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1. Introduction

1.1 Project Description

Northland Power Solar Crosby L.P. (hereinafter referred to as “Northland”) is proposing to develop a 10-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic project titled the Crosby Solar Project (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”). The Project will be located on approximately 52 hectares (ha) of land, located at 249 Little Rideau Lake Road in the Township of Rideau Lakes, within the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (Figure 1.1).

1.2 Legislative Requirements

Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 359/09 – *Renewable Energy Approvals Under Part V.0.1 of the Act*, (herein referred to as the REA Regulation) made under the *Environmental Protection Act* identifies the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) requirements for renewable energy projects in Ontario. Per Section 4 of the REA Regulation, ground-mounted solar facilities with a nameplate capacity greater than 10 kilowatts (kW) are classified as Class 3 solar facilities and require a REA.

Section 26 of the REA Regulation requires proponents of Class 3 solar projects to undertake a natural heritage site investigation for the purpose of determining

- whether the results of the analysis summarized in the (Natural Heritage Records Review) report prepared under Subsection 25 (3) are correct or require correction, and identifying any required corrections
- whether any additional natural features exist, other than those that were identified in the [natural heritage records review] report prepared under Subsection 25 (3)
- the boundaries, located within 120 m of the Project location, of any natural feature that was identified in the records review or the site investigation
- the distance from the project location to the boundaries determined under clause (c).

Natural features are defined in Section 1.1 of the REA Regulation to be all or part of

- a) an area of natural and scientific interest (ANSI) (earth science)
- b) an ANSI (life science)
- c) a coastal wetland
- d) a northern wetland
- e) a southern wetland
- f) a valleyland
- g) a wildlife habitat, or
- h) a woodland.

Subsection 3 of Section 26 of the REA Regulation requires the proponent to prepare a report setting out the following:

1. A summary of any corrections to the (Natural Heritage Records Review) report prepared under Subsection 25 (3) and the determinations made as a result of conducting the site investigations under Subsection (1).
2. Information relating to each natural feature identified in the records review and in the site investigations, including the type, attributes, composition and function of the feature.
3. A map showing
 - the boundaries mentioned in clause (1) (c)
 - the location and type of each natural feature identified in relation to the project location
 - the distance mentioned in clause (1) (d).
4. The dates and times of the beginning and completion of the site investigation.
5. The duration of the site investigation.
6. The weather conditions during the site investigation.
7. A summary of methods used to make observations for the purposes of the site investigation.
8. The name and qualifications of any person conducting the site investigation.
9. Field notes kept by the person conducting the site investigation.

This Natural Heritage Site Investigations Report has been prepared to meet these requirements.

2. Summary of Results of Records Review

Table 2.1 summarizes the results of the records review (Hatch Ltd., 2010).

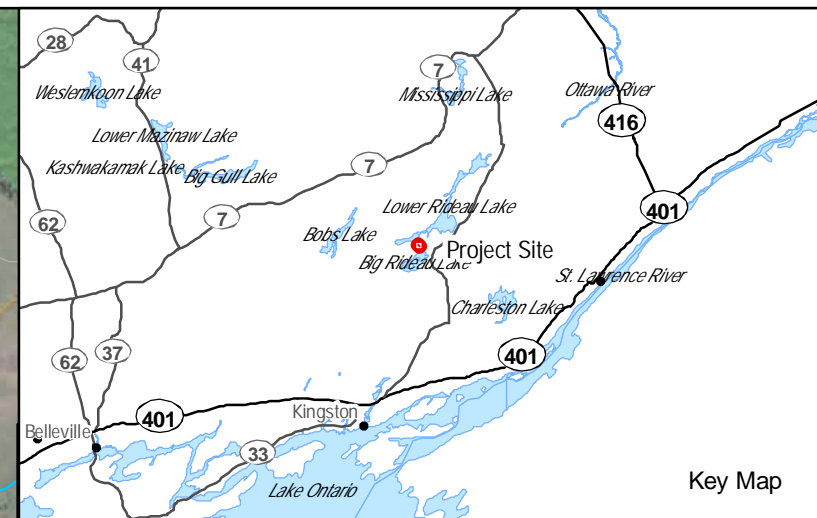
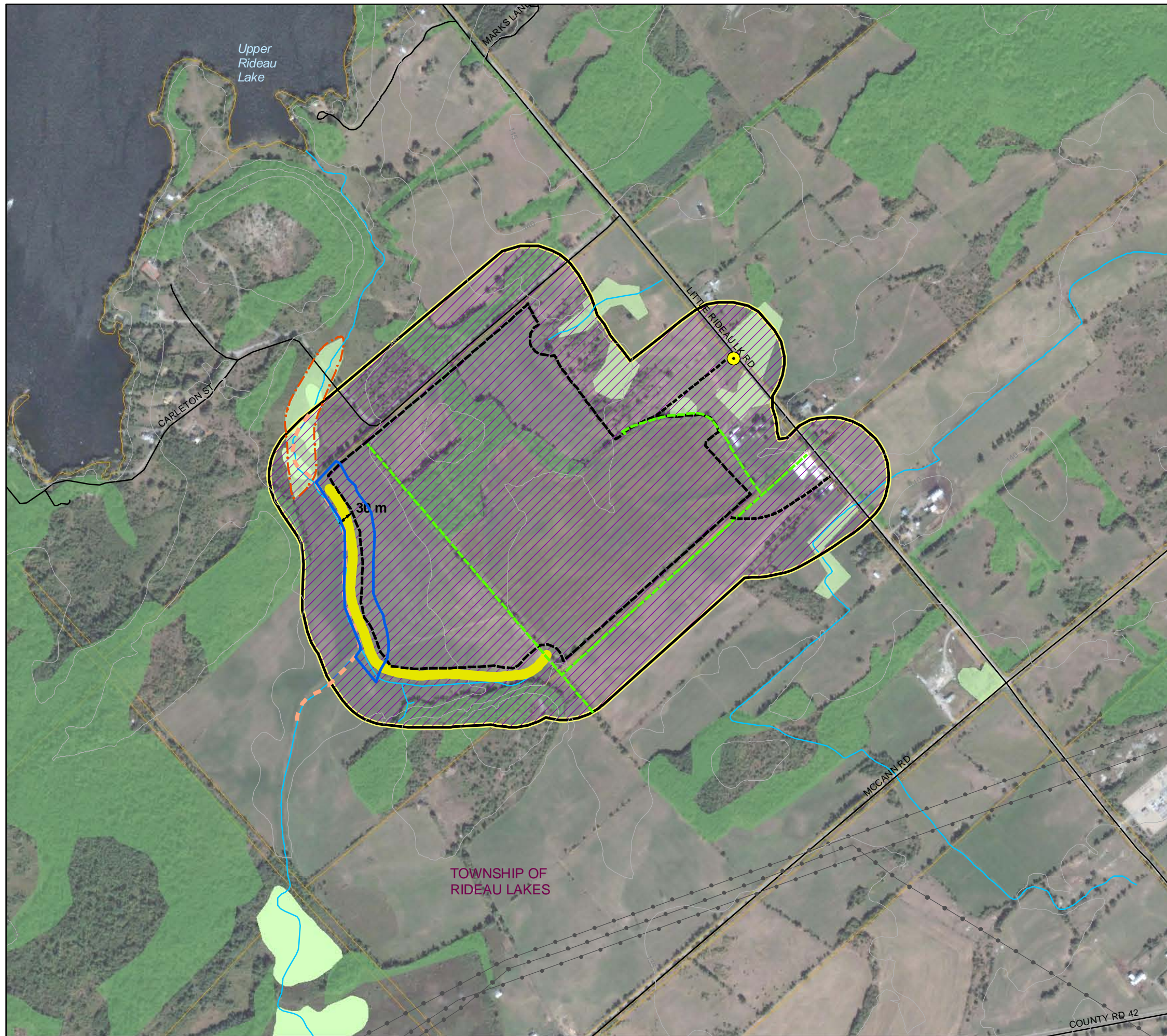
Table 2.1 Summary of Records Review Determinations

Determination to be Made	Yes/No	Description
Is the Project in a natural feature?	Yes	There is a woodland identified on the Project location
Is the Project within 50 m of an ANSI (earth science)?	No	The nearest earth science ANSI is located several kilometres from the Project location.
Is the Project within 120 m of a natural feature that is not an ANSI (earth science)?	Yes	There are unevaluated wetlands, woodlands and candidate wildlife habitats located within 120 m of the Project location.

Therefore, Project components will be located on or within 120 m of natural features.

In addition, the potential occurrence of several species of conservation/species at risk were noted; these include

- Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)
- Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus migrans*)



Key Map

- Legend**
- Roads
 - Transmission Line
 - Topographic Contour (5m interval)
 - Watercourse
 - ▭ Parcels
- Candidate Significant Natural Heritage Features**
- ▬ Animal Movement Corridor (Semi-aquatic)
 - ▬ Hedgerow/Animal Management Corridor (Terrestrial)
 - ▬ Bullfrog Concentration Area/American Bullfrog Habitat
 - ▨ Northern Harrier Habitat
 - ▭ Milksnake Habitat
 - ▭ Woodland/Animal Movement Corridor (Terrestrial)
 - ▭ Wetland
- Project Components**
- Connection Point With Distribution Line
 - ▭ Annual Vegetation Management Zone (Operations)
 - ▭ Project Location
 - ▭ 120m from Project Location
 - ▭ 60m Buffer from Animal Movement Corridor (Semi-Aquatic)/Bullfrog Habitat (Construction)



Notes:

1. OBM and NRVIS data downloaded from LIO, with permission.
2. Spatial referencing UTM NAD 83.
3. Satellite imagery from Google Earth Pro

Figure 1.1
Northland Power Inc.
**Crosby Solar Energy Project
Project Components and
Natural Heritage Features**

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- Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*)
- Cerulean Warbler (*Dendroica cerulean*)
- Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia canadensis*)
- Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*)
- Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*)
- Common Nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*)
- Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*)
- Whip-poor-will (*Caprimulgus vociferus*)
- Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*)
- Red-headed Woodpecker (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*).
- Blanding's Turtle (*Emydoidea blandingi*)
- Northern Map Turtle (*Graptemys geographica*)
- Common Musk Turtle (*Sternotherus odoratus*)
- Western Chorus Frog (*Pseudacris triseriata*)
- Gray Ratsnake (*Elaphe obsoleta*)
- Eastern Milksnake (*Lampropeltis triangulum*)
- Eastern Ribbonsnake (*Thamnophis sauritus septentrionalis*)
- Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*).

3. Site Investigation Methodology

3.1 Hatch Site Visits

3.1.1 Site Visit 1

3.1.1.1 Date, Time and Duration of Site Investigation

- Date: June 15, 2010
- Start Time: 08:00 hours
- Duration: approximately 10 hours

3.1.1.2 Weather Conditions During Site Investigation

- Temperature: 18°C
- Beaufort Wind: 3
- Cloud Cover: 100%

3.1.1.3 *Name and Qualifications of Person Conducting Site Investigation*

The site investigation was completed by Martine Esraelian.

Martine Esraelian, B.Sc. is an Environmental Scientist specializing in species at risk and terrestrial ecosystems. She has a B.Sc. from Trent University where she specialized in Conservation Biology and Ecological Management and an Ecosystem Management Technician diploma from Sir Sandford Fleming College. During her time at Trent University, she completed a 1-yr internship with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) which involved developing a genetic-based protocol for the extraction of DNA from unknown turtle eggshells to assist with species identification. The project entailed extensive molecular genetics research and intensive lab work to develop a protocol able to supplement existing conservation management practices.

