject property. This is due to the nature of tree species dominating the forest type as well as the relatively small diameter of trees on the subject property.

The iNaturalist data was reviewed relative to documented occurrence of mammal species.

5.5 Data

A number of mammals were observed on the property as follows:

Common Name	Scientific Name	S_Rank
Northern Raccoon	Procyon lotor	S5
Eastern Gray Squirrel	Sciurus carolinensis	S5
Eastern Cottontail	Sylvilagus floridanus	S5

These species are considered to be common within the Province of Ontario.

A review of iNaturalist data indicated that no observations of mammal species were recorded on the subject or adjacent lands (250m).

5.6 Other Terrestrial Fauna

5.6.1 Methodology

Incidental observations were made for other fauna during field investigations through observations of direct sightings and physical evidence (scats, tracks) and for shelter, feeding and breeding evidence.

The iNaturalist data was reviewed relative to documented occurrence of other terrestrial fauna.

5.6.2 Data

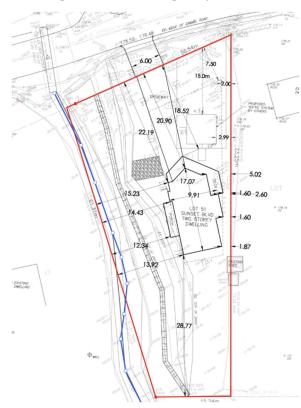
No observations of other terrestrial fauna were recorded on the subject or adjacent lands.

A review of iNaturalist data indicated that no observations of other terrestrial fauna were recorded on the subject or adjacent lands.

5.7 Fish

5.7.1 Methodology

The potential presence of fish species as indicated by fish habitat was assessed through a review of mapping and aerial photography and site visits.



A small watercourses was observed on the western property edge. This watercourse enters Georgian Bay approximately 90m from the northern edge of the subject property.

5.7.2 Data

Small bodied fish species were observed within pools of the watercourse feature. This watercourse had many fish barriers due to low water levels.

Fish sampling was not undertaken due to limited water depths and the absence of flow in portions of the channel.

The channel is indicative of flash flows with high flows occurring during run off events and little to no flow absent such events. This is typical of watercourses originating on the nearby Niagara Escarpment face.

6.0 Natural Heritage Features Identification

6.1 Wetlands

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry mapping indicated no wetland on the subject property. A small wetland pocket was mapped approximately 60m from the southern border of the subject property on adjacent lands.

Field investigation on the subject property confirmed that there are no wetland features on the subject property. Very small depressions were found on the subject property that appear to be manmade and have the potential to be vernal pool habitats. These features however would not be Significant Wildlife Habitat due to the extremely small size (i.e. under 10 square meters in area).

6.2 Significant Woodlands

The presence of significant woodlands was assessed through a review of planning authority information.

The Grey County Official Plan Appendix "B" indicates that the subject property does not contain Significant Woodlands. However, extensive Significant Woodlands are present along the southern border of the subject property. The Town of the Blue Mountains Official Plan maps the woodlands

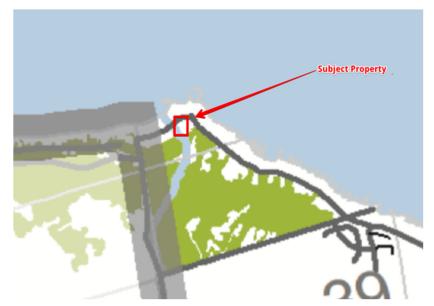


Figure 4 Significant Woodlands

on the property as significant but this is qualified by indicating that mapping is intended to reflect County identification of significant woodlands. It is apparent in County mapping that there was a deliberate intent to exclude significant woodlands in the existing residential lots in this area.

6.3 Significant Valleylands

The presence of significant valleylands was assessed through a review of planning authority information which potentially identifies significant valleylands.

No significant valleylands are present on or in the vicinity of the subject lands.

6.4 Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest

The presence of Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) was assessed through a review of planning authority information which potentially identifies Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI).

No Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) are present on or in the vicinity of the subject lands.

6.5 Species at Risk – Threatened and Endangered

An endangered and threatened species screening was undertaken and identified potential presence of Red-headed Woodpecker (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*), Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*), Black Ash (*Fraxinus nigra*), Little Brown Myotis (*Myotis lucifugus*), Northern Myotis (*Myotis septentrionalis*) and Tri-coloured Bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*).

Red-headed Woodpecker (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*) was identified as being observed on eBird on adjacent lands to the north-east. This species occupies openings ond edges of deciduous forests. These forests are usually dominated by Oak and Beech tree species which provide food for this

species. The subject property does not represent quality habitat for this species due to the absence of Oak and Beech and limited size and nature of tree cover.

Due to a widespread prevalence in the general area, specific attention was directed to the potential presence of Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*) during all surveys. No Butternut were observed on or immediately adjacent to the property.

The Black Ash (*Fraxinus nigra*), occupy a variety of wetland habitats. No Black Ash were observed within the subject property.

Due to the nature of tree cover within the proposed lot and the immediately surrounding area habitat for at risk bat species is anticipated to be situated outside the potential development area. A modified bat snag/roost survey was completed on the property which documented no bat snag and roost habitats within the subject property. This is due to the nature of tree species dominating the forest type as well as the relatively small diameter of trees on the subject property.

NHIC data base in squares 17NK3837 and 17NK3838 had records of Lake Sturgeon (Great Lakes Population) (*Acipenser fulvescens* pop 3). This species is currently listed as Threatened within the Province. The watercourse present on the subject property does not represent habitat for this species as there are multiple fish barriers and extremely low levels to no water during the majority of the year. The subject property does not support or provide Lake Sturgeon habitat other than the connection of the watercourse to Georgian Bay.

There were no other records of threatened or endangered species on the site or on adjacent lands in the NHIC data base, eBird or iNaturalist.

There are no other threatened or endangered species or their habitat on the proposed lot or the surrounding lands.

6.6 Significant Wildlife Habitat

A significant wildlife habitat screening was undertaken. This screening was based on site work as well as the background review of natural heritage information.

This screening, set out in Appendix B indicated the potential and confirmed significant wildlife habitat features and functions on lands adjacent to the property. These include: waterfowl stopover and staging areas (aquatic); shorebird migratory stopover area; raptor wintering area; bat maternity colonies; bat migratory stopover areas; turtle wintering areas; bald eagle and osprey nesting, foraging and perching areas; woodland raptor nesting habitat; amphibian breeding habitat (woodland & wetland); woodland area-sensitive bird breeding habitat; special concern and rare wildlife species.

6.7 Fish Habitat

Fish habitat is present on the subject property. The proposed dwelling is to be situated approximately 12m from the watercourse along the western boundary of the lot.

6.8 Connectivity and Linkages

Site investigation indicated that there are no terrestrial linkages within the subject property. There are potential aquatic linkages within the small watercourse along the western boundary of the subject property. This feature however has many fish barriers and extremely low water in some areas. During the fall survey portions of the watercourse had no surface water.

6.9 Other Natural Heritage Features

No other natural heritage features are present on the subject lands.

7.0 Analysis of Impacts and Recommendations

7.1 Wetlands

7.1.1 Avoidance

Based on site assessments, there are no wetland features on the property.

Wetlands were observed up-gradient of the site during background review on adjacent lands to the south. There will be a fully vegetated buffer of approximately 60m width between the wetland and subject property which is more than sufficient to protect this feature. As the development is located down-gradient of the wetland there is no potential for site disturbance to result in sedimentation of the wetland. The proposed use is consistent with a pattern of residential use along Sunset Boulevard that has co-existed with the wetland feature. The introduction of this use does not significantly alter the nature or intensity of land uses in vicinity of this feature.

The level of development proposed is minimal and is not expected to result in any direct or indirect impact on the wetlands.

7.1.2 Mitigation

Additional mitigation is not required.

7.1.3 Buffers and Setbacks

No additional buffers or setbacks are required.

7.1.4 Compensation

Compensation requirements are not applicable as there will be no loss of wetland features.

