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(NRSI, 2013)

## **Glossary of Terms**

ANSI	Area of Natural and Scientific Interest
Area of Investigation	Area encompasses by 120 m setback from Project Location boundary
EIS	Environmental Impact Study
MNR	Ministry of Natural Resources
O. Reg. 359/09	Ontario Regulation 359/09
Project Location	The area encompassing all construction activities and project components
RFA	Renewable Energy Approval

## 1. Introduction

Jericho Wind, Inc. (Jericho), a wholly owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Canada, ULC, (NextEra) is proposing to construct a wind energy project in the Municipality of Lambton Shores and the Township of Warwick, in Lambton County, Ontario and in the Municipality of North Middlesex, in Middlesex County, Ontario. AECOM Canada Ltd. (AECOM) was retained by NextEra to prepare a Natural Heritage Assessment (NHA) and Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the proposed Jericho Wind Energy Centre (the Project), in accordance with the requirements of the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process and O. Reg. 359/09.

The Jericho Wind Energy Centre Natural Heritage Assessment and Environmental Impact Study Report (AECOM, 2013a) was originally submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) in November 2012. AECOM later prepared two Natural Heritage Assessment and Environmental Impact Study Report Addenda (AECOM, 2012; AECOM 2013b) in order to fulfill the requirements of the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process and O. Reg. 359/09 with respect to refinements to the Project Location proposed after the original submission of the NHA and EIS to MNR.

MNR issued confirmation letters on February 7, 2013 stating that the Natural Heritage Assessment and Environmental Impact Study Report (AECOM 2013a) and the two Addenda (AECOM, 2012; AECOM, 2013b), respectively, met all requirements in accordance with the REA regulation for this Project (refer to Appendix A). The Natural Heritage Assessment and Environmental Impact Study Report and the two Addenda are hereafter collectively referred to as the approved NHA and EIS.

This NHA Addendum has been prepared as a modification to the approved NHA and EIS, and is intended to fulfill the requirements of a Natural Heritage Assessment and Environmental Impact Study in accordance with the requirements of the REA process and O.Reg. 359/09, with respect to modifications to the Project Location proposed after MNR confirmation of the approved NHA and EIS (**Figure 1**).

#### 1.1 Overview of Project Changes

Jericho Wind Inc. is proposing modifications to the Project Location including:

- Construction disturbance area modified to reduce or eliminate impacts to archaeological resources;
- Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability; and
- Turbines and associated infrastructure removed.

All of the proposed modifications to the Project Location are summarized in **Table 1**. For each proposed modification, a map showing the revised Project Location and associated 120 m Area of Investigation (dated August 2013), referenced against the Project Location and associated 120 m Area of Investigation in the approved NHA and EIS (dated January 2013), is included in this NHA Addendum (refer to **Table 1** for corresponding Figure numbers). Features (*i.e.*, woodlands, wetlands, significant wildlife habitat and/or Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest) identified in the approved NHA and EIS are provided in the table below for each Natural Area potentially affected by the proposed modifications. Changes in the minimum distance from Features within 120 m of each modification to the Project Location are also provided in the table below.

In addition, a spare 170 mVA transformer (XMR) will be stored within the existing footprint of the Jericho substation.

	Modification ID	Type of Modification	Feature(s) Potentially Affected by Proposed Modification (Change in Minimum Distance to Project Location)	Мар
A1:	Addition of Turbine 106 and associated access road and collection line extending northeast from Turbine 4.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	New Turbine 106 and associated access road and collection line are within 120 m of a portion of Natural Area 290 that was not previously described in the approved NHA and EIS. Features within 120 m of this modification are described in this NHA Addendum.	Figure 1A
A2:	Relocation of access road to Turbine 4 to travel northeast from Jericho Road, and relocation of collection line to Turbine 4 near Kennedy Line.	Construction disturbance area modified to reduce or eliminate impacts to archaeological resources	Access road and collection line remain within 120 m of Natural Area 290. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-277 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (decreased to 0 m; access road in Feature)	Figure 1A
A3:	Relocation of access road and collection line to Turbine 6 to travel west from Northville Road and then north to Turbine 6; relocation of Turbine 6 construction disturbance area to the north.	Construction disturbance area modified to reduce or eliminate impacts to archaeological resources	Turbine construction disturbance area, access road and collection line remain within 120 m of Natural Area 283. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (no change)  Natural Area 285 is no longer within 120 m of the Project Location. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-048 (minimum distance decreased to 61 m due to Modification A1)  • Woodland Features WOD-262 (increased to >120 m)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (increased to >120 m)	Figure 1A
A4:	Relocation of Turbine 19 construction disturbance area to the southwest and addition of access road construction disturbance area near Jericho Road.	Construction disturbance area modified to reduce or eliminate impacts to archaeological resources	None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1A
A5:	Removal of access road and collection line to Turbine 24, addition of access road disturbance area between Turbine 22 and Turbine 24 and relocation of collection line to the access road disturbance area for Turbine 22.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Collection line and access road are within 120 m of Natural Area 216. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-215 (no change)  • Confirmed Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Bat Maternity Colony Feature (BMA-216) (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (no change)	Figure 1A
A6:	Removal of a portion of construction disturbance area for access road and collection line to Turbines 21, 23 and 25.	to reduce or eliminate impacts to	None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1A

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A7:	Removal of Turbine 5 and associated access road and collection line.	Turbine and associated infrastructure removed	Natural Area 291 is no longer within 120 m of the Project Location. Features within this Natural Area include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-273 (increased to >120 m)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (increased to >120 m)  The following Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat is not associated with any Natural Areas but is now no longer within 120 m of the Project Location:  • Terrestrial Waterfowl (Tundra Swan) Stopover and Staging Area Feature WSST-31 (increased to >120 m)  Natural Area 286 is no longer within 120 m of the Project Location. Features within this Natural Area include:  • Wetland Feature WET-048 (minimum distance decreased to 61 m due to Modification A1)  • Woodland Feature WOD-267 (increased to >120 m)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Bat Maternity Colony, Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (increased to >120 m)	Figure 1A
B1:	Relocation of Turbine 7 and associated construction disturbance area 148 m to the east.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Turbine 7 and construction disturbance area are within 120 m of Natural Area 275. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-266 (no change)  Turbine 7 and construction disturbance area are within 120 m of Natural Area 494. No significant Features were identified in Natural Area 494 in the approved NHA and EIS.	Figure 1B
B2:	Addition of collection line in Gordon Road right-of-way, north of the road to Turbine 27.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Collection line is within 120 m of Natural Area 233. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-263 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat Feature WRN-01 (no change)  • Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat Feature WBB-01 (no change)  Collection line is within 120 m of Natural Area 234. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-072 (no change)  • Woodland Feature WOD-263 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat Feature WRN-01 (no change)  • Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat Feature WBB-01 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Bat Maternity Colony, Rare Vegetation Community, Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (no change)  Collection line is within 120 m of Nature Area 243. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-072 (no change)  • Woodland Feature WOD-263 (no change)  • Confirmed Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat Features SCP-20 and SCP-21 (no change)  • Rare Vegetation Community Feature RVC-02 (decreased to >0.1 m)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat Feature WRN-01 (no change)  • Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat Feature WBB-01 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Bat Maternity Colony, Insect Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat and Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat (no change); Turtle Wintering Area (decreased to 44 m)	Figure 1B

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B3:	Removal of Turbine 31 and associated access road and collection line.	Turbine and associated infrastructure removed	Turbine 31 and associated access road and collection line are no longer within 120 m of Natural Area 250. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-072 (no change)  • Woodland Feature WOD-263 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat Feature WRN-01 (no change)  • Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat Feature WBB-01 (no change)  • Amphibian Movement Corridor Feature AMC-01 (no change)  • Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat Feature AWO-16 (no change)  • Turtle Wintering Area Feature TWH-04 (increased to >120 m)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Turtle Nesting Habitat, Insect Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (no change)  Collection line to Turbine 31 is no longer within 120 m of Natural Area 249. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-072 (no change)  • Woodland Feature WET-072 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat Feature WBB-01 (no change)  • Amphibian Movement Corridor Feature AMC-01 (no change)  • Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat Feature AWO-13 (no change)  • Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat Feature AWO-13 (no change)  • Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat Feature AWO-13 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Turtle Wintering Area, Amphibian Wetland Breeding Habitat Turtle Nesting Habitat (increased to >120 m); Seeps and Springs (no change)	Figure 1B
B4:	Addition of Turbine 32 construction disturbance area 34 m to the north and removal of the southeast portion of construction disturbance area.	to reduce or eliminate impacts to	Turbine construction disturbance area remains within 120 m of Natural Area 90. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-231 (no change)  • Woodland Feature WOD-263 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat Feature WBB-01 (no change)  • Bat Maternity Colony Feature BMA-090A (no change)  • Seeps and Springs Feature SS-01 (no change)	Figure 1B

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C1:	Relocation of Turbine 26 and associated construction disturbance area 101 m east. Access road relocated to travel north through the substation construction disturbance area and collection line relocated to the southern property boundary; and addition of construction disturbance area in Thomson Line right-of-way.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Turbine 26 and associated construction disturbance area and access road are within 120 m of Natural Area 173. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-060 (no change)  • Woodland Feature WOD-192 (reduced to >0.1 m)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Bat Maternity Colony, Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat (reduced to >0.1 m)  Collection line is within 120 m of Natural Area 172. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-060 (no change)  • Woodland Feature WOD-182 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat AWO-20 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, Insect Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (no change)	Figure 1C
C2:	Relocation of access road to Turbine 18 31 m to the north.	Construction disturbance area modified to reduce or eliminate impacts to archaeological resources	Access road remains within 120 m of Natural Area 188. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-198 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Bat Maternity Colony Feature BMA-188 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (no change)	Figure 1C
C3:	Addition of construction disturbance area for access road and collection line to Turbine 41.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1C
D1:	Addition of construction disturbance area in the Northville Road right-of-way in two locations for collection line between Turbines 45 and 46.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1D
D2:	Removal of a portion of construction disturbance area for access road and collection line to Turbine 56.	to reduce or eliminate impacts to	None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1D
D3:	Relocation of Turbine 46 access road to travel north from Cedar Point Line and collection line to travel east along the southern property boundary; and addition of construction disturbance area for collection line in the Northville Road right-of-way.	Construction disturbance area modified to reduce or eliminate impacts to archaeological resources	Access road and collection line are within 120 m of Natural Area 167. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-062 (reduced to 50 m)  • Woodland Feature WOD-172 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (reduced to 50 m)	Figure 1D

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D4:	Addition of Turbine 112 and associated access road and collection line, extending south from Turbine 59.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	New Turbine 112 and associated construction disturbance area, access road and collection line are within 120 m of Natural Area 145. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-059 (no change)  • Woodland Feature WOD-126 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Bat Maternity Colony Feature BMA-145 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (no change)	Figure 1D
D5:	Addition of construction disturbance area on private property to the north of Thomson Line to allow for installation of collection line and/or transmission line.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Collection line and transmission line are within 120 m of Natural Area 235. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-078 (no change)  • Woodland Feature WOD-197 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Insect Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (no change)	Figure 1D
D6:	Addition of transmission line construction disturbance area on private property to allow for transmission line installation either in the Thomson Line right-of-way or on private property, within the disturbance area proposed to host collection line.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1D
D7:	Addition of collection line disturbance area on private property to allow for collection line installation either in the Thomson Line right-of-way or on private property, within the disturbance area proposed to host the transmission line.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Collection line is within 120 m of Natural Area 215. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-201 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat (no change)	Figure 1D
D8:	Addition of collection line disturbance area on private property to allow for collection line installation either in the Thomson Line right-of-way or on private property, within the disturbance area proposed to host the transmission line.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1D

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D9:	Addition of collection line disturbance area on private property to allow for collection line installation either in the Thomson Line right-of-way or on private property, within the disturbance area proposed to host the transmission line.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1D
D10:	Relocation of transmission line construction disturbance area into Natural Area located in the Thomson Line right-of-way.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Transmission line is in Natural Area 215 within the road right-of-way. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  Woodland Feature WOD-201 (reduced to 0 m; transmission line in Feature)  Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat and Bat Maternity Colony (no change); Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (reduced to 0 m; transmission line in Feature).	Figure 1D
E1:	Removal of Turbine 77 and associated access road and collection line / Removal and addition of portions of construction disturbance area for access road and collection line to Turbines 78, 79 and 107.	Turbine and associated infrastructure removed / Construction disturbance area modified to reduce or eliminate impacts to archaeological resources	Turbine 77 is no longer within 120 m of Natural Area 90. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-050 (no change)  • Woodland Feature WOD-263 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat Feature WRN-01 (no change)  • Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat Feature WBB-01 (no change)  • Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat Feature AWO-03 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (no change)  • Provincially Significant Ausable River Valley Life Science ANSI (no change)	Figure 1E
E2:	Addition of Turbine 107 and associated access road and collection line, extending south from Turbine 79.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	New Turbine 107 and associated access road and collection line are within 120 m of Natural Area 375.  Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-263 (no change)  • Confirmed Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Hooded Warbler Habitat Feature RHW-04 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat Feature WRN-01 (no change)  • Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat Feature WBB-01 (no change)	Figure 1E
E3:	Relocation of Turbine 79 23 m to the east, within existing turbine construction disturbance.	Construction disturbance area modified to reduce or eliminate impacts to archaeological resources	Turbine 79 is within 120 m of Natural Area 90. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-263 (no change)  • Confirmed Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Hooded Warbler Habitat Feature RHW-04 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat Feature WRN-01 (no change)  • Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat Feature WBB-01 (no change)  • Provincially Significant Ausable River Valley Life Science ANSI (no change)	Figure 1E