She offers expertise across the full breadth of the field from environmental assessments and technical analysis of environmental data to conservation management, corporate and government consulting, and community outreach. Martine has liaised with all levels of government, the community, and a portfolio of clients that includes consulting firms, planners, and high-profile developers. She has both technical and hands-on experience conducting site investigations (terrestrial and aquatic), evaluations of significance, environmental and agricultural impact studies, constraint analyses, water quality and soil assessments, species at risk, wildlife management and fisheries studies to meet regulatory requirements.

Martine has a wide range of field experience related to terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and species at risk. She has conducted reptile and amphibian surveys, small-mammal trapping, benthic invertebrate monitoring and fisheries inventories (seine netting and electrofishing). She has conducted detailed natural areas inventories which involve species identification of flora and fauna, vegetation community mapping, identifying rare vegetation communities and significant wildlife habitats.

Martine has project management and fieldwork experience for a number of species at risk monitoring projects. Some of the species she has been involved with include: fowler's toad, eastern massasauga rattlesnake, eastern ratsnake, queensnake, eastern ribbonsnake, milksnake, blanding's turtle, map turtle, spotted turtle, snapping turtle, Jefferson salamander, northern dusky and mountain alleghany dusky salamander, butternut, flowering dogwood, swamp rose mallow and spoon-leaved moss.

Martine is a certified Butternut Health Assessor and also holds a certificate in the Ecological Land Classification (ELC) system.

3.1.1.4 *Survey Methods*

The entire site was searched by the observer on foot in order to document natural features. Photographs of the site were taken. Any observations of wildlife, vegetation, or natural features were noted.

A copy of the field notes kept by the observers is provided in Appendix A.

3.1.2 Site Visit 2

3.1.2.1 Date, Time and Duration of Site Investigation

- Date: October 29, 2010
- Start Time: 10:30 hours
- Duration: approximately 4.5 hours

3.1.2.2 Weather Conditions During Site Investigation

- Temperature: 14°C
- Beaufort Wind: 3 to 4 in the morning, 0 in the afternoon
- Cloud Cover: 10%

3.1.2.3 Name and Qualifications of Person Conducting Site Investigation

The site investigation was completed by Caleb Coughlin.

Caleb is an environmental technologist with experience in fisheries and fish habitat assessments. Recent projects have included spawning surveys (Muskoka and Trout Lake rivers), Riverine Index Netting (White Lake and Mattagami River), Fall Walleye Index Netting (Mattagami River), forage fish collection, Brook Trout mark and recapture studies and Ontario Broad-scale Monitoring (OBM). A recent study required a complete fish community inventory involving electrofishing, trap netting and seine netting (Shickluna Hydro Development). He has participated in a number of other resource management studies focusing on aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems including assessments of natural heritage features, aquatic invasive species, avian populations, large mammals, furbearers and sustainable forestry practices.

3.1.2.4 Survey Methods

The woodlands on and within 120 m of the Project location were transacted on foot by the observer to look for candidate reptile hibernacula (rock piles) and snakes. Where rock piles were found, photographs of the feature were taken. Wherever possible, pictures from within the crevice were taken through the use of a camera adapter with a 2.5 ft. reach.

A copy of the field notes kept by the observers is provided in Appendix A.

3.2 Natural Resource Solutions Inc. Site Visit

Natural Resource Solutions Inc. (NRSI) conducted a site investigation in order to determine boundaries and evaluate significance of wetland communities. Names, qualifications and survey methodologies are identified within their report provided in Appendix B.

3.2.1 Site Visit 1

3.2.1.1 Date, Time and Duration of Site Investigation

- Date: August 9, 2010
- Start Time: 17:20 hours
- Duration: 2 hours

3.2.1.2 Weather Conditions During Site Investigation

- Temperature: 29
- Beaufort Wind: 1 (1 to 5.6 km/h)
- Cloud Cover: 100%

3.2.2 Site Visit 2

3.2.2.1 Date, Time and Duration of Site Investigation

- Date: August 10, 2010
- Start Time: 08:30 hours
- Duration: 3 hours

3.2.2.2 Weather Conditions During Site Investigation

- Temperature: 30
- Beaufort Wind: 2 (5.6 to 11 km/h)
- Cloud Cover: 100%

4. Results of Site Investigation

The Project location is primarily characterized as a mix of agricultural fields for production of forage crops used for hay and pasture and a livestock (i.e., cattle) operation.

The areas that are not in agricultural production are comprised of natural features, such as woodlands. These natural features, including vegetation communities and wildlife species observed on the Project location, are described in detail below.

4.1 Vegetation Observations

The natural features identified on the Project location are described following the Ecological Land Classification (ELC) System and include natural and cultural vegetation communities such as woodlands, meadow marsh, and hedgerows. As discussed earlier, the majority of the agricultural fields are comprised of a mix of grasses and legumes and used for the production of hay and as cattle pasture (Figure 4.1). These areas are not considered within the ELC system and as such are not discussed further. A complete list of vegetation species observed during the site investigation, including common and scientific names, is found in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1 Vegetation Species Observed on the Project Location

Type	Common Names	Scientific Name	Global Rank	Provincial Rank
Tree	Manitoba Maple	<i>Acer negundo</i>	G5	S5
Tree	Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum ssp. saccharum</i>	G5T5	S5
Tree	White Birch	<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	G5	S5
Tree	Bitternut Hickory	<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	G5	S5
Tree	Shagbark Hickory	<i>Carya ovata</i>	G5	S5

Type	Common Names	Scientific Name	Global Rank	Provincial Rank
Tree	American Beech	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	G5	S4
Tree	White Ash	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	G5	S5
Tree	Black Ash	<i>Fraxinus nigra</i>	G5	S5
Tree	Green Ash / Red Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	G5	S5
Tree	Black Walnut	<i>Juglans nigra</i>	G5	S4
Tree	Eastern Red Cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	G5	S5
Tree	Ironwood	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	G5	S5
Tree	Red Pine	<i>Pinus resinosa</i>	G5	S5
Tree	Large-tooth Aspen	<i>Populus grandidentata</i>	G5	S5
Tree	Trembling Aspen	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	G5	S5
Tree	Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	G5	S5
Tree	Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	G5	S5
Tree	Red Oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	G5	S5
Tree	Basswood	<i>Tilia americana</i>	G5	S5
Tree	White Elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	G5?	S5
Tree	Rock Elm	<i>Ulmus thomasi</i>	G5	S4?
Shrub	Amur Maple	<i>Acer ginnala</i>	GNR	SNA
Shrub	Common Juniper	<i>Juniperus communis</i>	G5	S5
Shrub	Common Apple	<i>Malus pumila</i>	G5	SNA
Shrub	Pin Cherry	<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	G5	S5
Shrub	Prickly Gooseberry	<i>Ribes cynosbati</i>	G5	S5
Shrub	Eglantine	<i>Rosa rubiginosa</i>	GNR	SNA
Shrub	Nannyberry	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	G5	S5
Shrub	Prickly-ash	<i>Zanthoxylum americanum</i>	G5	S5
Shrub	Raspberry Sp.	<i>Rubus sp</i>	-	-
Shrub	Willow Species	<i>Salix sp</i>	-	-
Shrub	Honeysuckle Sp.	<i>Lonicera sp</i>	-	-
Shrub	Buckthorn Sp.	<i>Rhamnus sp</i>	-	-
Shrub	Hawthorn Sp.	<i>Crataegus sp</i>	-	-
Herb	Common Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium ssp. millefolium</i>	G5T5?	SNA
Herb	Canada Anemone	<i>Anemone canadensis</i>	G5	S5
Herb	Spreading Dogbane	<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	G5	S5
Herb	Common Burdock	<i>Arctium minus ssp. minus</i>	GNRTNR	SNA
Herb	Common Milkweed	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	G5	S5
Herb	Ox-eye Daisy	<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>	GNR	SNA
Herb	Wild Basil	<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	G5	S5
Herb	Deptford Pink	<i>Dianthus armeria</i>	GNR	SNA
Herb	Woodland Strawberry	<i>Fragaria vesca ssp. americana</i>	G5	S5
Herb	Common Strawberry	<i>Fragaria virginiana ssp. virginiana</i>	G5	S5
Herb	Rough Bedstraw	<i>Galium asprellum</i>	G5	S5

Type	Common Names	Scientific Name	Global Rank	Provincial Rank
Herb	Fragrant Bedstraw	<i>Galium triflorum</i>	G5	S5
Herb	Orange Hawkweed	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	GNR	SNA
Herb	Canadian St. John's-wort	<i>Hypericum canadense</i>	G5	S4?
Herb	Nipplewort	<i>Lapsana communis</i>	GNR	SNA
Herb	Motherwort	<i>Leonurus cardiaca ssp. cardiaca</i>	GNR	SNA
Herb	Canada Mayflower	<i>Maianthemum canadense</i>	G5	S5
Herb	Creeping Wood-sorrel	<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>	GNR	SNA
Herb	Rough-fruited Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla recta</i>	GNR	SNA
Herb	Tall Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	G5	SNA
Herb	Curly Dock	<i>Rumex crispus</i>	GNR	SNA
Herb	Bladder Champion	<i>Silene latifolia</i>	GNR	SNA
Herb	Canada Goldenrod	<i>Solidago canadensis var. canadensis</i>	G5	S5
Herb	Common Chickweed	<i>Stellaria media</i>	GNRTNR	SNA
Herb	Alsike Clover	<i>Trifolium hybridum ssp. elegans</i>	GNR	SNA
Herb	Red Clover	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	GNR	SNA
Herb	White Clover	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	GNR	SNA
Herb	Common Mullein	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	GNR	SNA
Herb	Bird's-foot Trefoil	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	GNR	SNA
Herb	Violet Sp.	<i>Viola sp</i>	-	-
Herb	Goldenrod Sp.	<i>Solidago sp</i>	-	-
Herb	Aster Sp.	<i>Aster sp</i>	-	-
Herb	Baneberry Sp.	<i>Actaea sp</i>	-	-
Vine	Cow Vetch	<i>Vicia cracca</i>	G?	SNA
Woody Vine	Virginia Creeper	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	G5	S4?
Woody Vine	Riverbank Grape	<i>Vitis riparia</i>	G5	S5
Graminoid	Canada Blue-joint	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	G5	S5
Graminoid	Grass species	<i>Poaceae spp</i>	-	-
Sedge	Sedge Species	<i>Carex sp</i>	-	-
Sedge	Green Sedge	<i>Carex viridula</i>	G5	S5
Sedge	Wool Grass	<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	G5	S5
Sedge	Small-fruited Bulrush	<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	G5	S5
Sedge	Sedge spp.	<i>Cyperaceae spp</i>	-	-
Rush	Rush spp.	<i>Juncaceae spp</i>	-	-
Fern	Sensitive Fern	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	G5	S5
Fern	Marsh Fern	<i>Thelypteris palustris var. pubescens</i>	G5	S5
Fern	Fern spp.	<i>Pteridophytes</i>	-	-

Type	Common Names	Scientific Name	Global Rank	Provincial Rank
Moss	Peat Moss sp.	<i>Sphagnum spp.</i>	-	-
Moss	Bryophytes		-	-
Acronyms/Definitions				
Global				
G5 – Very common (demonstrably secure under present conditions)				
GNR - Denotes that the species does not have a Global Ranking				
T – Denotes that the rank applies to a subspecies or variety.				
Q – Denotes that the taxonomic status of the species, subspecies, or variety is questionable.				
Provincial				
S5 – Secure (Common, widespread, and abundant in the nation or state/province)				
S4 – Apparently Secure (Uncommon but not rare; some cause for long-term concern due to declines or other factors)				
SNA – Not Applicable (A conservation status rank is not applicable because the species is not a suitable target for conservation activities)				
NAR – Not at Risk				



Figure 4.1 Agricultural Fields of the Project Location

Cultural Vegetation Communities

Cultural vegetation communities are described in the ELC system as areas formed as a result of anthropogenic and cultural disturbances. These communities are typically dominated by non-native species. The following cultural communities, although not formally classified in the ELC system, are considered culturally influenced and therefore are included in this category.

