

### **B3. Species of Conservation Concern (SOCC) Vascular Plant Surveys**



- Legend**
- Property Boundary
  - GE Turbine
  - Natural Feature and ID
  - ELC Polygon Boundaries
  - Area of Disturbance, plus 10m
  - Disturbance Area
  - ANWSI
  - Evaluated Wetlands - PSW
  - ABCA Watercourse

SOCC Vascular Plant  
Survey SCP-01



Remapping from Oregon Ministry of Natural Resources  
Cartography 2010



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Brewster ELC Survey  
 STU-BLW1079  
 555-BLW1329  
 & 556-BLW1330  
 April 2013  
 Project 60155032

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Figure 1









## **B4. Snake Hibernaculum Surveys**





# Snake Hibernacula Survey Data Form



Study Area:	<u>Bluewater</u>	Goshen	Jericho	RH-05
Map #:	<u>SSI-BLW/1358/1371</u>		Feature # : <u>SSI-BLW1371-SA</u>	
GPS:	<u>17T 0459480, 4817536 Wp 39.</u>			

Date(yyyy-mm-dd):	<u>2012-04-19</u>	Visit No:	<u>1</u>
Field Staff (full name):	<u>Rob Aitken, Sam Gilder</u>		
Weather:	<u>Sunny - 15°C</u>		
Cloud Cover %:	<u>0</u>	Temperature Celcius:	<u>15</u> Wind: <u>0</u>
Time Started:	<u>9:00am</u>	Time Finished:	<u>10:00am</u>

**Fill out on first visit only:**

Rock/debris pile length(m):	<u>10</u>	width(m):	<u>3</u>
height (m):	<u>0.5-1m</u>		
Potential for rocks/access below frost line:	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Material description <sup>1</sup> :	<u>various sized rocks. 10cm diameter to 30cm diameter, some covered in soil and grass</u>		
Surrounding Veg. Descrip. (ELC type, dominants):	<u>Black walnut, Basswood, riverbank grape</u>		
Canopy Cover %:	<u>70%</u>	Slope (degrees):	<u>0</u>
Distance to nearest tree/shrub (m):	<u>30cm</u>	Aspect direction:	<u>1.</u>
Surrounding land use:	<u>agr., plantation, forest.</u>		

Snake Species	Est. Length-cm	Sex	Distance <sup>2</sup>	Comments <sup>3</sup>
<u>NO</u>				

Photo #	Location/or Subject	Photo #	Location/or Subject
<u>1,2-5</u>	<u>rock pile</u>		

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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<sup>1</sup> Type of material/composition/dimensions  
<sup>2</sup> Distance of snake from observer  
<sup>3</sup> Observed behaviour, distinguishing marks, cover etc.

# Snake Hibernacula Survey Data Form



Study Area: Bluewater Goshen Jericho  
 Map #: SS1-BLW1358/1371 Feature #: RH-05  
 GPS: 17T

Date(yyyy-mm-dd): 2012 may 8 Visit No: 2  
 Field Staff (full name): Rob Atken, Sam Gardner  
 Weather: Sunny  
 Cloud Cover %: 10% Temperature Celcius: 16°C Wind: 0  
 Time Started: 3:30 pm Time Finished: 3:50 pm

**Fill out on first visit only:**

Rock/debris pile length(m): \_\_\_\_\_ width(m): \_\_\_\_\_  
 height (m): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Potential for rocks/access below frost line: YES  NO   
 Material description<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surrounding Veg. Descrip. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ELC type, dominants): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Canopy Cover %: \_\_\_\_\_ Slope (degrees): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Distance to nearest tree/shrub (m): \_\_\_\_\_ Aspect direction: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surrounding land use: \_\_\_\_\_

Snake Species	Est. Length-cm	Sex	Distance <sup>2</sup>	Comments <sup>3</sup>

Photo #	Location/or Subject	Photo #	Location/or Subject
<u>740</u>	<u>Rocks</u>		

Comments no snakes observed.

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<sup>1</sup> Type of material/composition/dimensions  
<sup>2</sup> Distance of snake from observer  
<sup>3</sup> Observed behaviour, distinguishing marks, cover etc.



- Legend**
- Project Location**
- GE Turbine
  - ▨ Disturbance Area
  - ▭ Property Boundary
  - ▭ Transmission Line Buffer (180 m)
  - ▭ ELC Polygon Boundaries



Basemapping from Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources  
 Orthophotography, 2008



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**RH-05**

551 - BLW1358/651 - BLW1371

March 2012  
 Project 60156032

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Figure 1

# Snake Hibernacula Survey Data Form



Study Area: Bluewater Goshen Jericho  
 Natural Area #: SST-BLW1358/551-BLW1371 Feature #: RH-05  
 GPS: 17T see original sheet.

Date(yyyy-mm-dd): 2012 May 17 Visit No: 3  
 Field Staff (full name): Gilgiver, Aitken  
 Weather: (see below)  
 Cloud Cover %: 0% Temperature Celcius: 10°C Wind: None  
 Time Started: 11:00 am Time Finished: 11:22 am

**Fill out on first visit only:**

Rock/debris pile length(m): \_\_\_\_\_ width(m): \_\_\_\_\_  
 height (m): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Potential for rocks/access below frost line: YES  NO   
 Material description<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surrounding Veg. Descrip. (ELC type, dominants): not needed  
 Canopy Cover %: \_\_\_\_\_ Slope (degrees): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Distance to nearest tree/shrub (m): \_\_\_\_\_ Aspect direction: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surrounding land use: \_\_\_\_\_

Snake Species	Est. Length-cm	Sex	Distance <sup>2</sup>	Comments <sup>3</sup>
<u>None</u>	<u>observed</u>			

Photo #	Location/or Subject	Photo #	Location/or Subject

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Type of material/composition/dimensions  
<sup>2</sup> Distance of snake from observer  
<sup>3</sup> Observed behaviour, distinguishing marks, cover etc.

**B5. Ontario Wetland Evaluation  
System (OWES) Field Notes**









- Legend**
- Turbine Layout
  - Access Road
  - Collection Line
  - Transmission Line
  - Property Boundary
  - ANSI
  - Evaluated Wetlands - PSW
  - Watercourse
  - Natural Feature and ID
  - ELC Polygon Boundary
- ZZZ - Not within Habitat*



Responsibility from Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources  
 Hydrogeography 2010  
 Turbine Layout April 8, 2012



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Bluestar ELC Survey  
 BLW1658  
 June 2012  
 Project 00135032

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Figure 1

# Wetland Data Collection Sheet

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Study area: Bluewater Map No: BLW1605/BLW1658/BLW1603/BLW1657  
 Date (yyyy-mm-dd): 2012-06-26 Time Started: 10:00 AM  
 Field Staff: Jess Lette + Tom Shanney Time Finished: 5:30 PM

**Presence of Groundwater** No  Yes   
 bank seepage  iron staining  groundwater indicator

**Site Type** Lacustrine  (associated with lakes) Isolated   
 Riverine  (associated with rivers)  
 Palustrine  absent or intermittent inflow and either intermittent or permanent outflow  
 what are the water inputs and outputs? surface water inputs

**Soils** refer to ELC card for soils information Mineral CS (M1) Mineral with 36% organic S

**% open Water**  
 Type 1 - <5%  Type 5 - 26-75%  (water occurring in a small pattern)  
 Type 2 - 5-25%  (water occurring in one central location) Type 6 - 76-95%  (occurring in a central location, vegetation is peripheral)  
 Type 3 - 5-25%  (water occurring in ponds of various sizes) Type 7 - 76-95%  (vegetation occurs in patches or diffuse, open stands)  
 Type 4 - 26-75%  (water occurring in a central location) Type 8 - >95%  (water occupies over 95% of the area)

**Community Descriptions**

Vegetation forms			
h (deciduous trees)	ne (narrow leaved emergents)	ts (tall shrubs 1-6m)	f (aquatic with floating leaf)
c (coniferous trees)	be (broad leaved emergents)	ls (low shrubs up to 1m)	ff (free floating)
dh (dead deciduous trees)	gc (ground cover)	ds (dead shrubs)	su (all under water)
dc (dead coniferous trees)	m (mosses)	re (robust emergents)	u (unvegetated)

Map Code/ ELC Code	Community Description - list at least four dominant species for each form
M1	ne*: <u>Juncus cana, Juncus spicatus, Carlupis</u> ls: <u>Fragaria, Corseti, Symphy</u> gc: <u>onocens, Symphy</u>
M2	ne*: <u>Phragmites, scivati</u> ne*: <u>Juncus cana, Juncus spicatus, Leocharis sp.</u> ls: <u>Fragaria</u>
S1	h*: <u>Fragaria, pop tree, Salicis</u> ne: <u>Juncus cana, Carlupis, scivati</u> gc: <u>ascinca, Symphy</u>
S2	h*: <u>Ace free, Fragaria, Ulmamer</u> ls: <u>lenbenz, Fragaria, coralte</u> TS: <u>lenbenz</u> gc: <u>onocens, impenen, Boecylin, vicia sp.</u>



# Wetland Data Collection Sheet

53	H*: Acefite, Frogann, UIMAMEG IS: IERHERC, TRAPUN TS: Frogann, Cocate, UIMAMER GS: Ostrich fern, the pake, aritip, imcapen

### Notes on Ecological Functions or features

should include notes on: furbearer, cranberries, wild rice, baitfish, bullfrogs, winter cover for wildlife, suitability for waterfowl breeding staging, moulting, evidence of recreational activities, disturbance, surrounding topography (flat, rolling, hilly, steep), and surrounding habitat diversity

- \* Potential turtle habitat within ponds located east within M1/M2
- \* Waterfowl habitat within ponds stocked with bass
- \* Recreational trails found through patch

# Wetland Data Collection Sheet


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should include notes on: furbearer, cranberries, wild rice, baitfish, bullfrogs, winter cover for wildlife, suitability for waterfowl breeding staging, moulting, evidence of recreational activities, disturbance, surrounding topography (flat, rolling, hilly, steep), and surrounding habitat diversity

- monarch Butterfly
- cabbage white
- catbird
- Tree swallow
- house wren
- red-winged blackbird
- common yellowthroat
- Eastern kingbird
- Killdeer
- Belt. oriole
- orange Sulphur
- Eastern wood peewee
- Ruby-breasted hummingbird
- Am. Goldfinch
- Whitefaced meadowlark
- Flicker
- great crested flycatcher
- Red-eyed Vireo
- wood thrush
- Ebony Jewelwing
- Black-capped chickadee
- ovenbird

Plant Species List  
2012

Trees & Shrubs					Tree & Shrubs					Graminoids				
1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Conifers</b>					<b>Deciduous</b>					<b>Grasses</b>				
Balsam Fir ( <i>Abies balsamea</i> )					White Oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )					Giant Redtop ( <i>Agrostis gigantea</i> )				
Common Juniper ( <i>Juniperus communis</i> )					Bur Oak ( <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> )					Redtop ( <i>Agrostis stolonifera</i> )				
Eastern Red Cedar ( <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> )					Red Oak ( <i>Quercus rubra</i> )					Awnless Brome ( <i>Bromus inermis</i> )				
Tamarack ( <i>Larix laricina</i> )					Alder Buckthorn ( <i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i> )					Bromus				
Norway Spruce ( <i>Picea abies</i> )					Common Buckthorn ( <i>Rhamnus cathartica</i> )					Blue-joint Grass ( <i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i> )				
White Spruce ( <i>Picea mariana</i> )					Smooth Sumac ( <i>Rhus glabra</i> )					Orchard Grass ( <i>Dactylis glomerata</i> )				
Black Spruce ( <i>Picea mariana</i> )					Staghorn Sumac ( <i>Rhus hirta</i> )					Poverty Oat Grass ( <i>Danthonia spicata</i> )				
Jack Pine ( <i>Pinus banksiana</i> )					Wild Black Currant ( <i>Ribes americanum</i> )					Quack Grass ( <i>Elymus repens</i> )				
Red Pine ( <i>Pinus resinosa</i> )					Prickly Gooseberry ( <i>Ribes cynosbati</i> )					Virginia Wild Rye ( <i>Elymus virginicus</i> )				
Eastern White Pine ( <i>Pinus strobus</i> )					Swamp Black Currant ( <i>Ribes lacustre</i> )					Elymus				
Scotch Pine ( <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> )					Red Currant ( <i>Ribes rubrum</i> )									
Canada Yew ( <i>Taxus canadensis</i> )					<i>Ribes</i>					Fowl Manna Grass ( <i>Glyceria striata</i> )				
Eastern White Cedar ( <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> )					Black Locust ( <i>Robinia pseudo-acacia</i> )					Glyceria				
Eastern Hemlock ( <i>Tsuga canadensis</i> )					Prickly Rose ( <i>Rosa acicularis</i> )					Rice Cut Grass ( <i>Leersia oryzoides</i> )				
					Smooth Rose ( <i>Rosa blanda</i> )					Tall Fescue ( <i>Lolium arundinaceum</i> )				
					Multiflora Rose ( <i>Rosa multiflora</i> )					Muhlenbergia				
					<i>Rosa</i>					Witch-grass ( <i>Panicum capillare</i> )				
<b>Deciduous</b>					Com. Blackberry ( <i>Rubus allegheniensis</i> )					Panicum				
Manitoba Maple ( <i>Acer negundo</i> )					Wild Red Raspberry ( <i>Rubus idaeus</i> )					Reed Canary Grass ( <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> )				
Black Maple ( <i>Acer nigrum</i> )					Black Raspberry ( <i>Rubus occidentalis</i> )					Timothy ( <i>Phleum pratense</i> )				
Norway Maple ( <i>Acer platanoides</i> )					Purple-fl. Raspberry ( <i>Rubus odoratus</i> )					Common Reed ( <i>Phragmites australis</i> )				
Red Maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )					Dwarf Raspberry ( <i>Rubus pubescens</i> )					Canada Blue Grass ( <i>Poa compressa</i> )				
Silver Maple ( <i>Acer saccharinum</i> )					<i>Rubus</i>					Fowl Meadow Grass ( <i>Poa palustris</i> )				
Freeman's Maple ( <i>Acer X freemanii</i> )					Peach-leaved Willow ( <i>Salix amygdaloides</i> )					Kentucky Bluegrass ( <i>Poa pratensis</i> )				
Sugar Maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> )					Bebb's Willow ( <i>Salix bebbiana</i> )					Yellow Foxtail ( <i>Setaria pumila</i> )				
Mountain Maple ( <i>Acer spicatum</i> )					Pussy Willow ( <i>Salix discolor</i> )					Green Foxtail ( <i>Setaria viridis</i> )				
Speckled Alder ( <i>Alnus incana</i> )					Missouri Willow ( <i>Salix eriocephala</i> )									
Downy Serviceberry ( <i>Amelanchier arborea</i> )					Sandbar Willow ( <i>Salix exigua</i> )									
Serviceberry ( <i>Amelanchier sanguinea</i> )					Shining Willow ( <i>Salix lucida</i> )									
Yellow Birch ( <i>Betula alleghaniensis</i> )					Black Willow ( <i>Salix nigra</i> )									
White Birch ( <i>Betula papyrifera</i> )					Slender Willow ( <i>Salix petiolaris</i> )									
European Birch ( <i>Betula pendula</i> )					<i>Salix</i>									
Blue Beech ( <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> )					Hybrid Crack Willow ( <i>Salix X rubens</i> )									
Bitternut hickory ( <i>Carya cordiformis</i> )					Black-berried Elder ( <i>Sambucus nigra</i> )									
Shagbark Hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> )					Red-berried Elder ( <i>Sambucus racemosa</i> )									
Climbing Bittersweet ( <i>Celastrus scandens</i> )					Buffaloberry ( <i>Shepherdia canadensis</i> )									
Common Hackberry ( <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> )					Eur. Mountain Ash ( <i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> )									
Buttonbush ( <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> )					Narrow Meadow-sweet ( <i>Spiraea alba</i> )									
Alt-leaved Dogwood ( <i>Cornus alternifolia</i> )					Common Lilac ( <i>Syringa vulgaris</i> )									
Silky Dogwood ( <i>Cornus amomum</i> )					Poison-ivy ( <i>Toxicodendron rydbergii</i> )									
Bunchberry ( <i>Cornus canadensis</i> )					Climbing Poison-ivy ( <i>Toxicodendron radicans</i> )									
Gray dogwood ( <i>Cornus racemosa</i> )					White Elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )									
Round-leaved Dogwood ( <i>Cornus rugosa</i> )					Siberian Elm ( <i>Ulmus pumila</i> )									
Red-osier Dogwood ( <i>Cornus sericea</i> )					Slippery Elm ( <i>Ulmus rubra</i> )									
American Hazel ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )					Low Blueberry ( <i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i> )									
Beaked Hazel ( <i>Corylus cornuta</i> )					Mistle-leaf Viburnum ( <i>Viburnum acerifolium</i> )									
Cockspur Thorn ( <i>Crataegus crus-galli</i> )					Hobblebush ( <i>Viburnum lantanoides</i> )									
English Hawthorn ( <i>Crataegus monogyna</i> )					Nannyberry ( <i>Viburnum lentago</i> )									
Large-fruited Thorn ( <i>Crataegus punctata</i> )					Guelder-Rose ( <i>Viburnum opulus</i> )									
<i>Crataegus</i>					Downy Arrow-wood ( <i>Vib. rafinesquianum</i> )									
<i>Crataegus</i>					Riverbank Grape ( <i>Vitis riparia</i> )									
Bush Honeysuckle ( <i>Diervilla lonicera</i> )					Am. Prickly-ash ( <i>Zanthoxylum americanum</i> )									
Russian Olive ( <i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> )														
Autumn Olive ( <i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i> )														
Run. Strawberry-bush ( <i>Euonymus obovata</i> )					<i>Tilia americana</i>									
American Beech ( <i>Fagus grandifolia</i> )														
Glossy Buckthorn ( <i>Fraxinus alnus</i> )														
White Ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> )														
Black Ash ( <i>Fraxinus nigra</i> )														
Green Ash ( <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> )														
Witch-hazel ( <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> )														
Winterberry ( <i>Ilex verticillata</i> )														
Butternut ( <i>Juglans cinerea</i> )														
Black Walnut ( <i>Juglans nigra</i> )														
Common Privet ( <i>Ligustrum vulgare</i> )														
Spicebush ( <i>Lindera benzoin</i> )														
Fly Honeysuckle ( <i>Lonicera canadensis</i> )														
Glaucous Honeysuckle ( <i>Lonicera dioica</i> )														
Morrow's Honeysuckle ( <i>Lonicera morrowii</i> )														
Tartarian Honeysuckle ( <i>Lonicera tatarica</i> )														
Common Apple ( <i>Malus pumila</i> )														
White Mulberry ( <i>Morus alba</i> )														
Sweet Gale ( <i>Myrica gale</i> )														
Ironwood ( <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> )														
Thicket-creeper ( <i>Parthenocissus inserta</i> )														
Ninebark ( <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> )														
Balsam Poplar ( <i>Populus balsamifera</i> )														
Eastern Cottonwood ( <i>Populus deltoides</i> )														
Large-tooth Aspen ( <i>Populus grandidentata</i> )														
Trembling Aspen ( <i>Populus tremuloides</i> )														
Sweet Cherry ( <i>Prunus avium</i> )														
Pin Cherry ( <i>Prunus pensylvanica</i> )														
Black Cherry ( <i>Prunus serotina</i> )														
Choke Cherry ( <i>Prunus virginiana</i> )														
<b>Prunus</b>														
D - Dominant: represented by large numbers; generally forming >10% ground cover or >25% vegetation cover in any one stratum														
F - Fairly common (=Abundant in ELC): generally widespread represented by fairly large numbers of individual clumps; usually forming >10% ground cover														
U - Uncommon (=Occasional in ELC): present as widespread scattered individuals or represented by one or more clumps of many individuals (most species will fall into this category)														
R - Rare: represented in the polygon by less than about five individuals or small clumps														
Map Number: B1W1605/1658/1603/1657														
Date: 2012-06-26														
Surveyors: JP+TS														