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E4:	Addition of construction disturbance area on private property to the north of Thomson Line to allow for installation of collection line and/or transmission line.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Transmission line and collection line are within 120 m of Natural Area 236. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-078 (no change)  • Woodland Feature WOD-200 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat (no change)  • Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (no change)  • Insect Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (no change)	Figure 1E
E5:	Relocation of transmission line construction disturbance area within Natural Area located in the Thomson Line road right-of-way.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Transmission line is in Natural Area 252 within the road right-of-way. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-204 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Rare Vegetation Community, Insect Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (no change); Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (reduced to 0 m; transmission line in Feature).  Transmission line remains within 120 m of Natural Area 377. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-263 (no change)  • Confirmed Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Plant Species of Conservation Concern Feature SCP-17 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat Feature WRN-01 (no change)  • Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat Feature WBB-01 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Rare Vegetation Community, Bat Maternity Colony, Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat, Insect Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat and Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (no change)	Figure 1E
E6:	Relocation of transmission line construction disturbance area within Natural Area located in the Thomson Line/Elginfield Road right-of-way.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Transmission line is in Natural Area 90 within the road right-of-way. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-050 (reduced to 0 m; transmission line in Feature)  • Woodland Feature WOD-263 (no change)  • Confirmed Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat Features SCP-18 and SCP-23 (no change)  • Deer Winter Congregation Areas Feature DWC-02 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Bat Maternity Colony BMA-090B (no change)  • Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat Feature WRN-01 (no change)  • Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat: Marsh Bird Breeding Habitat, Waterfowl Nesting Area, Seeps and Springs, Rare Vegetation Community, Mature Forest Stand, Amphibian Wetland Breeding Habitat, Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat, Amphibian Movement Corridor, Insect Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat, Turtle Wintering Area, Terrestrial Crayfish Habitat (no change); Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (reduced to 0 m; transmission line in Feature)  • Provincially Significant Ausable River Valley Life Science ANSI (reduced to 0 m; transmission line in Feature)	Figure 1E

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F1:	Removal of a portion of construction disturbance area for access road and collection line to Turbine 43.	to reduce or eliminate impacts to	None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1F
F2:	Relocation of Turbine 44 access road 32 m to the west.	Construction disturbance area modified to reduce or eliminate impacts to archaeological resources	Access road is now within 120 m of Natural Area 383 (not previously described in the approved NHA and EIS). Features within 120 m of this modification are described in this NHA Addendum.  Access road is now within 120 m of Natural Area 117 (not previously described in the approved NHA and EIS). Features within 120 m of this modification are described in this NHA Addendum.	Figure 1F
F3:	Relocation of Turbine 90 access road and collection line to the north, extending to Townsend Line and addition of collection line in the Townsend Line right-of-way.	Construction disturbance area modified to reduce or eliminate impacts to archaeological resources	Access road and collection line are now within 120 m of Natural Area 119 (not previously described in the approved NHA and EIS). Features within 120 m of this modification are described in this NHA Addendum. Access road and collection line are now within 120 m of Natural Area 118 (not previously described in the approved NHA and EIS). Features within 120 m of this modification are described in this NHA Addendum.	Figure 1F
F4:	Addition of Turbine 91	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1F
F5:	Removal of a portion of construction disturbance area for access road and collection line to Turbine 92.	Construction disturbance area modified to reduce or eliminate impacts to	Access road and collection line remain within 120 m of Natural Area 70. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (no change)  Access road and collection line remain within 120 m of Natural Area 71. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Confirmed Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Rare Vegetation Community Feature RVC-04 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (no change)	Figure 1F
F6:	Removal of a portion of construction disturbance area for access road and collection line to Turbines 96 and 97.	to reduce or eliminate impacts to	None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1F
G1:	Addition of Turbine 62 construction disturbance area to the west and addition of collection line disturbance area in two locations in the Northville Road right-of-way.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Collection line is within 120 m of Natural Area 103. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-082 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Bat Maternity Colony, Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (no change).	Figure 1G
G2:	Removal of the road and collection line to Turbine 63 and addition of road and collection line, extending west from Turbine 64 to Turbine 63.	Construction disturbance area modified to reduce or eliminate impacts to archaeological resources	Access road is within 120 m of Natural Area 102. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-063 (reduced to 20 m)  • Woodland Feature WOD-110 (reduced to 9 m)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat Feature AWO-04 (reduced to 9 m)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Mature Forest Stand, Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (reduced to 9 m)	Figure 1G

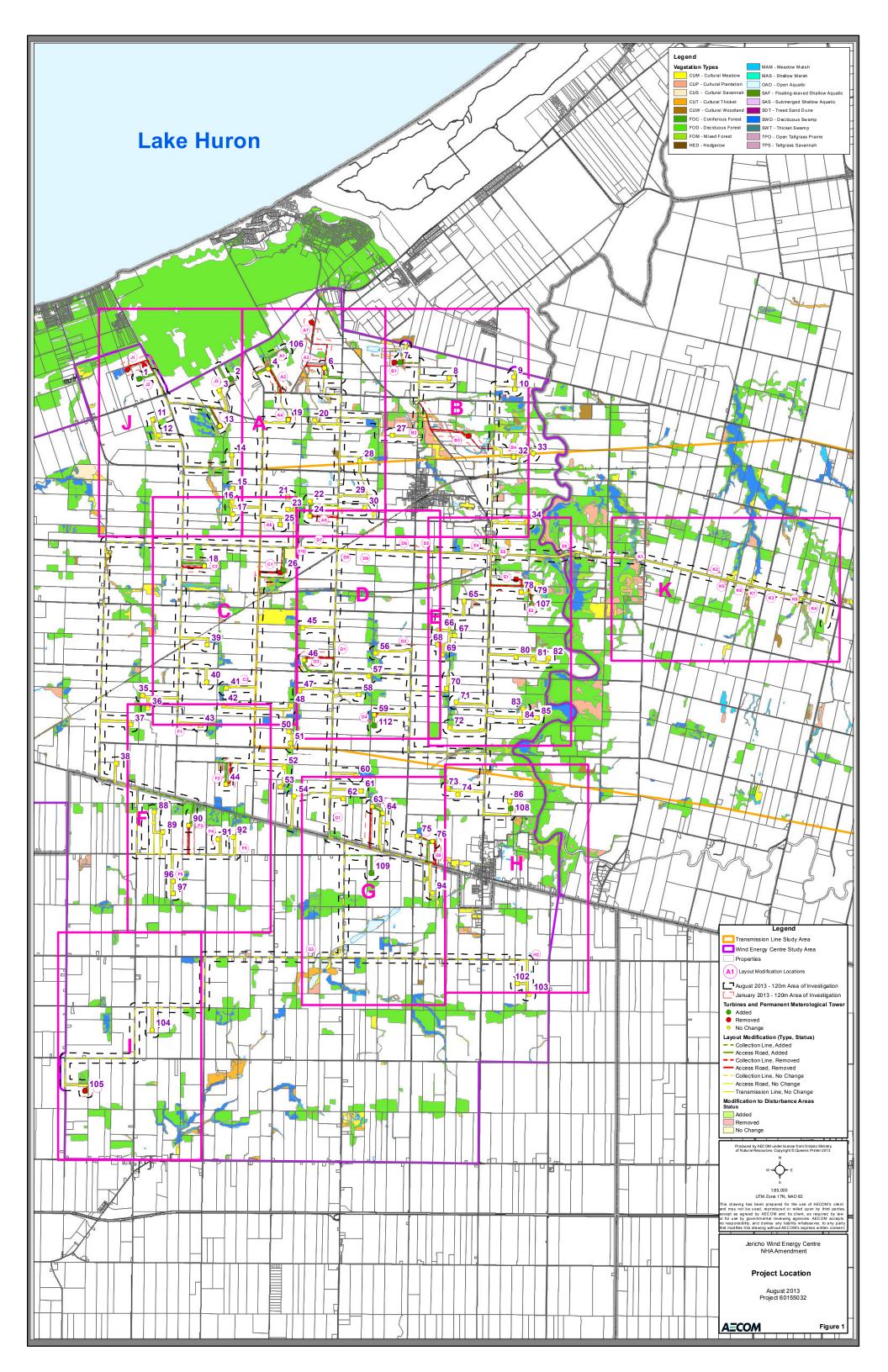
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G3:	Removal of collection line construction disturbance area north of Birnam Line.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Collection line remains within 120 m of Natural Area 42. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-047 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Bat Maternity Colony, Raptor Wintering Area, Mature Forest Stand, Rare Vegetation Community, Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat, Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat and Insect Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (no change)	
G4:	Relocation of collection line between Turbines 76 and 75 20 m to the south.	Construction disturbance area modified to reduce or eliminate impacts to archaeological resources	Collection line is within 120 m of Natural Area 97. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-025 (increased to 22 m)  • Woodland Feature WOD-084 (increased to 22 m)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Bat Maternity Colony Feature BMA-097 (increased to 22 m)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (increased to 22 m)	Figure 1G
G5:	Relocation of Turbine 76 access road and collection line 134 m to the west.	Construction disturbance area modified to reduce or eliminate impacts to archaeological resources		Figure 1G
G6:	Addition of Turbine 109 and associated construction disturbance area, access road and collection line; addition of collection line in Hickory Creek Line right-of-way.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1G
H1:	Addition of Turbine 108 and associated construction disturbance area.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1H
H2:	Relocation of collection line from private property to Birnam Line right-of-way.		None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1H
I1:	Relocation of Turbine 105 20 m to the south and addition of construction disturbance area.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1I
J1:	Removal of Turbine 2 and associated access road and collection line.	Turbine and associated infrastructure removed	Removed Turbine 2, and associated access road and collection line are within 120 m of Natural Area 493. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-278 (no change)  • Confirmed Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Deer Winter Congregation Area Feature DWC-01 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Bat Maternity Colony, Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat, Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (no change)	Figure 1J