7.1.5 Net Impacts

The level of development proposed is minimal and intensity of the land use is correspondingly minimal and is not expected to result in any direct or indirect impact on the wetlands adjacent to the subject lands.

7.2 Significant Woodlands

7.2.1 Avoidance

There are no significant woodlands on the subject property. The proposed dwelling is approximately 29m from the edge of the southern boundary of significant woodlands located to the south. Direct impacts to the significant woodland to the south are therefore avoided.

7.2.2 Mitigation

Development of the lot will require extensive tree removal particularly within the building envelope, associated fill slopes and along the creek for the installation of the armour stone wall.

To minimize disruption to the significant woodlands to the south, tree removal should be limited to the extent required only for construction of the armour stone wall in the area 25m north of the south lot line.

It is recommended that when the building envelope be staked on-site and the disturbance area required for the construction of the armour stone wall similarly be identified. An ecologically based tree retention plan can then be prepared by an ecologist to ensure that integrity of a buffer for the significant woodlands is maintained to maximum possible extent. The emphasis on the tree retention plan will be to maintain contiguous blocks of woodland and recommend more detailed tree protection and mitigation for ecological purposes within the proposed lot and in relation to the adjacent lands on the subject property. The tree retention plan would also identify removal of invasive species and any compensation planting required in the proposed construction area for the armour stone wall.

Required tree removal should occur outside the nesting season. Although no bat habitat is expected to be impacted to avoid any unforeseen impacts it is also recommended that clearing occur outside potential roosting seasons. Therefore, it is recommended that clearing adhere to the provisions of the Migratory Birds Convention Act and bat roosting periods, with no cutting between April 1st– October 15th. Where this is not possible, tree removal should occur under supervision of an ecologist to ensure no nesting birds or bat roosting areas are disturbed.

7.2.3 Buffers And Setbacks

An approximately 25m setback from the proposed dwelling building envelope and fill slope area is in place from the southern border of the subject property. This setback is sufficient to protect the significant woodlands on adjacent lands on the basis of the recommended ecological tree retention plan to be prepared once the development and construction areas are flagged.

7.2.4 Compensation

Compensation requirements are not applicable as there will be no loss of significant woodlands.

7.2.5 Net Impacts

As significant woodlands will not be directly or indirectly impacted there is no negative impact to significant woodlands.

There is a discrepancy in the mapping of significant woodlands between Town and County mapping. Town mapping is intended to reflect County mapping which indicates there are no significant woodlands on the lot. Even if there was a determination that the woodlands on the lot should be considered to be significant, despite the clear intent of the County, the primary functions of this feature are associated with the large woodland block situated to the south of the lot. The development in immediate proximity of the lot on three sides suggest that the removal of this area of woodland would have no detrimental impact to the larger woodland block as long as recommended mitigation is employed.

7.3 Significant Valleylands

7.3.1 Avoidance

There are no significant valleylands and avoidance is not applicable.

7.3.2 Mitigation

There are no significant valleylands and mitigation is not applicable.

7.3.3 Buffers And Setbacks

There are no significant valleylands and buffers and setbacks are not applicable.

7.3.4 Compensation

There are no significant valleylands and compensation is not applicable.

7.3.5 Net Impacts

There are no significant valleylands identified on the subject property or within 120 metres. There is therefore no potential to impact significant valleylands.

7.4 Areas Of Natural and Scientific Interest

7.4.1 Avoidance

There are no Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) and avoidance is not applicable.

7.4.2 Mitigation

There are no Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) and mitigation is not applicable.

7.4.3 Buffers and Setbacks

There are no Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) and buffers and setbacks are not applicable.

7.4.4 Compensation

There are no Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) and compensation is not applicable.

7.4.5 Net Impacts

There are no Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) identified on the subject property or within 120 metres. There is therefore no potential to impact Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI).

7.5 Species at Risk – Threatened and Endangered

7.5.1 Avoidance

No threatened or endangered species were observed on the subject property during site investigations. The subject property does not provide habitat for threatened or endangered species. Species at Risk bats may be present in woodlands on adjacent lands, however the 29m buffer between the proposed dwelling and the southern border of the subject property is sufficient to avoid any potential impacts.

7.5.2 Mitigation

It is recommended that tree clearing adhere to the provisions of bat roosting periods, with no cutting between April 1st–October 15th. Where this is not possible, tree removal should occur under supervision of an ecologist to ensure no incidental (i.e. below assessment threshold) bat roosting areas are disturbed.

7.5.3 Buffers and Setbacks

Additional buffers and setbacks are not required.

7.5.4 Compensation

Compensation is not applicable.

7.5.5 Net Impacts

The absence of threatened and endangered species and their habitat establishes compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

7.6 Significant Wildlife Habitat

7.6.1 Avoidance

Potential significant wildlife habitat features are associated with the large waterbodies, and wooded and wetland areas in the vicinity of the subject property. This screening, set out in Appendix B indicated the potential and confirmed significant wildlife habitat features and functions on the portions of the property. These include: waterfowl stopover and staging areas (aquatic); shorebird migratory stopover area; raptor wintering area; bat maternity colonies; bat migratory stopover areas; bald eagle and osprey nesting, foraging and perching areas; woodland raptor nesting habitat; amphibian breeding habitat (woodland & wetland); woodland area-sensitive bird breeding habitat; special concern and rare wildlife species.

Waterfowl stopover and staging areas (aquatic) and shorebird migratory stopover areas have potential to be on adjacent lands to the north along the shoreline of Georgian Bay. These potential features are a minimum of 90m from the subject property and separated from the property by a road and residential development. The proposed development is adequately separated and buffered from such potential features and will have no impact on these significant wildlife habitat features.

Raptor wintering areas may be associated woodlands and adjacent fields. The subject property is a surrounded on three sides by development. It is anticipated that an additional dwelling along the road corridor, with recommended minimization of tree removal, will have no anticipated negative effects to raptor wintering areas in the large woodlands located to the south of the subject lands. Extensive areas of woodlands on surrounding lands should be sufficient to maintain this feature and function.

As previously indicated, no bat snags or roosting habitat was observed on the subject property and bat maternity habitat is outside of the proposed disturbance area. Impacts is further avoided by avoiding tree removal during the roosting period. This will also assist in avoiding impacts to potential migratory stopover areas.

Bald Eagle and Osprey, foraging and perching areas are also potentially associated with adjacent lands along the Georgian Bay coastline which is a minimum of 90m from the subject property. Nesting opportunities may also be available in the extensive woodlands to the south of the property. No nests or any evidence of these bird species were observed on subject lands. The watercourse on the subject property does not provide feeding habitat for these species due to the low water depth and general size of the feature and absence of larger fish species. The potential nesting sites in the woodlands to the south are sufficiently separated and buffered from the proposed development area.

No stick nests were observed on the subject property or in the immediately adjacent area. Potential for woodland raptor nesting habitat exists in areas south of the subject property within the mature woodlands. Again, the minor encroachment of development into the frontage of the site should not disturb the potential for this habitat feature to continue to be present in the extensive woodlands to the south.

Potential amphibian breeding habitat (woodland & wetland) is present within adjacent lands to the south based on the presence of unevaluated wetland features. Mapping shows these features as

being situated approximately 60m from the subject lot's southern lot line. This fully vegetated buffer is sufficient to ensure no detrimental impacts occur on potential amphibian breeding habitat.

Although shrub/early successional species were reported on an adjacent site in eBird, the subject lot does not provide nesting habitat for these species as woodland cover, while not fully mature, is beyond the successional stage favoured by these species.

Woodland area-sensitive breeding birds, including the special concern species Eastern Wood Pewee and Wood Thrush were observed in eBird data, have the potential to be using the larger intact woodlands south of the subject property. The subject property is extremely narrow and small (0.16ha) in size and has residential development situated on three sides. This property does not represent quality habitat for woodland area-sensitive breeding birds. However, this property does have the potential to represent some feeding areas as demonstrated by evidence of Yellow-bellied Sapsucker holes within the property. As the property is extremely small and supports no interior habitat in comparison to the southern woodlands, and maximum tree retention is proposed in the 25m buffer on the subject lands, there should be no impact to woodland area-sensitive breeding habitat.