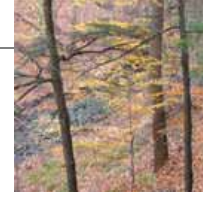


# Appendix C

## Project Team CVs

## Rob Aitken *B. Sc.*

*Ecologist*  
*Curriculum Vitae*



Through the completion of environmental programs at Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College Mr. Aitken has developed a sound understanding of the natural environment and the tools that are used to evaluate it. He has continued to build on this foundation through the application of these skills while working for organizations in the private and public sector completing inventories and assessments of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

As a member of the Aboud & Associates team, Mr. Aitken is responsible for botanical and wildlife inventories, ELC/vegetation community assessments and GIS Mapping on a wide range of projects.

### EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Biology & Environmental Resources Sciences (Honours), Trent University, 2008.
- Environmental Technologist, Sir Sandford Fleming College 2006.
- Natural Resources Law Enforcement Post Graduate Certification, Sir Sandford Fleming College, 2004.
- Ecosystem Management Technician, Sir Sandford Fleming College 2003.

### Continuing Education & Certification:

- Ontario Stream Assessment Protocol, OMNR/TRCA (2011)
- Class 2 Backpack Electro fishing Certificate, TRCA (2011)
- MTO/DFO/OMNR Environmental Guide for Fish and Fish Habitat Workshop (2011)
- Asters and Goldenrods Workshop, Royal Botanical Gardens (2010)
- Ecological Land Classification, OMNR (2010)
- Ontario Wetland Evaluation System, OMNR (2009)
- Ontario Stream Assessment Protocol Level 1 Fish Identification (2009)

### CAREER EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining Aboud & Associates in 2010, Mr. Aitken worked with the following organizations:

#### Environmental Scientist

##### ***Conestoga Rovers & Associates (2008-2010)***

- Hydraulic stream flow monitoring
- Ground and surface water quality monitoring
- Sediment Sampling
- Wetland delineations
- Fish collection and identification
- Collection of aquatic invertebrates using OBBN protocols
- Stream flow, ground water level and precipitation data management and interpretation
- Permits to Take Water and Certificates of Approval

#### Shell Conservation Intern

##### ***The Nature Conservancy of Canada (2007)***

- Flora and Fauna inventories
- Classifying ecological communities using the Ecological Land Classification for Southern Ontario
- Monitoring ongoing rehabilitation projects
- Completing site monitoring and management reports

#### Field Technician

##### ***The Watershed Science Centre (2006)***

- Hydraulic stream flow monitoring
- Collection of aquatic invertebrates
- Suspended sediment collection
- Stream flow data and precipitation management and interpretation

#### Greening Co-op Student

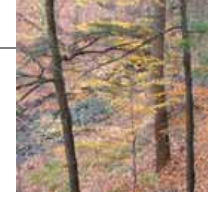
##### ***The Regional Municipality of York (2005)***

- Assisted in implementing the Region's greening strategy
- Invasive species removal
- Mapping natural features using Arcview GIS
- Street tree planting, mulching, pruning and inventories



# Rob Aitken *B. Sc.*

*Ecologist  
Curriculum Vitae*



## **CAREER EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)**

### **Environmental Technician Conservation Halton (2004)**

- Collection and identification of aquatic invertebrates
- Collection and identification of fish
- Hydraulic stream flow monitoring
- Classifying ecological communities and performing flora inventories
- Assisted in completing the North Shore Watershed Study Report

### **Resources Management Technician Pinery Provincial Park (2001)**

- Wild lupine seed collection, preparation and planting
- Preparation work for prescribed burns and Deer Counts
- Invasive species removal
- Native species plantings
- Educating public about rare natural features and species

## **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- Identification of flora and fauna
- ELC / Vegetation Community Assessment
- Vegetation Monitoring
- GIS Mapping

## **SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE**

### **Tree Inventory/Management Plan:**

- Lotco II Landscape Plan Street Tree Inventory (Cambridge)
- Street Tree Inventory for Infrastructure Improvement Projects (Cambridge)
- Jefferson Forest Edge Management & Tree Preservation Plans (Richmond Hill)
- 10606 Milton Road Tree Inventory (Pickering)
- Block 12 Phase 3 Trail Tree Inventory (Vaughan)
- Lackner Boulevard Tree Management Plan (Kitchener)

### **Tree Inventory/Management Plan (Continued):**

- 699 Speedvale Avenue Tree Inventory (Guelph)
- Kleinburg Tree Preservation Plan & Relocation Strategy (Vaughan)
- Kleinburg Edge Management Plan (Vaughan)

### **Botanical Inventory / Vegetation Community Assessment:**

- Rare species surveys for 407 extension (Durham)
- Windsor Essex Parkway – Species at Risk (SAR) surveys & Botanical Inventories of remnant prairie communities
- Block 12 Large Restore Buffer Vegetation Monitoring (Vaughan)
- ENS Poultry Renewable Energy Application Natural Heritage Assessment (Elora)
- Gordon Street Property Scoped Environmental Impact Study (Guelph)
- Block 5 Woodlot Management Plan (Brampton)
- Mill Pond Park Botanical Inventory & ELC Assessment (Richmond Hill)
- Block 11 Wetland Vegetation Monitoring (Vaughan)

### **Wildlife Inventory/Assessments:**

- Heffernan Street Shoreline Rehabilitation Fish Habitat Assessment (Guelph)
- Breeding Bird Surveys for Quarry Expansion (Waterloo Region)
- Breeding Bird Surveys for Proposed Subdivision (Guelph)
- Arkell Dam Restoration Fish Habitat/Natural Heritage Assessment (Guelph)
- Subwatershed Study Snake and Snake Hibernacula Surveys (Fergus)
- Breeding Bird/Snake and Snake Hibernacula Surveys Summit Park (Hamilton)
- Mill Pond Park Breeding Bird Survey (Richmond Hill)



## Rob Aitken *B. Sc.*

*Ecologist*  
*Curriculum Vitae*



In addition, Mr. Aitken also provides assistance with:

- Data Collection and Entry
- Report Writing
- Peer Reviews

### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

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- Botanical inventory/Bird Surveys for the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (2011)
- Amphibian Call Surveys for the Marsh Monitoring Program (2011)
- Volunteer Backpack Electro fishing Crewmember Credit Valley Conservation Authority (2009)
- Deer Check Station Flynn's Turn (2004)
- Pinery Provincial Park Pine Removal Program (1998, 1999)

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- Field Botanists of Ontario
- Ontario Field Ornithologist







## Sam Gildiner

Ecologist

### Education

MEM, Forestry, University of New Brunswick, 2011

BSc, Forest Management, University of New Brunswick, 2009

Diploma, Forest Technology, Maritime College of Forest Technology, 2007

### Licenses/Registrations

Certified Arborist, Ontario, #ON-1579A, Issued 06/29/2012, Exp. 06/29/2015

### Years of Experience

With AECOM: 1

With Other Firms: 7

### Professional Associations

International Society of Arboriculture, Active Member

Association of Registered Professional Foresters of Ontario, Active Member

Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick, Active Member

New Brunswick Wetland Delineators Association, Executive Committee, 2010 - 2012

### Training and Certifications

Bear Awareness Training

CPR and First Aid Training

Fire Extinguisher Training

Mr. Gildiner is a terrestrial ecologist with more than 7 years of experience in the natural resource and environmental consulting field. He has worked throughout eastern and western Canada as a forester, and has worked in central and eastern Canada as an ecological consultant. Mr. Gildiner has experience in wetland science, forest science, habitat management, forest management, soil science, and arboriculture.

### Project Experience

#### *Other Category*

**J.D. Irving Limited, Federal Flood Relief Bridge and Culvert Replacement, Fredericton, New Brunswick.** Coordinated assessments of watercrossing affected by storms on crown land. Performed field work with surveyors, engineers, and biologists to determine compensation to forest company. Prepared reports detailing required infrastructure damage and replacement objectives. [04/01/2011-11/10/2011]

**Matt Harris and Sons Ltd., Water Source and Supply Assessment - Johnston Estates, Fredericton, New Brunswick.** Coordinated well driller, location of wells, and field technicians to assess the potential for groundwater supply to well systems in a proposed residential subdivision. Managed long term safe yield calculations, water quality testing, and reporting for suitability of an aquifer for proposed development. [10/05/2011-10/31/2011]

**Matt Harris and Sons Ltd., Water Source and Supply Assessment - Richardson Estates, Fredericton, New Brunswick.** Coordinated well driller, location of wells, and field technicians to assess the potential for groundwater supply to well systems in a proposed residential subdivision. Managed long term safe yield calculations, water quality testing, and reporting for suitability of an aquifer for proposed development. [06/29/2011-08/22/2011]

**Willow Homes, Water Source and Supply Assessment - Willow Estates, Fredericton, New Brunswick.** Coordinated well driller, location of wells, and field technicians to assess the potential for groundwater supply to well systems in a proposed residential subdivision. Managed long term safe yield calculations, water quality testing, and reporting for suitability of an aquifer for proposed development. [07/27/2011-09/01/2011]

**Peterson Mini Home Park, Peterson Mini Home Park - Environmental Impact Assessment, Fredericton, New Brunswick.** Coordinated all field work and reporting associated with provincial EIA requirements including wildlife habitat, rare species, wetlands, groundwater, archaeology, and social considerations. [04/08/2011-09/22/2011]

**Matt Harris and Sons Ltd., Harris Estates - Environmental Impact Assessment, Fredericton, New Brunswick.** Coordinated all field work and reporting associated with provincial EIA requirements including wildlife habitat, rare species, wetlands, groundwater, archaeology, and social considerations. [04/14/2011-08/18/2011]

**Kria Resources, Nesting Bird Survey, New Brunswick.** Conducted field work and reporting for bird nest surveys in northern New Brunswick for a mining project. [06/15/2011-06/22/2011]

**Chippin Real Estate, Trail Design and Layout, Fredericton, New Brunswick.** Designed and implemented on-the-ground a trail system that highlighted natural features of a significant woodland/wetland complex to increase natural capital of a residential subdivision. [08/02/2011-08/24/2011]

**Department of Transportation - New Brunswick, Route 8 Suspended Solids Monitoring, Southern New Brunswick.** Conducted total suspended solids monitoring, data management, reporting, and lab testing for water quality monitoring for a new highway alignment. [04/01/2011-11/23/2011]

**Department of Transportation - New Brunswick, Route 8 Species at Risk and Nest Surveys, Fredericton, New Brunswick.** Conducted field work, mapping, and reporting for habitat descriptions, rare plant surveys, and nesting bird surveys for several borrow pit locations along a highway construction path. [05/17/2011-07/05/2011]

**Wassis Estates, Wassis Estates - Environmental Impact Assessment, Wassis, New Brunswick.** Coordinated all field work and reporting associated with provincial EIA requirements including wildlife habitat, rare species, wetlands, groundwater, archaeology, and social considerations. [04/06/2011-07/20/2011]

**City of New Maryland, New Maryland Water Supply Investigation - Environmental Impact Assessment, New Maryland, New Brunswick.** Conducted field work and reporting duties for wildlife habitat assessment and wetland delineation for an area surrounding a proposed well location. [08/03/2011-08/23/2011]

**Sunbury Developments, Noonan Estates, Noonan, New Brunswick.** Performed field work, data compilation, and mapping duties for vegetation community description and wetland delineations. [08/10/2011-08/24/2011]

**Wolastoqiyik Sacred Land Trust, Ecological Forest Management Plan, Burton, New Brunswick.** Conducted field work, mapping, data compilation, public presentations, community teaching, and team management for forest management plan prescribing silvicultural interventions to meet community goals. [02/17/2010-11/15/2011]

**Hill Developments, Hill Developments - Wetland Delineation, Fredericton, New Brunswick.** Performed wetland delineation, mapping, data compilation, and reporting duties for residential subdivision wetland delineations. [07/01/2010-08/10/2010]

**OVAC Ltd., Route 11 Wetland Delineations, Northern New Brunswick.**



Performed wetland delineations, functional assessments, mapping, and data compilation for a linear highways alignment as part of a provincial environmental impact assessment. [06/09/2010-08/04/2010]

**Sundbury Developments, Noonan Developments, Noonan, New Brunswick.** Performed wetland delineation, mapping, data compilation, and reporting for a residential subdivision. [08/12/2010-09/07/2010]

**Department of Transportation - New Brunswick, Lorneville Barge Terminal - Environmental Impact Assessment, Lorneville, New Brunswick.** Assisted with rare plant surveys, habitat assessments, electrofishing, and shoreline assessment of a proposed barge terminal as part of an EIA. [08/17/2011-09/14/2011]

**Chippin Real Estate, Wetland Delineation, Fredericton, New Brunswick.** Performed wetland delineation field work, mapping, data compilation, and reporting duties for a residential development. [07/29/2010-08/18/2010]

**Port of Belledune, Port Expansion, Belledune, New Brunswick.** Performed suspended solids monitoring in ocean waters during a dredging operation. [05/03/2011-07/05/2011]



## Jessica Piette H. B.ES

Terrestrial Ecologist

### Education

Bachelor's Degree, Environment and Resources Studies, University of Waterloo

Diploma, Environmental Assessment – University of Waterloo

### Years of Experience

With AECOM: 5

### Training and Certifications

Ecological Land Classification for Southern Ontario Training Course, Ministry of Natural Resources, 2007

Ontario Wetland Evaluation Training Course, Ministry of Natural Resources, 2008

First Aid Certification, St. John's Ambulance, 2007

Environmental Impact Assessment Diploma, University of Waterloo, 2004

Ms. Piette is a terrestrial ecologist with AECOM's Ecological Services Group working in Kitchener, Ontario. Her technical skills include wetland boundary delineation, and evaluations, soils identification, air-photo interpretation, vegetation inventories, community descriptions, amphibian surveys, and woodland evaluations. She is trained and has experience in the application of Ecological Land Classification (ELC) of Southern Ontario, and the Ministry of Natural Resources Wetland Evaluation guidelines. These skills facilitate in the preparation and data collection to complete environmental impact studies, constraints and opportunity reports, subject land status reports, tree preservation reports, environmental assessment evaluations, and natural heritage studies.