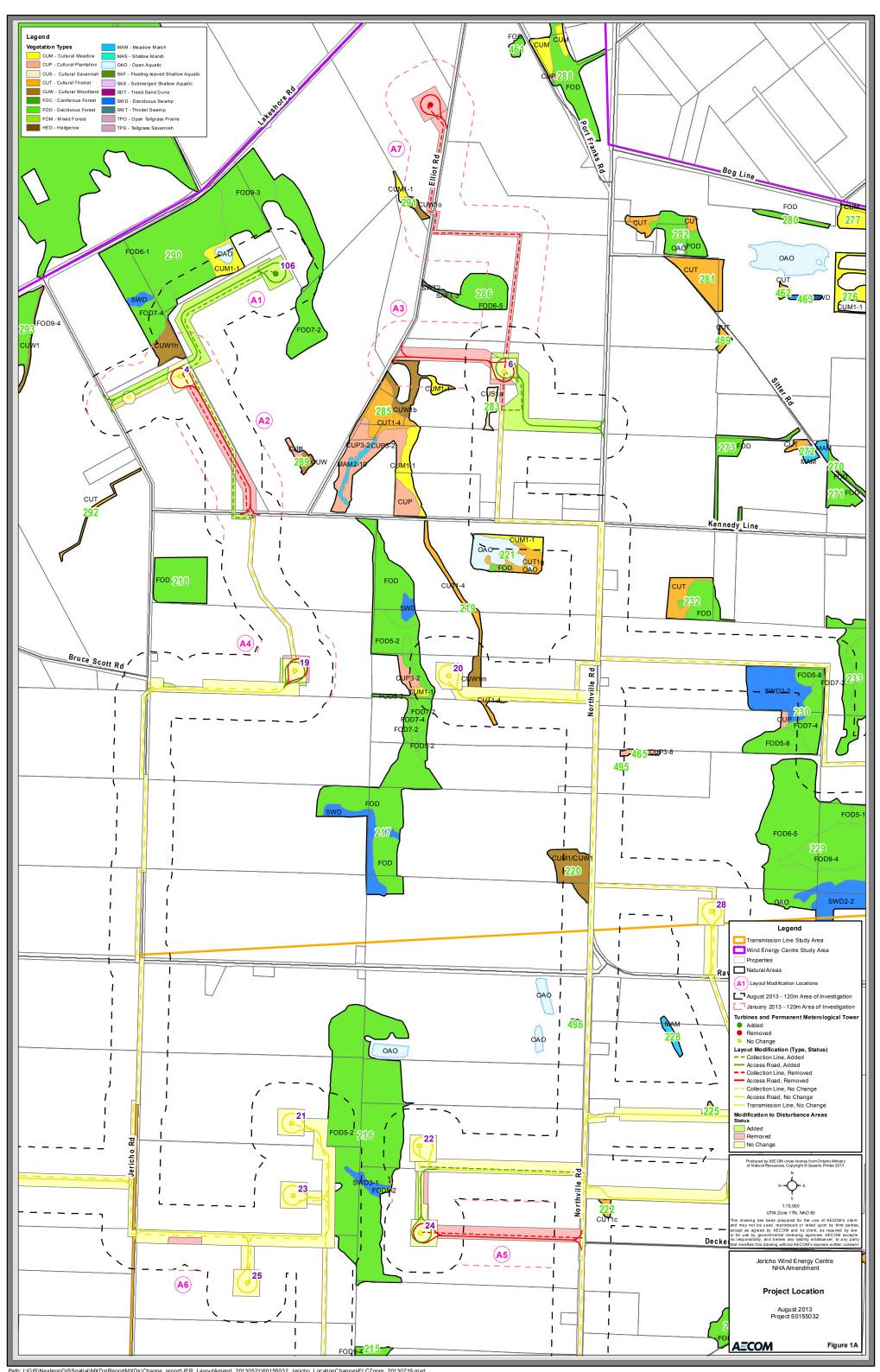
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J2:	Relocation of Turbine 1 and associated construction disturbance area, access road and collection line.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Removed Turbine 1, and associated access road and collection line are within 120 m of Natural Area 298. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-046 (increased to >120 m)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Turtle Nesting Habitat Feature (TNH-02) (increased to >120 m)  Natural Area 297 is no longer within 120 m of the Project Location. Features within this Natural Area include:  • Wetland Feature WET-046 (increased to >120 m)  • Woodland Feature WOD-261 (increased to >120 m)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Bat Maternity Colony Feature (BMA-297) (increased to >120 m)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (increased to >120 m)  Turbine 1 and associated construction disturbance area, access road and collection line are within 120 m of a portion of Natural Area 298 that was not previously described in the approved NHA and EIS. Features within 120 m of this modification are described in this NHA Addendum.	Figure 1J
			Turbine 1 and associated construction disturbance area, access road and collection line are within 120 m of Natural Area 493. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-278 (no change)  • Confirmed Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Deer Winter Congregation Area Feature DWC-01 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Bat Maternity Colony, Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat, Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (no change)	
J3:	Addition of Turbine 2 and associated construction disturbance area, access road and collection line.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Addition of Turbine 2 and associated construction disturbance area, access road and collection line are within 120 m of a portion of Natural Area 293 that was not previously described in the approved NHA	Figure 1J
J4:	Relocation of Turbine 13 construction disturbance area 14 m to the southwest.	Construction disturbance area modified to reduce or eliminate impacts to archaeological resources	Turbine construction disturbance area remains within 120 m of Natural Area 214. Features within 120 m of this modifications include:  • Wetland Feature WET-044 (increased to 41 m)  • Woodland Feature WOD-245 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Bat Maternity Colony Feature BMA-214 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (no change)	Figure 1J

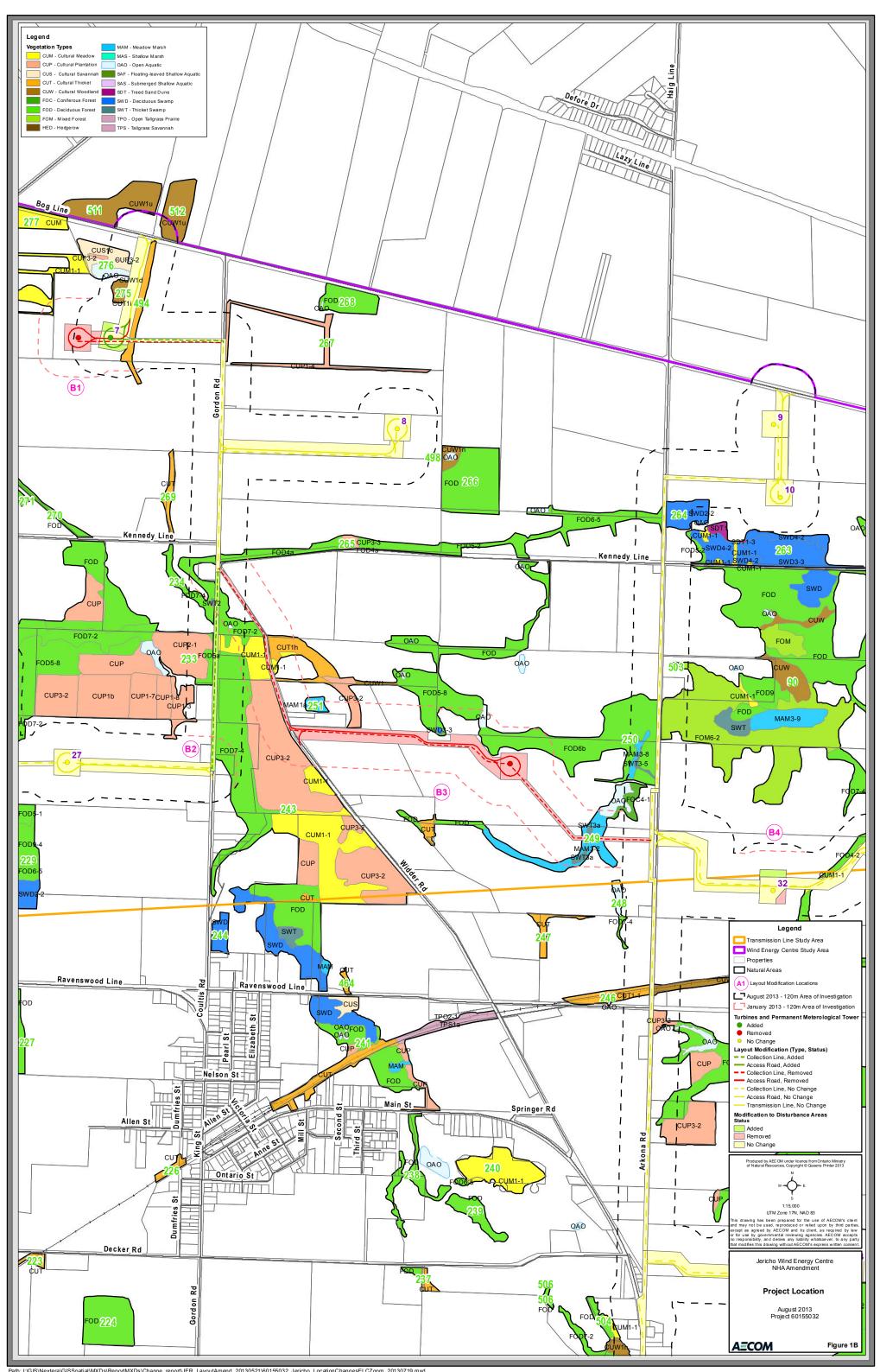
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K1:	Relocation of transmission line construction disturbance area within Natural Area located in the Elginfield Road right-of-way.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Transmission line is in Natural Area 90 within the road right-of-way. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-050 (reduced to 0 m; transmission line in Feature)  • Woodland Feature WOD-263 (no change)  • Confirmed Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Deer Winter Congregation Area Feature DWC-02 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Bat Maternity Colony BMA-090B (no change)  • Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat Feature WRN-01 (no change)  • Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat Feature WBB-01 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Turtle Wintering Area, Turtle Nesting Habitat, Redheaded Woodpecker Habitat, Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, Insect Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Rare Vegetation Community (no change)  • A newly delineated CUM1-1 vegetation community in Natural Area 90 is described in this NHA Addendum (0 m; transmission line is in newly delineated vegetation community)  Transmission line remains within 120 m of Natural Area 339. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-050 (reduced to 0 m; transmission line in Feature)  • Woodland Feature WOD-263 (no change)  • Confirmed Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Deer Winter Congregation Area Feature DWC-02 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Woodland Aptor Nesting Habitat Feature WRN-01 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Woodland Area-Sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat Feature WBB-01 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Turtle Wintering Area, Turtle Nesting Habitat, Redheaded Woodpecker Habitat, Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat and Bat Maternity Colony (no change)	Figure 1K
K2:	Addition of transmission line construction disturbance area on private property to the north of Elginfield Road, east of Pete Sebe Road.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Transmission line is within 120 m of Natural Area 497. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Amphibian Wetland Breeding Habitat (no change)  Transmission line is within 120 m of Natural Area 342. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-181 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Turtle Wintering Area and Amphibian Wetland Breeding Habitat (no change)	Figure 1K
K3:	Addition of transmission line construction disturbance area on private property to the south of Elginfield Road, east of Roddick Road.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	None (no Natural Areas are within 120 m of this modification).	Figure 1K

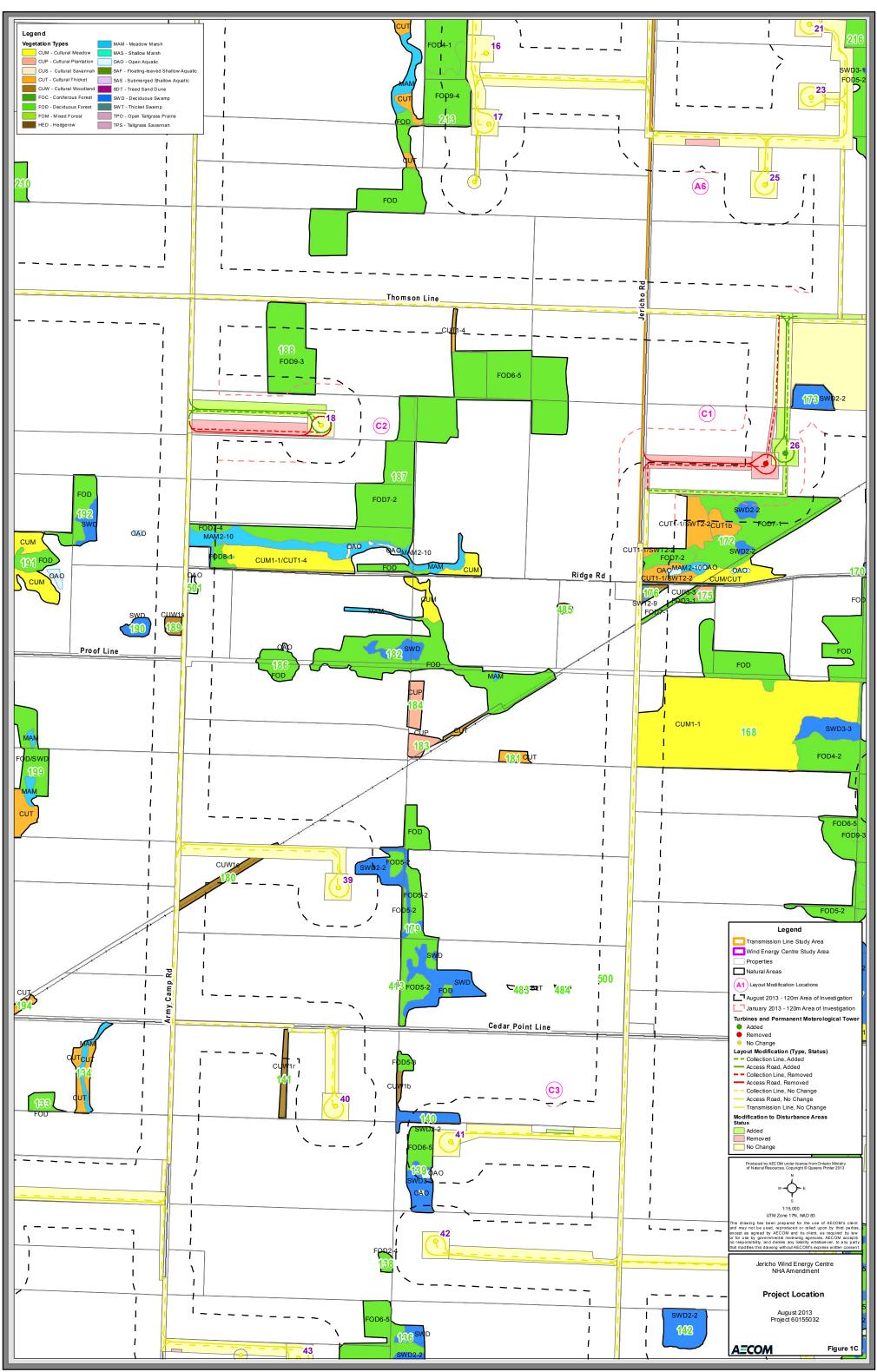
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K4:	Addition of transmission line construction disturbance area on private property to the south of Elginfield Road, west of Kerwood Road.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Transmission line is within 120 m of Natural Area 344. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  Bald Eagle and Osprey Nesting, Foraging and Perching Habitat Feature BEN-01 (no change)  Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (no change)	Figure 1K
K5:	Relocation of transmission line construction disturbance area within Natural Area located in the Elginfield Road right-of-way.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	<ul> <li>Transmission line is in Natural Area 342 within the road right-of-way. Features within 120 m of this modification include:</li> <li>Woodland Feature WOD-181 (reduced to 0 m; transmission line in Feature)</li> <li>Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Turtle Wintering Area and Amphibian Wetland Breeding Habitat (no change)</li> <li>Transmission line remains within 120 m of Natural Area 351. Features within 120 m of this modification include:</li> <li>Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Waterfowl Nesting Area, Marsh Bird Breeding Habitat and Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (no change)</li> <li>Transmission line remains within 120 m of Natural Area 497. Features within 120 m of this modification include:</li> <li>Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Amphibian Wetland Breeding Habitat (no change)</li> </ul>	Figure 1K
K6:	Relocation of transmission line construction disturbance area within Natural Area located in the Elginfield Road right-of-way.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	<ul> <li>Transmission line is in Natural Area 340 within the road right-of-way. Features within 120 m of this modification include:</li> <li>Woodland Feature WOD-180 (no change)</li> <li>Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Rare Vegetation Community, Insect Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat and Bat Maternity Colony (no change)</li> <li>A newly delineated CUM1-1 vegetation community in Natural Area 340 is described in this NHA Addendum (0 m; transmission line is in newly delineated vegetation community)</li> <li>Transmission line remains within 120 m of Natural Area 351. Features within 120 m of this modification include:</li> <li>Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Turtle Wintering Area, Amphibian Wetland Breeding Habitat, Waterfowl Nesting Area, Marsh Bird Breeding Habitat and Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (no change)</li> <li>Transmission line construction disturbance area is within 120 m of Natural Area 342. Features within 120 m of this modification include:</li> <li>Woodland Feature WOD-181 (reduced to 0 m; transmission line in Feature due to Modification K5)</li> </ul>	Figure 1K
К7:	Relocation of transmission line construction disturbance area within Natural Area located in the Elginfield Road right-of-way.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Transmission line is in Natural Area 341 within the road right-of-way. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Wetland Feature WET-051 (no change)  • Woodland Feature WOD-175 (reduced to 0 m; transmission line in Feature)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Turtle Nesting Habitat, Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat, Insect Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (no change); Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (reduced to 0 m; transmission line in Feature)  Transmission line construction disturbance area remains within 120 m of Natural Area 351. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat, Amphibian Wetland Breeding Habitat and Turtle Wintering Area (no change)	Figure 1K