The fact that the residential development is setback a minimum of 25m from the southern lot line and occurs in a limited portion of the site in-between existing residential dwellings results in no anticipated impacts to significant wildlife habitat features.

7.6.2 Mitigation

Where tree clearing is to occur, it is recommended that clearing adhere to the provisions of the Migratory Birds Convention Act and bat roosting periods, with no cutting between April 1st-October 15th. Where this is not possible, tree removal should occur under supervision of an ecologist to ensure no nesting birds or incidental (i.e. below assessment threshold) bat roosting areas are disturbed.

7.6.3 Buffers and Setbacks

No additional buffers or setbacks are required.

7.6.4 Compensation

No compensation is required.

7.6.5 Net Impacts

There are no anticipated impacts on significant wildlife habitat features or functions.

7.7 Fish Habitat

7.7.1 Avoidance

Small bodied fish species were observed within the small watercourse along the western portion of the subject property. This watercourse has many fish barriers and flashy flow characteristics with little to no flows over extended periods which already impacts the quality of fish habitat.

The proposed development includes construction of a rock armour wall to stabilize the extent of the riparian area. The proposed dwelling is situated approximately 12m from the watercourse which is similar to that of existing adjacent development.

There is no encroachment into or re-alignment of the watercourse proposed.

An existing ditch/swale is situated between the proposed building envelope and the top of bank of the watercourse. This feature is proposed to be retained and will be a drainage and infiltration

feature for runoff from the building envelope. This provides a feature to avoid any direct discharge to the watercourse.

7.7.2 Mitigation

The presence of the existing swale between the development area and the watercourse will assist in mitigating the potential for sediment to be introduced to the watercourse during construction. However, it is also recommended that prior to any site disturbance, including tree clearing, the development area be isolated with silt fencing. This fencing should be maintained until construction is completed and a stable surface cover is restored.

The project also includes the placement of an armour stone rock retaining wall along the existing top of bank of the watercourse. This work should be conducted during low water flows and the disturbance area should be isolated with silt fencing to be installed prior to any site disturbance and this should be maintained until a stable surface cover is restored.

It is anticipated that vegetation removal will be required for the purposes of installation of the retaining wall. It is recommended that the disturbance area required for the construction of the armour stone wall be identified prior to any site disturbance. An ecologically based tree retention plan can then be prepared by an ecologist to ensure that integrity of riparian woodland cover is maintained to maximum possible extent. The emphasis on the tree retention plan will be to maintain woodland cover for the watercourse and recommend more detailed tree protection and mitigation for ecological purposes within the proposed lot. The tree retention plan would also identify removal of invasive species and any compensation planting required in the proposed construction area for the armour stone wall to re-establish appropriate cover for the watercourse.

7.7.3 Buffers and Setbacks

No additional buffers or setbacks are required.

7.7.4 Compensation

Compensation is not applicable.

7.7.5 Net Impacts

The proposed residential dwelling is not anticipated to impact fish habitat based on recommend mitigation.

7.8 Connectivity and Linkages

7.8.1 Avoidance

No terrestrial connectivity or linkages were observed on the subject property due to the extent surrounding development.

Potential aquatic linkages were observed within the watercourse along the western portion of the subject property. There is an approximately 12m setback from this watercourses feature. The proposed development will have no impact on aquatic connectivity or linkages.

7.8.2 Mitigation

No additional mitigation is not required.

7.8.3 Buffers and Setbacks

No additional buffers or setbacks are required.

7.8.4 Compensation

Compensation is not applicable or required.

7.8.5 Net Impacts

There are no anticipated net impacts on connectivity or linkages.

7.9 Other Natural Heritage Features

7.9.1 Avoidance

No other natural heritage features have been identified.

7.9.2 Mitigation

No other natural heritage features have been identified and mitigation is not required.

7.9.3 Buffers and Setbacks

No other natural heritage features have been identified and additional buffers and setbacks are not required.

7.9.4 Compensation

Compensation is not applicable or required.

7.9.5 Net Impacts

No other natural heritage features have been identified and no net impacts are therefore anticipated.

8.0 Conclusion - Net Impact Assessment and Policy Compliance

The proposal, with full implementation of recommended avoidance and mitigation measures, results in an acceptable level of policy consistency and conformity in the context of the requirements set out by the provincial and municipal policies applicable to the development of the subject lands.

In accordance with those requirements, this EIS recommends as follows:

- To minimize disruption to the significant woodlands to the south, tree removal should be limited to the extent required only for construction of the armour stone wall in the area 25m north of the south lot line.
- It is recommended that when the building envelope be staked on-site and the disturbance area required for the construction of the armour stone wall similarly be identified. An ecologically based tree retention plan can then be prepared by an ecologist to ensure that integrity of a buffer for the significant woodlands is maintained to maximum possible extent. The emphasis on the tree retention plan will be to maintain contiguous blocks of woodland and recommend more detailed tree protection and mitigation for ecological purposes within the proposed lot and in relation to the adjacent lands on the subject property. The tree retention plan would also identify removal of invasive species and any compensation planting required in the proposed construction area for the armour stone wall to re-establish appropriate cover for the watercourse.

- It is recommended that clearing adhere to the provisions of the Migratory Birds Convention Act and bat roosting periods, with no cutting between April 1st-October 15th. Where this is not possible, tree removal should occur under supervision of an ecologist to ensure no nesting birds or bat roosting areas are disturbed.
- An existing ditch/swale is situated between the proposed building envelope and the top of bank of the watercourse. This feature should be retained as a drainage and infiltration feature for runoff from the building envelope
- Prior to any site disturbance, including tree clearing, the development area be isolated with silt fencing. This fencing should be maintained until construction is completed and a stable surface cover is restored.
- The work to construct an armour stone rock retaining wall along the existing top of bank of
 the watercourse should be conducted during low water flows and the disturbance area
 should be isolated with silt fencing to be installed prior to any site disturbance and this
 should be maintained until a stable surface cover is restored.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A

Species at Risk Assessment

Common Name	Latin Name	Status	Habitat Characteristics	Candidate for Subject Property? Yes or No or Possible	Rationale
Acadian Flycatcher	Empidonax virescens	Endangered	Mostly in large deciduous forests and forest ravines, often near wetlands.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
American White Pelican	Pelecanus erythrorhynchos	Threatened	Islands and shorelines of large waterbodies with little tree cover.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	Threatened	Stable banks made of silt or sand.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Barn Owl	Tyto alba	Endangered	Open grasslands and orchards.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Threatened	Usually found near human development, like unpainted ruff wood to nest.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	Threatened	Hay fields and long grass meadows.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Cerulean Warbler	Setophaga cerulea	Threatened	Mature deciduous forests with large, tall trees and open understory.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	Threatened	Most often found in urban settlements, often close to water for feeding.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	Threatened	Open meadow or field habitats.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Eastern Whip- poor-will	Antrostomus vociferus	Threatened	Forest openings and rock outcropping.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos	Endangered	Large undisturbed forests near open areas.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

Henslow's Sparrow	Ammodramus henslowii	Endangered	Tall grass fields and flowering plants.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Hudsonian Godwit	Limosa haemastica	Threatened	During migration mud flats, flooded fields, costal wetlands	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
King Rail	Rallus elegans	Endangered	Densly vegetated freshwater marshs.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Kirtlands Warbler	Setophaga kirtlandii	Endangered	Large stands of young jack pine stands.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Least Bittern	lxobrychus exilis	Threatened	Primarily cattail marshes.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius Iudovicianus	Endangered	Pasture and grasslands with Hawthorn.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Louisiana Waterthrush	Parkesia motacilla	Threatened	Deciduous forests with steep ravines and fast flowing stream/ occasionally woodland swamps.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Northern Bobwhite	Colinus virginianus	Endangered	Grasslands/Sava nnahs/Farm Fields.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Piping Plover	Charadrius melodus	Endangered	Along sandy and gravel beaches above high-water levels.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Prothonotary Warbler	Protonotaria citrea	Endangered	Carolinian Deciduous flooded or swamp forests.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Red Knot (Rufa Subspecies)	Calidris canutus rufa	Endangered	Beaches/Mudflat s/Coastal Lagoons.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Red-headed Woodpecker	Melanerpes erythrocephalus	Endangered	Open woodlands and edges of Oak and Beech forests	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Yellow- breasted Chat	Icteria virens	Endangered	Thickets and scrub, overgrown clearings.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