### Project Experience

#### *Environmental Impact Studies*

**Orfus Realty, King Township Property – Natural Heritage Constraints & Opportunities Report, King Township, Region of York.** Completed terrestrial field investigations including aerial photography interpretation, the delineation of vegetation into Ecological Land Classification (ELC) units, the collection of a comprehensive floral species list and the delineation of on-site wetland communities following the Ministry of Natural Resources Wetland Evaluation Protocol for insertion into the final Natural Heritage C&O document. Completed a Species at Risk (SAR) Screening to identify any potential SAR as well as their associated habitat located within the study area.

**City of London, Southcrest Storm Sewer and Outfall Replacement – Environmental Impact Study, London, Ontario.** Completed terrestrial field investigations to determine existing site conditions. This included the delineation of vegetation communities into Ecological Land Classification Units, as well as a tree inventory along the proposed storm sewer alignment and outfall location. Completed a Species at Risk (SAR) Screening to identify any potential SAR as well as their associated habitat located within the study area. Following data collection completed the corresponding sections within the EIS report.

**City of London, South West Area Plan – Natural Heritage Report, London Ontario.** Completed terrestrial investigations for 24 unevaluated vegetation patches within the City of London in order to determine their significance within the Natural Heritage System. Investigations included aerial photography interpretation as well as site specific investigations. Following data collection the City of London's woodland evaluation guidelines, and/or wetland evaluation guidelines were applied accordingly.

**City of London, Meadowlily Area Plan – Natural Heritage Study, London Ontario** – Conducted terrestrial field investigations, including aerial photography interpretation, the application of Ecological Land Classification and the collection of a comprehensive floral species list for insertion into the Meadowlily Area Plan – Natural Heritage Study Report.

**City of Kitchener, Blockline Road Extension, Kitchener, Ontario –** Conducted terrestrial field investigations, including aerial photography interpretation, the application of Ecological Land Classification, the collection of a comprehensive floral species list and the delineation of on-site wetland communities following the Ministry of Natural Resources Wetland Evaluation Protocol for insertion into the final Environmental Impact Study document.

**Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Rapid Transit Initiative, Transit Project Assessment Process, Environmental Impact Assessment. –** Carried out terrestrial field investigations, including aerial photography interpretation, the application of Ecological Land Classification and the collection of a comprehensive floral species list along the proposed Light Rail Transit (LRT) Route. This was completed in order to assess the significance of the existing natural heritage features, to present potential development constraints, as well as, provide direction for specific design considerations of the LRT.

**GMS Mortgage, Huron Shores – Environmental Impact Study, Lampton County.** Assisted in the delineation of wetland communities, plant identification and the completion of necessary report updates.

**St. Joseph's Health Care, St. Thomas Regional Mental Health Care Centre - Scoped Environmental Impact Study.** Completed terrestrial field investigations for existing site conditions for the development of a Regional Mental Health Care Centre facility on lands located adjacent to Hepburn Drain and lands designated as Significant Woodland and Significant Valleyland. This included the delineation of vegetation communities into Ecological Land Classification (ELC) units, as well as a tree inventory for the subject lands for insertion into the final document.

**Sifton Properties, Wilton Grove Road Environmental Impact Study, London, Ontario.** Assisted in the completion of vegetation inventories to determine existing conditions. Completed the description of vegetation communities using proper Ecological Land Classification units according to the Ministry of Natural Resources: Ecological Land Classification System (Lee et al, 1998), created corresponding vegetation profiles, as well as assisted in the preparation of the final report. Completed salamander monitoring using cover boards as described by EMAN-Parks Canada National Monitoring Protocol for Terrestrial Salamanders.

**Sydney Tar Ponds Agency, Sydney Tar Ponds Baseline Avifauna Environmental Effects Monitoring Report, Sydney, Nova Scotia.** Assisted in the collection of background information as well as in the completion of the Avifauna baseline report.

**Sifton Properties, Hardy Road Environmental Impact Study, Brantford, Ontario.** Aided in the completion of vegetation inventories to determine existing conditions, completed background research on native prairie species for Brant County and created a detailed plant list. Participated in restoration efforts in association with the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding on-site tufa and a remnant prairie community.



**Sifton Properties, Fanshawe Ridge – Environmental Impact Study, London, Ontario.** Helped in the data collection to determine existing site conditions and constraints to development to be inserted in the final EIS document. This included aerial photography interpretation, vegetation community delineation into Ecological Land (ELC) Classification units, and the collection of a detailed floral species list. The onsite Fanshawe Ridge Provincially Significant Wetland boundaries were refined using the protocols set out in the Ministry of Natural Resources Wetland Evaluation Guide.

**GMS Mortgage, Huron Shores Environmental Impact Study, Lampton County, Ontario.** Aided in the delineation of a wetland community.

**Labrador Iron Mines, Labrador Iron Mines Environmental Impact Study, Schefferville, Quebec.** Aided in the completion of the baseline breeding birds report.

**Sifton Properties, Wickerson Road Environmental Impact Study, London, Ontario.** Created corresponding vegetation profiles for Ecological Land Classification communities. Assisted in the completion of the final report. Completed amphibian surveys, using the “point-count” techniques as described in the Great Lakes Marsh Monitoring Program, as well as completed salamander monitoring using cover boards as described by EMAN-Parks Canada National Monitoring Protocol for Terrestrial Salamanders.

**Valente & Theocharis, 14873 Medway Road Constraints and Opportunities Report, London, Ontario.** Aided in the completion of vegetation inventories to determine existing site conditions. Contacted local and provincial authorities requesting background information on the subject lands. Assisted in the description of vegetation communities using proper Ecological Land Classification units according to the Ministry of Natural Resources: Ecological Land Classification System (Lee et al, 1998), and assisted in the completion of the final report.

**City of Woodstock, Woodstock Woodlands Environmental Impact Study, Woodstock, Ontario.** Assisted in the completion of vegetation inventories, the description of vegetation communities using proper Ecological Land Classification units, according to the Ministry of Natural Resources: Ecological Land Classification System (Lee et al, 1998), and in the completion of the final report. Completed a wetland evaluation for two of the patches using the Ministry of Natural Resources Southern Ontario Wetland Evaluation System.

**Sifton Properties, Denfield Property DAR, London, Ontario.** Aided in the completion of vegetation inventories to determine existing site conditions. Contacted local and provincial authorities requesting background information on the subject lands. Assisted in the description of vegetation communities using proper ELC units and assisted in the completion of the final report.

**Sifton Properties, Fratscko Lands Advisory and Environmental Impact Statement, London, Ontario.** Aided in completion of field investigations to determine existing site conditions. Completed vegetation inventories and helped complete preliminary amphibian surveys, using the “point-count” techniques as described in the Great Lakes Marsh Monitoring Program.

**Downham, Downham Property Environmental Impact Statement, London, Ontario.** Assisted in completion of vegetation inventories for the subject property. Prepared community descriptions and profiles using ELC units.

**City of Woodstock, BB2D Wetland Environmental Impact Statement, Woodstock, Ontario.** Assisted in collection of vegetation inventories and prepared a detailed list with all common and Latin floral names. Contacted local and provincial authorities requesting background information.

**Sifton Properties, Old Victoria Road Environmental Impact Statement, London, Ontario.** Aided in gathering of vegetation inventories according to Ecological Land Classification units (ELC) and delineation of wetland boundaries. Contacted local and provincial authorities to obtain necessary background information.

**Kenmore Home, Bierens Property, London, Ontario.** Assisted in description of vegetation communities by creating vegetation profiles and detailed plant lists. Contacted local and provincial authorities obtaining necessary background information.

#### ***Renewable Energy***

**NextEra Energy Canada, Bluewater Wind Energy Centres and Transmission Line Renewable Energy Project, Grand Bend, Ontario.** Completed terrestrial site investigations, including delineations of vegetation communities into Ecological Land Classification (ELC) units, amphibian surveys following the Marsh Monitoring Protocol. Completed the woodland evaluations following the protocols set out in the Natural Heritage Assessment Guide for Renewable Energy Project Table 8: Significant Woodland Evaluation Criteria and Standards.

#### ***Wetland Restoration***

**ORE Development, Highbury Business Park Wetland Creation, London, Ontario.** Aided with the vegetation inventory and monitoring of the area.

#### ***Wetland Monitoring***

**City of London, Uplands North Storm Water Management – Wetland Monitoring Program – Baseline Data, London, Ontario.** Completed baseline data collection for a 3 year monitoring program within a wetland located adjacent to a storm water management pond. This included the selection and establishment of 5 permanent monitoring quadrats within the study area as well as a tree health assessment for existing trees within the wetland. Conducted amphibian surveys following the Marsh Monitoring Protocol for inclusion into the baseline report. Following data collection completed Baseline Wetland Monitoring Report.

**City of London, Forest City Wetland Forest City Stormwater Management Facility Westminster Wetland Complex Assessment of Reported Die-back.** Conducted wetland assessment of Westminster Wetland complex including boundary delineation and a detailed floral species list for insertion into the final document.

**City of London, Uplands North Storm Water Management – Wetland Monitoring Program – Year 1 Monitoring, London, Ontario.** Completed Year 1 data collection for a 3 year monitoring program within a wetland located adjacent to a storm water management pond. This included vegetation monitoring within the 5 permanent monitoring quadrats within the study area as well as a tree health assessment for existing trees within the wetland.

#### ***Class Environmental Assessments***

**Regional Municipality of York, Upper York Sewage Solutions Environmental Assessment – Natural Environment Baseline Conditions Report.** Completed terrestrial field investigations using a combination of Rapid Ecological Land Classification (ELC), and a comprehensive floral species list for the entire study area. This was completed in order to determine existing conditions as well as provide constraints to the overall selection of the preferred alternative.

**Township of Woolwich, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Replacement of Floradale Road Structure # 050106 –** Collected necessary background documentation from local agencies. Completed terrestrial field investigations using a combination of Ecological Land Classification (ELC), and a comprehensive floral species list, and conducted impact assessment for insertion into the final EA document.

**Niagara Region, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Reece Bridge Replacement –** Collected necessary background documentation from local agencies. Completed terrestrial field investigations using a combination of Ecological Land Classification (ELC), and a comprehensive floral species list, and conducted impact assessment for insertion into the final EA document.

**Go Transit, Expansion of Rail Service from Oshawa to Bowmanville on the Lakeshore East Corridor: Natural Environmental Conditions Report.** – Completed terrestrial field investigations using a combination of Rapid Ecological Land Classification (ELC), and a comprehensive floral species list for 14 land parcels within the study area. This was completed in order to determine existing conditions as well as in the prevention and reduction of potential negative effects associated with the overall design, construction implementation and long-term operation of the rail expansion to natural heritage features.

**San Gold Corporation, Bissett Gold Mine Tailings Pond Expansion, Bissett, Manitoba.** Aided in the completion of vegetation inventories to determine existing conditions.

**City of Toronto, Toronto Island Water Main Extension EA, Toronto Ontario.** Aided in the completion of vegetation inventories.

**City of London, Sunningdale Stormwater Management Pond EA, London, Ontario.** Aided in the collection of vegetation inventories and background information.



**City of Woodstock, Water-Wastewater EA, Woodstock, Ontario.**

Assisted in the collection of existing conditions to aid in selection of a preferred alternative, and in the completion of a memo reporting these findings.

**City of Grimsby, Russ Road Extension EA, Grimsby, Ontario.** Aided in the collection of field data, including vegetation inventories. Assisted in the completion of the memo reporting the investigation results.

**City of London, Bradley Avenue Trunk Water Main Class EA, London, Ontario.** Collected vegetation inventory for the section of Bradley Avenue from Jackson Road to Airport Road, by identifying tree species, calculating its DBH, dripline, and assessing its health. Also assisted in writing the methods, findings, and significance sections of the initial report.

**City of London, Western Road Widening, London, Ontario.** Aided in the compilation of field data to determine existing site conditions. Completed vegetation inventories and finalized initial memo to the client.

**City of Milton, Alternate Water Supply Class EA, Milton, Ontario.** Helped refined preferred route by taking notes and photographs then compiling the data into report form.

**Manitoulin Island, Islandwide Waste Management Plan, Manitoulin, Ontario.** Aided in collection of background information by contacting Manitoulin's landfill and transfer station representatives and asking a series of predetermined questions pertaining to their waste practices. Also contacted were the marinas and aquaculture farms of the area.

**City of London, Old Oak SWM Pond, London, Ontario.** Aided in gathering of field data by completing vegetation inventories and community descriptions, as well as, completing a detailed floral list for the study area.

**City of Guelph, Burke Well, Guelph, Ontario.** Aided with compilation of vegetation inventories and community descriptions.

***Mining***

**Labrador Iron Mines, Labrador Iron Mines, Environmental Impact Study, Schefferville, Quebec.** Assisted in the completion of vegetation community delineations by aerial photography interpretation followed by ground truthing using the Canadian Vegetation Classification System. Compiled a detailed plant species list for each of the three specific areas of interest. Helped in the completion of the baseline breeding birds report.

**San Gold Corporation, Bissett Gold Mine Tailings Pond Expansion, Bissett, Manitoba.** Helped in the completion of vegetation inventories to determine existing conditions for the expansion of the tailings ponds.

**Bancroft Uranium, Bancroft, Ontario.** Completed the delineation of vegetation communities using aerial photography interpretation followed by field investigations.

**Sydney Tar Ponds Agency, Sydney Tar Ponds – Baseline Avifauna**

**Environmental Effects Monitoring Report, Sydney, Nova Scotia.**

Assisted in the collection of background information as well as in the completion of the Avifauna baseline report.

***Subject Land Status Reports***

**City of London, Highbury and Highway 401 Expansion, London, Ontario.** Completed vegetation inventories to determine existing conditions. Completed the description of vegetation communities using proper Ecological Land Classification units according to the Ministry of Natural Resources: Ecological Land Classification System (Lee et al, 1998), and completed the final report.

**Sifton Properties, Fanshawe Ridge Wetland Subject Land Status Report, London Ontario.** Aided in the completion of field investigations, including vegetation inventories, community delineation into proper Ecological Land Classification units according to the Ministry of Natural Resources: Ecological Land Classification System (Lee et al, 1998), the delineation and staking of the wetland boundary, and in the completion of the final report.

**City of Woodstock, Parkinson SWM Pond Cleanout, Woodstock, Ontario.** Participated in the initial amphibian's survey for the study area. Assisted in field investigations by collecting vegetation samples and prepared detailed community descriptions for the final report.

***Tree Preservation Plans***

**City of Mississauga, Hanlan Feedermain Environmental Assessment, Mississauga Ontario.** Completed a tree inventory along each proposed feedermain route in order to assist in the identification in the preferred route. This included noting trees species within proximity to alternative alignments, potential impacts from proposed works. As well detailed tree data was collected including identification of dominant species, measuring diameter at breast height, assessing health, calculating height, and measuring the dripline along alternative routes as well as a description of existing riparian vegetation along various watercourse crossings.

**Sifton Properties, Hopedale Tree Preservation Plan, London Ontario.** Collected tree inventory data by identifying individual species, measuring diameter at breast height, assessing health, calculating height, and measuring the dripline in order to complete a Tree Preservation Plan.

**Toronto Island Watermain extension – EA, Toronto Ontario.** Aided in the collection of tree data. This included the identification of tree species, measuring the diameter at breast height, calculating height, assessing health and measuring the dripline. This information was then used to complete a Tree Preservation Plan.

**City of London, Innovation Park Phase 4, London Ontario.** Completed significant woodland/wetland boundary staking using the dripline of edge trees. Completed vegetation inventories and tree inventory noting species, diameter at breast height, health and height. This information was used to determine the existing conditions of the subject property in order to complete a Tree Preservation Plan.

***Environmental Monitoring***

**Bancroft Uranium, Bancroft, Ontario.** Completed the delineation of vegetation conditions using aerial photography interpretation followed by field investigations.

***Woodland Assessments***

**Pen Equity Corporation and Goal Ventures Inc., Subject Land Status Report. London Ontario.** Conducted necessary site investigations to complete a woodland evaluation following criteria set out by the City of London.

**Sifton Properties, Van Horik Woodland Assessment, London, Ontario.** Assisted in the completion of field investigations, which included the collection of detailed plant lists and the delineation of different communities within the woodland using the Ministry's Ecological Land Classification System.



