

3.2.3 Woodlands

The site investigations conducted in support of this NHA Addendum include five previously identified woodland Features (WOD-126, WOD-180, WOD-182, WOD-263 and WOD-277) as well as three new woodland Features (WOD-097, WOD-111 and WOD-265) not previously described in the approved NHA and EIS. Therefore the attributes, composition and function of these Features were either revised or completed based on the results of the site investigations conducted in support of this NHA Addendum. These are summarized in **Table 5** (refer to **Table 3** for dominant species in each community) and the location of each Feature is shown on **Figure 3**.

Features WOD-097, WOD-111, WOD-263, WOD-265 and WOD-277 were carried forward to the Evaluation of Significance (refer to **Figure 3** for locations), as the changes to attributes, composition or functions of these Features required a new Evaluation of Significance. There were no changes to the attributes, composition or functions of woodland Features WOD-126 and WOD-182 as a result of site investigations conducted in support of this NHA Addendum. The woodland boundary of WOD-180 was refined during site investigations conducted in support of this NHA Addendum and as a result the total size of WOD-180 changed from 45 ha to 44.6 ha. The minimum distances from WOD-126, WOD-180 and WOD-182 to the Project Location remain the same as reported in the approved NHA and EIS; therefore these Features were not considered further in this NHA Addendum.

Due to the Project Location modifications, the following woodland Features are no longer within 120 m of the Project Location (refer to **Table 1** and **Figure 3**):

- Woodland Features WOD-273 and WOD-267 as a result of Modification A7;
- Woodland Feature WOD-262 as a result of Modification A3; and
- Woodland Feature WOD-261 as a result of Modification J2.

In addition, the minimum distances from Project infrastructure to woodland Features WOD-084, WOD-110, WOD-175, WOD-181, WOD-192 and WOD-201 changed as a result of the proposed Project Location modifications (refer to **Table 1**), but the attributes, composition and function of these Features remained the same as described in the approved NHA and EIS (and therefore are not repeated here). These Features did not require re-evaluation as a result of the proposed Project Location modifications. However, these woodland Features were carried forward to the EIS of this NHA Addendum to ensure that any potential effects of the modified Project components are addressed through the application of appropriate mitigation measures, if required.

Table 5. Revisions to Woodland Features Identified Through the Site Investigation

Woodland ID	Natural Area(s)	Minimum Distance from Project Location (m) ¹	Attributes				
			Size (ha)	Forest Community Type	Woodland Age	Composition	Functions
WOD-097	115, 116, 118, 119, 566	>0.1 (access road)	76.0	Deciduous Forest, Deciduous Swamp		As a result of Modification F3, the following communities are now within the 120 m Area of Investigation in Natural Area 118: • Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - Beech Deciduous Forest Type (FOD5-2) • Inclusion: Norway Spruce - European Larch Coniferous Plantation Type (CUP3-9) • Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type (SWD2-2) As a result of modification F3, the following community is now within the 120 m Area of Investigation in Natural Area 119: • Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - Beech Deciduous Forest Type (FOD5-2)	Provides habitat for woodland plants and animals, carbon storage, and water and soil retention.
WOD-111	383, 117	41.3 (access road)	4.3	Cultural Plantation/ Deciduous Forest	Young to Mid-age	As a result of Modification F2, the following community is now within the 120 m Area of Investigation in Natural Area 117: • Black Walnut Deciduous Plantation Type (CUP1-3) As a result of modification F2, the following community is now within the 120 m Area of Investigation in Natural Area 383: • Fresh - Moist Sugar Maple - Hardwood Deciduous Forest Type (FOD6-5)	Provides habitat for woodland plants and animals, carbon storage, and water and soil retention.
WOD-126	<u>145</u>	(no change)	5.1	(no change)		No change to the composition of WOD-126 as a result of Modification D4.	(no change)
WOD-180	<u>340</u>	(no change)	44.6	(no change)		No change to the composition of WOD-180 as a result of Modification K6.	(no change)
WOD-182	<u>172</u>	(no change)	(no change)	(no change)	(no change)	No change to the composition of WOD-182 as a result of Modification C1.	(no change)
WOD-263	90, 233, 234, 243, 249, 250, 263, 264, 265, 339, 375, 377	0 (access road, collection line)	2028.6	Cultural Plantation, Cultural Woodland, Deciduous Forest, Mixed Forest, Deciduous Swamp, Coniferous Forest	Young to Mature	As a result of Modification B2, the following communities are now within the 120 m Area of Investigation in Natural Area 233: • Black Walnut - White Pine Mixed Plantation Type (CUP2-1) • Dry-Fresh Sugar Maple-Black Walnut Deciduous Forest Type (FOD5a) As a result of Modification E1, the following communities are no longer within the 120 m Area of investigation in Natural Area 90: • Yellow Birch Organic Deciduous Swamp Type (SWD7-2) • Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - Basswood Deciduous Forest Type (FOD5-6) As a result of Modification B2, the following communities are no longer within the 120 m Area of investigation in Natural Area 243: • White Pine Coniferous Plantation Type (CUP3-2) As a result of Modification B3, the following communities are no longer within the 120 m Area of investigation in Natural Area 250: • White Pine Coniferous Plantation Type (CUP3-2) • Swamp Maple Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type (SWD3-3) • Dry-Fresh Sugar Maple –White Ash Deciduous Forest Type (FOD5-8) • White Pine Coniferous Plantation Type (CUP3-2)	Provides habitat for woodland plants and animals, carbon storage, and water and soil retention.

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Woodland ID	Natural Area(s)	Minimum Distance from Project Location (m) ¹	Attributes				
			Size (ha)	Forest Community Type	Woodland Age	Composition	Functions
WOD-265	<u>293</u>	30 (turbine construction disturbance area)	15.43	Deciduous Forest, Deciduous Swamp, Cultural Woodland,	Young to	Area of Investigation in Natural Area 293: • Cultural Woodland (CUW1)	Provides habitat for woodland plants and animals, carbon storage, and water and soil retention.
WOD-277	<u>290</u>	(no change)	36.8	Cultural Woodland, Deciduous Forest	Young to Mid-age	Fresh - Moist Black Walnut Lowland Deciduous Forest Type (FOD7-4)	Provides habitat for woodland plants and animals, carbon storage, and water and soil retention.