Cultural Hedgerows (CUH)

Cultural hedgerow communities are described as linear corridors dominated by shrub and tree species and are common in rural landscapes. These communities are often found along property lines, roadsides and within agricultural fields to separate one piece of land from another. Hedgerow communities not only serve a purpose for farmers (e.g., shelterbelts), but provide wildlife habitat for a variety of species.

The hedgerow communities identified on the Project location are found along the property line and are used to separate one field from another. These hedgerows are dominated by mature trees such as Rock Elm, Ash sp., Bitternut Hickory and Sugar Maple. Other trees found within these hedgerows included Bur Oak, White Birch, Black Walnut, Eastern Red Cedar and Red Pine. The dominant shrub species included Buckthorn sp., Pin Cherry and occasionally Hawthorn sp., Common Apple, Nannyberry, Prickly Gooseberry and Common Juniper. Other shrub species observed includes Manitoba Maple, Black Cherry and Prickly-Ash.

Deciduous Forest Communities (FOD)***Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple Deciduous Forest Type (FOD5)***

The woodland in the northwest corner of the Project location is described as a middle-aged to mature, tolerant, hardwood forest with a closed canopy (approximately 90%). Cattle are permitted to graze within this woodland. The microtopography is complex and includes upland and low-lying areas. The soils within this woodland are shallow and stony with limestone bedrock exposed at the surface in some locations. Gently-sloping to strongly-sloping areas are found within the upland areas and consist of well-drained sandy loam to loam soils. The low-lying areas include shallow depressions with poorly drained clay soils.

The dominant tree species found within the upland area include Sugar Maple, Shagbark Hickory, Bitternut Hickory, American Beech and Elm species (Figure 4.2). The subcanopy was dominated by Ironwood and Shagbark Hickory. Other tree species observed included Basswood, Bur Oak, Red Oak, White Birch, Ash sp., and Black Cherry. The dominant shrubs within the woodland included Common Apple and Common Juniper. Other shrubs observed were predominately found along the periphery of the woodland and included Buckthorn sp., Pin Cherry and Prickly-Ash. There is a high accumulation of leaf litter and groundcover vegetation is sparse and included species such as Canada Mayflower, Virginia Creeper, Woodland Strawberry, and Violet sp.

The low-lying areas within the woodlot are dominated by Sugar Maple, Green Ash, Black Ash, Trembling Aspen and Largetooth Aspen (Figure 4.3). Other tree species observed included Ironwood, Bur Oak and White Birch. Groundcover vegetation is sparse and dominated by grasses, sedges, rushes and mosses.



Figure 4.2 View of the Upland Portion of the Woodland in the Northwestern Corner of the Project Location



Figure 4.3 View of the Low-lying Portion of the Woodland

Wetland Communities

Several wetland communities were identified on and within 120 m of the Project location. These wetland communities were described separately by Natural Resources Solutions Inc., and are described further within Appendix B. The report concluded that there were 5 wetland communities present on and within 120 m of the Project location (see Figure 1.1). Photographs from the meadow marsh community located within 120 m east of the Project location are provided in Figures 4.4 and 4.5.



Figure 4.4 View of Flooded Area within Meadow Marsh Ecosite



Figure 4.5 View of Exposed Bedrock within the Meadow Marsh Area

4.2 Wildlife Observations

Wildlife species recorded during the site investigation are documented in Table 4.2.

Table 4.2 Wildlife Species Observed on the Project Location

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status ¹		Declining Species ²
		Global (GRank)	Provincial (SRank)	
Mammals				
White-tailed deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	G5	S5	No
Coyote	<i>Canis latrans</i>	G5	S5	No
Groundhog	<i>Marmota monax</i>	G5	S5	No
Birds				
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	G5	S5B	No
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	G5	S5	No
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	G5	S4B	No
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	G5	S4	No
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	G5	S5B	No
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	G5	S5	No
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	G5	S5	No
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	G5	S5B	No

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status ¹		Declining Species ²
		Global (GRank)	Provincial (SRank)	
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	G5	S5B	No
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	G5	S5B	No
Canada Goose	<i>Branta Canadensis</i>	G5	S5	No
Reptiles				
Gartersnake	<i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i>	G5	S5	No
Amphibians				
American Bullfrog	<i>Rana catesbeiana</i>	G5	S4	Yes
Green Frog	<i>Rana clamitans</i>	G5	S5	No
Leopard Frog	<i>Rana pipiens</i>	G5	S5	No
¹ MNR, 2010 Global G5 – Very common (demonstrably secure under present conditions) T – Denotes that the rank applies to a subspecies or variety. Provincial S5 – Secure (Common, widespread, and abundant in the nation or state/province) S4 – Apparently Secure (Uncommon but not rare; some cause for long-term concern due to declines or other factors) B - Denotes that the ranking applies to Breeding SNA – Not Applicable (A conservation status rank is not applicable because the species is not a suitable target for conservation activities)				
² Mammals (MNR, 2010), Birds (Ontario Partners In Flight, 2005), Amphibians and Reptiles (MNR, 2000 and McKenney et al., 2007)				

Other evidence of wildlife presence on site included a squirrel drey and evidence of woodpecker activity. The American Bullfrog and Green Frog were observed within a watercourse located adjacent to and within 120 m of the Project location.

4.2.1 Wildlife Habitat

The Project location and the surrounding areas would be classified as wildlife habitat, which is defined as places “where plants, animals and other organisms live, and find adequate amounts of food, water, shelter and space needed to sustain their populations.”

Wildlife habitat in the area consists of agricultural fields, the woodlands, the scrub area and wet meadow.

The Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide (SWHTG) (MNR, 2000) identifies four main types of wildlife habitat that can be classified as significant:

- habitat for seasonal concentrations of animals
- rare or specialized habitats for wildlife
- habitat for species of conservation concern
- wildlife movement corridors.

Each of these types of wildlife habitat is considered further below and how they were considered during the site investigation.

4.2.1.1 *Habitats of Seasonal Concentrations of Animals*

There are many different kinds of seasonal concentration areas, with the likelihood of occurrence of one of these areas depending on the characteristics of the study location. Those that were considered during the site investigations, and the discussion of their potential occurrence on the Project location, are discussed below:

- Winter deer yards/moose late winter habitat – Winter deer yards/moose late winter habitat are sheltered areas where these species congregate during the winter months. As these species are not adept at moving through deep snow, a key component of these habitats is a core area predominantly composed of coniferous trees with a 60% canopy cover. Habitat of this type was considered during the site investigation in relation to the wooded areas present on and within 120 m of the Project location. A core coniferous area was not identified within these areas, and as a result, are not considered to meet the definitions of a winter deer yard or moose late winter habitat.
- Colonial bird nesting sites – Colonial bird nesting sites are locations where colonial species, such as herons, gulls, terns, and swallows traditionally nest in colonies of varying size. Though Great Blue Heron were recorded flying through the Project location during the site investigation, no heronries are known from the area or were detected during the site investigation. Marshlands present within 120 m of the Project location are not of suitable size and do not have characteristics for supporting colonial nesting species. Rocky areas suitable of supporting tern or gull populations, or potential swallow colonial breeding locations were not identified during the site investigation on or within 120 m of the Project location.
- Waterfowl stopover and staging areas – Waterfowl traditionally congregate in larger wetlands, complexes of small wetlands in close proximity, and relatively undisturbed shorelines with vegetation during spring and fall migration. Further, during the fall migration, waterfowl may commonly congregate in feeding or roosting ponds. Suitable habitat for waterfowl stopover or staging was not identified on or within 120 m of the Project location, and ponds suitable for use as waterfowl feeding/roosting ponds were not identified.
- Waterfowl nesting – Waterfowl nesting sites can consist of relatively large, undisturbed upland areas with abundant ponds and wetlands, while other species nest within tree cavities in swamps or on the shorelines of water bodies. Canada Goose were recorded during the site investigation, though no evidence of nesting was noted, and significant concentrations of geese were not observed. Therefore, this habitat type is not found on or within 120 m of the Project location.
- Shorebird/Landbird migratory stopover areas – Shorebird migratory stopover areas are found along the shorelines of the Great Lakes and James Bay, while landbird stopover areas are found along the shorelines of the Great Lakes and contain a variety of habitat types from open fields to large woodlands. As the Project location is located more than 120 m away from these areas, this habitat type cannot occur on the Project location.

- Raptor winter feeding and roosting areas – This combined habitat type features suitable raptor roosting sites in proximity to winter feeding areas. For most raptor species, roosting sites are traditionally mature mixed or coniferous woodlands, a habitat type which is absent both on and within 120 m of the Project location. Some species roost within grassy fields; however, the harvest of hay from the Project location and agricultural lands within 120 m in the fall and subsequent small growth of grasses, as well as the small grass growth expected on cow pastures in this area indicates the Project location and lands within 120 m would not provide suitable roosting habitat for these species. It is expected that raptor winter feeding would occur across the Project location and within 120 m, consistent with that which would occur along other fields in the area; however, the absence of suitable roosting habitats in close proximity determines that this is an area that does not meet the requirements for further evaluation of significance.
- Wild Turkey winter range – Similar to winter deer yards, Wild Turkey rely on coniferous forest stands for winter protection. As was previously discussed, such habitat was not identified during the site investigation on or within 120 m of the Project location, and therefore, Wild Turkey winter range is not found.
- Turkey Vulture summer roosting areas – Turkey Vulture summer roosting areas traditionally consist of cliff ledges and large snags. No cliff ledges were noted during the site investigation; however, large dead or partially dead trees are present within 120 m of the Project location and Turkey Vultures were recorded during the site investigation. However, no roosting activity was noted, and Turkey Vulture activity was restricted to observations of birds flying overhead consistent with foraging activities as would be expected across the region. As a result, Turkey Vulture summer roosting areas are not identified.
- Reptile hibernacula – Reptile hibernacula are commonly found in animal burrows and rock crevices. Animal burrows were not recorded during the site investigation, however several rock piles and rock crevices were observed within the woodlands on and within 120 m of the Project location (see Figure 4.6). Generally, rock piles corresponded with discard piles from the nearby fields, in many cases resulting in aggregations not suitable for use as reptile hibernacula. Only one snake was observed, a gartersnake which was found moving through the leaf litter within the woodland on the Project location. No snakes were observed on or within the rock piles identified on or within 120 m of the Project location. As the survey was completed during a timeframe suitable for detection of reptile hibernacula, this feature is not found on or within 120 m of the Project location.



a)



b)



c)



d)

Figure 4.6 Rock Piles (a to c) on the Project Location and Rock Crevice (d) within 120 m of the Project Location

- Bat hibernacula – Bat hibernacula are found in caves, abandoned mines, or areas with karst topography. These features were not identified during the site investigation.
- Bullfrog concentration areas – Bullfrog concentration areas are predominantly found in areas of marsh habitat. Several bullfrogs were noted within the wetland habitats within 120 m of the northwestern corner of the Project location. As a result, this area is treated as candidate significant wildlife habitat.
- Migratory butterfly stopover areas – These habitats are found within 5 km of the Great Lakes; as the Project area is located outside of this zone, such habitat features are not found.