# Pete Read-Faunal Related Resume to 2011

**Education:** Hons. B.Sc. Zoology / Ecology. (University of Western Ontario)

## Experience:

Projects marked with \*\* indicate I was working as part of Dave Martin's Environmental Consulting team of faunal surveyors

### 2012

Acted as "expert" bird hike leader in May at Point Pelee NP for Friends of Point Pelee

### 2011

- Avian studies for Wind Turbine Projects on Amherst Island.
- Avian studies for rail and storage yard development in Sept Isle, Quebec.
- Various avian studies for AECOM in London and area, and for 404 extension.
- \*\*Observations at Eagle nests in South-western Ontario for post wind turbine construction (Chatham-Kent)
- Acted as "expert" bird hike leader in May at Point Pelee NP for Friends of Point Pelee

### 2010

- \*\*Faunal studies at sites for wind turbine projects (Haldimand and Norfolk)
- Designing and Constructing Enclosures and Consulting for Loggerhead Shrike Recovery Program employed by Toronto Metropolitan Zoo. (continuing program).
- Acted as "expert" bird hike leader in May at Point Pelee NP for Friends of Point Pelee

### 2009

- \*\*Faunal surveys at sites for wind turbines (Middlesex, Bruce, Grey, Norfolk and Haldimand)
- \*\*Faunal surveys in 37 woodlots in Tecumseh, Essex County.
- Designing and Constructing Enclosures and Consulting for Loggerhead Shrike Recovery Program employed by Wildlife Preservation Canada and Canadian Wildlife Service. (continuing program).
- Acted as "expert" bird hike leader in May at Point Pelee NP for Friends of Point Pelee

### 2008

- \*\*Field studies, mostly road surveys of avifauna for wind turbine projects (Chatham-Kent, Middlesex, Lambton)
- Designing and Constructing Enclosures and Consulting for Loggerhead Shrike Recovery Program employed by Wildlife Preservation Canada and Canadian Wildlife Service. (continuing program).
- Acted as "expert" bird hike leader in May at Point Pelee NP for Friends of Point Pelee

### 2007

- \*\*Field studies of avifauna for wind turbine projects (Chatham-Kent, Middlesex)
- \*\*took part in surveys and habitat assessments for Acadian Flycatchers and Hooded Warblers at various sites in Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford and Lambton Counties
- Designing and Constructing Enclosures and Consulting for Loggerhead Shrike Recovery Program employed by Wildlife Preservation Canada and Canadian Wildlife Service. (continuing program).
- Acted as "expert" bird hike leader in May at Point Pelee NP for Friends of Point Pelee

### 2006

- \*\*Field studies of avifauna for wind turbine projects (locations, migration watches) in Dover Township and near Amherstburg.
- Designing and Constructing Enclosures and Consulting for Loggerhead Shrike Recovery Program employed by Wildlife Preservation Canada and Canadian Wildlife Service (continuing program).
- Acted as "expert" bird hike leader in May at Point Pelee NP for Friends of Point Pelee

## 2005

- Crew Leader for Boreal inventories of birds (locations, habitats, point counts) and wildlife in different regions of North Western Ontario employed by Federation of Ontario Naturalists (Ontario Nature), Boreal Initiative, and Atlas of Breeding Birds for a joint study. In charge of program, transportation, accommodations, communications with First Nations People on trip, final reports, etc.
- Bird survey work (locations, habitats, point counts) as one of the summer field work crew leaders in area near Algonquin Park, hired by Atlas of Breeding Birds for Ontario.
- Designing and Constructing Enclosures and Consulting for Loggerhead Shrike Recovery Program employed by Wildlife Preservation Canada and Canadian Wildlife Service(continuing program)
- Acted as “expert” bird hike leader in May at Point Pelee NP for Friends of Point Pelee

## 2004

- Crew member for Boreal Forest inventories of birds (locations, habitats, point counts) and other wildlife during summer field season, in North Western Ontario, employed by Federation of Ontario Naturalists (Ontario Nature), Boreal Initiative, and Atlas of Breeding Birds for a joint study.
- Collection of nest records, habitat studies, banding, blood sampling of Acadian Flycatchers for the Acadian Flycatcher research program in South Western Ontario run by Dr. Bonnie Wolfenden, York University.
- Designing and Constructing Enclosures and Consulting for Loggerhead Shrike Recovery Program employed by Wildlife Preservation Canada and Canadian Wildlife Service.
- Acted as “expert” bird hike leader in May at Point Pelee NP for Friends of Point Pelee

## 2003

- Breeding bird survey work (locations, habitats, point counts) studying in area near Temagami, North Bay, Sudbury regions for Atlas of Breeding Birds and Federation of Ontario Naturalists (Ontario Nature).
- Acted as “expert” bird hike leader in May at Point Pelee NP for Friends of Point Pelee

## 2002

- \*\* Faunal surveys at Clear Creek, Chatham-Kent, for the Nature Conservancy of Canada
- \*\* Faunal surveys for the Fort Erie Natural Areas Inventory for Dougan and Associates
- \*\* Faunal surveys at Bickford Oak Woods, Lambton, for Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
- \*\* Amphibian surveys at Komoka PP Reserve, Middlesex,
- \*\* Surveys for Acadian Flycatcher and Hooded Warblers at southwestern Ontario Core sites for Canadian Wildlife Service
- Acted as “expert” bird hike leader in May at Point Pelee NP for Friends of Point Pelee

## 2001

- \*\* Faunal Surveys for Komoka Provincial Park
- \*\* Habitat assessment and nest productivity of Acadian Flycatcher in southwestern Ontario for Canadian Wildlife Service and Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
- Acted as “expert” bird hike leader in May at Point Pelee NP for Friends of Point Pelee

## 2000

- \*\* Surveys for Acadian Flycatcher and Hooded Warblers at southwestern Ontario Core sites for Canadian Wildlife Service

## 1999

- \*\* Searched for Acadian Flycatchers at ravine and upland forest sites in Elgin, Middlesex and Lambton Counties for Bird Studies Canada.

## 1998

- \*\* Searched for breeding Acadian Flycatchers, Hooded Warblers and other VTE species at known sites in southwestern Ontario and noted habitat features at breeding territories. Bird Studies Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service, World Wildlife Fund Canada

## 1997

- \*\* Searched for breeding Acadian Flycatchers, Hooded Warblers and Prothonotary Warblers and other VTE species at known sites in southwestern Ontario and noted habitat features at breeding territories. Bird Studies Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service, World Wildlife Fund Canada

## Additional...

**1975+** Organizer or co-ordinator for the following projects:

- \* London Peregrine Project (1995-2005) MNR advisor and co-ordinator of volunteers for monitoring nest site
- \* Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (2001-2005) member of Atlas Co-ordinators team, Region 4
- \* London Audubon Christmas Bird Count (since 1983) co-ordinate and compile, as well as participate
- \* Audubon Field Notes (since 1983) contributor/editor for Middlesex County
- \* Middlesex Bird Records Compiler and Committee Chair –recording and compiling bird records for Middlesex County and chairing the evaluations of record committee (1983+)
- \* Compiled Bird Checklist for Komoka Provincial Park for Ontario Parks (1985)

**1975+** Participated as a volunteer in the following data collection/monitoring programs

- \* Audubon Christmas Bird Counts (40+ counts since 1975)
- \* Atlas of the Mammals of Ontario for Middlesex (1990-1992)
- \* Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario (1985-1987)
- \* CWS Breeding Bird Surveys (10+ years, 3 routes)
- \* CWS Forest Bird Monitoring (Skunk's Misery Forest 1990 to 2001)
- \* CWS Species at Risk Studies (1990s)
- \* CWS Endangered Species Studies (2001)
- \* Mcllwraith Field Naturalists of London Thames River Breeding Bird Census (1985 - 90)
- \* Mcllwraith Field Naturalists of London Life Science Inventories (Skunk's Misery, Komoka P.P. Reserve)

## Related Natural History Experiences

- 2005 Member of interpretive staff for Akademik Ioffe, cruise ship to Antarctica for Peregrine Tours
- 1995-1997 Teacher at Outdoor Education Facilities in London, Ontario (JK-OAC)
- 2001+ Trip Leader for Worldwide Quest Nature Tours (Cuba, Costa Rica, Iceland, Amazon).
- 2001+ Trip Leader for Friends of Point Pelee
- 1980+ Numerous hikes for various nature clubs such as the Ontario Field Ornithologists, Ontario Nature / Federation of Ontario Naturalists, Nature London / Mcllwraith Field Naturalists, and Canadian Nature Federation.
- 1980 -1990 Teacher of birding interest courses with associated field trips for Fanshawe College and University of Western Ontario

## Recent Publications.

Read, P. *McCowan's Longspur: New to Ontario*. In Ontario Birds, August 2006, Volume 24, number 2. Ontario Field Ornithologists.

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J.C. Findlay. 1984, revised 1990s. *A Bird-finding Guide to Canada* ( selected, wrote and revised section on London, St. Thomas and Sarnia) Hurtig Publ

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Read, Peter. From 1983+ *Seasonal Bird Reports*. In: The Cardinal, 4 times a year. Nature London / The Mcllwraith Field Naturalists of London.

Read, Peter. From 1983+ *many articles including trip reports, news items, but also birding articles such as... Osprey Nesting in Middlesex , Sharp-shinned Hawk Rescue, Peregrine Falcon Nesting, etc.* In: The Cardinal. Nature London / The Mcllwraith Field Naturalists of London.



## Awards

**The Conservation Award** in recognition of outstanding contributions to conservation from The Mcllwraith Field Naturalists of London, 1996

**Ministry of Natural Resources Great Lakes Raptor Recovery Program** in recognition of outstanding contributions to the restoration, recovery and conservation of raptor populations in the great lakes basin, London Project Peregrine, 1996

**Ontario Field Ornithologists** certificate of appreciation, Sept 2000

**Federation of Ontario Naturalists (Ontario Nature)** for outstanding commitment to nature as teacher, volunteer, birder and researcher, May 2002

**The W. E. Saunders Award of Merit** in recognition of outstanding contributions to The Mcllwraith Field Naturalists of London, November 2004

**Nature London Special Recognition Award** in recognition of 26 years on the Board of Directors for Nature London/Mcllwraith Field Naturalists of London, November 2009

## Related Affiliations/Memberships/Positions:

American Birding Association member

Canadian Nature Federation member

Ontario Nature / Federation of Ontario Naturalists member

Friends of Point Pelee member

Long Point Bird Observatory/Bird Studies Canada member

Nature London / Mcllwraith Field Naturalists of London-former Chairperson Birding Wing 1985-2009

-Vice president 2010-2011

-President as of Sept. 2011

Ontario Field Ornithologists-Life/charter member

Woodland Advisory Committee for the County of Middlesex-member since 2007

Komoka Provincial Park Advisory Committee (completed 2005)

## References (others as needed)

1. Quest Nature Tours- 1-800-387-1483
2. Dave Martin- 1-519-269-3262
3. Ian Platt- 1- 519- 438-3330



## Tom Shorney Ecologist

### Professional History

07/25/2011 - present, AECOM, Ecologist  
03/20/2011 – 07/22/2011, Quiet Nature, Restoration technician  
06/2008 – 12/17, 2010, Natural Resources Canada, Great Lakes Forestry Centre, Ecological Technician

### Education

Diploma, Ecosystems Management Technology, Sir Sandford Fleming College

### Years of Experience

With AECOM: 4 months

### Training and Certifications

Ecological Land Classification Certification 2012

First Aid Certification, St. John's Ambulance 2012

Diploma, Ecosystems Management Technology, Sir Sandford Fleming College

WHIMIS training

Canadian Pleasure Craft Operator

Tom Shorney is a Terrestrial Ecologist with 4 years of field experience, with a keen interest in Birds and Amphibians. Since having joined the AECOM team in the summer of 2011, Tom has participated in both small and large scale projects. The majority of Tom's experience in the consulting industry has involved assisting in Ecological Land Classification field work, as well as general stream measurements. He has had a major role in preparing Environmental Impact studies, and utilizing the Natural Heritage Information Centre for background species research.

### Experience

#### *Renewable Energy*

##### **NextEra Energy Canada**

Along with a team of ecologists, several terrestrial investigations were conducted over a large spatial area for the purpose of wind energy. Specific investigations involved Ecological Land Classification (ELC) surveys, Significant Wildlife Habitat surveys, and wetland investigations. During the breeding season for amphibians, day searches and night call surveys were conducted. Monitored the distance of turbine locations to natural features during the micro-siting process.

#### *Class Environmental Assessments*

##### **Huron Bridge, City of Kitchener**

Performed terrestrial field investigations including the characterization of the surrounding vegetative communities along Schneider creek and prepared a photographic log.

##### **Cooksville Creek Erosion Control Study, EA**

Assisted in characterizing the terrestrial environment using Ecological Land Classification (ELC) techniques. Compiled a complete floral species list of plants in the area. Performed aquatic field investigations including stream depth, stream width, mineral composition of stream bottom, bank stabilization, and photo log. Contacted area officials regarding Species at Risk, and prepared the existing conditions portion of the report.

**Reece Bridge Restoration Project, EA**

Assisted in field investigations such as classifying the terrestrial environment using Ecological Land Classification guidelines; and gathered specific background information using Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC).

**Forest City, City of London**

Performed field investigations pertaining to Stormwater Management Facility. Project required Aerial Photograph interpretation, NHIC search for background information, and the close contact with city and conservation authorities. Played key role in preparing the report.

**Cedar Creek, City of Woodstock**

Conducted a complete tree survey within study area including components such as: species, Diameter at breast height (DBH), tree condition, distances from stream, and GPS waypoints. Conducted background search and was in contact with provincial authorities.

**Monitoring****Uplands North Storm Water Management – Wetland Monitoring Program, City of London**

Assisted in the preparation of a 3 year monitoring program which track the potential affects that development of a Storm Water Management Pond may have on the surrounding wetland. 5 plots were constructed in randomly selected areas, where vegetation communities will be closely monitored as well as, Water depth, water quality and tree health.

**Upper York Sewage Solutions, The Regional Municipality of York, EA**

Played a role in the completion of terrestrial investigations such as classifying vegetative communities and preparing a photographic log.

**Kitchener Waste Water Treatment Plant**

Assisted in the completion of terrestrial investigations which included photo interpretation, vegetation inventories which included using the ELC protocol, identified and measured trees and photographic log.

**Highway 2 Rapid Bus, Regional Municipality of Durham, Existing Environmental Conditions**

Performed terrestrial investigations along entire study which included classification of vegetative communities using ELC units, roadside tree inventory, photographic log and general notes. Supplied background information using the Natural Heritage Information Centre's (NHIC) Biodiversity explorer, and assisted in the preparation of the report.



**Barrie-Oliver, Class Environmental Assessment\**

Performed Background information research using the Natural Heritage Information Centre's (NHIC) Biodiversity explorer, as well as prepared a Species at Risk (SAR) table which outlines the species, their preferred habitat and when the species was last spotted.

**Species at Risk Assessment for Highway 81**

Developed an information card for area citizens pertaining to the identification features of the Chimney Swift, which is listed as a Species at Risk.

# Appendix D

## Weather Conditions during Site Investigations

# Appendix D

## Weather Conditions during Bluewater Amendment Site Investigation Surveys – 2012

Weather Station: ..... Goderich

Climate Identifier: ..... 6122847

Field Date	Max. Temp. (°C)	Min. Temp. (°C)	Total Precip. (mm)	Speed of Max. Gust (km/h)	Average Wind Speed (km/hr) <sup>1</sup>
4/17/2012	4.9	-1.4	0	39	14.5
4/19/2012	11.3	6.9	0	41	17.7
4/23/2012	7.4	3.3	0	67	29.9
5/16/2012	12.4	4.6	2.9	44	19.9

Note: 1. At the time of this report, Environment Canada's National Climate Data and Information Archive did not have the wind speed from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. The average wind speed, therefore, was calculated using the wind speed data available.