Common Name	Latin Name	Status	Habitat Characteristics	Candidate for Subject Property? Yes or No or Possible	Rationale
Allegheny Mountain Dusky Salamander	Desmognathus ochrophaeus	Endangered	Small slow flowing rocky streams.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Northern Dusky Salamander	Desmognathus fuscus	Endangered	Small slow flowing rocky streams.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Jefferson Salamander	Ambystoma jeffersonianum	Endangered	Mole salamander, lives underground but best chance to see it is during breeding season in vernal pools, usually lives near wetland.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Small- mouthed Salamander	Ambystoma texanum	Endangered	Mole Salamander, lives under ground and can be seen just under the leaf litter. Usually lives near wetland.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Folwers Toad	Anaxyrus fowleri	Endangered	Sandy Shorelines.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

Common Name	Latin Name	Status	Habitat Characteristics	Candidate for Subject Property? Yes or No or Possible	Rationale
Five Lined Skink (Carolinian population)	Plestiodon fasciatus	Endangered	Found within open forest habitats and stabilized sand dunes.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Blue Racer	Coluber constrictor foxii	Endangered	Typically found in open grassland habitats but can be found in open forest and edge habitats.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Bulter's Gartersnake	Thamnophis butleri	Endangered	Found in open grassy and meadow habitats, often found under cover.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Eastern Foxsnake (Carolinian population)	Pantherophis gloydi	Endangered	Often found near human development, most found in edge habitats.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Eastern Foxsnake (Georgian Bay population)	Pantherophis gloydi	Threatened	Found near water in edge or open habitats/ require rotting logs for nesting's.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Eastern Hog- nosed Snake	Heterodon platirhinos	Threatened	Edge habitats near water but can be found within primarily deciduous forests.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Queensnake	Regina septemvittata	Endangered	Within rivers with rocky shorelines.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Gray Ratsnake (Carolinian population)	Pantherophis spiloides	Endangered	Arboreal species found within deciduous forest and edge habitats.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Gray Ratsnake (Frontenac Axis population)	Pantherophis spiloides	Threatened	Arboreal species found within deciduous forest and edge habitats.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake (Carolinian population)	Sistrurus catenatus	Endangered	Within 50km from water usually closer, most often found in edge habitats.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake (Great Lakes population)	Sistrurus catenatus	Threatened	Within 50km from water usually closer, most often found in edge habitats.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Spiny Softshell	Apalone spinifera	Endangered	Found in large rivers with sandy bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Spotted Turtle	Clemmys guttata	Endangered	Small shallow wetlands, bogs and marshes sometimes ponds.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Wood Turtle	Glyptemys insculpta	Endangered	Rivers that are not too fast and their tributaries.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Blanding's Turtle	Emydoidea blandingii	Threatened	Ideal habitat is wetlands and ponds with clean water and mucky bottoms but can be found within lakes and degraded habitat.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

Common Name	Latin Name	Status	Habitat Characteristics	Candidate for Subject Property? Yes or No or Possible	Rationale
American Eel	Anguilla rostrata	Endangered	Most diverse habitat characteristics of any Ontario fish.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Black Redhorse	Moxostoma duquesnei	Threatened	Sandy gravel bottoms of pools and riffles.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Cutlip Minnow	Exoglossum maxillingua	Threatened	Warm slow- moving rivers with rocky and gravel bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Eastern Sand Darter	Ammocrypta pellucida	Endangered	Shallow habitats in lakes streams and rivers with clean sandy bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Lake Chubsucker	Erimyzon sucetta	Threatened	Lakes and marshes with clear warm water and plenty of aquatic vegetation.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Lake Sturgeon (Great Lakes - Upper St Lawrence population	Acipenser fulvescens	Endangered	Lakes or Rivers with soft bottoms of mud/sand or gravel.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Lake Whitefish (Opeongo)	Coregonus clupeaformis	Threatened	Lake Opeongo, Algonquin Park	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Northern Madtom	Noturus stigmosus	Endangered	Large creeks and rivers with moderate to swift current with sand, gravel and mud bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Pugnose Minnow	Opsopoeodus emiliae	Threatened	Coastal wetlands, clear warm water with abundant vegetation.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Pugnose Shiner	Notropis anogenus	Threatened	Lakes and clam water with clear water and sandy or muddy bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

Redsided Dace	Clinostomus elongatus	Endangered	Pools and slow- moving small streams with gravel bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
River Darter	Percina shumardi	Endangered	Medium to large rivers with gravel and cobble.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Shortjaw Cisco	Coregonus zenithicus	Threatened	Large lakes 55- 180 metres of water.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Shortnose Cisco	Coregonus reighardi	Endangered	Large Lakes 22- 144 metres of water.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Silver Chub	Macrhybopsis storeriana	Threatened	Usually in 12 metres of water.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Silver Shiner	Notropis photogenis	Threatened	Medium to large streams with swift currents with gravel or boulder bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Spotted Gar	Lepisosteus oculatus	Endangered	Coastal wetlands with abundant vegetation.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Warmouth	Lepomis gulosus	Endangered	Silt free marshes with mucky bottoms and abundant vegetation.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

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Algonquin Wolf	Canis sp.	Threatened	Deciduous or mixed forests, dens in coniferous forests near water.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
American Badger (Northwestern Ontario)	Taxidea taxus	Endangered	Tall grass prairie/ sand barrens and farmlands.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
American Badger (Southwester n Ontario)	Taxidea taxus	Endangered	Tall grass prairie/ sand barrens and farmlands.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Caribou (Boreal)	Rangifer tarandus	Threatened	Dense Boreal Forests.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Myotis leibii	Endangered	Under rocks/buildings/ caves.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Gray Fox	Urocyon cinereoargenteu s	Threatened	Deciduous forests and marshes.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Little Brown Myotis	Myotis lucifugus	Endangered	Deciduous forests with snags and urban areas.	Possible	Possible habitat on subject property.
Mountain Lion	Puma concolor	Endangered	Large forests with abundant white-tailed deer populations.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Northern Myotis	Myotis septentrionalis	Endangered	Forests.	Possible	Possible habitat on subject property.
Tri-coloured Bat	Perimyotis subflavus	Endangered	Deciduous Forest/ Oaks and Maples Primarily.	Possible	Possible habitat on subject property.
Wolverine	Gulo gulo	Threatened	Boreal Forests.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

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Broad-Banded Forestsnail	Allogona profunda	Endangered	Forests with sandy soils.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Carolina Mantleslug	Philomycus carolinianus	Threatened	Old Growth Forests with decayed wood.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Eastern Banded Tigersnail	Anguispira kochi kochi	Endangered	Deciduous forests.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Fawnsfoot	Truncilla donaciformis	Endangered	Shallow waters or slow-moving medium to large rivers.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Hickorynut	Obovaria olivaria	Endangered	Sandy beds in large wide deep rivers with moderate to strong currents.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Kidneyshell	Ptychobranchus fasciolaris	Endangered	Small to medium shallow clear fast-moving streams with gravel and sand bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Lilliput	Toxolasma parvum	Threatened	Variety of soft river bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Northern Riffleshell	Epioblasma torulosa rangiana	Endangered	Riffles in streams with rocky or sand or gravel bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Proud Globelet	Patera pennsylvanica	Endangered	Sandy Oak Forests.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Rayed Bean	Villosa fabalis	Endangered	Sand or gravel in shallow clear headwaters and riffles of small tributaries.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Round Hickorynut	Obovaria subrotunda	Endangered	Moderate to fast flowing rivers with clay/sand/gravel bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Round Pigtoe	Pleurobema sintoxia	Endangered	Deep rivers with sandy/rocky or mud bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