Therefore, of the seasonal concentration areas considered during the site investigation, only bullfrog concentration areas will be carried forward to the evaluation of significance.

4.2.1.2 *Rare Vegetation Communities or Specialized Habitat for Wildlife*

Rare vegetation communities include alvars, tall-grass prairies, savannahs, rare forest types, talus slopes, rock barrens, sand barrens and Great Lakes dunes. None of these vegetation communities were identified during the site investigation. Vegetation communities that were observed during the site investigation have been previously described in Section 4.1; none of these communities are considered to be rare or uncommon within the local or provincial area.

Specialized wildlife habitats include

- areas that support species that have highly specific habitat requirements
- areas with high species and community diversity
- areas that provide habitat that greatly enhances species survival.

There are many habitat types that may meet these definitions; those that were considered during the site investigations as they had the potential to be present in the area, and the discussion of their potential occurrence on the Project location, are addressed below:

- Habitat for area-sensitive species – Appendix C of the SWHTG lists area-sensitive species. Of these species, only Northern Harrier was detected during the site investigation. The Northern Harrier was observed foraging over the agricultural fields, and was not noted in relation to the wetland habitats present on or within 120 m of the Project location. As the Project location represents suitable habitat for Northern Harrier, this will be considered in terms of significant wildlife habitat.
- Forests providing a high diversity of habitats – Forest communities on and within 120 m of the Project location were not found to contain a variety of dominant tree cover or vegetation communities. Forest communities were generally described as occurring within a single age class, middle-aged to mature. Only two forest communities were identified within the woodlands, upland and lowland. Abundant leaf litter was noted within the woodlands on the Project location, however no snakes were noted within these areas during the site investigation when they would be expected to have been observed. No supercanopy trees were observed. Therefore this potential habitat is not found on or within 120 m of the Project location.
- Old-growth or mature forest stands – As previously discussed, forest communities were described as middle-aged to mature; therefore this habitat type is not found.
- Foraging areas with abundant mast – Though beech and oak trees were recorded within the woodland on the Project location, as the Project location is located on the southern extent of the range of Black Bears within the province, use of these areas is not expected. No evidence of Black Bears was recorded from the Project location. In addition, no large patches of berry-producing shrubs, or Mountain Ash, Apple or Black Cherry trees were recorded. As a result, this specialized habitat is not found.
- Woodlands supporting amphibian-breeding ponds – Amphibian-breeding ponds were not found within the woodlands located on or within 120 m of the Project location during the site investigation.

- Turtle-nesting habitat – Turtle-nesting sites are areas where soft substrates, such as sand or fine gravel, are found that permit turtles to excavate their nests, and are located in open, sunny areas. Such substrate was not recorded on or within 120 m of the Project location during the site investigation. It is considered likely turtle-nesting attempts may be made along the roadside in this area. However, these areas do not meet the requirements for candidate significant wildlife habitat given the heavy disturbance associated with the areas.
- Specialized raptor-nesting habitat – Though Red-tailed Hawk, Osprey, and Northern Harrier were recorded during the site investigation, no evidence of raptor nesting was observed. Use of the area by these species was consistent with foraging/transit behaviour, and not with alarm/nest defence.
- Mink, Otter, Marten, and Fisher denning sites – Denning sites for these members of the weasel family were not recorded on or within 120 m of the Project location during the site investigation.
- Highly diverse areas – The habitats present on and within 120 m of the Project location were considered in respect of diversity. The Project location is situated on the edge of the Frontenac axis, an area that is identified as having high diversity. The vast majority of habitats present on and within 120 m of the Project location consist entirely of agricultural lands. Given the abundance of these communities within the region, these habitats do not meet the requirements of highly diverse areas. The woodland and wetland communities on and within 120 m of the Project location are the other habitat types present within 120 m of the Project location. Three wetland community types were noted during the site investigation. A diversity of species was not recorded within the wetland communities, and given the small size of these features, are not considered to significantly contribute to the diversity of the area. Similarly, a diversity of vegetation or wildlife species within the woodland community was not noted, with the ground cover generally species poor within the woodland. As a result, highly diverse areas are not found on or within 120 of the Project location.
- Cliffs and caves – These features were not identified on or within 120 m of the Project location during the site investigation.
- Seeps and springs – A small groundwater seepage areas was identified in the vicinity of the watercourse which crosses the Project location (see Hatch 2010b). As the seepage area is small and isolated, it is not considered to provide sufficient resources of any consequence for wildlife.

As a result, habitat for Northern Harrier is the lone candidate significant wildlife habitat carried forward to the evaluation of significance.

4.2.1.3 *Habitat of Species of Conservation Concern*

Species of conservation concern that were considered during the site investigation include the following:

- Black Tern – Suitable habitat for Black Tern was not identified on or within 120 m of the Project location; therefore, they are not expected to occur.
- Bald Eagle – Suitable nest support trees for Bald Eagle were not noted during the site investigation, and no Bald Eagles were observed. As a result, they are not expected to occur.

- Forest-breeding warbler species (Golden-winged Warbler, Canada Warbler) – Suitable habitat for these species was not detected on or within 120 m of the Project location.
- Red-headed Woodpecker – Suitable habitat for Red-headed Woodpecker was found on the Project location; however, the species was not recorded during the site investigations. As surveys were conducted during the breeding season, if they were present on-site it would be expected that they would have been observed. As a result, they are not expected to occur.
- Common Nighthawk — There is very little bare ground present on and within 120 m of the Project location that would serve as suitable breeding habitat for Common Nighthawk. Areas of suitable habitat were walked during the time period suitable for Common Nighthawk nesting and no nighthawks were observed. As a result, it is determined that Common Nighthawk do not breed on the Project location.
- Prairie Warbler – Prairie Warbler breed within early successional habitats; suitable habitats were not recorded on site during the site investigation, and Prairie Warbler were not recorded on site.
- Milksnake – As Milksnake are habitat generalists, suitable habitat is present on and within 120 m of the Project location. It is assumed that they are present.
- Northern Ribbonsnake — The watercourse which is located west of the Project location was not considered to be capable of supporting Northern Ribbonsnake.
- The water body which occurs within 120 m west of the Project location was not conducive to occupancy by turtles. Nesting habitat of Northern Map Turtle which may be found in the lake north of the Project location occurs in soft sand or soil (COSEWIC, 2002b); such habitat is not present on or within 120 m of the Project location.
- American Bullfrog – American bullfrogs were recorded within the wetland community within 120 m northwest of the Project location. This habitat was previously determined to meet the requirements of a bullfrog concentration area (see Section 4.2.1.1). As a result, this habitat type is considered further.
- Western Chorus Frog – Suitable habitat for Western Chorus Frog was not recorded on or within 120 m of the Project location, and none were recorded during either site investigation. As a result, suitable habitat for this species is not found.

Based on the results of the site investigation, potential habitat for Milksnake and confirmed habitat for American Bullfrog will be considered during the evaluation of significance.

4.2.1.4 *Animal Movement Corridors*

The SWHTG (MNR, 2000) defines animal movement corridors as “elongated, naturally vegetated parts of the landscape used by animals to move from one habitat to another”. Animal movement corridors were considered during the site investigation. Such features were found to be present within the hedgerows, woodlands, and watercourses on and within 120 m of the Project location.

Hedgerow features may provide suitable movement corridors for various terrestrial reptile (such as Gartersnake), mammal (such as raccoons and skunks), and bird (such as Blue Jays, Song Sparrows, and other passerines) species.

Woodlands may provide suitable movement corridors for those species previously identified in relation to hedgerows, as well as larger terrestrial species of mammals, such as deer and coyotes.

The watercourse within 120 m of the Project location may provide suitable movement corridors for semi-aquatic species of wildlife, such as amphibians (American bullfrog, Northern Leopard Frog) and reptiles (Eastern Ribbonsnake, Snapping Turtle).

These features will be further assessed in the evaluation of significance report.

4.3 Species at Risk

While no species at risk were observed during the site investigation, those species that were identified as having potential for occurrence on the Project location are discussed further below.

- Least Bittern – Suitable habitat for Least Bittern was not identified on or within 120 m of the Project location; therefore, they are not expected to occur.
- Chimney Swift – Chimney Swift were not recorded during the site investigation, and suitable habitat for the species was not observed. Therefore, Chimney Swift are not expected to occur.
- Whip-poor-will – Preferred habitat for Whip-poor-will was not identified during the site investigation. As a result, they are not expected to occur.
- Loggerhead Shrike – Loggerhead Shrike were not recorded on the Project location during the site investigations. As surveys were conducted during the breeding season, if they were present on site it would be expected that they would have been observed. Further, preferred habitat for Loggerhead Shrike was not identified during the survey. As a result, they are not expected on the Project location.
- Cerulean Warbler – Suitable habitat for Cerulean Warblers was not detected on the Project location and therefore they are not expected to occur.
- Bobolink – Bobolink were not recorded during the site investigation. Given that the survey was conducted during suitable timing to observe Bobolink, and given the conspicuous nature of male behavior during the breeding season, it is expected that if they were present on site they would have been observed. Therefore, though suitable habitat is present, Bobolink are determined to not be present on the Project location.
- Blanding's Turtle/Common Musk Turtle– Suitable habitat for turtle species was not recorded on the Project location, and these species are not expected to occur.
- Gray Ratsnake – Suitable habitat for Eastern Ratsnake may be found on the Project location. Consultation with MNR Kemptville is ongoing in order to determine whether a permit under the *Endangered Species Act* is required.
- Butternut – No Butternut were recorded during the site investigation, and therefore, they are determined to not be present on the Project location.
- American Ginseng – Though potential habitat is found on the Project location, woodlands were searched for American Ginseng, and none was identified. Consultation with MNR Kemptville is ongoing in order to determine whether a permit under the *Endangered Species Act* is required.

5. Conclusions

Based on the results of the site investigation identified above, there is a small correction to the Records Review Report (Hatch Ltd., 2010) whereby several areas of wetland habitats were identified on and within 120 m of the Project location.

There are several features present on and within the vicinity of the Project location that will require an Evaluation of Significance in order to determine whether Environmental Impact Studies are required:

- bullfrog concentration area
- woodlands on and within 120 m of the Project location
- habitat for Northern Harrier, American bullfrog and Milksnake
- animal movement corridors
- wetlands located within on and 120 m of the Project location.