# Appendix E

## Vascular Plant Species List



Nextera - Bluewater Study Area

Appendix H. Plant Species List

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	Coefficient of Conservation		Weedness Index	Provincial Status	COMR Status	Global Status	Local Status Huron County	S14 BLW1603&1658 April 17, 2012	S14 BLW1603&1658 April 17, 2012	S51 BLW135&1371 April 19, 2012	S51 BLW135&1371 April 23, 2012	S55 (SCP-01) Vascular Plant Survey FOD9-5	S82 BLW1315 May 16, 2012
		Oltham et al	Oltham et al											
<b>Grossulariaceae</b>														
<i>Ribes</i>	Current Family													
<i>americainum</i>	Wild Black Currant	4	-3											
<i>cyrosobol</i>	Prickly Gooseberry	4	5											
<i>lacustris</i>	Swamp Black Currant	7	-3											
<b>Juglandaceae</b>														
<i>Juglans</i>	Walnut Family													
<i>cordiformis</i>	Bitternut hickory	6	0											
<i>cinerea</i>	Black Walnut	5	3											
<i>glabra</i>	White Walnut	3	S4											
<b>Umbelliferae</b>														
<i>Worm</i>	Wild Family													
<i>oleifera</i>	Olive Family	4	5											
<b>Ericaceae</b>														
<i>americana</i>	White Ash	4	3											
<i>glabra</i>	Black Ash	7	-4											
<i>peninsylvanica</i>	Green ash	3	-3											
<b>Onagraceae</b>														
<i>eveningprimrose</i>	Eveningprimrose Family													
<i>crucifera</i>	Enchanter's Nightshade	3	3											
<i>poppy</i>	Poppy Family													
<i>bloodroot</i>	Bloodroot	5	4											
<b>Plantaginaceae</b>														
<i>plantain</i>	Plantain Family													
<i>plantain</i>	Plantain Family													
<i>phlox</i>	Phlox Family													
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>														
<i>buttercup</i>	Buttercup Family													
<i>canadensis</i>	Canada Anemone	3	-3											
<i>bulbosus</i>	Marsh-marigold	5	-6											
<i>pubescens</i>	Tall Meadow-rue													
<b>Rhamnaceae</b>														
<i>butcherbush</i>	Butcherbush Family													
<i>common</i>	Common Buckhorn	3	-3											
<b>Rosaceae</b>														
<i>rose</i>	Rose Family													
<i>large-flowered</i>	Large-flowered Thorn	4	5											
<i>spinescens</i>	Spinescens	2	1											
<i>virginiana</i>	Virginia Strawberry	2	-1											
<i>glabra</i>	Yellow Avens	2	-1											
<i>umbellata</i>	Common apple	5	-1											
<i>strawberry</i>	Black Cherry	3	3											
<i>virginiana</i>	Virginia ssp. virginiana	2	1											
<i>pyrus</i>	Pear species	2	1											
<i>rubus</i>	Red Raspberry	3	5											
<i>odoratus</i>	Purple-flowered Raspberry	3	5											
<i>accipiteria</i>	European Mountain-ash	3	-2											
<b>Salicaceae</b>														
<i>salix</i>	Willow Family													
<i>salix</i>	Willow species	4	-1											
<b>Tiliaceae</b>														
<i>linden</i>	Linden Family													
<b>Ulmaceae</b>														
<i>elm</i>	American Basswood	4	3											
<i>elm</i>	White Elm	3	-2											
<b>Urticaceae</b>														
<i>nettle</i>	Nettle Family													
<i>stinging</i>	European Stinging Nettle	-1	-1											
<b>Violaceae</b>														
<i>viola</i>	Viola Family													
<i>dog</i>	Dog Violet	4	-2											
<i>holboellii</i>	Early Yellow Violet	5	4											
<b>MONOCOTYLEDONS</b>														
<b>Asteraceae</b>														
<i>arisaema</i>	Arum Family													
<i>triphyllum</i>	Small Jack-in-the-pulpit	5	-2											
<b>Cyperaceae</b>														
<i>scirpus</i>	Sedge Family													
<i>long-stalked</i>	Long-stalked Sedge	5	5											
<b>Liliaceae</b>														
<i>lily</i>	Lily Family													
<i>leuk</i>	Wild Leek	7	2											
<i>truncatum</i>	Wild Leek	5	5											
<b>Erythronium</b>														
<i>americanum</i>	American ssp. americanum	5	5											
<b>Menyanthes</b>														
<i>americanum</i>	Wild Lily-of-the-valley	3	0											
<b>Polypodiaceae</b>														
<i>polypodium</i>	Hair Spleenwort	5	5											
<b>Stratiotaceae</b>														
<i>stratiotis</i>	Reese Twisted-stalk	10	-1											
<b>Trillium</b>														
<i>trillium</i>	White Trillium	5	5											

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BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	Conservation	Webster Index	Provincial Status	COSEWIC Status	Global Status	Local Status Huron County	514	514	551	551	555	555	582
		et al.	et al.					BLW1603&1658	BLW1603&1658	BLW1358&1371	BLW1358&1371	BLW1329	BLW1329	BLW1315
								April 17, 2012	April 17, 2012	April 19, 2012	April 23, 2012	June 19, 2012	May 16, 2012	
<b>Orchidaceae</b>														
<i>Epipactis helleborine</i>	Orchid Family		5	-2	SE1	G7	I							
<b>Poaceae</b>														
<i>Poa annua</i>	Common Hairgrass		3	-1	SE1	G7	I							
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Orchard Grass		3	-1	SE1	G7	I							
<i>Glycerhiza striata</i>	Field Manns Grass		3	-5	S5	G5	X							
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed Canary Grass		0	-1	S5	G5	X							
<i>Poa pratensis</i>	Kentucky Bluegrass		0	-1	S5	G5	X							

FLORISTIC SUMMARY & ASSESSMENT

**Species Diversity**  
 Native Species: 62  
 Exotic Species: 17  
 Total Taxa in Region (List Region, Source): 10000  
 % Regional Taxa Recorded: 0.82%  
 Significant Species: 0  
 S1-S3 Species: 1  
 S4 Species: 1  
 S5 Species: 66

**Coefficient of Conservatism and Floral Quality Index**  
 Coefficient of Conservatism (CC) (average): 4.20  
 CC 0 to 3: lowest sensitivity  
 CC 4 to 6: moderate sensitivity  
 CC 7 to 9: high sensitivity  
 CC 10 to 11: highest sensitivity

**Floral Quality Index (FQI)**  
 33.86

**Presence of Weedy & Invasive Species**  
 mean weediness: 2.06  
 weediness = -1: low potential invasiveness  
 weediness = -2: moderate potential invasiveness  
 weediness = -3: high potential invasiveness

**Presence of Wetland Species**  
 large wetness value: 1.51  
 wetness = 24  
 facultative upland: 20  
 facultative: 14  
 facultative wetland: 18  
 obligate wetland: 2

**EXPLANATION OF TERMINOLOGY**  
 Botanical and Common Name: From Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS), 2012.  
 Conservation Status: From the Committee on the Status of the World's Plant Species, 2000.  
 Webster Index: This value, ranging from -1 (low) to +3 (high) quantifies the potential invasiveness of non-native plants. In combination with the percentage of non-native plants, it can be used as an indicator of disturbance.  
 Provincial Status: Provincial ranks are used by the NRC to set protection priorities for rare species and natural communities. These ranks are not legal designations. 'U' and 'S5' species are generally uncommon to common in the province. Species ranked 'S1-S3' are considered native and very uncommon.  
 COSEWIC Status: COSEWIC ranks are used by the Government of Canada to set protection priorities for rare species and natural communities. These ranks are not legal designations. 'U' and 'S5' species are generally uncommon to common in the province. Species ranked 'S1-S3' are considered native and very uncommon.  
 Global Status: Global ranks are used by the IUCN to set protection priorities for rare species and natural communities. These ranks are not legal designations. 'U' and 'S5' species are generally uncommon to common in the province. Species ranked 'S1-S3' are considered native and very uncommon.  
 Local Status: Local ranks are used by the NRC to set protection priorities for rare species and natural communities. These ranks are not legal designations. 'U' and 'S5' species are generally uncommon to common in the province. Species ranked 'S1-S3' are considered native and very uncommon.  
 Dominant (D): represented by large numbers, generally forming >10% ground cover or >25% vegetation in any one stratum.  
 Abundant (A): represented by moderate numbers, generally forming 5-10% ground cover or 10-25% vegetation in any one stratum.  
 Uncommon (U): present as widespread scattered individuals or represented by one or more clumps of many individuals.  
 Rare (R): represented in the polygon by less than five individuals or small clumps.

**DEFINITIONS OF WEEDINESS AND FLORAL QUALITY**  
 Botanical Quality Index and Coefficient of Conservatism Values  
 Vegetation species and community sensitivity was assessed through the application of coefficient of conservatism values (CC). The value of CC, ranging from 0 (low) to 10 (high), is based on a species tolerance of disturbance and fidelity to specific habitat integrity. The occurrence of species with a CC of 9 or 10 can be good indicators of undisturbed conditions such as mature forests, fens or bogs.  
 General habitat values associated with the CC values are:  
 0-3: species found in a wide variety of communities, including disturbed sites  
 4-6: species found in a wide variety of communities, including disturbed sites  
 7-8: species associated with a community in an advanced successional stage, tolerant of minor disturbances  
 9-10: species with a high degree of fidelity to a narrow range of synecological parameters





# Appendix F

## Wildlife Species List

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Taxon	Common Name	Scientific Name	Provincial Status (S Rank) <sup>1</sup>
Birds	American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	S5B
	Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	S5
	Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	S5
	Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	S4B
	Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperi</i>	S4
	Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	S5
	Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	S5B
	House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	S5B
	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	S5B, S5N
	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	S5
	Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	S5
	Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	S4B
	Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	S4
	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	S5
	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	S5
	Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	S5B
	Vesper Sparrow	<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>	S4B
	White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	S4B
	Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	S5
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	S5B	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	S5B	
<b>Butterflies</b>	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	S5
<b>Amphibians</b>	Wood Frog	<i>Rana (Lithobates) sylvatica</i>	S5

<sup>1</sup> S Rank (from Natural Heritage Information Centre): S1 (Critically Imperiled), S2 (Imperiled) or S3 (Vulnerable), S4 (apparently secure, uncommon), or S5 (secure, common).

# Appendix H

## OWES Evaluation for Stanley Big Drain Wetland





**WETLAND DATA AND SCORING RECORD**

i) **WETLAND NAME:** Stanley Big Drain Wetland

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ii) **MNR ADMINISTRATIVE REGION:** Southern **DISTRICT:** Guelph

**AREA OFFICE (if different from District):** \_\_\_\_\_

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iii) **CONSERVATION AUTHORITY JURISDICTION:** Asauble Bayfield Conservation Authority

(If not within a designated CA, check here: \_\_\_\_\_)

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iv) **COUNTY OR REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY:** Huron County

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v) **TOWNSHIP:** Municipality of Bluewater and Municipality of Huoron East

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vi) **LOTS & CONCESSIONS:**  
(attach separate sheet if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

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vii) **MAP AND AIR PHOTO REFERENCES**

a) Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

b) UTM grid reference: Zone: 17 Block: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grid:E 45106945 Grid:N 4816425.55

c) National Topographic Series:  
map name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
map number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ edition \_\_\_\_\_  
scale \_\_\_\_\_

d) Aerial photographs: Date photo taken: 2010 Scale: \_\_\_\_\_  
Flight & plate numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(attach separate sheet if necessary)

e) Ontario Base Map numbers & scale \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(attach separate sheets if necessary)







**1.0 BIOLOGICAL COMPONENT**

**1.1 PRODUCTIVITY**

**1.1.1 GROWING DEGREE-DAYS/SOILS**

**GROWING DEGREE DAYS**

(check one)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ <2800
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 2800 -3200
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 3200 -3600
- 4)   x   3600 -4000
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ >4000

**SOILS**

Estimated Fractional Area

- \_\_\_\_\_ clay/loam
- \_\_\_\_\_ silt/marl
- \_\_\_\_\_ limestone
- 1.00   sand
- \_\_\_\_\_ humic/mesic
- \_\_\_\_\_ fibric
- \_\_\_\_\_ granite

*Determine the soil type from the appropriate OMAF soils maps*

SCORING:

Growing Degree-Days	Clay-Loam	Silt-Marl	Lime-stone	Sand	Humic-Mesic	Fibric	Granite
<2800	15	13	11	9	8	7	5
2800-3200	18	15	13	11	9	8	7
3200-3600	22	18	15	13	11	9	7
3600-4000	26	21	18	15	13	10	8
>4000	30	25	20	18	15	12	8

(maximum score 30; if wetland contains more than one soil type, evaluate based on the fractional area)

Steps required for evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_ (maximum score 30 points)

1. Select GDD line in evaluation table applicable to your wetland;
2. Determine fractional area of the wetland for each soil type;
3. Multiply fractional area of each soil type by score;
4. Sum individual soil type scores (round to nearest whole number).

In wetland complexes the evaluator should aim at determining the percentage of area occupied by the categories for the complex as a whole.

Score		
_____	clay/loam	0.00
_____	silt/marl	0.00
_____	limestone	0.00
<u>  15  </u>	sand	15.00
_____	humic/mesic	0.00
_____	fibric	0.00
_____	granite	0.00

**Final Score Growing Degree-Days/Soils (maximum 30 points)**

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1.1.2 **WETLAND TYPE** (Fractional Area = area of wetland type/total wetland area)

*Estimate the Wetland Type from air photos or default to "swamp" (8)*

Fractional Area		Score	
Bog		x 3	0.0
Fen		x 6	0.0
Swamp	0.92	x 8	7.4
Marsh	0.05	x 15	0.8
		Subtotal:	8.1

**Wetland type score (maximum 15 points)**

8

1.1.3 **SITE TYPE** (Fractional Area = area of site type/total wetland area)

*Estimate from air photos*

	Fractional Area		Score
Isolated	0.00	x 1 =	0.00
Palustrine (permanent or intermittent flow)	0.70	x 2 =	1.40
Riverine	0.30	x 4 =	1.20
Riverine (at rivermouth)	0.00	x 5 =	0.00
Lacustrine (at rivermouth)	0.00	x 5 =	0.00
Lacustrine (on enclosed bay, with barrier beach)	0.00	x 3 =	0.00
Lacustrine (exposed to lake)	0.00	x 2 =	0.00
		Sub Total:	2.60

**Site Type Score (maximum 5 points)**

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**1.2 BIODIVERSITY**

1.2.1 **NUMBER OF WETLAND TYPES**

(Check only one)

	Score
1) <input type="checkbox"/> one	9 points
2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13 two	13
3) <input type="checkbox"/> three	20
4) <input type="checkbox"/> four	30

**Number of Wetland Types Score (maximum 30 points)**

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1.2.2 VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

Attach a separate sheet listing community (map) codes,vegetation forms and dominant species.  
Use the form on the following page to record percent area by dominant vegetation form. This information will be used in other parts of the evaluation.

Communities should be grouped by number of forms. For example, 2 form communities might appear as follows:

2 forms

<u>Code</u>	<u>Forms</u>	<u>Dominant Species</u>
M6	re, ff	re, <i>Typha latifolia</i> ; ff, <i>Lemna minor</i> , <i>Wolffia</i>
S1	ts, gc	ts, <i>Salix discolor</i> ; gc, <i>Impatiens capensis</i> , <i>Thelypteris palustris</i>

Note that the dominant species for each form are separated by a semicolon. The dominant species (maximum of 2) within a form are separated by commas.

Scoring:

Total # of communities with 1-3 forms	Total # of communities with 4 -5 forms	Total # of communities with 6 or more forms
1 = 1.5 points	1 = 2 points	1 = 3 points
2 = 2.5	2 = 3.5	2 = 5
3 = 3.5	3 = 5	3 = 7
4 = 4.5	4 = 6.5	4 = 9
5 = 5	5 = 7.5	5 = 10.5
6 = 5.5	6 = 8.5	6 = 12
7 = 6	7 = 9.5	7 = 13.5
8 = 6.5	8 = 10.5	8 = 15
9 = 7	9 = 11.5	9 = 16.5
10 = 7.5	10 = 12.5	10 = 18
11 = 8	11 = 13	11 = 19

+ .5 each additional community = <u>5.0</u>	+ .5 each additional community = <u>3.5</u>	+ 1 each additional community = <u>        </u>
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e.g., a wetland with 3 one form communities      4 two form communities      12 four form communities and 8 six form communities would score:

$$6 + 13.5 + 15 = 34.5 = 35 \text{ points}$$

**Vegetation Communities Score (maximum 45 points)** 9

Wetland Name: Stanley Big Drain Wetland

Wetland Size (ha): 50.18

Vegetation Form	% area in which form is dominant
h	<u>92.77</u>
c	<u>          </u>
dh	<u>          </u>
dc	<u>          </u>
ts	<u>          </u>
ls	<u>          </u>
ds	<u>          </u>
gc	<u>          </u>
m	<u>          </u>
ne	<u>5.94</u>
be	<u>          </u>
re	<u>          </u>
ff	<u>          </u>
f	<u>          </u>
su	<u>          </u>
u (unvegetated)	<u>1.29</u>
Total = 100%	<span style="background-color: #e0f2f7; padding: 2px;"><u>100.00</u></span>



1.2.3 **DIVERSITY OF SURROUNDING HABITAT**

(Check all appropriate items(1))

*Determine from air photos*

1	row crop
	pasture
1	abandoned agricultural land
1	deciduous forest
	coniferous forest
	mixed forest (at least 25% conifer and 75% deciduous or vice versa)
	abandoned pits and quarries
	open lake or deep river
1	fence rows with cover, or shelterbelts
	terrain appreciably undulating,hilly,or with ravines
1	creek flood plain
5	Subtotal

**Diversity of Surrounding Habitat Score (1 for each, maximum 7 points)**

5

1.2.4 **PROXIMITY TO OTHER WETLANDS**

(Check first appropriate category only)

Scoring

*Determine from air photos and other wetlands evaluations in the vicinity*

1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydrologically connected by surface water to other wetlands (different dominant wetland type) or to open lake or deep river within 1.5 km	8 points
2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydrologically connected by surface water to other wetlands (same dominant wetland type) within 0.5 km	8
3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hydrologically connected by surface water to other wetlands (different dominant wetland type),or to open lake or deep river from 1.5 to 4 km away	5
4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydrologically connected by surface water to other wetlands (same dominant wetland type) from 0.5 to 1.5 km away	5
5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Within 0.75 km of other wetlands (different dominant wetland type) or open water body, but not hydrologically connected by surface water	5
6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Within 1 km of other wetlands,but not hydrologically connected by surface water	2
7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	No wetland within 1 km	0

**Proximity to other Wetlands Score (Choose one only, maximum 8 points)**

5

hydrologically connected to the Grand River and associated nearshore marshes

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1.2.5 INTERSPERSION

Optional: Complete as time permits or as scoring dictates.

Number of Intersections (Check one)			Score
1)	26 or less	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
2)	27 to 40	<input type="checkbox"/>	6
3)	41 to 60	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9	9
4)	61 to 80	<input type="checkbox"/>	12
5)	81 to 100	<input type="checkbox"/>	15
6)	101 to 125	<input type="checkbox"/>	18
7)	126 to 150	<input type="checkbox"/>	21
8)	151 to 175	<input type="checkbox"/>	24
9)	176 to 200	<input type="checkbox"/>	27
10)	>200	<input type="checkbox"/>	30

50

Interspersion Score (Choose one only maximum 30 points)

9

1.2.6 OPEN WATER TYPES

Determine from aerial photos.