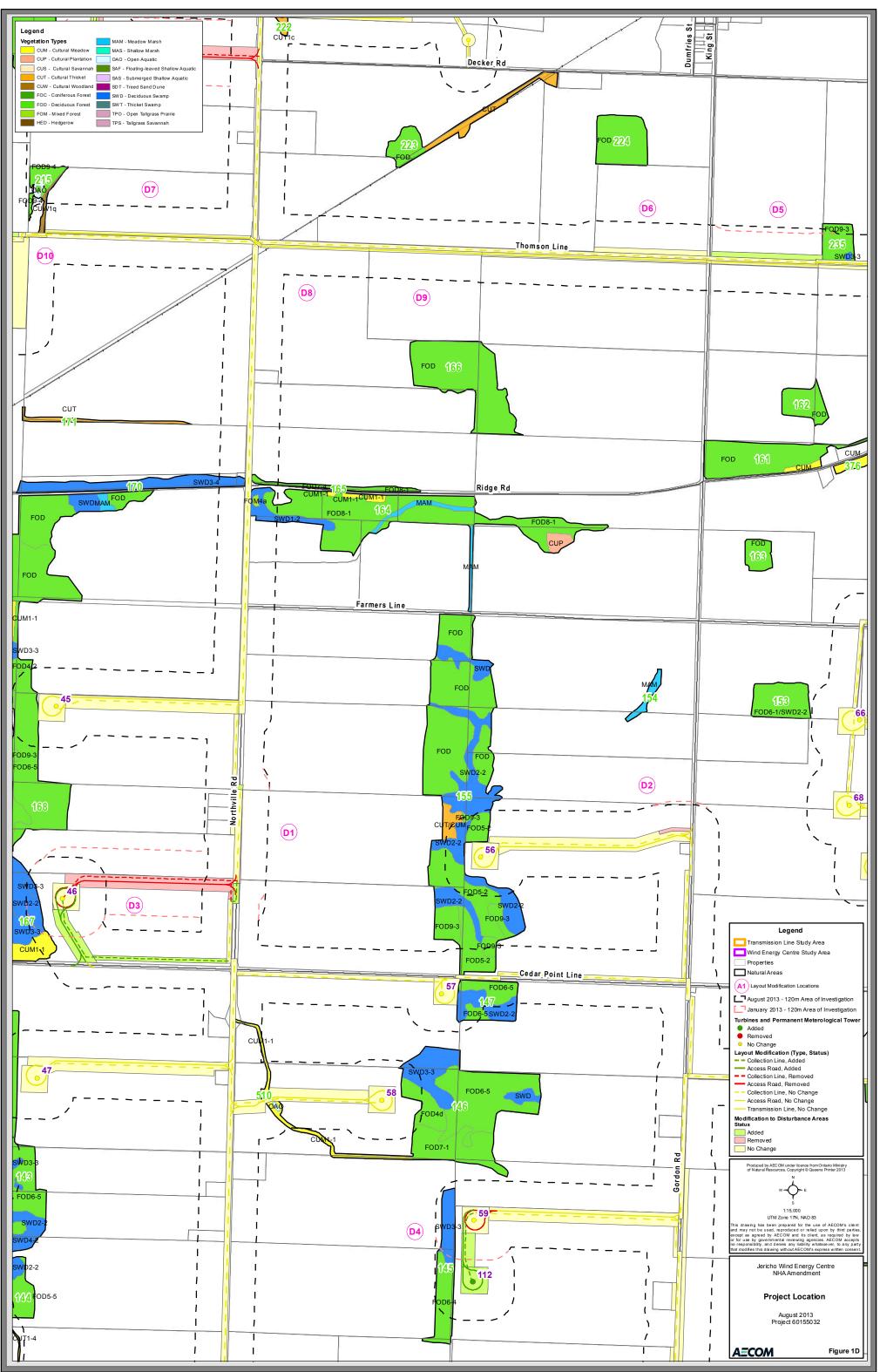
	Modification ID	Type of Modification	Feature(s) Potentially Affected by Proposed Modification (Change in Minimum Distance to Project Location)	Мар
К8:	Relocation of transmission line construction disturbance area within Natural Area located in the Elginfield Road right-of-way.	Infrastructure or construction disturbance area added or changed to optimize project design/ constructability	Transmission line is in Natural Area 344 within the road right-of-way. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Woodland Feature WOD-164 (no change)  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Bald Eagle and Osprey Nesting, Foraging and Perching Habitat Feature BEN-01 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Turtle Wintering Area, Rare Vegetation Community, Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat, Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat, Bat Maternity Colony, Insect Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (no change); Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (reduced to 0 m; transmission line in Feature)  Transmission line construction disturbance area remains within 120 m of Natural Area 348. Features within 120 m of this modification include:  • Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat:  • Bald Eagle and Osprey Nesting, Foraging and Perching Habitat Feature BEN-01 (no change)  • Woodland Feature WOD-297 (no change)  • Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat, Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat and Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (no change)	Figure 1K