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Appendix A

Site Investigation Field Notes

Location: Little Rideau Lakes Rd. (North
Creston side)

Date: June 15, 2010

Time: 0800 - 1800

%CC: 100% (overcast) - Rain

Temp: 18°C

Wind: ~15 km/h Beaufort Wind Scale: 3

American Robin

Canada goose

- spoke to landowner about lying, poor drainage

South of Little Rideau Lake Rd within
cattle pasture area

Song sparrow

Leopard frog

Snowshoe

deer scat

White-tailed deer

great-blue heron

Northern shrike

Red-tailed Hawk

Turkey Vulture

Raven

Hedgescows (SW)

- rock piles along edge
- White Ash
- buckthorn (A)
- x-red ash (A)?
- Sugar maple (R)
- rock elm? (A)(D)
- hawthorn sp.
- other shrubs sp.
- mannyberry
- rose h. gooseberry
- bur oak (R)
- common apple
- eastern redcedar sapling (C)
- hickory (D)
- Manitoba maple (R)
- ~~red pine (R)~~
- alder clover
- rough bedstraw
- burberry?
- Wild basil
- cow witch
- fragrant bedstraw
- riverbank grape
- grasses
- (+ tall) common burdock
- virginia creeper
- canadian mullein
- goldenrod sp.
- raspberry sp.
- chickweed
- rough fruited cinquefoil
- red clover
- milkweed
- ox-eye daisy
- common burdock
- canadian st. john's wort
- bladder campion

Woodlands

white ash (A)	ash
rock elm	wood strawberry
pin cherry (P)	yellow
bitternut hickory (A)	soesberry
common apple (A)	red clover
eastern white pine	raspberry
blackthorn (A)	trefoil
sugar maple	common milkweed
eastern red cedar	garlic
black ash (A)	
common juniper	
white ash (D) understory	
sugar maple (D)	
red ash (D)	
red oak	

moist low lying forest

% C.C. = 90%

* sugar maple (D) ^{sub} (A)

lect litter (A)

eastern red cedar (R)

some low lying areas

large toothed Aspen (D)

Sioux cedar sparse

rock elm (D)

honeysuckle?

White Ash " green?

firecap moss

Bur oak (L)

peat moss

Basswood (R)

squirrel nest
evidence of woodpecker

white birch (R)

* Ironwood ^{white iron} (R) ^{white iron} hickory (D)

black cherry

* trembling aspen (D)

Bur oak (R)

sedges

Carolina ^{canopy} mayflower ^{under}

* Shagbark hickory (D) (A)

Black Cherry (R)

American beech (D) (upland area)

rock piles

bedrock outcrops

vernal pool areas

white birch (R)

Large rock piles

Nature sharp

more common apple on west side

of Wooded

puddy ash (R)

red oak

Nature sharp wood

North of Woodland - trolley row

X *penicillium*
Aspergillus
Flora

✓ *Bullfinch*
Starling (A)
Magpie

✓ *Robin*
Blackbird
Wren (Bittern?)

Riverbank
Willow
Spotted Thrush
Blackbird (A)
Common Jay (A)
Magpie (A)

riverbank, grape

blackberry

green sedge

yellow iris

water

W
all

buckthorn

small fruited mulberry

blue yew

sensitive fern

scilla

garden

purple maple

yellow frog

black buck

black cherry

1947 039 039 (catch basin)
1947 039

inland boundary - note of 1950
It was difficult to determine
as field was filled through

- water flows southeast

Black Walnut along road

* NO butternut found



Site Investigation Field Notes

1. Project Identification

Project Name: Northland Crosby

Site Information

Lot Number: _____ Concession Number: _____

Municipality: _____ County: _____

Location: _____

UTM: _____
or

Latitude: _____ ° _____ ' _____ "N Longitude: _____ ° _____ ' _____ "W

2. Investigator Information

Name: Caleb Poughlin

Title: Environmental Technologist

Company Name: Hatch

Address: Hatch LTD, Niagara Falls

Phone: _____

3. General Information

Date (Day of the week, m/d/y): Oct 27 2010

Investigation Start Time: 10:30am

Duration: 2 1/2 hours

4. Weather Conditions

Temperature: 14 °C

Beaufort Wind: 3-4 in the morning 0 in afternoon

Cloud Cover: 10 % Rain: Y N

Other: _____

Crosby Snake Site Investigation

Woodlot clear electric fence
and heavy cattle usage.

Began search at 10:33am
off of Carleton St.

A zigzag pattern walked from
East to West forest edge species
approximately 15-20m.

Old field stone Dumping areas
present. Stone piles all consist
with rock piles only consist
~~of~~ sizes. None too large to
handle.

Several piles had holes
which looked to be used by
something. Those piles were
investigated by removing rocks
and exploring inside - Only insects/
spiders were seen -

Search Pattern changed to a North South pattern cover off Field. fewer Rock piles within large portion of woodlot.

Evidence of Wild Turkey and WTD usage. ~~to~~ Clump of mature beech. No sign of Bear usage.

No snakes observed through entire search.

↗
Correction: 11 Coates Snake. GPS e. snake - seen while walking back to car.

Snake very active. a spiral shaped search pattern extending out from the snake resulted in 2 observations.

Bedrock ridge SW corner.

area was walked one area
of interest was observed - a
small outcrop approx 1m
in height. 20m in length.

Outcrop contains opening camera
was inserted and photo taken
of inside to the outcrop

Ø Wildlife Observed.

Appendix B
Natural Resource Solutions Inc.
Wetland Evaluation

November, 16, 2010

Mr. Sean Male
Hatch
4342 Queen Street, Suite 500,
Niagara Falls, ON L2E 7J7

Dear Mr. Male:

Re: Crosby Solar Project Wetland Evaluations

On behalf of Natural Resource Solutions Inc., I am pleased to provide the following which documents the work completed relative to wetland evaluation at the above noted solar project being proposed by Northland Power. This letter incorporates revisions that result from the review comments provided by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources staff during the conference call on November 8, 2010.

The objectives of this assignment were to provide project-specific assessments and possibly evaluations of wetlands found on or within 120m of proposed project components as per Renewable Energy Approval Regulation 359/09. Review of Land Information Ontario (LIO) and aerial photography indicated that potential unevaluated wetlands are on the subject property as well as neighbouring lands within 120m. The Bog Marsh Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) and portions of the Newboro Lake Marsh Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) are also found to the south and southeast of the project site respectively.

Study Approach

This work included the following:

- Collection and review of background information on wetland-related natural features in the vicinity of the project site.
- Identification of all wetlands, evaluated and non-evaluated, within approximately 750m of the subject wetlands to assess the extent of wetland mapping that would be required to address whether wetlands in the vicinity of the project site would be complexed with other wetlands (i.e. to identify whether a 'string' of unevaluated wetlands occur between the subject wetlands and the nearest evaluated wetland)
- Conduct field surveys of subject wetlands on the project site as well as on neighbouring lands. This included mapping of wetland vegetation communities based on Ontario Wetland Evaluation System (OWES) as well as Ecological Land Classification (ELC), and recording all species of flora and fauna within the wetlands.

The above tasks feed into a determination of whether the wetlands on or within 120m of the project site are a portion of the existing PSW, are of insufficient size or

ecological/hydrologic character to be considered stand alone wetlands under OWES, and/or are not part of the wetland complex when reviewed under the OWES complexing criteria. If wetlands were considered to not be part of the existing evaluated wetland, the assessment considered whether the wetlands would be part of 'new' wetland complex.

This letter report documents the analysis of the above.

Summary

A number of wetlands were found on the project site and within 120m. The wetlands were described under the OWES as well as using ELC criteria during field surveys completed on August 9 and 10, 2010. The wetland evaluation also includes results of field surveys undertaken by staff of Hatch on June 15, 2010. As part of the Records Review completed by Hatch, a number of Species at Risk were recorded from the vicinity. These species included western chorus frog (*Pseudacris triseriata*), ribbonsnake (*Thamnophis sauritus*), least bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*), black tern (*Chlidonias niger*), blanding's turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*), eastern musk turtle (*Sternotherus odoratus*), and northern map turtle (*Graptemys geographica*). No significant species of flora or fauna were observed during the field survey. A map of the project site with wetlands in the area is appended to this letter.

In the northeast section of the study area 6 communities were identified, which are greater than 750m from the Bog Marsh PSW. These communities are shown as:

neM₄ [ELC: Mixed Graminoid Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type (MAMM1-16)]
reM₅ [ELC: Cattail Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type (MAMM1-2)]
reM₆ [ELC: Cattail Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type (MAMM1-2)]
reM₇ [ELC: Mixed Graminoid Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type (MAMM1-16)]
reM₈ [ELC: Mixed Graminoid Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type (MAMM1-16)]
tsS₆ [ELC: Slender Willow Mineral Deciduous Thicket Swamp Type (SWTM3-3)]

Based on our review of local drainage and distance from the PSW (>750m), it was concluded that it would be appropriate to evaluate these wetlands as a stand alone wetland complex. A completed wetland evaluation and associated mapping is also appended to this letter.

The results of the wetland evaluation indicate that this is a non-provincially significant wetland. Based on their review of the evaluation, staff of the OMNR have agreed with this conclusion (S. Thompson, pers comm.. Nov. 8, 2010)

Two additional communities were identified in the Southeast end of the project area which are not connected to the Bog Marsh PSW or any other wetlands within 750m. They are shown as:

hS₅ [ELC: Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type (SWDM2-2)]
neM₃ [ELC: Reed-canary Grass Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type (MAMM1-3)]

These communities are relatively small (0.39ha and 0.59Ha respectively) and drain south into the Newboro Lake Marsh ANSI, they do not appear to provide significant ecological or hydrological functions that warrant inclusion into a complex, and being less than 2ha in total area it was concluded that a wetland evaluation would not be required.

I trust that this information is adequate. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,
Natural Resource Solutions Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Stephenson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Stephenson, M.Sc.,
Senior Biologist

Wetland Vegetation Communities:

Wetland 1:

hS₅ [ELC: Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type (SWDM2-2)]
h*: *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*, *Ulmus Americana*
ts: *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*, *Ulmus Americana*
gc: *Lythrum salicaria*, *Eupatorium maculatum* ssp. *Maculatum*, *Solidago canadensis*
ne: *Phalaris arundinacea*

Wetland 2:

neM₃ [ELC: Reed-canary Grass Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type (MAMM1-3)]
ne*: *Phalaris arundinacea*

Wetland 3:

neM₄ [ELC: Mixed Graminoid Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type (MAMM1-16)]
ne: *Eleocharis smallii*, *Dactylis glomerata*, *Carex vulpinoidea*
re*: *Scirpus atrovirens*, *Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani*, *Phalaris arundinacea*

reM₅ [ELC: Cattail Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type (MAMM1-2)]
ne: *Phalaris arundinacea*
re*: *Typha angustifolia*, *Scirpus atrovirens*

Wetland 4:

reM₆ [ELC: Cattail Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type (MAMM1-2)]
re*: *Typha angustifolia*, *Scirpus atrovirens*, *Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani*

Wetland 5:

reM₇ [ELC: Mixed Graminoid Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type (MAMM1-16)]
gc: *Lythrum salicaria*, *Trifolium pratense*, *Eupatorium maculatum* ssp. *Maculatum*
ne: *Carex vulpinoidea*, *Carex bebbii*, *Dactylis glomerata*
re*: *Scirpus atrovirens*, *Scirpus cyperinus*

Wetland 6:

reM₈ [ELC: Mixed Graminoid Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type (MAMM1-16)]
gc: *Lythrum salicaria*, *Eupatorium perfoliatum*, *Vicia cracca*
ne: *Carex vulpinoidea*, *Juncus tenuis*, *Phalaris arundinacea*
re*: *Scirpus atrovirens*

Wetland 7:

tsS₆ [ELC: Slender Willow Mineral Deciduous Thicket Swamp Type (SWTM3-3)]
ts*: *Salix petiolaris*, *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*, *Rhamnus cathartica*
ls: *Spiraea alba*, *Salix petiolaris*, *Juniperus virginiana*
gc: *Lythrum salicaria*, *Solidago canadensis*, *Symphotrichum novae-angliae*
ne: *Phalaris arundinacea*

* Dominant form

Project Team:

Member	Qualifications	Role
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Project Name: CROSBY

Project #: 1143

Observer(s): BAM, MA UTM:

Date: AVG 10/2010 Time (24h): 8:30

Field #: 9 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 30

Map Code: rcH4 Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 100

Wetland Type: H Site Type: P Dominant Form: rc

% Open Water: 0 ELC Code: NAMM1-16

Forms % (Circle those $\geq 25\%$)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h <u>0</u>	
c <u>0</u>	
dc,dh,ds <u>0</u>	
ts <u>0</u>	
ls <u>0</u>	
gc <u>5%</u>	red clover, lady's thumb, wild mint
ne <u>25%</u>	spike rush, orchard grass, fox sedge
be <u>0</u>	
re <u>70%</u>	dark green bulrush, soft-stemmed bulrush, reed mummy grass
ff <u>0</u>	
ffr <u>0</u>	
su <u>0</u>	
m <u>0</u>	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

CABBAGE WHITE
SOSP, NOHA (flying)

PHOTOS: 0105, 0106

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Forms: h=deciduous trees; c=coniferous trees; dh, dc, ds=dead trees/shrubs; ts=tall shrubs; ls=low shrubs; gc=ground cover; ne=narrow emergents; be=broad emergents; f=floating plants; ff=free-floating plants; su=submerged plants; m=mosses

Wetland Type: S=swamp; M=marsh; B=bog; F=fen

Site Type: L=lacustrine; P=palustrine; R=riverine; IS=isolated



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Project Name: CROSBY

Project #: 1143

Observer(s): BAM, MA UTM:

Date: AVG 10/2010 Time (24h): 9:00

Field #: 10 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 30

Map Code: rcH6 Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 100

Wetland Type: H Site Type: P Dominant Form: rc

% Open Water: 0 ELC Code: NAMM1-2

Forms % (Circle those $\geq 25\%$)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h <u>0</u>	
c <u>0</u>	
dc,dh,ds <u>0</u>	
ts <u>0</u>	
ls <u>0</u>	
gc <u>2%</u>	purple loosestrife, lady's thumb, horn-leaved gopherweed
ne <u>10%</u>	reed mummy grass, fox sedge, 3-lobed sedge
be <u>0</u>	
re <u>90%</u>	CA-91, dark green bulrush, soft-stemmed bulrush
ff <u>0</u>	
ffr <u>0</u>	
su <u>0</u>	
m <u>0</u>	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

SOSP

PHOTOS: 0107, 0108

SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.

Forms: h=deciduous trees; c=coniferous trees; dh, dc, ds=dead trees/shrubs; ts=tall shrubs; ls=low shrubs; gc=ground cover; ne=narrow emergents; be=broad emergents; f=floating plants; ff=free-floating plants; su=submerged plants; m=mosses

Wetland Type: S=swamp; M=marsh; B=bog; F=fen

Site Type: L=lacustrine; P=palustrine; R=riverine; IS=isolated



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Project Name: CROSBY

Project #: 1143

Observer(s): SAM, MA

UTM:

Date: AUG 10/2010

Time (24h): 9:20

Field #: 11

Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 30

Map Code: 0047

Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 100

Wetland Type: M

Site Type: P Dominant Form: rc

% Open Water:

ELC Code: NAHMI-16

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 1%	
c 0	
dc,dh,ds 0	
ts 5%	slender willow, yellow elm, red cedar
ls 2%	slender willow
gc 30%	purple loosestrife, red clover, Joe pye weed
ne 30%	fox sedge, Bobb's sedge, broad grass
be 0	
re 40%	dark green bulrush, scirpus hypericinus
ff 0	
#	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

MONARCH
SOSP, NLER

PHOTOS: 0109, 0110

SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.

Forms: h=deciduous trees; c=coniferous trees; dh, dc, ds=dead trees/shrubs; ts=tall shrubs; ls=low shrubs; gc=ground cover; ne=narrow emergents; be=broad emergents; f=floating plants; ff=free-floating plants; su=submerged plants; m=mosses

Wetland Type: S=swamp; M=marsh; B=bog; F=fen

Site Type: L=lacustrine; P=palustrine; R=riverine; IS=isolated



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Project Name: CROSBY

Project #: 1143

Observer(s): SAM, MA

UTM:

Date: AUG 10/2010

Time (24h): 9:50

Field #: 12

Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 30

Map Code: 0048

Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 100

Wetland Type: M

Site Type: P Dominant Form: rc

% Open Water: 0

ELC Code: NAHMI-16

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 5%	white elm
c 0	
dc,dh,ds 0	
ts 10%	white elm, slender willow, red cedar
ls 2%	slender willow, juniper, eastern-cottonwood spirea
gc 25%	purple loosestrife, common horsetail, tufted vetch
ne 30%	fox sedge, both sedge, red meadow grass
be 0	
re 45%	dark green bulrush
ff 0	
#	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

* edges of marsh converted by herbicide application & mowing

Wildlife Notes:

BUTTERFLY (PHOTO) = 0113
NLER

PHOTOS = 0111, 0112

SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.

Forms: h=deciduous trees; c=coniferous trees; dh, dc, ds=dead trees/shrubs; ts=tall shrubs; ls=low shrubs; gc=ground cover; ne=narrow emergents; be=broad emergents; f=floating plants; ff=free-floating plants; su=submerged plants; m=mosses

Wetland Type: S=swamp; M=marsh; B=bog; F=fen

Site Type: L=lacustrine; P=palustrine; R=riverine; IS=isolated



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Project Name: CROSBY

Project #: 1143

Observer(s): BAM, NA UTM:

Date: AUG 10/2010 Time (24h): 10:20

Field #: 13 Weather: Precipitation: None Temp (°C): 30

Map Code: neM3 Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 100

Wetland Type: M Site Type: P Dominant Form:

% Open Water: 0 ELC Code: MAMMI-3

Forms % (Circle those ≥25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h <u>0</u>	
c <u>0</u>	
dc,dh,ds <u>0</u>	
ts <u>0</u>	
ls <u>0</u>	
gc <u>20%</u>	<u>Canada goldenrod, wild carrot, purple loosestrife</u>
ne <u>80%</u>	<u>Reed canary grass</u>
be <u>0</u>	
re <u>0</u>	
ff <u>0</u>	
ff	
su <u>0</u>	
m <u>0</u>	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

none

Wildlife Notes:

None

photo . 0114

SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.

Forms: h=deciduous trees; c=coniferous trees; dh, dc, ds=dead trees/shrubs; ts=tall shrubs; ls=low shrubs; gc=ground cover; ne=narrow emergents; be=broad emergents; f=floating plants; ff=free-floating plants; su=submerged plants; m=mosses

Wetland Type: S=swamp; M=marsh; B=bog; F=fen

Site Type: L=lacustrine; P=palustrine; R=riverine; IS=isolated



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Project Name: CROSBY

Project #: 1143

Observer(s): BAM, NA UTM:

Date: AUG 9/2010 Time (24h): 17:20

Field #: 6 Weather: Precipitation: rain Temp (°C): 29

Map Code: h55 Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 100

Wetland Type: S Site Type: P Dominant Form: h

% Open Water: 0 ELC Code: SWDH2-2

Forms % (Circle those ≥25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h <u>30%</u>	<u>green ash, white elm</u>
c <u>5%</u>	<u>white cedar</u>
dc,dh,ds <u>0</u>	
ts <u>30%</u>	<u>green ash, white elm</u>
ls <u>10%</u>	<u>green ash, tartarian honey suckle</u>
gc <u>50%</u>	<u>purple loosestrife, lac fly weed, Canada goldenrod</u>
ne <u>40%</u>	<u>reed canary grass</u>
be <u>0</u>	
re <u>10%</u>	<u>narrow-leaved cattail</u>
ff <u>0</u>	
ff	
su <u>0</u>	
m <u>0</u>	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

AMGO, CEDW

PHOTOS - 0099, 0100

SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.

Forms: h=deciduous trees; c=coniferous trees; dh, dc, ds=dead trees/shrubs; ts=tall shrubs; ls=low shrubs; gc=ground cover; ne=narrow emergents; be=broad emergents; f=floating plants; ff=free-floating plants; su=submerged plants; m=mosses

Wetland Type: S=swamp; M=marsh; B=bog; F=fen

Site Type: L=lacustrine; P=palustrine; R=riverine; IS=isolated



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Project Name: CROSBY

Project #: 1143

Observer(s): BAM, MA UTM:

Date: AUG 9/2010 Time (24h): 18 00

Field #: 7 Weather: Precipitation: rain Temp (°C): 29

Map Code: rcm5 Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 100

Wetland Type: M Site Type: P Dominant Form: rc

% Open Water: 0 ELC Code: NANHI-2

Forms % (Circle those $\geq 25\%$)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc,dh,ds 2%	white elm
ts 2%	white cedar
ls 0	
gc 0	
ne 40%	reed canopy grass, black locust
be 0	
re 60%	cattail, dark green bulrush
ff 0	
ff 0	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

None

Wildlife Notes:

BLJA

PHOTOS: 0101, 0102

SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.

Forms: h=deciduous trees; c=coniferous trees; dh, dc, ds=dead trees/shrubs; ts=tall shrubs; ls=low shrubs; gc=ground cover; ne=narrow emergents; be=broad emergents; f=floating plants; ff=free-floating plants; su=submerged plants; m=mosses

Wetland Type: S=swamp; M=marsh; B=bog; F=fen

Site Type: L=lacustrine; P=palustrine; R=riverine; IS=isolated



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Project Name: CROSBY

Project #: 1143

Observer(s): BAM, MA UTM:

Date: AUG 9/2010 Time (24h): 18:30

Field #: 8 Weather: Precipitation: rain Temp (°C): 29

Map Code: ts56 Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 100

Wetland Type: S Site Type: R Dominant Form: ts

% Open Water: 10 ELC Code: SW TH3-3

Forms % (Circle those $\geq 25\%$)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 5%	white elm
c 0	
dc,dh,ds 0	
ts 50%	slender willow, green ash, common buckthorn
ls 30%	narrow-leaved spirea, slender willow, yew
gc 30%	purple loosestrife, purple loosestrife, new england aster
ne 50%	reed canopy grass
be 2%	common arrowweed, water plantain
re 5%	cattail
ff 0	
ff 0	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

None

Wildlife Notes:

ANRO, YEWA, AM60, ALFL

PHOTOS: 0103, 0104

SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.