Permanently flooded: (Check one)			Score
1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	type 1	8
2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	type 2	8
3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14	type 3	14
4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	type 4	20
5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	type 5	30
6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	type 6	8
7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	type 7	14
8)	<input type="checkbox"/>	type 8	3
9)	<input type="checkbox"/>	no open water	0

Open Water Type Score (Choose one only maximum 30 points)

14

**1.3 SIZE**

Score may be lower than actual if "Vegetation Community and Interspersion" have not been calculated.

50.2

hectares

55

Subtotal for Biodiversity

**Size Score (Biological Component) (maximum 50 points)**

9

Evaluation Table Size Score (Biological component)

Wetland size (ha)	Total Score for Biodiversity Subcomponent									
	<37	37-48	49-60	61-72	73-84	85-96	97-108	109-120	121-132	>132
<21 ha	1	5	7	8	9	17	25	34	43	50
21-40	5	7	8	9	10	19	28	37	46	50
41-60	6	8	9	10	11	21	31	40	49	50
61-80	7	9	10	11	13	23	34	43	50	50
81-100	8	10	11	13	15	25	37	46	50	50
101-120	9	11	13	15	18	28	40	49	50	50
121-140	10	13	15	17	21	31	43	50	50	50
141-160	11	15	17	19	23	34	46	50	50	50
161-180	13	17	19	21	25	37	49	50	50	50
181-200	15	19	21	23	28	40	50	50	50	50
201-400	17	21	23	25	31	43	50	50	50	50
401-600	19	23	25	28	34	46	50	50	50	50
601-800	21	25	28	31	37	49	50	50	50	50
801-1000	23	28	31	34	40	50	50	50	50	50
1001-1200	25	31	34	37	43	50	50	50	50	50
1201-1400	28	34	37	40	46	50	50	50	50	50
1401-1600	31	37	40	43	49	50	50	50	50	50
1601-1800	34	40	43	46	50	50	50	50	50	50
1801-2000	37	43	47	49	50	50	50	50	50	50
>2000	40	46	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50

**2.0 SOCIAL COMPONENT**

**2.1 ECONOMICALLY VALUABLE PRODUCTS**

**2.1.1 WOOD PRODUCTS**

*Determine the percentage of the wetland area dominated by "h" or "c" by using aerial photograph.*

Area of wetland forested (ha), i.e. dominant form is h or c. Note that this is not wetland size. (Check one only)    h:  c:

	Score
1) <input type="text" value="0"/> <5 ha	0
2) <input type="text" value=""/> 5 -25 ha	3
3) <input type="text" value="6"/> 26 -50 ha	6
4) <input type="text" value=""/> 51- 100 ha	9
5) <input type="text" value=""/> 101 -200 ha	12
6) <input type="text" value=""/> >200 ha	18

Source of information: Determined through a combination of aerial photography interpretation and field observations

**Wood Products Score (Score one only, maximum 18 points)**

**6**

**2.1.2 WILD RICE**

(Check one)

Present (minimum size 0.5 ha)

1)

Score (Choose one)

6 points

Absent

2)

0

Source of information: AECOM field observations

**Wild Rice Score (maximum 6 points)**

**0**

**2.1.3 COMMERCIAL FISH (BAIT FISH AND/OR COARSE FISH)**

(Check one)

Present

1)

Score (Choose one)

12 points

Habitat not suitable for fish

2)

0

Source of information: Confirmed with AECOM Aquatic Ecologists

*If any part of the wetland is riverine or the District fisheries files indicate presence of fish score "present"*

**Commercial Fish Score (maximum 12 points)**

**12**

**2.1.4 BULLFROGS**

(Check one)

Present

1)

Score (Choose one)

1 points

Absent

2)

0

Source of information: Determined through field investigations conducted by AECOM

**Bullfrog Score (maximum 1 point)**

**0**





**2.3 LANDSCAPE AESTHETICS**

*Score using ortho-aerial photography*

**2.3.1 DISTINCTNESS**

(Check one)			Score (Choose one)
Clearly distinct	1)	<input type="text" value="3"/>	3 points
Indistinct	2)	<input type="text" value=""/>	0

**Landscape Distinctness Score (maximum 3 points)**

**3**

**2.3.2 ABSENCE OF HUMAN DISTURBANCE**

(Check one)			Score (Choose one)
Human disturbances absent or nearly so	1)	<input type="text" value=""/>	7 points
One or several localized disturbances	2)	<input type="text" value=""/>	4
Moderate disturbance; localized water pollution	3)	<input type="text" value="2"/>	2
Wetland intact but impairment of ecosystem quality intense in some areas	4)	<input type="text" value=""/>	1
Extreme ecological degradation, or water pollution severe and widespread	5)	<input type="text" value=""/>	0

Source of information: AECOM observations  
Localized water pollution observed

**Absence of Human Disturbance Score (maximum 7 points)**

**2**

**2.4 EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS**

*Optional: complete as time and scoring dictates.*

**2.4.1 EDUCATIONAL USES**

(Check one)			Score (Choose one)
Frequent	1)	<input type="text" value=""/>	20 points
Infrequent	2)	<input type="text" value=""/>	12
No visits	3)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	0

Source of information: None Known

*Requires contact with Local Boards of Education.*

**Educational Uses Score (maximum 20 points)**

**0**

**2.4.2 FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS**

(check one)			Score (Choose one)
Staffed interpretation centre	1)	<input type="text" value=""/>	8 points
No interpretation centre or staff but a system of self-guiding trails or brochures available	2)	<input type="text" value=""/>	4
Facilities such as maintained paths (e.g., woodchips) boardwalks, boat launches or observation towers but no brochures or other interpretation	3)	<input type="text" value=""/>	2
No facilities or programs	4)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	0

Source of information: None Known

**Facilities and Programs Score (maximum 8 points)**

**0**

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**2.4.3 RESEARCH AND STUDIES**

(check appropriate spaces)

Long term research has been done	<input type="checkbox"/>	Score	12 points
Research papers published in refereed scientific journal or as a thesis	<input type="checkbox"/>		10
One or more (non-research) reports have been written on some aspect of the wetland 's flora fauna hydrology etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>		5
No research or reports	<input type="checkbox"/>		0
	<b>0</b>		
Subtotal:	<b>0</b>		

Attach list of known reports by above categories

**Research and Studies Score (Score is cumulative, maximum 12 points)**

**0**

**2.5 PROXIMITY TO AREAS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENT**

Circle the highest applicable score

Distance of wetland from settlement	1) population > 10,000	2) population 2,500 -10,000	3) population <2,500 or cottage community
1) Within or adjoining settlement	40 points	<input type="checkbox"/>	26
2) 0.5 to 10 km from settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	16	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) 10 to 60 km from settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) >60 km from settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>

Name of settlement: Town of Zurich - population 886

**Proximity to Human Settlement Score (maximum 40 points)**

**10**

**2.6 OWNERSHIP** (FA= fraction Area)

Score

Select a default value of "4" if no other information exists.

FA of wetland in public or private ownership held under contract or in trust for wetland protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	10	=	<input type="checkbox"/>
FA of wetland area in public ownership,not as above	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	8	=	<input type="checkbox"/>
FA of wetland area in private ownership,not as above	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	4	=	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>1.00</b>				<b>4.00</b>

Source of information: Huron County

**Ownership Score (maximum 10 points)**

**4**



[Wetlands Manual](#)2.7 **SIZE**

*The score may be lower than actual since economic and recreational values have not been completed.*

50.2

hectares

44

Subtotal for Social

## Evaluation Table for Size Score (Social Component)

Wetland Size (ha)	Total for Size Dependent Score									
	<31	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	91-105	106-120	121-135	136-150	>150
<2 ha	1	2	4	8	10	12	14	14	14	15
2 - 4ha	1	2	4	8	12	13	14	14	15	16
5 - 8ha	2	2	5	9	13	14	15	15	16	16
9 - 12ha	3	3	6	10	14	15	15	16	17	17
13-17	3	4	7	10	14	15	16	16	17	17
18-28	4	5	8	11	15	16	16	17	17	18
29-37	5	7	10	13	16	17	18	18	19	19
38-49	5	7	10	13	16	17	18	18	19	20
50-62	5	8	11	14	17	17	18	19	20	20
63-81	5	8	11	15	17	18	19	20	20	20
82-105	6	9	11	15	18	18	19	20	20	20
106-137	6	9	12	16	18	19	20	20	20	20
138-178	6	9	13	16	18	19	20	20	20	20
179-233	6	9	13	16	18	20	20	20	20	20
234-302	7	9	13	16	18	20	20	20	20	20
303-393	7	9	14	17	18	20	20	20	20	20
394-511	7	10	14	17	18	20	20	20	20	20
512-665	7	10	14	17	18	20	20	20	20	20
666-863	7	10	14	17	19	20	20	20	20	20
864-1123	8	12	15	17	19	20	20	20	20	20
1124-1460	8	12	15	17	19	20	20	20	20	20
1461-1898	8	13	15	18	19	20	20	20	20	20
1899-2467	8	14	16	18	20	20	20	20	20	20
>2467	8	14	16	18	20	20	20	20	20	20

Total Size Score (Social Component)

8.0

**2.8 ABORIGINAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUES**

Either or both Aboriginal or Cultural Values may be scored. However, the maximum score permitted for 2.8 is 30 points. Attach documentation.

**2.8.1 ABORIGINAL VALUES**

Full documentation of sources must be attached to the data record.

1) Significant		=	30 points
2) Not Significant		=	0
3) Unknown	0.0	=	0
Total:	0		

**2.8.2 CULTURAL HERITAGE**

1) Significant		=	30 points
2) Not Significant		=	0
3) Unknown	0.0	=	0
Total:	0		

**Aboriginal Values/Cultural Heritage Score (maximum 30 points)**

0.0



**3.0 HYDROLOGICAL COMPONENT**

**3.1 FLOOD ATTENUATION**

*Estimated & Calculated values can be obtained from G.I.S. data layers.*

If the wetland is a complex including isolated wetlands, apportion the 100 points according to area.

For example if 10 ha of a 100 ha complex is isolated, the isolated portion receives the maximum proportional score of 10. The remainder of the wetland is then evaluated out of 90.

**Step 1:** Detennination of Maximum Score

- \_\_\_\_\_ Wetland is located on one of the defined 5 large lakes or 5 major rivers  
(Go to Step 4)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wetland is entirely isolated (i.e. not part of a complex) (Go to Step 4)
- X   All other wetland types (Go through Steps 2,3 and 4B)

**Step 2:** Determination of Upstream Detention Factor (DF)

(a)	Wetland area (ha)		<u>50.18</u>	
(b)	Total area (ha) of upstream detention areas (include the wetland itself)		<u>66.35</u>	<i>estimate</i>
(c)	Ratio of (a):(b)		<u>1.00</u>	
(d)	Upstream detention factor: (c) x 2 =	<u>(0.75)*2</u>	<u>1.00</u>	
	(maximum allowable factor = 1)			

**Step 3:** Determination of Wetland Attenuation Factor (AF)

(a)	Wetland area (ha)		<u>50.18</u>	
(b)	Size of catchment basin (ha) upstream of wetland (include wetland itself in catchment area)		<u>2306.00</u>	<i>calculate</i>
(c)	Ratio of (a):(b)		<u>0.02</u>	
(d)	Wetland attenuation factor: (c) x 10 =	<u>0.2</u>	<u>0.22</u>	
	(maximum allowable factor = 1)			

**Step 4:** Calculation of final score

(a)	Wetlands on large lakes or major rivers		0	
(b)	Wetland entirely isolated		100	
(b)	All other wetlands --calculate as follows:			
(c)	* Complex Formula - Isolated portion	<u>100.00</u>		
	Initial Score		100 *	
	Upstream detention factor (DF) (Step 2)		<u>1.00</u>	
	Wetland attenuation factor (AF) (Step 3)		<u>0.22</u>	
	Final score: [(DF + AF)/2] x Initial score =		<u>61.00</u>	
(c)	* Final score:=	<u>61</u>		
	*Unless wetland is a complex with isolated portions (see above).			

**Flood Attenuation Score (maximum 100 points)** 61.0

**3.2 WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**

**3.2.1 SHORT TERM WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**

**Step 1: Determination of maximum initial score**

	Wetland on one of the 5 defined large lakes or 5 major rivers (Go to Step 5a)
X	All other wetlands (Go through Steps 2, 3, 4, and 5b)

**Step 2: Determination of watershed improvement factor (WIF)**

Calculation of WIF is based on the fractional area (FA) of each site type that makes up the total area of the wetland.

(FA= area of site type/total area of wetland)	Fractional Area				
FA of isolated wetland	0.00	x	0.5	=	0.00
FA of riverine wetland	0.30	x	1	=	0.30
FA of palustrine wetland with no inflow	0.70	x	0.7	=	0.49
FA of palustrine wetland with inflows		x	1	=	0.00
FA of lacustrine on lake shoreline	0.00	x	0.2	=	0.00
FA of lacustrine at lake inflow or outflow		x	1	=	0.00
			Sub Total:		0.79
			<b>Sum (WIF cannot exceed 1.0)</b>		<b>0.79</b>

**Step 3: Determination of catchment land use factor (LUF)**

(Choose the first category that fits upstream landuse in the catchment.)

1)	1.0	Over 50% agricultural and/or urban	1.0
2)		Between 30 and 50% agricultural and/or urban	0.8
3)		Over 50% forested or other natural vegetation	0.6
		<b>LUF (maximum 1.0)</b>	<b>1.00</b>

**Step 4: Determination of pollutant uptake factor (PUT)**

Calculation of PUT is based on the fractional area (FA) of each vegetation type that makes up the total area of the wetland. Base assessment on the dominant vegetation form for each community except where dead trees or shrubs dominate. In that case base assessment on the dominant live vegetation. (FA = area of vegetation type/total area of wetland)

FA of wetland with live trees, shrubs, herbs or mosses (c,h,ts,ls,gc,m)	0.92	x	0.75	=	0.69
FA of wetland with emergent, submergent or floating vegetation (re,be,ne,su,f,ff)	0.05	x	1	=	0.05
FA of wetland with little or no vegetation (u)	0.01	x	0.5	=	0.00
			Subtotal:		0.74
<i>Estimate FA from air photos or use default factor of "0.75"</i>			<b>Sum (PUT cannot exceed 1.0)</b>		<b>0.74</b>

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**Step 5: Calculation of final score**

(a)	Wetland on large lakes or major rivers	0
(b)	All other wetlands -calculate as follows	
	Initial score	60
	Water quality improvement factor (WQF)	0.79
	Land use factor (LUF)	1.00
	Pollutant uptake factor (PUT)	0.74
	<b>Final score: 60 x WQF x LUF x PUT =</b>	<b>35.08</b>

**Short Term Water Quality Improvement Score (maximum 60 points)** 35

**3.2.2 LONG TERM NUTRIENT TRAP**

*Determine wetland type from aerial photos and soil type from OMAF soils maps.*

**Step 1:**

- |                                     |  |          |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Wetland on large lakes or 5 major rivers | 0 points |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | All other wetlands (proceed to Step 2)   |          |

**Step 2:**

Choose only one of the following settings that best describes the wetland being evaluated

- |    |   |           |
|----|---|-----------|
| 1) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland located in a river mouth   | 10 points |
| 2) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland is a bog, fen or swamp with more than 50% of the wetland being covered with organic soil | 10        |
| 3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland is a bog, fen or swamp with less than 50% of the wetland being covered with organic soil | 3         |
| 4) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland is a marsh with more than 50% of the wetland covered with organic soil                   | 3         |
| 5) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None of the above   | 0         |

**Long Term Nutrient Trap Score (maximum 10 points)** 0

**3.2.3 GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE**

*The final score will be underestimated since some of the wetland characteristics cannot be scored*

(Circle the characteristics that best describe the wetland being evaluated and then sum the scores. If the sum exceeds 30 points assign the maximum score of 30.)