Shagreen	Inflectarius inflectus	Enagered	Pelee Island	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Salamander Mussel	Simpsonaias ambigua	Endangered	Swift current rivers with soft bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Snuffbox	Epioblasma triquetra	Endangered	Clean, Clear swift flowing streams with rocky/gravel or sand bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Threehorn Wartyback	Obliquaria reflexa	Threatened	Large rivers with moderate current and stable gravel, sand or mud bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Toothed Globe	Mesodon zaletus	Endangered	Essex and Middlesex County	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Wavy-rayed Lampmussel	Lampsilis fasciola	Threatened	Small to medium sized rivers with moderate currents in riffles with sand or rocky or gravel bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

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American Chesnut	Castanea dentata	Endangered	Carolinian habitat, dryer upland deciduous forests with sandy, acidic to neutral soils.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
American Columbo	Frasera caroliniensis	Endangered	Dry upland open deciduous forests.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
American Ginseng	Panax quinquefolius	Endangered	Along ridges and ravines of deciduous or mixed forests/Micro habitats.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
American Water-Willow	Justicia americana	Threatened	Grows along the shores and in the water with wave action.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Bent Spike Rush	Eleocharis geniculata	Endangered	Wet, sandy, muddy soil in open flats.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Birds-foot Violet	Viola pedata	Endangered	Black Oak Savanna.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Black Ash	Fraxinus nigra	Endangered	Wetlands, floodplains and fens	Possible	No observations on subject property.
Blue Ash	Fraxinus quadrangulata	Threatened	Deciduous floodplain forests and along sandy beaches and limestone outcroppings.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Bluehearts	Buchnera americana	Endangered	Wet meadow communities between sand dunes/tall grass prairies.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Blunt-lobed Woodsia	Woodsia obtusa	Endangered	Steep chalky rock faces in deciduous forests.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Branched Bartonia	Bartonia paniculata ssp. paniculata	Threatened	Sphagnum bog and fen wetlands dominated by sedges.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

Butternut	Juglans cinerea	Endangered	Deciduous forests, prefers moist well drained soil often found along streams with lot of sun, can grow in gravel dominated soils.	Possible	No observations on subject property.
Cherry Birch	Betula lenta	Endangered	Moist well drained clay loam soil over limestone bedrock with or deciduous trees.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Colicroot	Aletris farinosa	Endangered	Open sunny moist habitats with sandy or mucky soil such as prairie or old fields.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Cucumber Tree	Magnolia acuminata	Endangered	Upland moist deciduous or mixed forest habitats, well drained soils.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Downy Yellow False Foxglove	Aureolaria virginica	Endangered	Waterloo, Halton, Hamilton, Norfolk, Brant	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Deerberry	Vaccinium stamineum	Threatened	Dry open woods on sandy well drained soils growing under oaks, pitch pine or white pine near large water bodies.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Dense Blazing Star	Liatris spicata	Threatened	Dense moist prairies, grasslands, wet areas between dunes and abandoned fields.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Drooping Trillium	Trillium flexipes	Endangered	Damp sandy soil in mature deciduous forests close to a river.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Dwarf Hackberry	Celtis tenuifolia	Threatened	Several different habitats, dry sandy areas near lakeshores	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

			inland dunes, ridge tops and limestone alvars.		
Eastern Flowing Dogwood	Cornus florida	Endangered	Mid age to mature deciduous or mixed forests in flood plains, ravines or on slopes or bluffs.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Eastern Prairie Fringed- Orchid	Platanthera leucophaea	Endangered	Wetlands, fens, swamps, and tall grass prairie.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Eastern Prickly Pear Cactus	Opuntia humifusa	Endangered	Dry sandy areas in full sun.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Engelmanns Quillwort	lsoëtes engelmannii	Endangered	Aquatic plant, shallow water in lakes and rivers.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
False Hop Sedge	Carex Iupuliformis	Endangered	Riverine swamps and marshes around temporary forest ponds.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Flase Rue- anemone	Enemion biternatum	Threatened	Deciduous forests and thickets with rich, moist soil, often in valleys, floodplains and ravine bottoms.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Fern-leaved Yellow False Foxglove	Aureolaria pedicularia	Threatened	Savanna and open woodlands , Hamilton, Halton, Lambton, Norfolk, Niagara	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Few-flowered Club Rush	Trichophorum planifolium	Endangered	Steep slopes of oak forests.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Forked Three- awned Grass	Aristida basiramea	Endangered	Open bare ground sparsely covered grassy areas/ Disturbed areas.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Four-leaved Milkweed	Asclepias quadrifolia	Endangered	Dry woodlands dominated by tallgrass prairie herbs, bur oak and shagbark hickory/ woodland alvar dominated by red	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

			cedar and pastureland.		
Gattinger's Agalinus	Agalinis gattingeri	Endangered	Dry open tall grass prairie and alvars.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Gillman's Goldenrod	Solidago gillmanii	Endangered	Sand Dunes of Lake Huron	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Hairy Valerian	Valeriana edulis ssp. Ciliata	Threatened	Wet Prairies and Fens, Brant and Huron County	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Heart-leaved Plantain	Plantago cordata	Endangered	Undisturbed wet woods, near slow moving streams and have limestone base/Strongly associated with maple trees.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Hill's Thistle	Cirsium hillii	Threatened	Open alvar grasslands, limestone bedrock, prairie or sand dunes also used.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Hoary Mountain- mint	Pycnanthemum incanum	Endangered	Dry oak woodland habitat on steep warm slopes.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Horsetail Spike-rush	Eleocharis equisetoides	Endangered	Shallow water along the edges of ponds.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Houghton's Goldenrod	Solidago houghtonii	Threatened	Open alvars very little soil and bedrock.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Juniper Sedge	Carex juniperorum	Endangered	Open alvars, and oak savannah.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Kentucky Coffee-tree	Gymnocladus dioicus	Threatened	Moist rich soil, floodplains, shade intolerant.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Lakeside Daisy	Tetraneuris herbacea	Threatened	Open Grassland and pavement alvars.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Large Whorled Pogonia	Isotria verticillata	Endangered	Deciduous or mixed forests with sandy soil and thick leaf litter.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

Lowland Toothcup	Rotala ramosior	Endangered	Along lakes on thin sandy muddy or gravely soils on Precambrian bedrock.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Nodding Pogonia	Triphora trianthophora	Endangered	Rich moist deciduous forests, well developed tree canopy with deep leaf litter.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Ogden's Pondweed	Potamogeton ogdenii	Endangered	Clear slow- moving streams, beaver ponds and lakes.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Pale Showy Goldenrod	Solidago pallida	Threatened	Prairie grassland – northwestern Ontario	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Pink Milkwort	Polygala incarnata	Endangered	Open Moist to dry sandy prairie habitats.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Pitcher's Thistle	Cirsium pitcheri	Threatened	Windblown sand dunes ridges, requires sand movement in these open bare areas.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Purple Twayblade	Liparis liliifolia	Threatened	Wide variety of habitat, open oak woodland, savannah, shrub thicket, shrub alvar, deciduous swamp, coniferous plantations.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Red Mulberry	Morus rubra	Endangered	Forested valleys and floodplains.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Round-leaved Greenbrier	Smilax rotundifolia	Threatened	open wet sandy soil Carolinian forests.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Scarlet Ammannia	Ammannia robusta	Endangered	Mudflats, sandy beaches, edges of wetlands and ponds that are seasonally flooded.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Showy Goldenrod (Boreal)	Solidago speciosa	Threatened	Prairie Grasslands on south facing slope bordered with pine.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