Forms: h=deciduous trees; c=coniferous trees; dh, dc, ds=dead trees/shrubs; ts=tall shrubs; ls=low shrubs; gc=ground cover; ne=narrow emergents; be=broad emergents; f=floating plants; ff=free-floating plants; su=submerged plants; m=mosses

Wetland Type: S=swamp; M=marsh; B=bog; F=fen

Site Type: L=lacustrine; P=palustrine; R=riverine; IS=isolated

Crosby

Wetland Evaluation Edition	1993
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September 16, 2010

Comments

Attached Documents include:

- 1) Map of CrosbyWetland Complex
- 2)NRSI Field notes
- 3) List of vegetation communities
- 4) Summary of Wetland types, site types and dominant form areas
- 5) Map of Interspersion
- 6)Map of Crosby wetland complex catchement basin

Additional Information

Official Name:	Crosby
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Evaluation Edition:	1993	Class:		Wetland ID.:	
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Wetland Significance	Year/Month Last Evaluated	September 15, 2010
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Provincially Significant	Year/Month Last Updated	
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Special Planning Considerations:		Scores
		Biological: 92
		Social: 42
		Hydrological: 170
		Special Features: 62
		Overall: 365

Submitted by:	Natural Resources Solution Inc.
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Date:	September 15 2010
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WETLAND DATA AND SCORING RECORD

- i) **WETLAND NAME:** Crosby
- ii) **MNR ADMINISTRATIVE REGION:** Southern **DISTRICT:** Kemptville
AREA OFFICE (if different from District): _____
- iii) **CONSERVATION AUTHORITY JURISDICTION:** Rideau
 (If not within a designated CA, check here: _____)
- iv) **COUNTY OR REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY:** County of Leds and Grenville
- v) **TOWNSHIP:** Rideau Lakes
- vi) **LOTS & CONCESSIONS:** LOT2CON2, LOT2CON3, LOT1CON3, LOT2CON4,
 (attach separate sheet if necessary) LOT1CON4, LOT27CON4
- vii) **MAP AND AIR PHOTO REFERENCES**
- a) Latitude: 44.662N Longitude: 76.316W
- b) UTM grid reference: Zone: 18t Block: UE
 Grid:E 39 61 65 N 49 46 738
- c) National Topographic Series:
 map name(s) Westport
 map number(s) 031c09 edition 6
 scale 1:50 000
- d) Aerial photographs: Date photo taken: 2010 Scale: 3.513888889
 Flight & plate numbers: n/a

 (attach separate sheet if necessary)
- e) Ontario Base Map numbers & scale 10 18 3950 49450
1: 10 000
 (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) 1 <2800
- 2) 2800 -3200
- 3) 3200 -3600
- 4) 3600 -4000
- 5) >4000

SOILS

Estimated Fractional Area

- 1.000 clay/loam
- silt/marl
- limestone
- sand
- humic/mesic
- fibric
- granite

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

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

15

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

	Fractional Area		Score
Bog		x 3	0.00
Fen		x 6	0.00
Swamp	0.39	x 8	3.12
Marsh	0.61	x 15	9.15

Wetland type score (maximum 15 points) 12

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

	Fractional Area		Score
Isolated	0.000	x 1 =	0.000
Palustrine (permanent or intermittent flow)	0.610	x 2 =	1.220
Riverine	0.390	x 4 =	1.560
Riverine (at rivermouth)	0.000	x 5 =	0.000
Lacustrine (at rivermouth)	0.000	x 5 =	0.000
Lacustrine (on enclosed bay, with barrier beach)	0.000	x 3 =	0.000
Lacustrine (exposed to lake)	0.000	x 2 =	0.000
		Sub Total:	2.780

Site Type Score (maximum 5 points) 3

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) 13

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 = 40

1 = 1.5 points

2 = 2.5

3 = 3.5

4 = 4.5

5 = 5

6 = 5.5

7 = 6

8 = 6.5

9 = 7

10 = 7.5

11 = 8

+ .5 each additional community = 5.0

Total # of communities with 4 -5 forms = 23

1 = 2 points

2 = 3.5

3 = 5

4 = 6.5

5 = 7.5

6 = 8.5

7 = 9.5

8 = 10.5

9 = 11.5

10 = 12.5

11 = 13

+ .5 each additional community = 2.0

Total # of communities with 6 or more forms = 1

1 = 3 points

2 = 5

3 = 7

4 = 9

5 = 10.5

6 = 12

7 = 13.5

8 = 15

9 = 16.5

10 = 18

11 = 19

+ 1 each additional community = 3.0

e.g., a wetland with 3 one form communities and 8 six form communities would score:

4 two form communities

12 four form communities and

$$22.5 + 19.0 + 3.0 = 44.5 = 45 \text{ points}$$

Vegetation Communities Score (maximum 45 points)

7

Wetland Name: Crosby

Wetland Size (ha): 4.46

<u>Vegetation Form</u>	<u>% area in which form is dominant</u>
h	_____
c	_____
dh	_____
dc	_____
ts	<u>39.00</u>
ls	_____
ds	_____
gc	_____
m	_____
ne	<u>9.00</u>
be	_____
re	<u>52.00</u>
ff	_____
f	_____
su	_____
u (unvegetated)	_____
Total = 100%	<u>100.00</u>

1.2.3 DIVERSITY OF SURROUNDING HABITAT

(Check all appropriate items(1))

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

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

7

1.2.4 PROXIMITY TO OTHER WETLANDS

(Check first appropriate category only)

Scoring

1)	8	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)		Hydrologically connected by surface water to other wetlands (same dominant wetland type) within 0.5 km	8
3)		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 (Second Marsh Wetland)	5
4)		Hydrologically connected by surface water to other wetlands (same dominant wetland type) from 0.5 to 1.5 km away	5
5)		Within 0.75 km of other wetlands (different dominant wetland type) or open water body, but not hydrologically connected by surface water	5
6)		Within 1 km of other wetlands,but not hydrologically connected by surface water	2
7)		No wetland within 1 km	0

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

8

1.2.5 INTERSPERSION

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

Interspersion Score (Choose one only maximum 30 points)

6

1.2.6 OPEN WATER TYPES

Permanently flooded: (Check one)		Score
1)	8 type 1	8
2)	type 2	8
3)	type 3	14
4)	type 4	20
5)	type 5	30
6)	type 6	8
7)	type 7	14
8)	type 8	3
9)	no open water	0

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

8

1.3 SIZE

4.46

hectares

55

Subtotal for Biodiversity

Size Score (Biological Component) (maximum 50 points)

7

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

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

		Score
1)	<u>0</u> <5 ha	0
2)	5 -25 ha	3
3)	26 -50 ha	6
4)	51- 100 ha	9
5)	101 -200 ha	12
6)	>200 ha	18

Source of information: field observations

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

3

2.1.2 WILD RICE

(Check one)

Present (minimum size 0.5 ha)

1)

6

Score (Choose one)

6 points

Absent

2)

0

0

Source of information: field observations

Wild Rice Score (maximum 6 points)

0

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

(Check one)

Present

1)

12

Score (Choose one)

12 points

Habitat not suitable for fish

2)

0

0

Source of information: field observations

Commercial Fish Score (maximum 12 points)

12

2.1.4 BULLFROGS

(Check one)

Present

1)

1

Score (Choose one)

1 points

Absent

2)

0

0

Source of information: Field observations

Bullfrog Score (maximum 1 point)

1

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2.1.5 SNAPPING TURTLES

(Check one)

Present

1)

Score (Choose one)

1 point

Absent

2)

0

Source of information:

field observations

Snapping Turtle Score (maximum 1 point)

0

2.1.6 FURBEARERS

(Consult Appendix 9)

Name of furbearer

Source of information

1)

Muskrat

3

field Observation

2)

3)

4)

5)

Scoring: 3 points for each species. maximum 12

Furbearer Score (maximum 12 points)

3

2.2 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Type of Wetland-Associated Use					
Intensity of Use	Hunting		Nature Enjoyment/ Ecosystem Study		Fishing
High	40 points		40 points		40 points
Moderate	20		20		20
Low	8		8		8
Not possible/NotKnown	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		0		0	0

(score one level for each of the three wetland uses; scores are cumulative; maximum score 80 points)

Sources of information:

Hunting: _____

Nature: _____

Fishing: _____

Recreational Activities Score (maximum 80 points)

0

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) 0.5 to 10 km from settlement	26	<input type="checkbox"/>	16	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) 10 to 60 km from settlement	12	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) >60 km from settlement	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Name of settlement: Village of Newboro

Proximity to Human Settlement Score (maximum 40 points) 10

2.6 OWNERSHIP (FA= fraction Area)

Score

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	x	4	=	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Source of information: landowner contact

Ownership Score (maximum 10 points) 4

2.7 SIZE

4.46 hectares

29 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	106-109	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)

2

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

3.0 HYDROLOGICAL COMPONENT

3.1 FLOOD ATTENUATION

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:	Determination 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)
	<u> x </u>	All other wetland types (Go through Steps 2,3 and 4B)
Step 2:	Determination of Upstream Detention Factor (DF)	
(a)	Wetland area (ha)	<u>4.46</u>
(b)	Total area (ha) of upstream detention areas (include the wetland itself)	<u>32.23</u>
(c)	Ratio of (a):(b)	<u>0.14</u>
(d)	Upstream detention factor: (c) x 2 = <u>0.28</u> (maximum allowable factor = 1)	<u>0.28</u>
Step 3:	Determination of Wetland Attenuation Factor (AF)	
(a)	Wetland area (ha)	<u>4.46</u>
(b)	Size of catchment basin (ha) upstream of wetland (include wetland itself in catchment area)	<u>32.23</u>
(c)	Ratio of (a):(b)	<u>0.14</u>
(d)	Wetland attenuation factor: (c) x 10 = <u>1.0</u> (maximum allowable factor = 1)	<u>1.00</u>
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>100.0</u>	1
	Initial Score	100 *
	Upstream detention factor (DF) (Step 2)	<u>0.28</u>
	Wetland attenuation factor (AF) (Step 3)	<u>1.00</u>
	Final score: [(DF + AF)/2] x Initial score =	<u>64.00</u>
(c)	* Final score:= <u>64.0</u>	99.7 + 0.4 = 100
	*Unless wetland is a complex with isolated portions (see above).	

Flood Attenuation Score (maximum 100 points)

64

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	0.000	x	0.5	=	0.000
FA of riverine wetland	0.390	x	1	=	0.390
FA of palustrine wetland with no inflow		x	0.7	=	0.000
FA of palustrine wetland with inflows	0.610	x	1	=	0.610
FA of lacustrine on lake shoreline		x	0.2	=	0.000
FA of lacustrine at lake inflow or outflow		x	1	=	0.000
	Sub Total:				1.000
Sum (WIF cannot exceed 1.0)					1.00

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

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

- | | | | |
|----|-----|-----------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1) | 0.0 | Over 50% agricultural and/or urban | 1.0 |
| 2) | 0.8 | Between 30 and 50% agricultural and/or urban | 0.8 |
| 3) | 0.0 | Over 50% forested or other natural vegetation | 0.6 |

LUF (maximum 1.0) 0.80

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)	Fractional Area				
	0.39	x	0.75	=	0.29
FA of wetland with emergent, submergent or floating vegetation (re,be,ne,su,f,ff)	0.61	x	1	=	0.61
FA of wetland with little or no vegetation (u)		x	0.5	=	0.00

Sum (PUT cannot exceed 1.0) 0.90

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)	1.00
	Land use factor (LUF)	0.80
	Pollutant uptake factor (PUT)	0.90
Final score: 60 x WQF x LUF x PUT =		43.32

Short Term Water Quality Improvement Score (maximum 60 points) 43

3.2.2 LONG TERM NUTRIENT TRAP

Step 1:

<u> </u>	Wetland on large lakes or 5 major rivers	0 points
<u> x </u>	All other wetlands (proceed to Step 2)	

Step 2:

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

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

Long Term Nutrient Trap Score (maximum 10 points) 0

3.2.3 GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE

(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	0	2) Swamp/Marsh = 2	2	3) Fen = 5	
Topography	1) Flat/rolling = 0	0	2) Hilly = 2	0	3) Steep = 5	
Wetland Area: Upslope Catchment Area	Large (>50%) = 0	0	Moderate (5-50%) = 2	0	Small "5%" = 5	
Lagg Development	1) None found = 0	0	2) Minor = 2	0	3) Extensive = 5	
Seeps	1) None = 0	0	2) = or < 3 seeps = 2	0	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	0	3) > 3 sites = 5	
Located within 1 km of a major aquifer	N/A = 0	0	N/A = 0	0	Yes = 10	
Totals		0		2		0

(Scores are cumulative maximum score 30 points)

Groundwater Discharge Score (maximum 30 points)

2

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

Shoreline Erosion Control Score (maximum 15 points) 15

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	0.610	x	50	= 30.50
FA of riverine wetland	0.390	x	20	= 7.80
FA of lacustrine wetland (wetland <50% lacustrine)	0.000	x	0	= 0.00

Ground Water Recharge Wetland Site Type Component Score (maximum 50 points) 38

3.5.2 WETLAND SOIL RECHARGE POTENTIAL

(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	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 6-10
 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	80	30	0	80	80

Rarity within the Landscape Score (maximum 80 points)

20

Rarity of Wetland Type Score (maximum 80 points)

20

4.1.2.3 PROVINCIALY SIGNIFICANT ANIMAL SPECIES

Name of species	Source of information
1) _____	Field Observations _____
2) _____	_____
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

4.1.2.4 PROVINCIALY SIGNIFICANT PLANT SPECIES

(Scientific names must be recorded)

	Common Name	Scientific Name	Source of information
1)	_____	_____	Field Observations
2)	_____	_____	_____
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 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

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)	_____	_____	Field Observations
2)	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____
4)	_____	_____	_____
5)	_____	_____	_____
6)	_____	_____	_____
7)	_____	_____	_____
8)	_____	_____	_____
9)	_____	_____	_____
10)	_____	_____	_____
11)	_____	_____	_____
12)	_____	_____	_____
13)	_____	_____	_____
14)	_____	_____	_____
15)	_____	_____	_____

Attach separate list if necessary .Attach documentation.