Wetland Characteristics	Potential for Discharge					
	None to Little		Some		High	
Wetland type	1) Bog = 0		2) Swamp/Marsh = 2	2	3) Fen = 5	
Topography	1) Flat/rolling = 0	0	2) Hilly = 2		3) Steep = 5	
Wetland Area: Upslope Catchment Area	Large (>50%) = 0		Moderate (5-50%) = 2		Small (<5%) = 5	5
Lagg Development	1) None found = 0	0	2) Minor = 2		3) Extensive = 5	
Seeps	1) None = 0	0	2) = or < 3 seeps = 2		3) > 3 seeps = 5	
Surface marl deposits	1) None = 0	0	2) = or < 3 sites = 2		3) > 3 sites = 5	
Iron precipitates	1) None = 0	0	2) = or < 3 sites = 2		3) > 3 sites = 5	
Located within 1 km of a major aquifer	N/A = 0	0	N/A = 0		Yes = 10	
Totals		0		2		5

(Scores are cumulative maximum score 30 points)

**Groundwater Discharge Score (maximum 30 points)**

7

**3.3 CARBON SINK**

Choose only one of the following

- 1) Bog, fen or swamp with more than 50% coverage by organic soil \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- 2) Bog, fen or swamp with between 10 to 49% coverage by organic soil \_\_\_\_\_ 2
- 3) Marsh with more than 50% coverage by organic soil \_\_\_\_\_ 3
- 4) Wetlands not in one of the above categories \_\_\_\_\_ 0

**Carbon Sink Score (maximum 5 points)**

0

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**3.4 SHORELINE EROSION CONTROL**

**Step 1:** *Determine from ortho-aerial photography*

Score

	Wetland entirely isolated or palustrine	0
x	Any part of the Wetland riverine or lacustrine (proceed to Step 2)	

**Step 2:**

Choose the **one** characteristic that best describes the shoreline vegetation (see text for a definition of shoreline)

			Score
1)		Trees and shrubs	15
2)		Emergent vegetation	8
3)		Submergent vegetation	6
4)	3	Other shoreline vegetation	3
5)		No vegetation	0

**Shoreline Erosion Control Score (maximum 15 points)**

3

**3.5 GROUND WATER RECHARGE**

**3.5.1 WETLAND SITE TYPE**

			Score
(a)	Wetland > 50% lacustrine (by area) or located on one of the five major rivers	0	
(b)	Wetland not as above. Calculate final score as follows: (FA= area of site type/total area of wetland)		

	Fractional Area				
FA of isolated or palustrine wetland	0.70	x	50	=	35.0
FA of riverine wetland	0.30	x	20	=	6.0
FA of lacustrine wetland (wetland <50% lacustrine)	0.00	x	0	=	0.0
			Subtotal:		41.0

**Ground Water Recharge Wetland Site Type Component Score (maximum 50 points)**

41

**3.5.2 WETLAND SOIL RECHARGE POTENTIAL**

*Determine from OMAF soils maps.*

(Circle only **one** choice that best describes the hydrologic soil class of the area surrounding the wetland being evaluated.)

Dominant Wetland Type	1) Sand, loam, gravel, till		2) Clay or bedrock	
1) Lacustrine or on a major river	0		0	
2) Isolated	10		5	
3) Palustrine	7	7	4	
4) Riverine (not a major river)	5		2	
Totals		7		0

**Ground Water Recharge Wetland Soil Recharge Potential Score (maximum 10 points)**

**7**



**4.0 SPECIAL FEATURES COMPONENT**

**4.1 RARITY**

**4.1.1 WETLANDS**

Site District 6-1  
 Presence of wetland type (check one or more)  
 Bog  
 Fen  
 Swamp  
 Marsh

Score for rarity within the landscape and rarity of the wetland type. Score for rarity of wetland type is cumulative (maximum 80 points) based on presence or absence.

Site District	Score for Rarity within the Landscape	Score for Rarity of Wetland Type			
		Marsh	Swamp	Fen	Bog
6-1	60	40	0	80	80
6-2	60	40	0	80	80
6-3	40	10	0	40	80
6-4	60	40	0	80	80
6-5	20	40	0	80	80
6-6	40	20	0	80	80
6-7	60	10	0	80	80
6-8	20	20	0	80	80
6-9	0	20	0	80	80
6-10	20	0	20	80	80
6-11	0	30	0	80	80
6-12	0	30	0	60	80
6-13	60	10	0	80	80
6-14	40	20	0	40	80
6-15	40	0	0	80	80
7-1	60	0	60	80	80
7-2	60	0	0	80	80
7-3	60	0	0	80	80
7-4	80	0	0	80	80
7-5	60	20	0	80	80
7-6	80	30	0	80	80

**Rarity within the Landscape Score (maximum 80 points)**

60

**Rarity of Wetland Type Score (maximum 80 points)**

40

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**4.1.2 SPECIES**

**4.1.2.1 BREEDING HABITAT FOR AN ENDANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES**

Name of species	Source of information
1) _____	_____
2) _____	_____
3) _____	_____
4) _____	_____
5) _____	None observed during
<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b> Field Investigations

Attach documentation.

Scoring:

For each species 250 points

(score is cumulative, no maximum score)

**Breeding Habitat for Endangered or Threatened Species Score (no maximum) 0**

**4.1.2.2 TRADITIONAL MIGRATION OR FEEDING HABITAT FOR AN ENDANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES**

Name of species	Source of information
1) _____	_____
2) _____	_____
3) _____	_____
4) _____	_____
5) _____	None observed during
<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b> field investigations

Attach documentation.

Scoring:

For one species 150 points

For each additional species 75

(score is cumulative, no maximum score)

**Traditional Habitat for Endangered Species Score (no maximum) 0**

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4.1.2.3 PROVINCIALY SIGNIFICANT ANIMAL SPECIES

Name of species	Source of information
1) _____	No observations during
2) _____	field investigations
3) _____	_____
4) _____	_____
5) _____	_____
6) _____	_____
7) _____	_____
8) _____	_____
9) _____	_____
10) _____	_____
11) _____	_____
12) _____	_____
13) _____	_____
14) _____	_____
15) _____	_____

Attach separate list if necessary; Attach documentation

Scoring:

Number of provincially significant animal species in the wetland:

1 species	=	50 points	14 species	=	154
2 species	=	80	15 species	=	156
3 species	=	95	16 species	=	158
4 species	=	105	17 species	=	160
5 species	=	115	18 species	=	162
6 species	=	125	19 species	=	164
7 species	=	130	20 species	=	166
8 species	=	135	21 species	=	168
9 species	=	140	22 species	=	170
10 species	=	143	23 species	=	172
11 species	=	146	24 species	=	174
12 species	=	149	25 species	=	176
13 species	=	152			

Add one point for every species past 25 (for example, 26 species = 177 points, 27 species = 178 points etc.)

(no maximum score)

**Provincially Significant Animal Species Score (no maximum)**

**0**

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4.1.2.4 PROVINCIALY SIGNIFICANT PLANT SPECIES

(Scientific names must be recorded)

	Common Name	Scientific Name	Source of information
1)	_____	_____	No observations made
2)	_____	_____	during field investigations
3)	_____	_____	
4)	_____	_____	
5)	_____	_____	
6)	_____	_____	
7)	_____	_____	
8)	_____	_____	
9)	_____	_____	
10)	_____	_____	
11)	_____	_____	
12)	_____	_____	
13)	_____	_____	
14)	_____	_____	
15)	_____	_____	

Attach separate list if necessary; Attach documentation

Scoring: 80

Number of provincially significant plant species in the wetland:

1 species	= 50 points	14 species	= 154
2 species	= 80	15 species	= 156
3 species	= 95	16 species	= 158
4 species	= 105	17 species	= 160
5 species	= 115	18 species	= 162
6 species	= 125	19 species	= 164
7 species	= 130	20 species	= 166
8 species	= 135	21 species	= 168
9 species	= 140	22 species	= 170
10 species	= 143	23 species	= 172
11 species	= 146	24 species	= 174
12 species	= 149	25 species	= 176
13 species	= 152		

Add one point for every species past 25 (for example, 26 species = 177 points, 27 species = 178 points etc.)

**Provincially Significant Plant Species Score (no maximum)**

0

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4.1.2.5 REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT SPECIES (SITE REGION)

Scientific names must be recorded for plant species. **Lists of significant species must be approved by MNR.**

**SIGNIFICANT IN SITE REGION:**

	Common Name	Scientific Name	Source of information
1)	_____	_____	No observations made
2)	_____	_____	during field investigations
3)	_____	_____	_____
4)	_____	_____	_____
5)	_____	_____	_____
6)	_____	_____	_____
7)	_____	_____	_____
8)	_____	_____	_____
9)	_____	_____	_____
10)	_____	_____	_____
11)	_____	_____	_____
12)	_____	_____	_____
13)	_____	_____	_____
14)	_____	_____	_____
15)	_____	_____	_____

Attach separate list if necessary .Attach documentation.

Scoring: 4

No. of species significant in Site Region

1 species	=	20	6 species	=	55
2 species	=	30	7 species	=	58
3 species	=	40	8 species	=	61
4 species	=	45	9 species	=	64
5 species	=	50	10 species	=	67

Add one point for every species past 10. (no maximum score)

**Regionally Significant Species Score (Site Region)(no maximum)**

0





4.2.1.6 LOCALLY SIGNIFICANT SPECIES (SITE DISTRICT)

Scientific names must be recorded for plant species. **Lists of significant species must be approved by MNR.**

	Common Name	Scientific Name	Source of information
1			No observations made
2			during field investigations
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4			
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Attach separate list if necessary .Attach documentation.

Scoring:

No. of species significant in Site District

1 species	=	10	6 species	=	41
2 species	=	17	7 species	=	43
3 species	=	24	8 species	=	45
4 species	=	31	9 species	=	47
5 species	=	38	10 species	=	49

For each significant species over 10 in the wetland, add 1 point.

**Locally Significant Species Score (Site District) (no maximum)**

0

**4.2 SIGNIFICANT FEATURES AND/OR FISH & WILDLIFE HABITAT**

**4.2.1 NESTING OF COLONIAL WATERBIRDS**

Status	Name of species	Source of Information	Score	
1) Currently nesting			50	
2) Known to have nested within past 5 years			25	
3) Active feeding area (Do not include feeding by great blue herons)			15	
4) None known			0	0

*Consult the Ontario Heronry database at Bird Studies Canada.*

Subtotal: **0**

Attach documentation (nest locations etc., if known)

Score highest applicable category only; maximum score 50 points.

**Score for Nesting Colonial Waterbirds (maximum 50 points)**

**0**

**4.2.2. WINTER COVER FOR WILDLIFE**

Score *"locally significant"* if trees & shrubs are present, also consult District deer yard data.

(Check only highest level of significance) Score

**(one only)**

- |    |                                     |                                     |     |
|----|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Provincially significant            | 100 |
| 2) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Significant in Site Region          | 50  |
| 3) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Significant in Site District        | 25  |
| 3) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Locally significant                 | 10  |
| 4) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Little or poor winter cover present | 0   |

Source of information: little winter cover was observed

**Winter Cover for Wildlife Score (maximum 100 points)**

**0**



**4.2.6 FISH HABITAT**

*Consult District Fisheries files. If fish are present in the wetland, score 15 or 25 points depending on the size of the fish habitat present.*

**4.2.6. Spawning and Nursery Habitat**

**Table 5. Area Factors for Low Marsh, High Marsh, and Swamp Communities.**

No. of ha of Fish Habitat	Area Factor
< 0.5 ha	0.1
0.5- 4.9	0.2
5.0- 9.9	0.4
10.0- 14.9	0.6
15.0 -19.9	0.8
20.0+ ha	1.0

**Step 1:**

Fish habitat is not present within the wetland (Score = 0)

Fish habitat is present within the wetland (Go to Step 2)

**Step 2:**

Choose only one option

- 1)  Significance of the spawning and nursery habitat within the wetland is known (Go to Step 3)
- 2)  Significance of the spawning and nursery habitat within the wetland is not known (Go through Steps 4, 5, 6 and 7)

**Step 3:**

Select the highest appropriate category below attach documentation:

- 1)  Significant in Site Region 100 points
- 2)  Significant in Site District 50
- 3)  Locally Significant Habitat (5.0+ ha) 25
- 4)  Locally Significant Habitat (<5.0 ha) 15

**Score for Spawning and Nursery Habitat (maximum score 100 points)**

**0**

**Step 4: Proceed to Steps 4 to 7 only if Step 3 was not answered.**

(**Low Marsh:** marsh area from the existing water line out to the outer boundary of the wetland)

Low marsh not present (Continue to Step 5)

Low marsh present (Score as follows)

**Scoring for Presence of Key Vegetation Groups**

Scoring is based on the one most clearly dominant plant species of the dominant form in each Low Marsh vegetation community. Check the appropriate Vegetation Group (see Appendix 16 Table 16-2) for each Low Marsh community. Sum the areas of the communities assigned to each Vegetation Group and multiply by the appropriate size factor from Table 5.

Vegetation Group Number	Vegetation Group Name	Present as a Dominant Form (check)	Total Area (ha)	Area Factor (see Table 5)	Score	Final Score (area factor x score)
1	Tallgrass				6 pts	0.0
2	Shortgrass-Sedge				11	0.0
3	Cattail-Bulrush-Burreed				5	0.0
4	Arrowhead-Pickerelweed				5	0.0
5	Duckweed				2	0.0
6	Smartweed-Waterwillow				6	0.0
7	Waterlily-Lotus				11	0.0
8	Waterweed-Watercress				9	0.0
9	Ribbongrass				10	0.0
10	Coontail-Naiad-Watermilfoil				13	0.0
11	Narrowleaf Pondweed				5	0.0
12	Broadleaf Pondweed				8	0.0
Sub Total Score (maximum 75 points)						0.0
Total Score (maximum 75 points)						0.0

**Step 5: (High Marsh:** area from the water line to the inland boundary of marsh wetland type. This is essentially what is commonly referred to as a wet meadow, in that there is insufficient standing water to provide fisheries habitat except during flood or high water conditions.)

High marsh not present (Continue to Step 6)

High marsh present (Score as follows)

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**Scoring for Presence of Key Vegetation Groups**

Scoring is based on the one most clearly dominant plant species of the dominant form in each High 1 Marsh vegetation community. Check the appropriate Vegetation Group (see Appendix 16 Table 16-2) for each High Marsh community. Sum the areas of the communities assigned to each Vegetation Group and multiply by the appropriate size factor from Table 5.

Vegetation Group Number	Vegetation Group Name	Present as a Dominant Form (check)	Total Area (ha)	Area Factor (see Table 5)	Score	Final Score (area factor x score)
1	Tallgrass				6 pts	0.0
2	Shortgrass-Sedge			0	11	0.0
3	Cattail-Bulrush-Burreed				5	0.0
4	Arrowhead-Pickerelweed				5	0.0
Sub Total Score (maximum 25 points)						0.0
Total Score (maximum 25 points)						0.0

**Step 6:** (Swamp: Swamp communities containing fish habitat, either seasonally or permanently. Determine the total area of seasonally flooded swamps and permanently flooded swamps containing fish habitat.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Swamp containing fish habitat not present (Continue to Step 7)

x \_\_\_\_\_ Swamp containing fish habitat present (Score as follows)

Swamp containing fish Habitat	Present (check)	Total area (ha)	Area Factor (see Table 5)	Score	TOTAL SCORE (factor x score)
Seasonally flooded		1.59	0.2	10	2.0
Permanently flooded				10	0.0
Sub SCORE (maximum 20 points)					2.0
SCORE (maximum 20 points)					2.0

**Step 7:** Calculation of final score

Score for Spawning and Nursery Habitat (Low Marsh) (maximum 75) = 0.0

Score for Spawning and Nursery Habitat (High Marsh) (maximum 25) = 0.0

Score for Swamp Containing Fish Habitat (maximum 20) = 2.0

Subtotal: 2.0

**Sum (maximum score 100 points) = 2.0**



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**4.2.6.2 Migration and Staging Habitat**

*Score only if information on fish migration and staging exists, e.g. migration of northern pike through a wetland to access spawning areas.*

**Step 1:**

- 1)  Staging or Migration Habitat is not present in the wetland (Score = 0)
- 2)  Staging or Migration Habitat is present in the wetland significance of the habitat is known (Go to Step 2)
- 3)  Staging or Migration Habitat is present in the wetland significance of the habitat is not known (Go to Step 3)

**NOTE: Only one of Step 2 or Step 3 is to be scored.**

**Step 2:** Select the highest appropriate category below, attach documentation:

- |   | Score     |
|---|-----------|
| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Significant in Site Region                                      | 25 points |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Significant in Site District                                    | 15        |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Locally Significant   | 10        |
| 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Fish staging and/or migration habitat present, but not as above | 5         |

**Score for Fish Migration and Staging Habitat (maximum score 25 points)**

**0**

**Step 3:** Select the highest appropriate category below based on presence of the designated site type (does not have to be dominant). See Section 1.1.3. Note name of river for 2) and 3).

- |   | Score     |
|---|-----------|
| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland is riverine at rivermouth or lacustrine at rivermouth                       | 25 points |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland is riverine, within 0.75 km of rivermouth                                   | 15        |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland is lacustrine, within 0.75 km of rivermouth                                 | 10        |
| 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>5</b> Fish staging and/or migration habitat present, but not as above | 5         |

**Score for Staging and Migration Habitat (maximum score 25 points)**

**5**

**4.3 ECOSYSTEM AGE**

(Fractional Area = area of wetland/total wetland area)

	Fractional Area			Scoring
Bog	0.00	x	25 =	0.0
Fen, treed to open on deep soils floating mats or marl		x	20 =	0.0
Fen, on limestone rock		x	5 =	0.0
Swamp	0.92	x	3 =	2.8
Marsh	0.05	x	0 =	0.0
		Sub Total:		2.8

**Ecosystem Age Score (maximum 25 points)**

**2.8**

**4.4 GREAT LAKES COASTAL WETLANDS**

Score for coastal (see text for definition) wetlands only

Choose one only

wetland < 10 ha	=	0 points
wetland 10- 50 ha	=	25
wetland 51 -100 ha	=	50
wetland > 100 ha	=	75

**Great Lakes Coastal Wetlands Score (maximum 75 points)**

**0**

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**5.0 EXTRA INFORMATION**

5.1 PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE

     Absent/Not seen

  X   Present

(a) One location in wetland   X    
Two to many locations     

Abundance code

(b) (1 < 20 stems   X    
(2 20-99 stems       
(3 100-999 stems       
(4 >1000 stems     

5.2 SEASONALLY FLOODED AREAS

Check one or more

Ephemeral	(less than 2 weeks)	<u>  X  </u>
Temporal	(2 weeks to 1 month)	<u>    </u>
Seasonal	(1 to 3 months)	<u>  X  </u>
Semi-permanent	(>3 months)	<u>    </u>
No seasonal flooding		<u>    </u>

**5.3 SPECIES OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE**

5.3.1 Osprey

Present and nesting       
Known to have nested in last 5 yr       
Feeding area for osprey       
Not as above   X  

5.3.2 Common Loon

Nesting in wetland       
Feeding at edge of wetland       
Observed or heard on lake or  
river adjoining the wetland       
Not as above   X

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**DATES WETLAND VISITED**

Wetland was visited by AECOM Ecologists on June, 26th and 27th, 2012

**DATE THIS EVALUATION COMPLETED:**

July 24, 2012

**ESTIMATED TIME DEVOTED TO COMPLETING THE FIELD SURVEY IN "PERSON HOURS"**

20

**WEATHER CONDITIONS**

i) at time of field work 20°C, and dry, on the 26th and approximately 25°C on the 27th

(Continue in the space below if necessary)

ii) summer conditions in general this summer has been warm and dry

**OTHER POTENTIALLY USEFUL INFORMATION:**

**CHECKLIST OF PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES RECORDED IN THE WETLAND:**

Attach a list of all flora and fauna observed in the wetland.