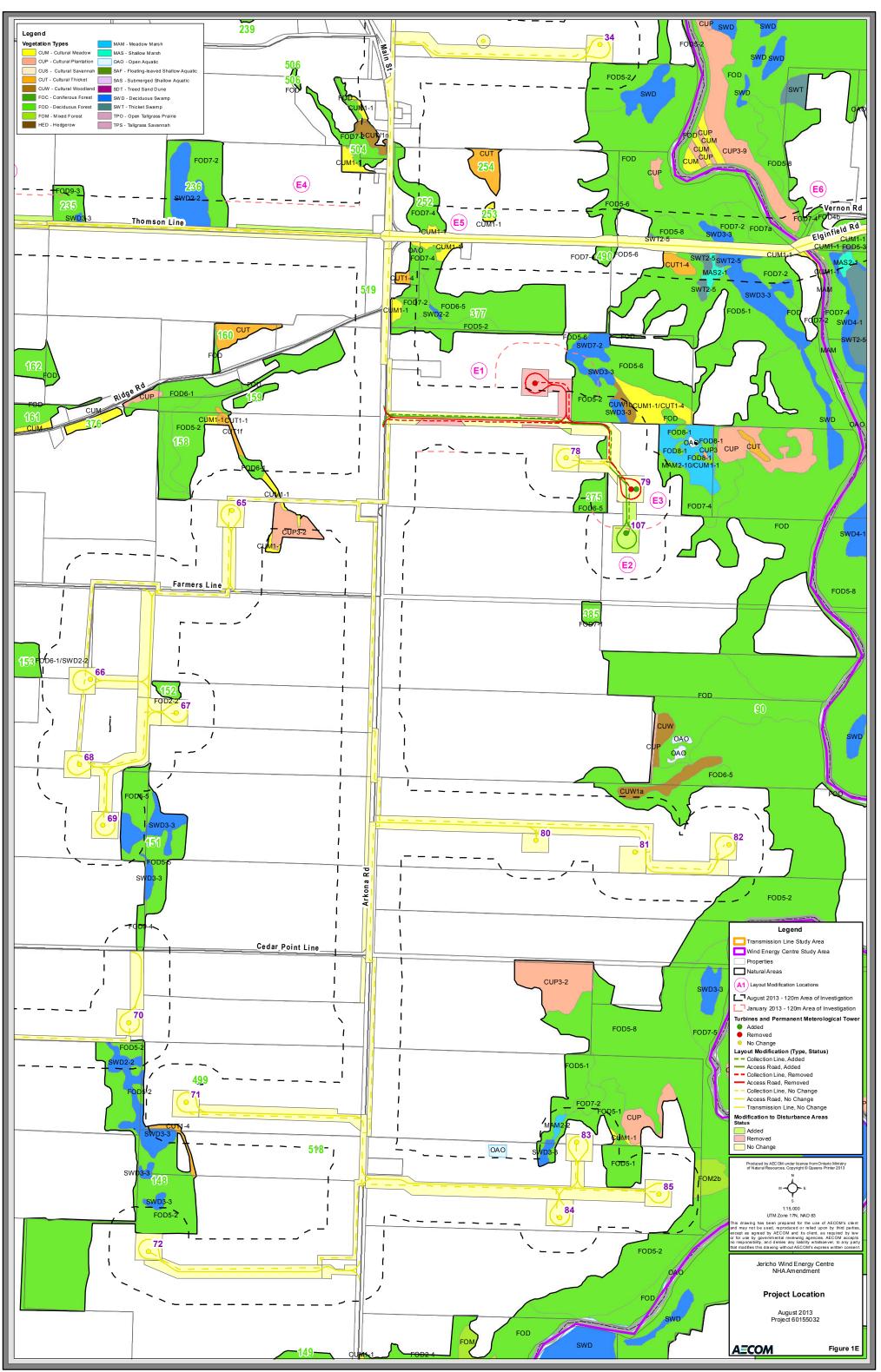


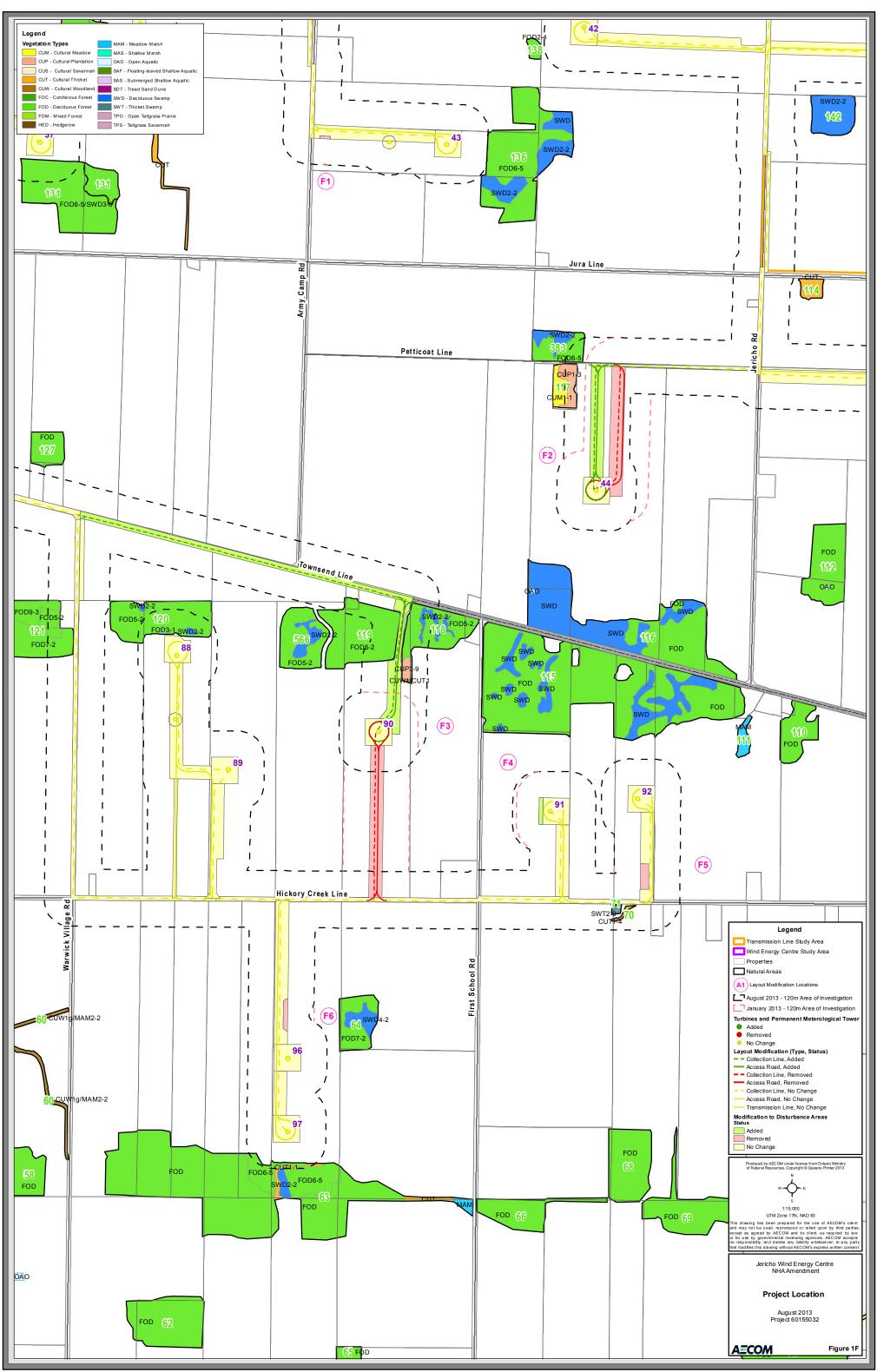


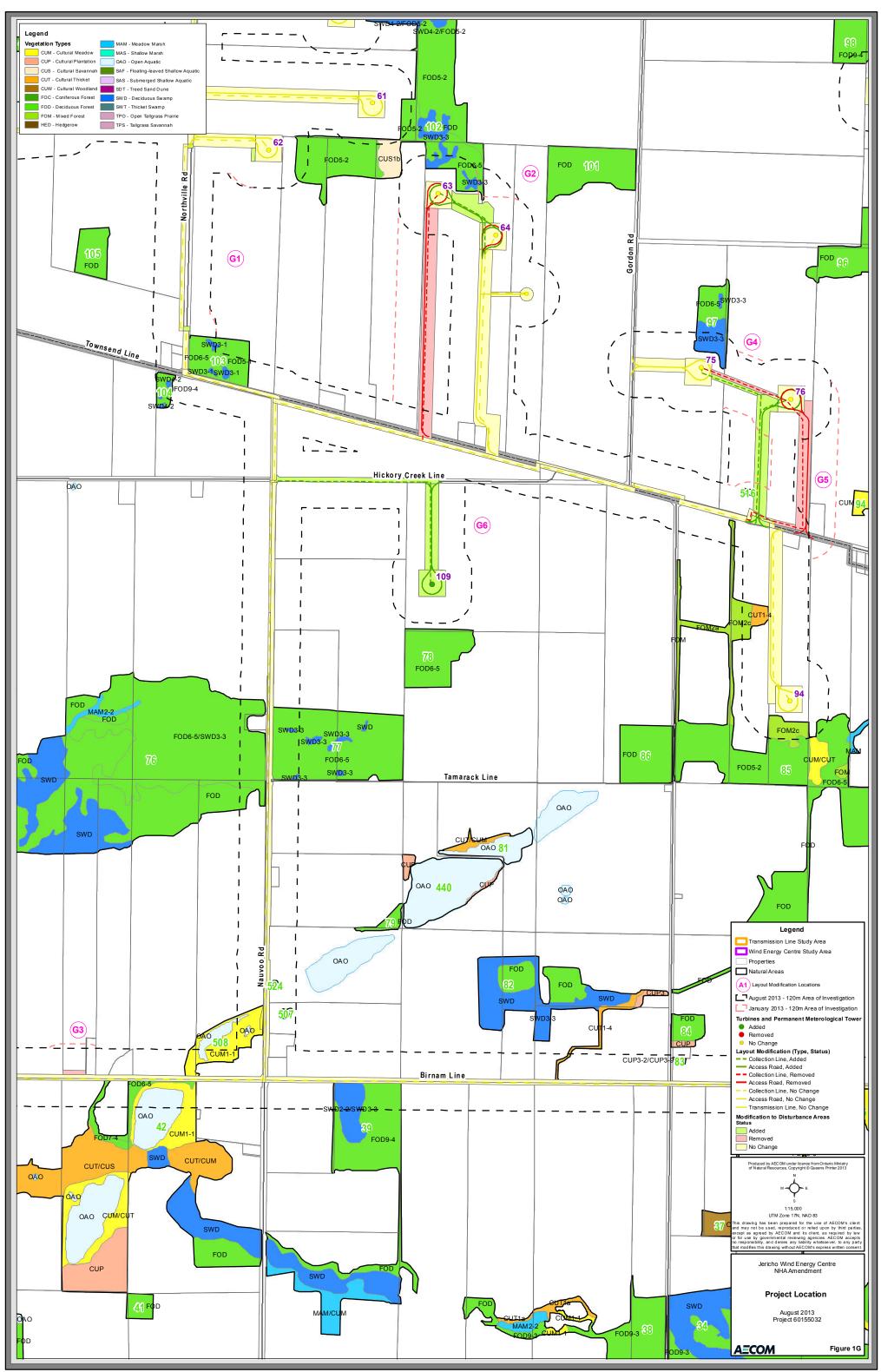


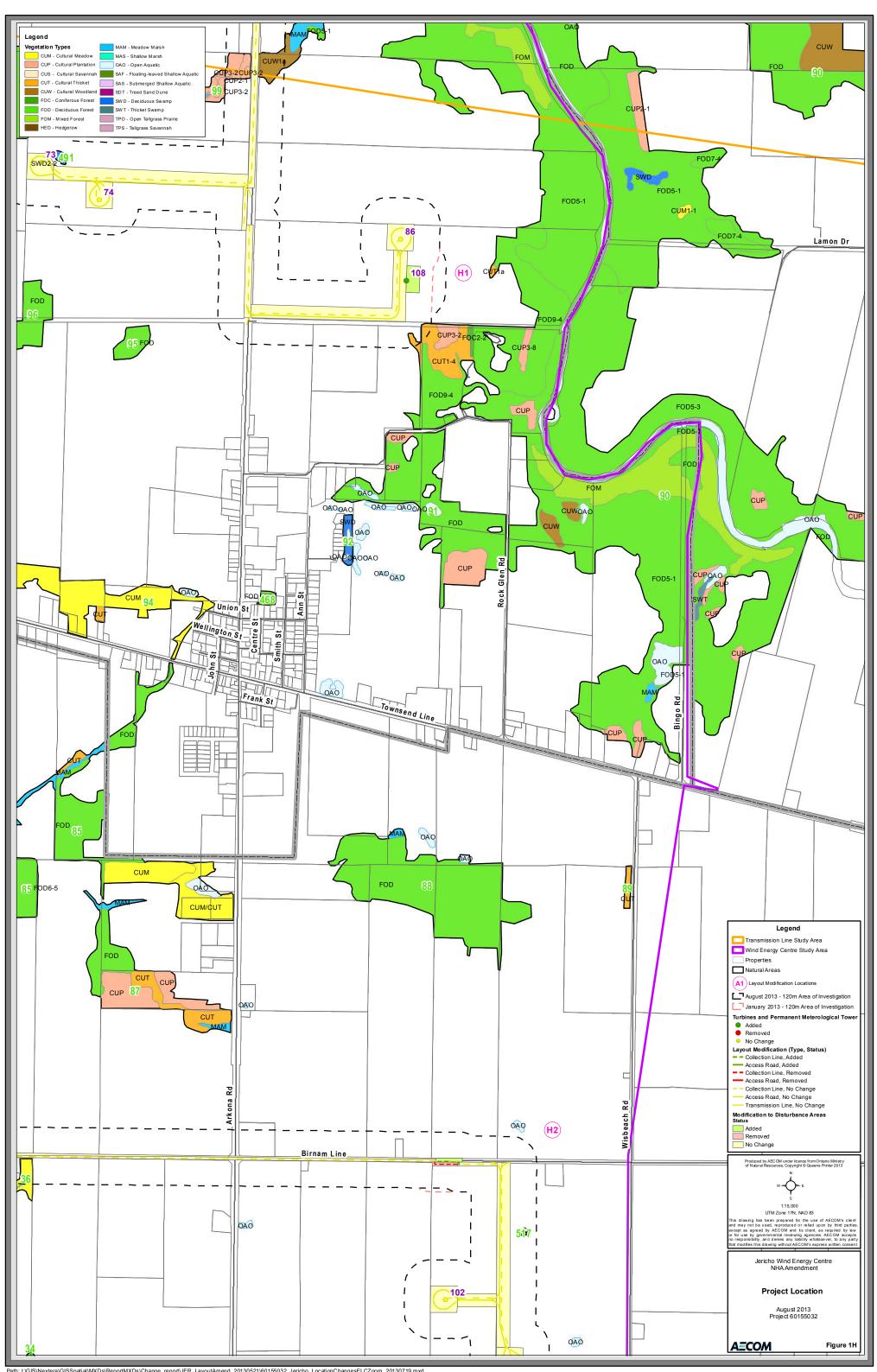


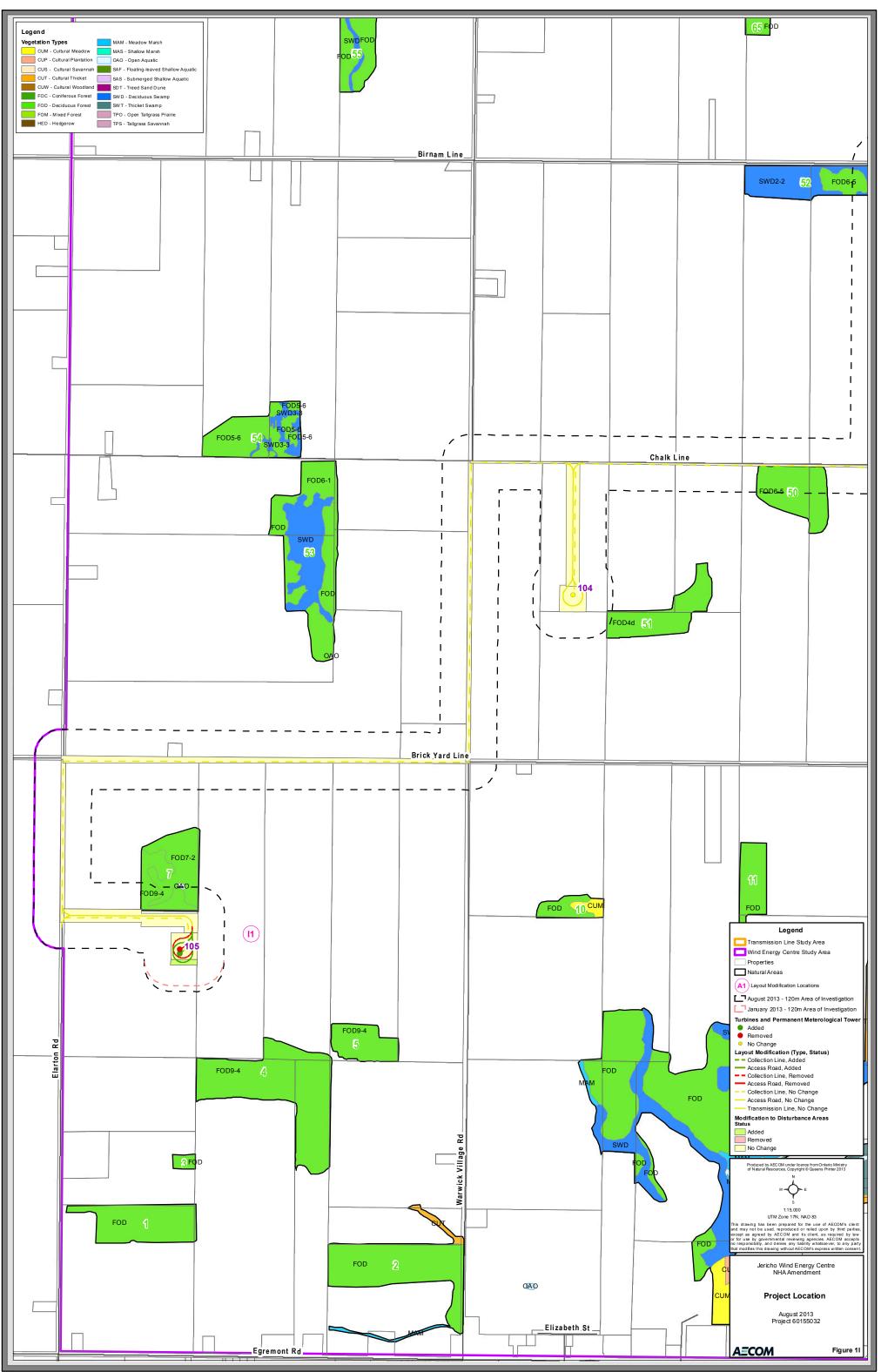


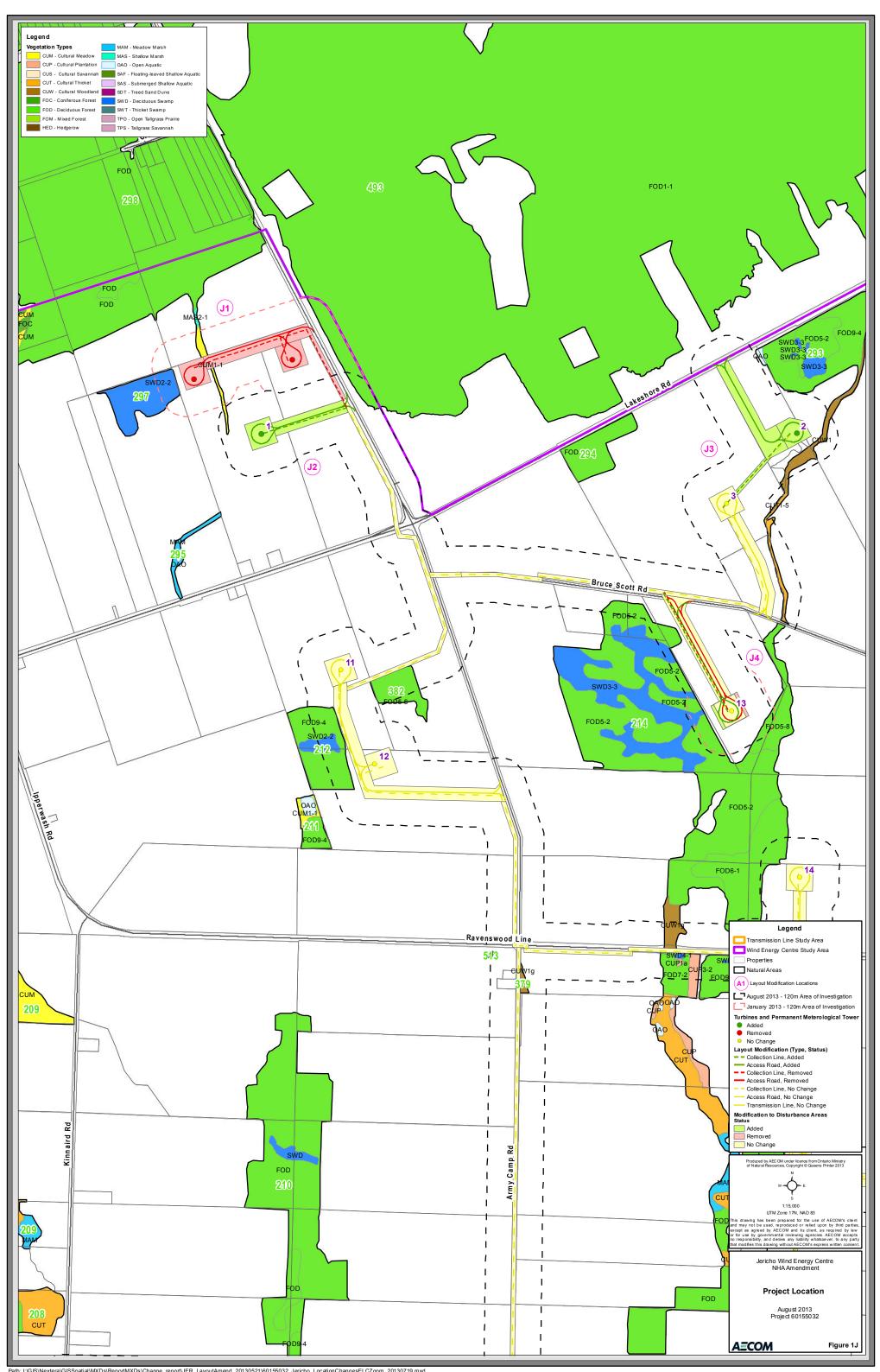


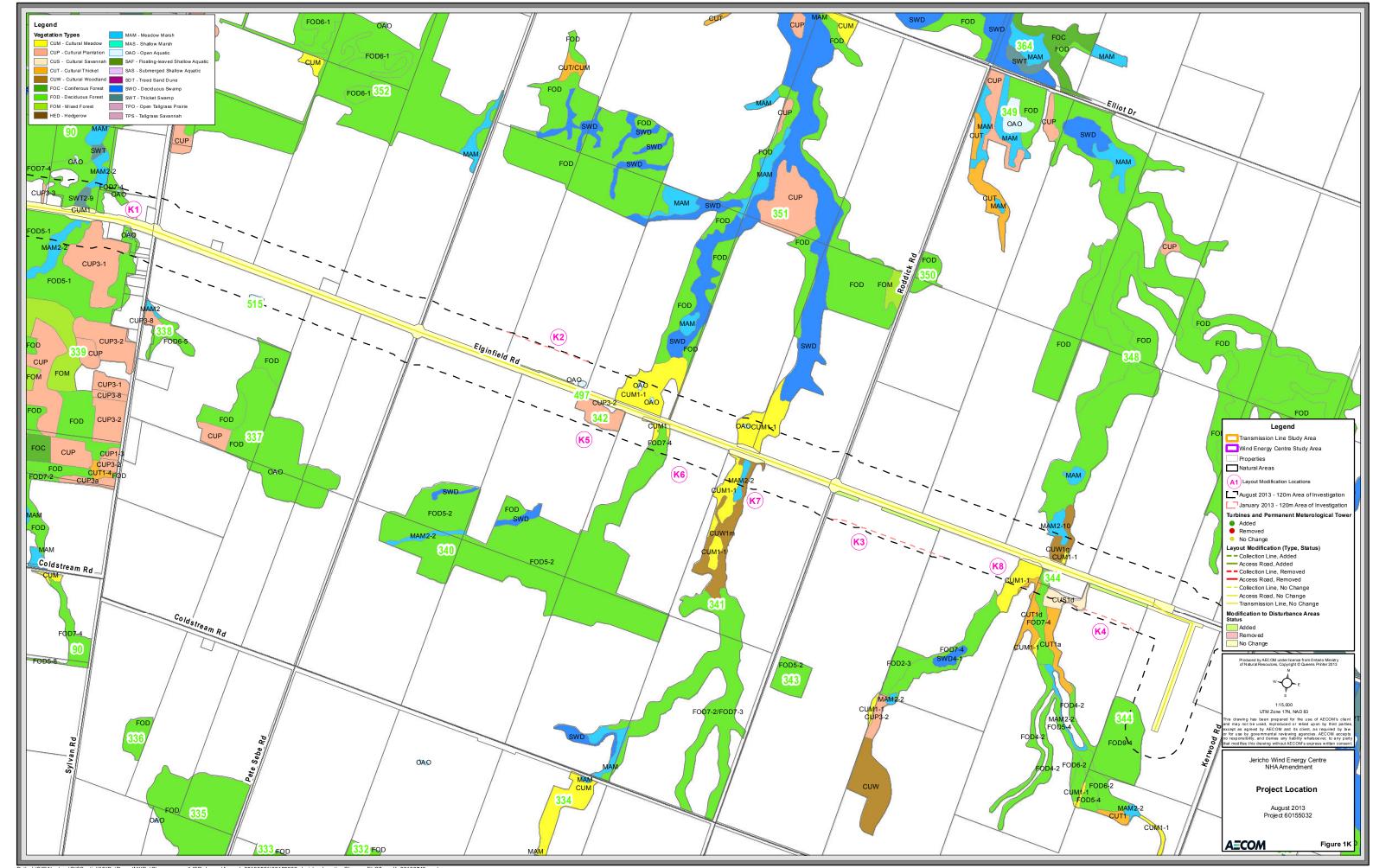












## 1.2 Summary of NHA Addendum

Changes required to the approved NHA and EIS in order to address the proposed Project Location modifications are summarized in **Table 2** below. The relevant sections of this NHA Addendum pertaining to these changes are also provided in the table below.

Table 2. Summary of Changes to Approved NHA and EIS

Approved NHA and EIS Section	Change  Methods: No changes.  Results: No changes.  Methods: Site investigations were conducted in 2012 and 2013 where the 120 m Area of Investigation for proposed Project Location modifications (dated August 2013 on Figure 1) extended beyond the 120 m Area of Investigation in the approved NHA and EIS (dated January 2013 on Figure 1). Thirteen Natural Areas (90, 117, 118, 119, 145, 172, 233, 290, 293, 298, 340, 383 and 516) were surveyed to determine whether they contain wetlands, woodlands, or candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat. These site investigations were conducted following the survey methods described in the approved NHA and EIS.					
2. Records Review						
3. Site Investigation						
	In addition, where minimum distances from Project infrastructure to Natural Areas described in the approved NHA and EIS changed as a result of the proposed Project Location modifications (refer to <b>Table 1</b> ), the Significant Wildlife Habitat Features within those Natural Areas were re-examined to determine whether the modifications resulted in changes to the designation of candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat and Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat.					
	Results: The following Features were carried forward to the Evaluation of Significance as a result of the proposed Project Location modifications:  Wetlands WET-026 and WET-048;  Woodlands WOD-097, WOD-111, WOD-263, WOD-265 and WOD-277;  Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat (AWO-22);  Reptile Hibernacula (RH-05);  Rare Vegetation Community (RVC-05);  Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (SCP-24, SCP-25, SCP-26, SCP-27, SCP-28, SCP-29, SCP-30, SCP-31, SCP-32 and SCP-33);	Section 3.2				
	<ul> <li>Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (RHW-05 and RHW-06); and</li> <li>Many Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat Features (refer to Section 3.2.4).</li> </ul>					
4. Evaluation of Significance	Methods: Wetland Features WET-026 and WET-048 were re-evaluated based on field data collected during site investigations conducted in support of this NHA Addendum, following the methods described in the approved NHA and EIS.  Woodland Features WOD-097, WOD-111, WOD-263, WOD-265 and WOD-277 were re-evaluated based on field data collected during site investigations conducted in support of this NHA Addendum, following	Section 4.1				