Skinner's Agalinis	Agalinis skinneriana	Endangered	Tallgrass prairie habitats.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Slender Bush- clover	Lespedeza virginica	Endangered	Dry sandy soil in tallgrass prairie habitats.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Small White Lady's Slipper	Cypripedium candidum	Endangered	Moist prairie savannahs and limestone fens.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Small Whorled Pogonia	lsotria medeoloides	Endangered	Moist mixed forests with acidic soils and decaying leaves.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Small- flowered Lipocarpha	Lipocarpha micrantha	Threatened	Sandy beaches seasonally flooded and protected from waves.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Smooth Yellow False Foxglove	Aureolaria flava	Threatened	Essex, Norfolk, Walpole, Hamilton, Waterloo, Halton	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Spotted Wintergreen	Chimaphila maculata	Threatened	Dry oak pine woodland habitats with sandy soils.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Stiff-leaved Showy Goldenrod	Solidago rigidiuscula	Endangered	Southwestern and Northwestern Ontario	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Virginia Goat's-rue	Tephrosia virginiana	Endangered	Acidic sand deposits in remnant black oak savannah.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Virginia Mallow	Sida hermaphrodita	Endangered	Loose sandy or rocky soils which are wet, usually around rivers, ditches or railroads.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Western Silvery Aster	Symphyotrichum sericeum	Endangered	Open bur oak savannahs on shallow soils or bedrock.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
White Prairie Gentian	Gentiana alba	Endangered	Sunny oak hickory savannah.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
White Wood Aster	Eurybia divaricata	Threatened	open dry deciduous forests dominated by Beech and Sugar maple	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

Wild Hyacinth	Camassia scilloides	Threatened	Openings in woodlots, shrubby areas and forest edges with rich soil.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Willowleaf Aster	Symphyotrichum praealtum	Threatened	Oak Savannahs, along roadsides, railways, abandoned fields.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Wood-poppy	Stylophorum diphyllum	Endangered	Rich mixed deciduous woodlands, forested ravines and slopes along wooded streams.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

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Golden eyed- lichen	Teloschistes chrysophthalmus	Endangered	Open habitats near water on various tree species.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Pale-bellied frost lichen	Physconia subpallida	Endangered	Requires open habitat, the bark of hardwood trees such as White ash, Black walnut, and American elm. It can also be found growing on fence posts and boulders.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Spoon-leaved moss	Bryoandersonia illecebra	Endangered	low-lying areas that are seasonally flooded under trees or shrub thickets, associated with swamps, marshes, and wet meadows.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
White-rimmed Shingle Lichen	Fuscopannaria leucosticte	Endangered	Thunder Bay, Quetico, Rainy River, Superior PP	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

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Aweme borer moth	Papaipema aweme	Endangered	prairie habitats, such as sand dunes and oak savannas.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Bogbean buckmoth	Hemileuca sp. 1	Endangered	restricted to open, chalky, low shrub fens containing large amounts of bogbean.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
False-foxglove Sun Moth	Pyrrhia aurantiago	Endangered	Pinery, Windsor, London Delhi	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee	Bombus bohemicus	Endangered	Occurs in diverse habitats such as open meadows, agricultural and urban areas, boreal forest and woodlands.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Hine's emerald	Somatochlora hineana	Endangered	groundwater-fed wetlands with grassy vegetation.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Hoptree Borer	Prays atomocella	Endangered	Common Hoptree.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Hungerford's crawling water beetle	Brychius hungerfordi	Endangered	small to medium-sized streams with cool, high quality, fast-flowing water, often immediately downstream from beaver dams, culverts and man-made barriers.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Lake Huron Grasshopper	Trimerotropis huroniana	Threatened	lives exclusively in open dune habitat along the shores.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Laura's clubtail	Stylurus laurae	Endanagere d	shallow, sandy or sandy-muddy bottomed creeks with forested shorelines.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.

Mottled duskywing	Erynnis martialis	Endangered	meadows, open barrens, sandy patches among woodlands, and alvars.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Nine-spotted Lady Beetle	Coccinella novemnotata	Endangered	Almost any habitat. No Records since 1990	No	No observations in area.
Northern barrens tiger beetle	Cicindela patruela	Endangered	sandy oak-pine woodlands and savannah.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Pygmy snaketail	Ophiogomphus howei	Endangered	large, fast flowing rivers having substrates of sand and gravel.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Rapids clubtail	Phanogomphus quadricolor	Endangered	found in clear, cool medium-to- large rivers with gravel shallows and muddy pools.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Riverine clubtail	Stylurus amnicola	Endangered	streams and rivers with sandy, muddy, or gravely beds.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Rusty-patched bumble bee	Bombus affinis	Endangered	open habitat such as mixed farmland, urban settings, savannah, open woods and sand dunes.	No	No observations in area/habitat not present.
Transverse Lady Beetle	Coccinella transversoguttat a	Endangered	Almost any habitat. No Records since 1990	No	No observations in area.

Appendix B

Significant Wildlife Habitat Screening

Wildlife Habitat	Wildlife Species	ELC Ecosite Codes	Habitat Criteria and Information Sources	Candidate SWH? Yes or No or Possible	Provide Rationale
Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals	-	-			
Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Areas (Terrestrial)	American Black Duck, Wood Duck, Green- winged Teal, Blue-winged Teal, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Northern Shoveler, American Wigeon, Gadwall	CUM1, CUT1 - plus evidence of annual spring flooding from melt water or run-off within these Ecosites.	Fields with sheet water during Spring (mid-March to May). Fields flooding during spring melt and run-off provide important invertebrate foraging habitat for migrating waterfowl. Agricultural fields with waste grains are commonly used by waterfowl, these are not considered SWH.	No	Habitat feature not present on site or adjacent lands.
Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Areas (Aquatic)	Canada Goose, Cackling Goose, Snow Goose, American Black Duck, Northern Pintail, Northern Shoveler, American Wigeon, Gadwall, Green- winged Teal, Blue-winged Teal, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Lesser Scaup, Greater Scaup, Greater Scaup, Long-tailed Duck, Surf Scoter, White- winged Scoter, Black Scoter, Ring-necked duck, Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Redhead, Ruddy Duck, Red- breasted Merganser, Brant, Canvasback, Ruddy Duck	MAM1, MAM2, MAM3, MAM4, MAM5, MAM6, MAS1, MAS2, MAS3, SAS1, SAM1, SAF1, SWD1, SWD2, SWD3, SWD4, SWD5, SWD6, SWD7	Ponds, marshes, lakes, bays, coastal inlets, and watercourses used during migration. Need aggregations of 100 or more of listed species for 7 days and >700 waterfowl use days.	Possible	Habitat feature possible on adjacent lands.

Shorebird Migratory Stopover Area	Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Marbled Godwit, Hudsonian Godwit, Black- bellied Plover, American Golden-Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Solitary Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Rufple Sandpiper, Purple Sandpiper, Sandpiper	BB01, BB02, BBS1, BBS2, BBT1, BBT2, SD01, SDS2, SDT1, MAM1, MAM2, MAM3, MAM4, MAM5	shorelines of lakes, rivers and wetlands, including beach areas, bars and seasonally flooded, muddy and unvegetated shoreline habitats. Great Lakes coastal shorelines are extremely important. Need 3 or more listed species and >1000 shorebird use days in spring or fall migration period to confirm significance.	Possible	Habitat feature possible on adjacent lands.
Raptor Wintering Area	Rough-legged Hawk, Red- tailed Hawk, Northern Harrier, American Kestrel, Snowy Owl Special Concern: Short- eared Owl	Combination of ELC Community Series; need to have present one Community Series from each land class; Forest: FOD, FOM, FOC. Upland: CUM; CUT; CUS; CUW.	Habitat consists of fields and woodlands that provide roosting, foraging and resting habitats for wintering raptors. Need to be >20Ha with combination of forest and upland.	Possible	Habitat feature possible on site and adjacent lands.
Bat Hibernacula	Big Brown Bat, Little Brown Myotis, Eastern Pipistrelle/Tri- coloured Bat, Northern Myotis, Eastern Small- footed Myotis	CCR1, CCR2, CCA1, CCA2 (buildings not considered SWH)	Caves, mine shafts, underground foundations and Karsts. Studies should be done during the peak swarming period (Aug- Sept).	No	Habitat feature not present on site or adjacent lands.