\*Indicate if voucher specimens or photos have been obtained, where located, etc.

**WETLAND EVALUATION SCORING RECORD**

WETLAND NAME AND/OR NUMBER		Stanley Big Drain Wetland	
<u>1.0 BIOLOGICAL COMPONENT</u>			
1.1	<u>PRODUCTIVITY</u>		
1.1.1	Growing Degree-Days/Soils	15.0	
1.1.2	Wetland Type	8.1	
1.1.3	Site Type	2.6	
	Total for Productivity		26
1.2	<u>BIODIVERSITY</u>		
1.2.1	Number of Wetland Types	13.0	
1.2.2	Vegetation Communities (maximum 45)	8.5	
1.2.3	Diversity of Surrounding Habitat (maximum 7)	5.0	
1.2.4	Proximinty to Other Wetlands	5.0	
1.2.5	Interspersion	9.0	
1.2.6	Open Water Type	14.0	
	Total for Biodiversity		55
	Sub Total for Biodiversity	55	
1.3	<u>SIZE</u> (Biological Component)		9
	Sub Total:		89.21
	<u>TOTAL FOR BIOLOGICAL COMPONENT (not to exceed 250)</u>		89

## 2.0 SOCIAL COMPONENT

2.1 ECONOMICALLY VALUABLE PRODUCTS

2.1.1 Wood Products	6
2.1.2 Wild Rice	0
2.1.3 Commercial Fish	12
2.1.4 Bullfrogs	0
2.1.5 Snapping Turtles	0
2.1.6 Furbearers	0

Total for Economically Valuable Products	18
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2.2 <u>RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES (maximum 80)</u>	16
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2.3 LANDSCAPE AESTHETICS

2.3.1 Distinctness	3
2.3.2 Absence of Human Disturbance	2

Total for Landscape Aesthetics	5
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2.4 EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

2.4.1 Educational Uses	0
2.4.2 Facilities and Programs	0
2.4.3 Research and Studies	0

Total for Education and Public Awareness	0
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2.5 <u>PROXIMITY TO AREAS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENT</u>	10
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2.6 <u>OWNERSHIP</u>	4
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Subtotal for Social Component	44.0
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2.7 <u>SIZE (Social Component)</u>	8
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2.8 <u>ABORIGINAL AND CULTURAL VALUES</u>	0
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Sub Total:	61
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<u>TOTAL FOR SOCIAL COMPONENT (not to exceed 250)</u>	61
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**3.0 HYDROLOGICAL COMPONENT**

3.1 <u>FLOOD ATTENUATION</u>		61
3.2 <u>WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT</u>		
3.2.1 Short Term Improvement	35.1	
3.2.2 Long Term Improvement	0.0	
3.2.3 Groundwater Discharge (maximum 30)	7.0	
Total for Water Quality Improvement		42
3.3 <u>CARBON SINK</u>		0
3.4 <u>SHORELINE EROSION CONTROL</u>		3
3.5 <u>GROUNDWATER RECHARGE</u>		
3.5.1 Site Type	41.00	
3.5.2 Soils	7.0	
Total for Groundwater Recharge		48
Sub Total:		154
<u>TOTAL FOR HYDROLOGICAL COMPONENT (not to exceed 250)</u>		154



**4.0 SPECIAL FEATURES**

**4.1 RARITY**

4.1.1 Wetlands

4.1.1.1 Rarity within the Landscape	60.0
4.1.1.2 Rarirty of Wetland Type (maximum 80)	40.0

Total for Wetland Rarity **100**

4.1.2 Species

4.1.2.1 Endangered or Threatened Species Breeding	0.0
4.1.2.2 Traditional Use by Endangered or Threatened Species	0.0
4.1.2.3 Provincially Significant Animals	0.0
4.1.2.4 Provincially Significant Plants	0.0
4.1.2.5 Regionally Significant Species	0.0
4.1.2.6 Locally Significant Species	0.0

Total for Species Rarity **0**

**4.2 SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OR HABITAT**

4.2.1 Colonial Waterbirds	0.0
4.2.2 Winter Cover for Wildlife	0.0
4.2.3 Waterfowl Staging and Moulting	0.0
4.2.4 Waterfowl Breeding	10.0
4.2.5 Migratory Passerine, Shorebird or Raptor Stopover	0.0
4.2.6 Fish Habitat	7.0

Total for Significant Features and Habitat **17**

**4.3 ECOSYSTEM AGE**

**3**

**4.4 GREAT LAKES COASTAL WETLANDS**

**0**

Sub Total: **120**

**TOTAL FOR SPECIAL FEATURES (maximum 250)** **120**

**SUMMARY OF EVALUATION RESULT**

Wetland	Stanley Big Drain Wetland	
TOTAL FOR 1.0 BIOLOGICAL COMPONENT		89
TOTAL FOR 2.0 SOCIAL COMPONENT		61
TOTAL FOR 3.0 HYDROLOGICAL COMPONENT		154
TOTAL FOR 4.0 SPECIAL FEATURES COMPONENT		120
	<u>WETLAND TOTAL</u>	<u>424</u>

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Plant Name	Family	4	-1	SU	G5T7	X	X	X	X	X
<i>deltoidea</i> ssp. <i>deltoidea</i>	Eastern Cottonwood									
<i>trernuboides</i>	Trembling Aspen	2	0	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Populus</i>	Missouri Willow	4	-3	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Salix</i>	Sandbar Willow	3	-5	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>serotina</i>	Water Speeweed		-3	SE5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>angustis-aquatica</i>	Nightshade Family		0	SE5	G7	X	X	X	X	
<i>Solanaceae</i>	Butter Nighshade		-2	SE5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Solanum</i>	Linden Family									
<i>dicamara</i>	American Basswood	4	3	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Tiliaceae</i>	Elm Family									
<i>Tilia</i>	Common Hackberry	8	1	S4	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Ulmaceae</i>	White Elm	3	-2	S5	G57	X	X	X	X	
<i>Celtis</i>	Nettle Family									
<i>Urtica</i>	False Nettle	4	-5	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Urticaceae</i>	Wood Nettle	6	-3	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Echinops</i>	European Stinging Nettle		-1	SE2	G5T7	X	X	X	X	
<i>Laportea</i>	American Dog Violet	4	-2	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Urtica</i>	Violet Family									
<i>Violaceae</i>	Violet species									
<i>Vicia</i>	Grape Family									
<i>Vicia</i>	Insected Virginia-creeper	3	3	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Vitaceae</i>	Riverbank Grape	0	-2	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Vitis</i>	<b>MONOCOTYLEDONS</b>									
<i>MONOCOTYLEDONS</i>	<b>Arum Family</b>									
<i>Araceae</i>	Small Jack-in-the-pulpit	5	-2	S5	G5T5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Arisaema</i>	Sedge Family									
<i>Cyperaceae</i>	Bebb's Sedge	3	-5	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Carex</i>	Hoop Sedge	6	-5	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Lupulina</i>	Small Spike-rush	6	-5	S5	G57	X	X	X	X	
<i>Eleocharis</i>	American Great Bulrush/foxtail/bullrush	5	-5	S5	G7	X	X	X	X	
<i>Scheuchzeria</i>	<b>IRIS Family</b>									
<i>Indicaceae</i>	IRIS species									
<i>Iris</i>	Rush species									
<i>Juncus</i>	Canada Rush	6	-5	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Juncus</i>	<b>Lily Family</b>									
<i>Liliaceae</i>	Michigan Lily	7	-1	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Lilium</i>	Star-flowered Solomon's Seal	6	1	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Melanthium</i>	Common Heleborine		5	SE5	G7	X	X	X	X	
<i>Epipactis</i>	<b>Grass Family</b>									
<i>Poaceae</i>	Awnless Brome		5	SE5	G4G5T7	X	X	X	X	
<i>Bromus</i>	Fowl Meadow Grass	3	-5	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Glyceria</i>	Reed Canary Grass	0	-4	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	
<i>Phalaris</i>	<b>Cattail Family</b>									
<i>Typha</i>	Broad-leaved Cattail	3	-5	S5	G5	X	X	X	X	

**FLORESTIC SUMMARY & ASSESSMENT**

**Species Diversity**  
 Native Species: 59  
 Exotic Species: 14 (80.82%)  
 % Regional Flora Recorded: 0.73% (19.18%)  
 % Regional Flora Not Recorded: 0  
 % Native Species: 0  
 % Exotic Species: 100%  
 % Invasive Species: 100%

**Co-efficient of Conservation and Florist Quality Index**  
 Co-efficient of Conservation (CC) (average): 4.07  
 florist sensitivity: 24  
 CC 7 (0.3): 5  
 CC 7 (0.8): 5  
 CC 7 (1.0): 5  
**Florist Quality Index (FQI)**  
 Florist Quality Index (FQI): 31.25

**Presence of Weedy & Invasive Species**  
 mean weediness: -1.83  
 high potential weediness: 7  
 moderate potential weediness: 7  
 low potential weediness: 3

**Presence of Wetland Species**  
 mean wetlandness: 0.58  
 high potential wetlandness: 10  
 moderate potential wetlandness: 11  
 low potential wetlandness: 23  
 facultative wetland: 23  
 obligate wetland: 12



**Legend**

**OWES Code**

- U
- M1
- M2
- S1
- S2
- S3
- S4
- Properties

OWES Code	Ha
M1	0.264
M1	2.042
M2	0.118
M2	0.078
S1	0.328
S1	0.675
S1	0.141
S2	19.89
S3	4.242
S4	10.38
S4	10.907
U	0.082
U	0.043
U	0.252
U	0.276
<b>Total</b>	<b>49.718</b>



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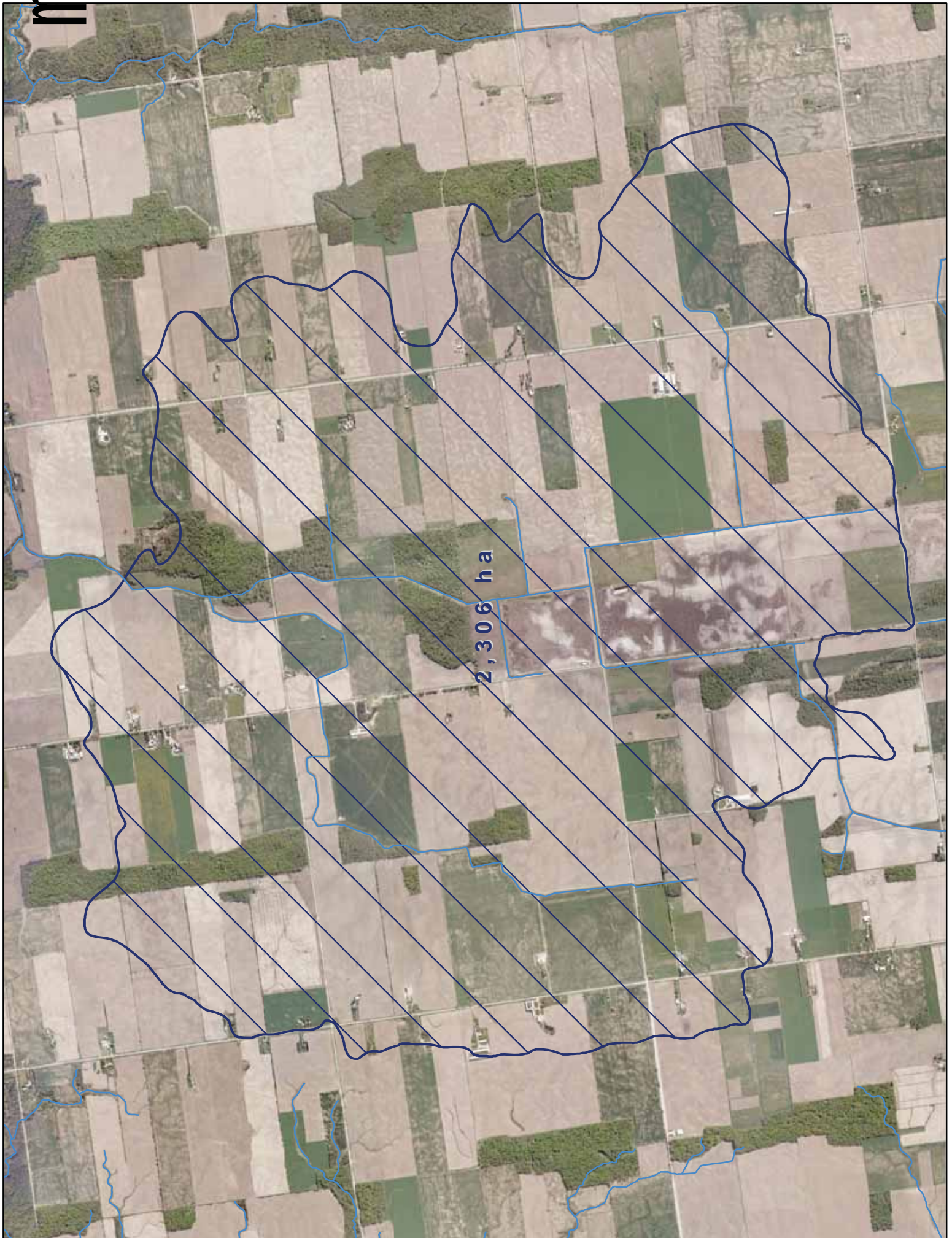
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# Appendix I

## Woodland Breeding Bird Species List

# Appendix I. Breeding Birds Survey Data

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status				514 (SCB-01)												551 (SCB-02)				555 (SCB-03)			Total No. Individuals Observed		
		National Species at Risk <sup>a</sup>	Provincial Species at Risk <sup>b</sup>	Provincial Status (S Rank) <sup>c</sup>	Area Sensitive Species <sup>d</sup>	BLW1603	BLW1658	BLW1603	BLW1658	BLW1603	BLW1658	BLW1603	BLW1658	BLW1603	BLW1658	BLW1603	BLW1658	BLW1603	BLW1658	BLW1603	BLW1658	BLW1603	BLW1658	BLW1603			
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>			S5B		1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	
American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>			S5B																							14
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>			S5B	A																						1
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>			S5B		1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21
Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>			S4B		1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megascops alcyon</i>			S4B																							4
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Parus atricapillus</i>			S5		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
Blue Jay	<i>Perisoreus ictericus</i>			S5																							9
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>			S5B																							8
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>			S5B																							2
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>			S5B																							13
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>			S4	A																						4
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperi</i>			S5																							1
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>			S5B		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>			S5B																							1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>			S4B		2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>			S4B																							7
Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>			S4B		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>			S5B		2	3	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	31
Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>			S4B																							5
Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>			S4B	A																						4
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>			S5																							3
Mourning Warbler	<i>Oporornis phalaenoptilus</i>			S4B																							1
Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>			S5		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>			S4B																							2
Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapillus</i>			S4B	A	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>			S5	A																						1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>			S4																							1
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>			S5B		1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	32
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>			S5																							3
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>			S5																							2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>			S4B	A	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>			S4B		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>			S5B		2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	19
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>			S5B																							1
White-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>			S5B	A																						2
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>			S5		2	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	3
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>			S5B																							1
Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla ustulata</i>			S4B		3	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	25
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica palechla</i>			S5B																							9
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher <sup>e</sup>	<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>			S5B	A																						4
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>			S5B		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>			S4B																							1
Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>			S4B	A	10	10	12	14	7	14	12	13	12	9	12	19	9	13	16	8	7	12	15	8	5	
Number of Species:						16	14	16	21	10	19	16	20	26	17	22	30	10	18	21	11	13	17	20	8	5	
Number of Individuals																											

KEY  
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<sup>c</sup> S Rank (from Natural Heritage Information Centre): S1 (Critically Imperiled), S2 (Imperiled) or S3 (Vulnerable), S4 (apparently secure, uncommon), or S5 (secure, common).  
<sup>d</sup> Area Sensitive Species according to OMNR (2000) Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide (Appendix G)