	the methods described in the approved NHA and EIS.  Evaluation of Significance studies are required for the Candidate Reptile Hibernaculum (RH-05), Candidate Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat (AWO-22), Candidate Plant Species of Conservation Concern Habitat (SCP-24, SCP-25, SCP-26, SCP-27, SCP-28, SCP-29, SCP-30, SCP-31, SCP-32 and SCP-33), and Candidate Red-headed Woodpecker Habitat (RHW-05 and RHW-06) Features identified in this NHA Addendum. The results of Evaluation of Significance studies completed for Candidate Turtle Wintering Areas are also presented herein.					
	Results: The following Features were treated as significant or evaluated and confirmed to be significant and carried forward to the EIS as a result of the proposed Project Location modifications:  Wetland Feature WET-026 and WET-048;  Woodland Features WOD-097, WOD-111, WOD-263, WOD-265 and WOD-277;  Reptile Hibernaculum Feature RH-05;  Rare Vegetation Community Feature RVC-05;  Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat Feature AWO-22;  Turtle Wintering Area Features TWH-01, TWH-02, TWH-05, TWH-06 and TWH-07; and  Many Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat Features (refer to Section 4.2.4).	Section 4.2				

Table 2. Summary of Changes to Approved NHA and EIS

Approved NHA and EIS Section	Change	Refer to Addendum Section(s)
5. EIS	Changes to the potential effects, mitigation measures and monitoring commitments are required (and described herein) for the following Features:  Significant Wetlands WET-025, WET-044, WET-046, WET-048, WET-062, WET-063 and WET-078; Significant Woodlands WOD-084, WOD-097, WOD-110, WOD-111, WOD-175, WOD-181, WOD-192, WOD-201, WOD-261, WOD-262, WOD-265 and WOD-267; Reptile Hibernaculum Feature RH-05; Rare Vegetation Community Feature RVC-05; Amphibian Woodland Breeding Habitat Features AWO-16, AW0-20 and AWO-22; Turtle Wintering Area Feature TWH-04; Turtle Nesting Habitat Feature TNH-02; Bat Maternity Colony Feature BMA-297; Terrestrial Waterfowl (Tundra Swan) Stopover and Staging Area Feature WSST-31; and Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat Features (numerous).  Additional mitigation measures are described herein for Turtle Wintering Areas which contain Snapping Turtle.	Section 5

## 2. Amendments to the Records Review

The Records Review in the approved NHA and EIS was conducted for the entire Project Study Area, rather than encompassing only the Project Location and an additional 120 m surrounding the Project Location as required by O.Reg. 359/09. This was done in order to accommodate any potential changes to project layout that may occur later in the project planning process. Consequently, no changes to the Records Review are required as a result of the proposed Project Location modifications.