Bat Maternity Colonies	Big Brown Bat, Little Brown Myotis, Silver- haired Bat, Northern Myotis	Maternity colonies considered SWH are found in forested Ecosites. All ELC Ecosites in ELC Community Series: FOD, FOM	Tree cavities, vegetation and often in buildings. Not caves and mines in Ontario. Located in mature (>80 yrs old) deciduous or mixed forest stands with > 10Ha large diameter (>25cm dbh) wildlife tree (snags).	Possible	Habitat feature possible within subject property and adjacent lands.
Bat Migratory Stopover Area	Hoary Bat, Eastern Red Bat, Silver- haired Bat	No specific ELC types.		Possible	Habitat feature possible within subject property and adjacent lands.
Turtle Wintering Areas	Midland Painted Turtle Special Concern: Northern Map Turtle, Snapping Turtle	Snapping and Midland Painted turtles, ELC Community Classes; SW, MA, OA and SA, ELC Community Series; FEO and BOO Northern Map Turtle - Open Water areas such as deeper rivers or streams and lakes with current can also be used as over-wintering habitat.	Water has to be deep enough not to freeze and have soft mud substrates. Permanent waterbodies, large wetlands, and bogs or fens with adequate dissolved oxygen.	Possible	Habitat feature possible within adjacent lands.
Reptile Hibernaculum	Snakes: Eastern Gartersnake, Northern Watersnake, Northern Red- bellied Snake, Northern Brownsnake, Smooth Green Snake, Northern Ring-necked Snake Special Concern: Milksnake, Eastern Ribbonsnake	Any ecosites in Ontario.	Sites located below frost lines in burrows, rock crevices and other natural locations. Areas of broken and fissured rock are valuable since they provide access to sites below the frost lines. Wetlands can also be important overwintering habitat.	No	Habitat feature not present on site or adjacent lands.

Colonial-Nesting Bird Breeding Habitat (Bank and Cliff)	Lizard: Special Concern (Southern Shield population): Five-lined Skink Bank Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Northern Rough- winged Swallow	Eroding banks, sandy hills, borrow pits, steep slopes, and sand piles (Bank Swallow and N. Roughwinged Swallow). Cliff faces, bridge abutments, silos, barns (Cliff Swallows). Habitat found in the following ecosites: CUM1, CUT1, CUS1, BL01, BLS1, BLT1, CL01, CLS1, CLT1	Exposed soil banks, undisturbed or naturally eroding that is not a licensed/permitted aggregate area. Manmade structures or recently disturbed soil areas (berms/embankments/stockpiles not included.	No	Habitat feature not present on site or adjacent lands.
Colonial Nesting Bird Breeding Habitat (Trees/Shrubs)	Great Blue Heron, Black- crowned Night- Heron, Great Egret, Green Heron	SWM2, SWM3, SWM5, SWM6, SWD1, SWD2, SWD3, SWD4, SWD5, SWD6, SWD7, FET1	Nests in live or dead standing trees in wetlands, lakes, islands, and peninsulas. Most nests in trees are 11-15m from ground, near the top of the tree.	No	No nests observed on subject property or adjacent lands.
Colonial Nesting Bird Breeding Habitat (Ground)	Herring Gull, Great Black- backed Gull, Little Gull, Ring- billed Gull, Common Tern, Caspian Tern, Brewer's Blackbird	Any rocky island or peninsula (natural or artificial) within a lake or large river (two-lined on a 1;50,000 NTS map). Close proximity to watercourses in open fields or pastures with scattered trees or shrubs (Brewer's Blackbird) MAM1 – 6;	Any rocky island or peninsula within a lake or large river. Close proximity to watercourses in open fields or pastures with scattered trees or shrubs (Brewer's Blackbird).	No	Habitat feature not present on site or adjacent lands.

Migratory Butterfly Stopover Areas	Painted Lady, White Admiral Special Concern: Monarch	MAS1 – 3; CUM, CUT, CUS Combination of ELC Community Series; need to have present one Community Series from each landclass: Field: CUM, CUT, CUS Forest: FOC, FOD, FOM, CUP Anecdotally, a candidate sight for butterfly stopover will have a history	need minimum 10Ha with field and forest habitat and needs to be located within 5 Km of LO.	No	Habitat feature not present on site or adjacent lands.
Landbird Migratory Stopover Areas	All migratory songbirds. Canadian Wildlife Service Ontario website: http://www.on.e c.gc.ca/wildlife_ e.html All migrant raptors species. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources: Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997. Schedule 7: Specially Protected Birds (Raptors)	of butterflies being observed. All Ecosites associated with these ELC Community Series; FOC, FOM, FOD, SWC, SWM, SWD	woodlots>10Ha and within 5 Km of LO, woodlots located on peninsulas or points or oriented in N to S direction along the shore and located within 5 Km of LO.	No	Habitat feature not present on site or adjacent lands.
Deer Yarding Areas	White-tailed Deer	Note: OMNR to determine this habitat. ELC Community Series providing a thermal cover component for a deer yard would include; FOM, FOC, SWM and SWC. Or these ELC Ecosites;		No	Habitat feature not present on subject property.

		CUP2, CUP3, FOD3, CUT		
Deer Winter Congregation Areas	White-tailed Deer	All Forested Ecosites with these ELC Community Series; FOC, FOM, FOD, SWC, SWM, SWD Conifer plantations much smaller than 50 ha may also be used.	No	Habitat feature not present on the subject property.

Rare Vegetation Communities	-	-			
Talus Slope (Cliffs and Talus Slopes)		Any ELC Ecosite within Community Series: TAO, TAS, TAT, CLO, CLS, CLT	Cliff and talus slopes occur along the Niagara Escarpment.	No	Vegetation feature not present on site.
Sand Barren		ELC Ecosites: SB01, SBS1, SBT1 Vegetation cover varies from patchy and barren to continuous meadow (SB01), thicket- like (SBS1), or more closed and treed (SBT1). Tree cover always < 60%.	Exposed sand, generally sparsely vegetated and caused by lack of moisture, periodic fires and erosion. Little or no solid and the underlying rock protrudes through the surface. Usually located within forests or savannah. Vegetation can vary from patchy and barren to tree covered by less than 60%.	No	Vegetation feature not present on site.
Alvar		ALO1, ALS1, ALT1, FOC1, FOC2, CUM2, CUS2, CUT2-1, CUW2	Unfractured calcareous bedrock feature with a mosaic of rock pavements and bedrock overlain by a thin veneer of soil. Alternating periods of inundation and drought. Sparse lichen-moss, grasslands, shrublands and indicator plants. Vegetation cover varies from patchy to barren with a less than 60% tree cover.	No	Vegetation feature not present on site.
Old Growth Forest		Forest Community Series: FOD, FOC, FOM	Heavy mortality or turnover of over-storey trees resulting in a mosaic of gaps that encourage development of a multi-layered canopy and an abundance of snags and downed woody debris. Stands 30Ha or greater in size or with at least 10Ha interior habitat assuming 100m buffer at edge of forest.	No	Vegetation feature not present on site.

Savannah	TPS1, TP TPW1, TP CUS2	W2, that has tree cover	t No	Vegetation feature not present on site.
Tallgrass Prairie	TPO1, TP	Has ground cover dominated by prairie grasses. An open tallgrass prairie habita has < 25% tree cover. No minimum size to site.		Vegetation feature not present on site.
Other Rare Vegetation Communities	Provincia Rare S1, and S3 vegetati communi are listed Appendix the SWHTGcx Any ELC Ed Code that I possible Vegetation that is Provincia Rare is Candida SWH.	fens, forest, marsh, barrens, dunes, swamps, and prairies. d in M of liviii. cosite has a ELC Type sally salte	No	Vegetation feature not present on site.

Specialized Habitat for Wildlife	-	-			
Waterfowl Nesting Area	American Black Duck, Northern Pintail, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, Blue- winged Teal, Green-winged Teal, Wood Duck, Hooded Merganser, Mallard	All upland habitats located adjacent to these wetland ELC Ecosites are Candidate SWH: MAS1, MAS2, MAS3, SAS1, SAM1, SAF1, MAM1, MAM2, MAM3, MAM4, MAM5, MAM6, SWT1, SWT2, SWD1, SWD2, SWD3, SWD4 Note: includes adjacency to Provincially Significant Wetlands	Extends 120m from a wetland (>0.5 Ha) or a wetland (>0.5Ha) within 120m or a cluster of 3 or more small (<0.5Ha) wetlands within 120m of each individual wetland where waterfowl nesting is known to occur.	No	Habitat feature not present on site.
Bald Eagle and Osprey Nesting, Foraging and Perching Habitat	Osprey Special Concern: Bald Eagle	ELC Forest Community Series: FOD, FOM, FOC, SWD, SWM and SWC directly adjacent to riparian areas – rivers, lakes, ponds and wetlands	A list of ecosites directly adjacent to riparian areas-rivers, lakes, ponds and wetlands. Nests along forested shorelines, islands, or on structures over water. Osprey nests: top of tree, Eagle nests: in super canopy trees in notch within the tree's canopy.	Possible	Habitat feature possible on adjacent lands.
Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat	Northern Goshawk, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red- shouldered Hawk, Barred Owl, Broad- winged Hawk	May be found in all forested ELC Ecosites. May also be found in SWC, SWM, SWD and CUP3	All natural or conifer plantation woodland/forest stands >30Ha with 10Ha of interior habitat. Stick nests found in a variety of intermediate-aged to mature conifer, deciduous or mixed forests within tops or crotches of trees.	Possible	Habitat feature possible on site or adjacent lands.

Turtle Nesting Areas	Midland Painted Turtle Special Concern Species: Northern Map Turtle, Snapping Turtle	Exposed mineral soil (sand or gravel) areas adjacent (<100m) cxlviii or within the following ELC Ecosites: MAM2, MAM3, MAM4, MAM5, MAM6, MAM1, MAM2, MAM3, SAS1, SAM1, SAF1, BOO1, FEO1	Exposed mineral soil areas adjacent or within the listed ecosites. Close to water and away from roads and sites less prone to loss of eggs by predation from skunks, raccoons or other animals. It must provide sand and gravel that turtles are able to dig in and are located in open, sunny areas.	No	Habitat feature not present on site or adjacent lands.
Seeps and Springs	Wild Turkey, Ruffed Grouse, Spruce Grouse, White-tailed Deer, Salamander spp.	Seeps/Springs are areas where ground water comes to the surface. Often, they are found within headwater areas within forested habitats. Any forested Ecosite within the headwater areas of a stream could have seeps/springs.	Areas where groundwater comes to the surface. Often, they are found within headwater areas within forested habitats. Any forested area (with <25% meadow/field/pasture) within the headwaters of a stream or river system.	No	Habitat feature not present on the subject property.
Amphibian Breeding Habitat (Woodland)	Eastern Newt, Blue-spotted Salamander, Spotted Salamander, Gray Treefrog, Spring Peeper, Western Chorus Frog, Wood Frog	All Ecosites associated with these ELC Community Series; FOC, FOM, FOD, SWC, SWM, SWD Breeding pools within the woodland or the shortest distance from forest habitat are more significant because they are more likely to be used due to reduced risk to migrating amphibians	Breeding pools within the woodland or the shortest distance from forest habitat are more significant because they are more likely to be used due to reduced risk to migrating amphibians. Presence of a wetland, lake, or pond within or adjacent (within 120m) to a woodland (no minimum size). Woodlands with permanent ponds or those containing water in most years until mid-July are more likely to be used as breeding habitat.	Possible	Habitat feature possible within woodlands on the subject property.

Amphibian	Eastern Newt,	ELC Community	Wetlands and pools	No	Habitat feature
Breeding	American Toad,	Classes SW,	>500m2 supporting		not present on
Habitat	Spotted,	MA, FE, BO, OA	high species diversity,		the subject
(Wetland)	Salamander,	and SA.	small or ephemeral		property.
	Four-toed		habitats could also be		
	Salamander,		significant. Presence of		
	Blue-spotted		shrubs and logs		
	Salamander,		increase significance of		
	Gray Treefrog,		pond for some		
	Western Chorus		amphibian species		
	Frog, Northern		(structures for calling,		
	Leopard Frog,		foraging, escape and		
	Pickerel Frog,		concealment from		
	Green Frog,		predators). Permanent		
	Mink Frog,		waterbodies with		
	Bullfrog		abundant emergent		
			vegetation (bullfrogs).		

Habitat for	_				
Species of Conservation					
Concern Marsh Bird Breeding Habitat	American Bittern, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common, Moorhen, American Coot, Pied-billed Grebe, Marsh Wren, Sedge Wren, Common Loon, Sandhill Crane, Green Heron, Trumpeter Swan Special Concern: Black Tern, Yellow Rail	MAM1, MAM2, MAM3, MAM4, MAM5, MAM6, SAS1, SAM1, SAF1, FEO1, BOO1 For Green Heron: All SW, MA and CUM1 sites.	Nesting occurs in wetlands. All wetland habitat is to be considered as long as there is shallow water with emergent aquatic vegetation present.	No	Habitat feature not present on site or adjacent lands.
Woodland Area- Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red- breasted Nuthatch, Veery, Blue-headed Vireo, Northern Parula, Black- throated Green Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Black- throated Blue Warbler, Ovenbird, Scarlet Tanager, Winter Wren Special Concern: Cerulean	All Ecosites associated with these ELC Community Series; FOC, FOM, FOD, SWC, SWM, SWD	Habitats where interior forest breeding birds are breeding, typically large mature (>60 yrs old) forest stands or woodlots >30Ha. Interior forest is at least 100m from forest edge habitat.	Possible	Habitat feature possible on adjacent lands.
	Warbler, Canada Warbler				
Open Country Bird Breeding Habitat	Upland Sandpiper, Grasshopper Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Northern Harrier, Savannah Sparrow Special Concern: Shorteared Owl	CUM1 CUM2	Large grassland areas >30Ha. Not Class 1 or 2 agricultural lands and not being actively used for farming.	No	Habitat feature not present on site or adjacent lands.

Shrub/Early Successional Bird Breeding Habitat	Indicator Spp: Brown Thrasher, Clay-coloured Sparrow Common Spp.: Field Sparrow, Black-billed, Cuckoo, Eastern Towhee, Willow Flycatcher Special Concern: Yellow- breasted Chat, Golden-winged Warbler	CUT1, CUT2, CUS1, CUS2, CUW1, CUW2 Patches of shrub ecosites can be complexed into a larger habitat for some bird species	Large natural field areas succeeding to shrub and thicket habitats >30Ha in size.	No	Habitat feature not present on subject property.
Terrestrial Crayfish	Chimney or Digger Crayfish; (Fallicambarus fodiens) Devil Crawfish or Meadow Crayfish; (Cambarus Diogenes)	MAM1, MAM2, MAM3, MAM4, MAM5, MAM6, MAS1, MAS2, MAS3	Meadow and edges of shallow marshes (no minimum size) identified should be surveyed for terrestrial crayfish.	No	Habitat feature not present on site or adjacent lands.
Special Concern and Rare Wildlife Species	All Special Concern and Provincially Rare (S1-S3, SH) plant and animal species. Lists of these species are tracked by the Natural Heritage Information Centre.	All plant and animal element occurrences (EO) within a 1 or 10km grid. Older element occurrences were recorded prior to GPS being available, therefore location information may lack accuracy		Lake Sturgeon	Discussed within EIS
<u>Animal</u>					
Movement Corridors	-	-			
Amphibian Movement Corridors	Eastern Newt, Blue-spotted Salamander Spotted Salamander Gray Treefrog Spring Peeper Western Chorus Frog Wood Frog	Corridors may be found in all ecosites associated with water. • Corridors will be determined based on identifying the significant	Corridors may be found in all ecosites associated with water. Movement corridors between breeding habitat and summer habitat. Movement corridors must be determined when Amphibian breeding	No	Habitat feature not present on the subject property.

		breeding habitat for these species in Table 1.1	habitat is confirmed as SWH.		
Deer Movement Corridors	White-tailed Deer	Corridors may be found in all forested ecosites. A Project Proposal in Stratum II Deer Wintering Area has potential to contain corridors.		No	Habitat feature not present on the subject property.