## 3. Amendments to the Site Investigation

#### 3.1 Methods

Site investigations were conducted between May and July 2012 and between March and August 2013 within 13 Natural Areas (90, 117, 118, 119, 145, 172, 233, 290, 293, 298, 340, 383 and 516) for the purpose of this NHA Addendum, following the methods described in the approved NHA and EIS. Of these, four are new Natural Areas that were not previously within 120 m of the proposed Project Location:

- Natural Area 117 (is now within the 120 Area of Investigation as a result of Modification F2 (refer to Table 1 and Figure 1F);
- Natural Area 118 is now within the 120 Area of Investigation as a result of Modification F3 (refer to Table 1 and Figure 1F);
- Natural Area 119 is now within the 120 Area of Investigation as a result of Modification F3 (refer to Table 1 and Figure 1F); and
- Natural Area 383 is now within the 120 Area of Investigation as a result of Modification F2 (refer to **Table 1** and **Figure 1F**).

Six of the Natural Areas were previously identified in the approved NHA and EIS; however, the 120 m Area of Investigation for the proposed Project Location modifications extends beyond the approved 120 m Area of Investigation to include new portions of these Natural Areas:

- Natural Area 145, as a result of Modification D4 (refer to **Table 1** and **Figure 1D**);
- Natural Area 172, as a result of Modification C1 (refer to Table 1 and Figure 1C);
- Natural Area 233, as a result of Modification B2 (refer to **Table 1** and **Figure 1B**);
- Natural Area 290, as a result of Modification A1 (refer to Table 1 and Figure 1A);
- Natural Area 293, as a result of Modification J3 (refer to **Table 1** and **Figure 1J**); and
- Natural Area 298, as a result of Modification J2 (refer to **Table 1** and **Figure 1J**).

Two of the remaining Natural Areas were previously identified in the approved NHA and EIS; although the 120 m Area of Investigation remained the same, previously described vegetation community boundaries were refined and new vegetation communities were delineated during the site investigations conducted in support of the detailed design of the transmission line:

- Natural Area 90, as a result of Modification K1 (refer to Table 1 and Figure 1K); and
- Natural Area 340, as a result of Modification K6 (refer to Table 1 and Figure 1K).

In addition, Natural Area 516 was revisited on March 27, 2013 to obtain more detailed site investigation information in support of the identification of candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat potentially affected by Modification G5 (refer to **Table 1** and **Figure 1G**). The results of these site investigations are reported in this NHA Addendum. The remaining proposed Project Location modifications did not require additional site investigations.

#### 3.1.1 Wetlands

For the purpose of this NHA Addendum, the 13 Natural Areas described above (90, 117, 118, 119, 145, 172, 233, 290, 293, 340, 383 and 516) were assessed for the presence of wetland Features following the methods described in the approved NHA and EIS.

#### 3.1.2 Woodlands

For the purpose of this NHA Addendum, the 13 Natural Areas described above (90, 117, 118, 119, 145, 172, 233, 290, 293, 298, 340, 383 and 516) were assessed for the presence of woodland Features following the methods described in the approved NHA and EIS.

#### 3.1.3 Wildlife Habitat

For the purpose of this NHA Addendum, the 13 Natural Areas described above (90, 117, 118, 119, 145, 172, 233, 290, 293, 298, 340, 383 and 516) were assessed for the presence of candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat Features following the methods described in the approved NHA and EIS. A summary of these methods and the results of assessments of the above Natural Areas for each type of Significant Wildlife Habitat identified through the Records Review and Site Investigation in the approved NHA and EIS are provided in **Section 3.2.4** below.

Where minimum distances from Project infrastructure to Natural Areas described in the approved NHA and EIS changed as a result of the proposed Project Location modifications (refer to **Table 1**), the Significant Wildlife Habitat Features within those Natural Areas were re-examined to determine whether the modifications resulted in changes

to the designation of candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat and Generalized Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat as per Appendix D of the Natural Heritage Assessment Guide for Renewable Energy Projects (MNR, 2012). The results of site investigations within those Natural Areas are presented in the approved NHA and EIS and therefore are not repeated here.

#### 3.1.4 Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSIs)

Where minimum distances from Project infrastructure to Provincially Significant ANSIs changed as a result of the proposed Project Location modifications (refer to **Table 1**), these 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. The attributes, composition and function of Provincially Significant ANSIs within the Project Study Area are presented in the approved NHA and EIS and, therefore, are not repeated here.

#### 3.2 Results

#### 3.2.1 Vegetation Communities

The vegetation communities identified through site investigations conducted for this NHA Addendum are summarized in **Table 3** (refer to **Figures 1A to 1K** for ELC mapping). Vegetation communities not listed in the table below are the same as reported in the approved NHA and EIS. The dates, start and end times, and weather conditions of field investigations are provided in **Table 3**. Detailed field notes are provided in **Appendix B**. The qualifications of all field personnel were provided in Appendix E of the approved NHA and EIS.

Site investigations conducted in Natural Area 290 on April 2, 2013 in support of this NHA Addendum identified that the small, linear Gray Dogwood Cultural Thicket Type (CUT1-4) vegetation community that was previously described in the approved NHA and EIS has since been cleared by the landowner. As such, this vegetation community no longer exists. Updated ELC mapping is depicted on **Figure 1A**.

A total of 209 plant species were identified within the 13 Natural Areas (90, 117, 118, 119, 145, 172, 233, 290, 293, 298, 340, 383 and 516) where site investigations were conducted in support of this NHA Addendum (refer to Appendix C for a full list of plant species observed in each Natural Area). When compared with provincial plant species rarity rankings, there are 144 recorded species that are ranked as S5 (Secure) and eight that are ranked as S4 (Apparently Secure) in the province of Ontario. One provincially rare species, Giant Ironweed (Vernonia altissima: currently accepted scientific name is Vernonia gigantea), was indicated to be found in Natural Area 233 in a Dry Fresh Sugar Maple - Black Walnut Deciduous Forest Type (FOD5a) during site investigations conducted on July 26, 2012. Field notes recording the occurrence of this species are provided in Appendix B. However, this species is ranked as S1 (Critically Imperiled; rank uncertain) and grows in wet prairies, thickets, moist woods and grassy meadows. As reported in the approved NHA and EIS (AECOM, 2013a), Giant Ironweed was last observed in the vicinity of the Project Area in 1984. Given its extreme rarity in this area and its specific habitat requirements, this species was considered not to have the potential to occur in the Project Study Area in the approved NHA and EIS. The habitat in which this species was recorded, a closed canopy Dry Fresh Sugar Maple - Black Walnut Deciduous Forest Type (FOD5a), does not meet the habitat requirements of Giant Ironweed and therefore it is highly unlikely that this very rare species was observed at this location. In addition, the occurrence of this species could not be confirmed through correspondence with the field personnel who recorded it. For these reasons, it was assumed that this species was recorded in error and therefore this record was not considered further in this NHA Addendum due to insufficient data.

Table 3. Ecological Land Classification (ELC) Vegetation Communities

Natural Area	Date, Time and Weather Conditions	ELC Vegetation Community	Area (ha)	Vegetation Composition	Incidental Wildlife Observations
90	August 1, 2013 11:50 – 12:15 Temperature: 20°C	CUM1-1: Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow Type	0.2	The canopy of this pioneer to young meadow consists of Scots Pine. The sub- canopy consists of Green Ash and Scots Pine. The shrub layer consists of Staghorn Sumac with lesser amounts of Gray Dogwood. The ground layer consists of Fescue species, with lesser amounts of Kentucky Bluegrass and Tall Goldenrod.	Birds: Common Yellowthroat, Indigo Bunting, Gray Catbird, Cedar Waxwing, American Crow, Mourning Dove, Swamp Sparrow, Blue Jay, American Robin, Northern Cardinal.
117	May 17, 2012 16:00 – 17:15 Temperature: 16°C Cloud Cover: 5% Beaufort Wind Scale: 2	CUP1-3: Black Walnut Deciduous Plantation Type	1.1	The canopy of this young plantation is dominated by Black Walnut with lesser amounts of Green Ash and Freeman's Maple. The sub-canopy consists of Black Walnut with lesser Green Ash and a Hawthorn species. The shrub layer consists of Black Raspberry, Black Walnut, Hawthorn species, and Morrow's honeysuckle. The ground layer consists of Reed-canary Grass, Tall Goldenrod, Virginia Creeper and Riverbank Grape.	Birds: Eastern Kingbird, Turkey Vulture, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Northern Cardinal, Gray Catbird, Northern Flicker, Red-winged Blackbird.
		CUM1-1: Dry - Moist Old Field Meadow Type	1.0	The canopy of this young meadow consists of Scots Pine, Freeman's Maple and Black Walnut. The sub-canopy consists of Freeman's Maple, Gray Dogwood and Black Walnut. The shrub layer consists of Kentucky Bluegrass, Tall Goldenrod, Virginia Strawberry and Freeman's Maple.	
118	May 31, 2012 11:15 – 13:45 Temperature: 16°C Cloud Cover: 60% Beaufort Scale: 3	SWD2-2: Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type FOD5-2: Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - Beech Deciduous	5.1	The canopy of this mid-age deciduous swamp consists of Green Ash, Trembling Aspen and Shagbark Hickory. The sub-canopy consists of Green Ash, Shagbark Hickory, Black Ash and Ironwood. The shrub layer consists of Green Ash, Black Ash, Ironwood and Shagbark Hickory. The ground cover consists of Spotted Jewelweed, Starry False Solomon, Spotted Geranium and Sensitive Fern.  The canopy of this mid-age forest consists of Sugar maple, American Beech and Green Ash. The sub-canopy consists of Sugar Maple, American Beech and Green	Birds: Eastern Wood-pewee, Great- crested Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, American Crow, Northern Cardinal, Wood Thrush, Baltimore Oriole, Indigo Bunting, Song Sparrow, House Wren, Chipping Sparrow, Black-capped Chickadee, Common
		Forest Type  Inclusions: CUP3-9: Norway Spruce - European Larch Coniferous Plantation Type CUW1/CUT1: Cultural Thicket/Woodland Ecosite		Ash. The shrub layer consists of Choke Cherry, Green Ash and Prickly Gooseberry. The ground cover consists of Spotted Geranium and Enchanter's Nightshade.	Yellowthroat
119	May 31, 2012 8:00 – 10:45 Temperature: 14°C Cloud Cover: 70% Beaufort Wind Scale: 1	FOD5-2: Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - Beech Deciduous Forest Type	8.5	The canopy of this mature forest consists of Sugar Maple, American Beech, Basswood and Green Ash. The sub-canopy consists of Sugar Maple, American Beech and White Ash. The shrub layer consists of White Ash, American Beech and Sugar Maple. The ground cover consists of Spotted Geranium, Thicket-creeper, False Solomon Seal and Jack-in-the-pulpit.	Birds: House Wren, American Robin, Red Vireo, Wood Thrush, Red-breasted Grosbeak, Mourning Dove, Red-tailed Hawk, Downy Woodpecker, White-breasted Nuthatch, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Common Grackle, Blue Jay, Baltimore Oriole, Eastern Peewee, Gray Catbird, Indigo Bunting, Northern Cardinal, American Crow Herpetofauna: Green Frog

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Natural Area	Date, Time and Weather Conditions	ELC Vegetation Community	Area (ha)	Vegetation Composition	Incidental Wildlife Observations
145	May 25, 2012 Revisited on: April 2, 2013 8:00 – 9:10 Temperature: -1°C	FOD6-4: Fresh - Moist Sugar Maple - White Elm Deciduous Forest Type (surveyed from fence line)	3.1	The canopy layer of this mid-age forest is comprised of Sugar Maple with lesser amounts of American Elm and American Basswood. The sub-canopy consists of Sugar Maple with lesser amounts of American Elm and Ironwood. The shrub layer is dominated by equal parts of Choke Cherry and Red-osier Dogwood. The ground layer is comprised of Calico Aster.	<b>Birds:</b> European Starling, Song Sparrow, American Robin, Downy Woodpecker, Horned Lark, Dark- eyed Junco
	Sunny	SWD3-3: Swamp Maple Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type (surveyed from fence line)	2.0	The canopy of this mid-age deciduous swamp consists of Freeman Maple with lesser amounts of Green Ash. The sub-canopy consists of Freeman Maple with lesser American Elm. The shrub layer is dominated by Red-osier Dogwood. The ground layer is dominated by Calico Aster.	
172	May 1, 2012 13:00 – 13:45 Temperature: 9°C Cloud Cover: 40%	CUT1b: Buckthorn - Prickly Ash - Nannyberry Cultural Thicket Type	1.2	The canopy of this young cultural thicket consists of White Elm. The sub-canopy consists of equal parts of Nannyberry, Common Buckthorn and Prickly Ash with lesser amounts of Cockspur Hawthorn. The shrub layer consists of equal parts of Nannyberry, Common Buckthorn and Prickly Ash with lesser amounts of Ironwood. The ground layer is dominated by Spotted Geranium and Yellow Avens with lesser of Virgin's Bower and Calico Aster.	<b>Birds:</b> Downy Woodpecker, Northern Cardinal, American Robin
233	July 26, 2012 13:30 – 15:00 Temperature: 16°C Cloud Cover: 25%	FOD5a: Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - Black Walnut Deciduous Forest Type  CUP2-1: Black Walnut - White Pine Mixed Plantation Type  Inclusion: OAO: Open Aquatic	4.5	The canopy of this young forest consists of Sugar Maple and Black Walnut. The subcanopy consists of Green Ash, Alternate-leaved Dogwood and Choke Cherry. The shrub layer consists of Choke Cherry and Green Ash. The ground cover consists of Thicket Creeper, Enchanter's Nightshade, Graceful Sedge and Kentucky Bluegrass.  The canopy of this young plantation consists of Eastern White Pine and Black Walnut. The sub-canopy consists of Black Walnut, Green Ash and Choke Cherry. The shrub layer consists of Common Blackberry, Wild Red Raspberry, Green Ash and Choke Cherry. The ground cover consists of Thicket Creeper, Kentucky Bluegrass and Enchanter's Nightshade.	Birds: Black-capped Chickadee, American Crow, American Goldfinch, Wood Pewee Herpetofauna: Green Frog Lepidoptera: Tiger Swallowtail, Black Swallowtail, Cabbage White
290	April 2, 2013 12:45 – 15:00 Temperature: 0°C	FOD7-2: Fresh - Moist Lowland Deciduous Forest Type FOD9-3: Fresh - Moist Bur Oak Deciduous Forest Type		The canopy layer within this mid-age forest consists of Green Ash with lesser amounts of Black Walnut and Bur Oak. The sub-canopy is comprised of Green Ash with lesser amounts of Bur Oak. The shrub layer consists of a Currant species. The ground layer is dominated by a Goldenrod species with lesser amounts of White Panicle Aster.  The canopy of this mid-aged forest is dominated by Bur Oak with lesser Green Ash and Freeman Maple. The sub-canopy consists of Bur Oak, Green Ash and Freeman Maple. The shrub layer is dominated by Roundleaf Dogwood. The ground layer is covered by a Sedge species.	Birds: Song Sparrow, American Robin, American Crow, Dark-eyed Junco, Northern Cardinal, Downy Woodpecker, Black-capped Chickadee, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Mallard, Turkey Vulture Mammals: White-tailed Deer, Racoon, Gray Squirrel
		CUM1-1: Dry - Moist Old Field Meadow Type Inclusion: OAO: Open Aquatic	2.6	The canopy layer of this young meadow consists of Eastern Cottonwood. The sub- canopy consists of equal parts of Eastern Cottonwood and Black Walnut. The shrub layer is dominated by Gray Dogwood. The ground layer is dominated by a Grass species.	
		FOD7-4: Fresh - Moist Black Walnut Lowland Deciduous Forest Type (surveyed from fence line)	3.0	The canopy layer of this mid-age forest consists of Black Walnut with lesser Green Ash. The sub-canopy is comprised of Black Walnut with lesser Green Ash. The shrub layer consists of Hawthorn species and Common Buckthorn. The ground layer could not be determined from the fence line.	

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Natural Area	Date, Time and Weather Conditions	ELC Vegetation Community	Area (ha)	Vegetation Composition	Incidental Wildlife Observations
		FOD6-1: Fresh - Moist Sugar Maple - Lowland Ash Deciduous Forest Type (surveyed from fence line)	16.8	The canopy layer of this mid-age forest is comprised of Sugar Maple with lesser amounts of Green Ash and Red Oak. The sub-canopy layer consists of Sugar Maple and Green Ash. The shrub layer is dominated by Red-osier Dogwood. The ground layer could not be determined from the fence line.	
293	June 14, 2013 15:30 – 16:00 Temperature: 16°C Cloud Cover: 0%  Revisited July 9, 2013 10:00 – 12:00 Temperature: 30°C Cloud Cover: 90%	CUW1: Mineral Cultural Woodland	2.3	The canopy layer of the young woodland is comprised of Eastern Cottonwood, Manitoba Maple, and Green Ash. The sub-canopy is dominated by Riverbank Grape, with lesser amounts of Green Ash, Manitoba Maple, Common Apple and Common Buckthorn. The shrub layer contains Riverbank Grape, Wild Red Raspberry, Tall Goldenrod and Awnless Brome. The ground layer is dominated by Moneywort.	Birds: Blue Jay, Veery, Red-winged Blackbird, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Baltimore Oriole, Brown-headed Cowbird, American Goldfinch, American Robin, Song Sparrow Lepidoptera: Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Northern Crescent Mammals: White-tailed Deer, Beaver
298	July 4, 2013 15:00 – 16:00 Temperature: 28°C Cloud Cover: Overcast	CUM1-1: Dry - Moist Old Field Meadow Type Inclusion: MAS2-1: Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh	0.9	The canopy layer of this young meadow consists of Green Ash with lesser amounts of White Ash. The sub-canopy is unpopulated; no trees have reached this height. The shrub layer is dominated by Common Apple with lesser amounts of Hawthorn species and lesser amounts of Common Buckthorn. The ground layer consists of Goldenrod species, Tall White Aster, Cow Vetch and Orchard Grass.  The mineral marsh inclusion (MAS2-1) was previously described in the approved NHA and EIS.	Lepidoptera: Silver-spotted Skipper, Red-spotted Purple, Cabbage White, Skipper species Odonata: Widow Skimmer Birds: Red-tailed Hawk, Song Sparrow, Sandhill Crane, American Crow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Common Yellowthroat
340	August 1, 2013 9:45 – 10:30 Temperature: 19°C Cloud Cover: Overcast Beaufort Wind Scale: 3	CUM1-1: Dry - Moist Old Field Meadow Type	0.4	There is no canopy or sub-canopy present in this pioneer cultural meadow. The shrub layer consists of Black Walnut. The ground layer consists of Smooth Brome, Kentucky Bluegrass and Reed Canary grass.	Birds: Tree Swallow, Willow Flycatcher, Song Sparrow, Red- tailed Hawk, Indigo Bunting, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Cedar Waxwing, American Robin, Turkey Vulture
383	May 9, 2012 9:45 – 10:30 Temperature: 12°C Cloud Cover: 60% Beaufort Wind Scale: 2	FOD6-5: Fresh - Moist Sugar Maple - Hardwood Deciduous Forest Type	2.2	The canopy of this mid-age forest consists of American Beech, Sugar Maple, Black Walnut and Ironwood. The sub-canopy consists of American Beech, Ironwood, Sugar Maple and Red Oak. The shrub layer consists of Choke Cherry, Black Raspberry, Prickly Gooseberry and Wild Black Current. The ground cover consists of Yellow Trout Lily, Thicket Creeper, Mayapple and an Avens species.	Birds: Gray Catbird, Blue Jay, American Robin, Great-crested Flycatcher, Red-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Common Grackle, American Goldfinch, White-breasted Nuthatch
516	March 27, 2013 17:55 – 18:15 Temperature: 4°C Cloud Cover: Overcast Beaufort Wind Scale: 1	OAO: Open Aquatic	0.1	This man-made dug pond is located behind a residential home and is surrounded by agricultural fields. A fence surrounds the pond on all sides.	No wildlife observed.

#### 3.2.2 Wetlands

As a result of the proposed Project Location modifications, site investigations were completed in support of this NHA Addendum within three wetland Features (WET-026, WET-048 and WET-059) that were originally described in the approved NHA and EIS (refer to **Figure 2** for locations). Therefore the attributes, composition and function of these Features were revised, as required, based on the results of site investigations completed in support of this NHA Addendum. **Table 4** below describes the changes affecting these wetland Features.

Two wetland Features (WET-026 and WET-048) were carried forward to the Evaluation of Significance, as changes to the attributes, composition or function of these Features required a new Evaluation of Significance. No changes to the attributes, composition or functions of wetland Feature WET-059 resulted from site investigations conducted in support of Modification D4, and the minimum distance from this Feature to the Project Location remains the same as reported in the approved NHA and EIS (refer to **Table 1** and **Figure 1D**); therefore this Feature is not considered further in this NHA Addendum.

Due to Modification J2, Natural Area 297 is no longer within 120 m of the Project Location; consequently, wetland Feature WET-046 is no longer within the 120 m of Area of Investigation. In addition, the minimum distances from Project infrastructure to wetland Features WET-025 (increased to 22 m from Turbine 75 as a result of Modification G4), WET-044 (increased to 41 m from turbine construction disturbance area as a result of Modification J4), WET-062 (reduced to 50 m from access road as a result of Modification D3) and WET-063 (decreased to 20 m from access road and collection line as a result of Modification G2) changed (refer to **Table 1** and **Figures 1D**, **1G** and **1J**), 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 wetland 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.

The boundary of a Gray Dogwood Mineral Thicket Swamp Type (SWT2-9) located within the Thomson Line right-of-way within WET-050 was refined based on site investigations conducted in Natural Area 90 for this NHA Addendum during the detailed design of the transmission line. Although this refinement did not change the boundary of the Provincially Significant Ausable River Wetland as delineated by MNR, the boundary of WET-050 changed slightly and as a result the total size of the WET-050 changed from 272.3 ha to 272.2 ha. There are no other changes to the attributes, composition and function of this Feature as described in the approved NHA and EIS and therefore these are not repeated here. This Feature did not require re-evaluation but was 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 4. Revisions to Wetland Features Identified Through the Site Investigations

		Minimum		Attribute	es		
Wetland ID	Natural Area(s)	Distance from Project Location (m)	Total Size (ha)	Wetland Type	Site Type	Composition	Function
WET-026	118	(no change)	24.1	Swamp, Marsh	Palustrine, Riverine	<ul> <li>As a result of Modification F3, the following wetland community is now within the 120 m Area of Investigation. The community is located northeast of Turbine 90:</li> <li>Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type (SWD2-2): This canopy is dominated by Green Ash, Trembling Aspen, and Shagbark Hickory. The sub-canopy and shrub layer both consist of Green Ash, Shagbark Hickory, Black Ash, and Ironwood. The ground cover layer is comprised of Jewelweed, Starry False Solomon's Seal, Spotted Geranium and Sensitive Fern.</li> </ul>	No change from approved NHA and EIS
WET-048	290	Reduced to 61 (turbine construction disturbance area)	13.9	Swamp, Marsh	Palustrine, Riverine	<ul> <li>As a result of Modification A1, the following wetland community is now within the 120 m Area of Investigation. The community is located west of Turbine 106:</li> <li>Fresh - Moist Ash Lowland Deciduous Forest Type (FOD7-2): The canopy consists of Green Ash, Black Walnut and Bur Oak while the sub-canopy consists of Green Ash and Bur Oak. The shrub layer consists of a current species while the ground cover layer is comprised of goldenrod species and Tall White Aster.</li> </ul>	No Change from approved NHA and EIS
WET-059	145	(no change)	(no change)	(no change)	(no change)	No change from approved NHA and EIS as a result of Modification D4.	No change from approved NHA and EIS