Scoring:

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	_____	_____	Field Observations
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____
7	_____	_____	_____
8	_____	_____	_____
9	_____	_____	_____
10	_____	_____	_____
11	_____	_____	_____
12	_____	_____	_____
13	_____	_____	_____
14	_____	_____	_____
15	_____	_____	_____
16	_____	_____	_____
17	_____	_____	_____
18	_____	_____	_____

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			
2) Known to have nested within past 5 years			
3) Active feeding area (Do not include feeding by great blue herons)			
4) None known		Field observations	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

(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"/> 0 Little or poor winter cover present	0

Source of information: Brian Henshaw, field observations of numerous
White-tailed Deer tracks - 281.83 ha of coniferous and mixed swamp

Winter Cover for Wildlife Score (maximum 100 points)

0

4.2.3 WATERFOWL STAGING AND/OR MOULTING

(Check only highest level of significance for both staging and moulting; score is cumulative across columns, maximum score 150)

	Staging	Score (one only)	Moulting	Score (one only)
1) Nationally significant		150		150
2) Provincially significant		100		100
3) Regionally significant		50		50
4) Known to occur		10		10
5) Not possible		0		0
6) Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total:			0	

Source of information: Field Observations

Waterfowl Moulting and Staging Score (maximum 150 points)

0

4.2.4 WATERFOWL BREEDING

(Check only highest level of significance) Score

1) Provincially significant	100
2) Regionally significant	50
3) 10 Habitat suitable	10
4) Habitat not suitable	0

Source of information: Field Observations

Waterfowl Breeding Score (maximum 100 points)

10

4.2.5 MIGRATOR PASSERINE, SHOREBIRD OR RAPTOR STOPOVER AREA

(check highest applicable category)

1) Provincially significant	100
2) Significant in Site Region	50
3) Significant in Site District	10
4) 0 Not significant	0

Source of information: Field Observations

Passerine, Shorebird or Raptor Stopover Score (maximum 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)

 x 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	x	0.42	0.2	6 pts	1.2
2	Shortgrass-Sedge				11	0.0
3	Cattail-Bulrush-Burreed	x	2.32	0.2	5	1.0
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)						2.2
Total Score (maximum 75 points)						2.2

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)

 x High 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 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		0.42	0.2	6 pts	1.2
2	Shortgrass-Sedge				11	0.0
3	Cattail-Bulrush-Burreed				5	0.0
4	Arrowhead-Pickerelweed				5	0.0
Sub Total Score (maximum 25 points)						1.2
Total Score (maximum 25 points)						1.2

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	x	1.72	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) = 2.2

Score for Spawning and Nursery Habitat (High Marsh) (maximum 25) = 1.2

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

Sum (maximum score 100 points) = 5

4.2.6.2 Migration and Staging Habitat

Step 1:

- 1) 0 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 type="checkbox"/> Fish staging and/or migration habitat present, but not as above	5

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

0

4.3 ECOSYSTEM AGE

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

	Fractional Area			Scoring
Bog		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	0.39	x	3 =	1.2
Marsh	0.61	x	0 =	0.0
		Sub Total:		1.2

Ecosystem Age Score (maximum 25 points)

1

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

5.0 EXTRA INFORMATION

5.1 PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE

x Absent/Not seen

Present

(a) One location in wetland _____
 Two to many locations x

Abundance code

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

5.2 SEASONALLY FLOODED AREAS

Check one or more

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

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 x
 Not as above _____

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

June 15 2010, August 9-10, 2010

DATE THIS EVALUATION COMPLETED: 16-Sep-10

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

24 hrs

WEATHER CONDITIONS

i) at time of field work periods of rain, humid, 29°C

(Continue in the space below if necessary)

ii) summer conditions in general warm, moderate precipitation

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 Crosby

1.0 BIOLOGICAL COMPONENT

1.1 PRODUCTIVITY

1.1.1 Growing Degree-Days/Soils	15
1.1.2 Wetland Type	12
1.1.3 Site Type	3

Total for Productivity **30**

1.2 BIODIVERSITY

1.2.1 Number of Wetland Types	13
1.2.2 Vegetation Communities (maximum 45)	13
1.2.3 Diversity of Surrounding Habitat (maximum 7)	7
1.2.4 Proximinty to Other Wetlands	8
1.2.5 Interspersion	6
1.2.6 Open Water Type	8

Total for Biodiversity **55**

Sub Total for Biodiversity **55**

1.3 SIZE (Biological Component) **7**

TOTAL FOR BIOLOGICAL COMPONENT (not to exceed 250) **92**

2.0 SOCIAL COMPONENT

2.1 ECONOMICALLY VALUABLE PRODUCTS

2.1.1 Wood Products	3
2.1.2 Wild Rice	0
2.1.3 Commercial Fish	12
2.1.4 Bullfrogs	1
2.1.5 Snapping Turtles	0
2.1.6 Furbearers	3

Total for Economically Valuable Products 19

2.2 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES (maximum 80) 0

2.3 LANDSCAPE AESTHETICS

2.3.1 Distinctness	3
2.3.2 Absence of Human Disturbance	4

Total for Landscape Aesthetics 7

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

2.5 PROXIMITY TO AREAS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENT 10

2.6 OWNERSHIP 4

Subtotal for Social Component 29

2.7 SIZE (Social Component) 2

2.8 ABORIGINAL AND CULTURAL VALUES 0

TOTAL FOR SOCIAL COMPONENT (not to exceed 250) 42

3.0 HYDROLOGICAL COMPONENT

3.1	<u>FLOOD ATTENUATION</u>		64
3.2	<u>WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT</u>		
3.2.1	Short Term Improvement	43	
3.2.2	Long Term Improvement	0	
3.2.3	Groundwater Discharge (maximum 30)	2	
	Total for Water Quality Improvement		45
3.3	<u>CARBON SINK</u>		0
3.4	<u>SHORELINE EROSION CONTROL</u>		15
3.5	<u>GROUNDWATER RECHARGE</u>		
3.5.1	Site Type	38	
3.5.2	Soils	7	
	Total for Groundwater Recharge		45
	<u>TOTAL FOR HYDROLOGICAL COMPONENT (not to exceed 250)</u>		170

4.0 SPECIAL FEATURES

4.1 RARITY

4.1.1 Wetlands

4.1.1.1 Rarity within the Landscape	20
4.1.1.2 Rariry of Wetland Type (maximum 80)	20

Total for Wetland Rarity 40

4.1.2 Species

4.1.2.1 Endangered or Threatened Species Breeding	0
4.1.2.2 Traditional Use by Endangered or Threatened Species	0
4.1.2.3 Provincially Significant Animals	0
4.1.2.4 Provincially Significant Plants	0
4.1.2.5 Regionally Significant Species	0
4.1.2.6 Locally Significant Species	0

Total for Species Rarity 0

4.2 SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OR HABITAT

4.2.1 Colonial Waterbirds	0
4.2.2 Winter Cover for Wildlife	0
4.2.3 Waterfowl Staging and Moulting	0
4.2.4 Waterfowl Breeding	10
4.2.5 Migratory Passerine, Shorebird or Raptor Stopover	0
4.2.6 Fish Habitat	5

Total for Significant Features and Habitat 15

4.3 ECOSYSTEM AGE 1

4.4 GREAT LAKES COASTAL WETLANDS 0

TOTAL FOR SPECIAL FEATURES (maximum 250) 62

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION RESULT

Wetland	Crosby	
TOTAL FOR 1.0 BIOLOGICAL COMPONENT		92
TOTAL FOR 2.0 SOCIAL COMPONENT		42
TOTAL FOR 3.0 HYDROLOGICAL COMPONENT		170
TOTAL FOR 4.0 SPECIAL FEATURES COMPONENT		62
	<u>WETLAND TOTAL</u>	<u>365</u>

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DATE

September 15, 2010

Vegetation

Code
neM ₄
reM ₅
reM ₆
reM ₇
reM ₈
tsS ₆
Total

** Soil Types

* Site Types:

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Community Descriptions

Forms & Species
ne*: Eleocharis smallii, Dactylis glomerata, Carex vulpinoidea
re: Scirpus atrovirens, Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani, Phalaris arundinacea
ne: Phalaris arundinacea
re*: Typha angustifolia, Scirpus atrovirens
re*: Typha angustifolia, Scirpus atrovirens, Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani
gc: Lythrum salicaria, Trifolium pratense, Eupatorium maculatum ssp. Maculatum
ne: Carex vulpinoidea, Carex bebbii, Dactylis glomerata
re*: Scirpus atrovirens, Scirpus cyperinus
gc: Lythrum salicaria, Eupatorium perfoliatum, Vicia cracca
ne: Carex vulpinoidea, Juncus tenuis, Phalaris arundinacea
re*: Scirpus atrovirens
ts*: Salix petiolaris, Fraxinus pennsylvanica, Rhamnus cathartica
ls: Spiraea alba, Salix petiolaris, Juniperus virginiana
gc: Lythrum salicaria, Solidago canadensis, Symphyotrichum novae-angliae
ne: Phalaris arundinacea

clay/loam
silt/marl
limestone
sand
humic/mesic (organic)
fibric (organic)
granite

Isolated
Palustrine (permanent or intermittent flow)
Riverine
Riverine (at rivermouth)
Lacustrine (at rivermouth)
Lacustrine (on enclosed bay with barrier beach)
Lacustrine (exposed to lake)

Dominant Form	Wetland Type	No. Of Forms	Soils*	Area (ha)	Site Type**	% Open Water	Area of Open Water (ha)
	B: Bog, F: Fen, S: Swamp, M: Marsh						
ne	M	2	clay/loam	0.42	P	0	0
re	M	2	clay/loam	0.83	P	0	0
re	M	1	clay/loam	0.13	P	0	0
re	M	3	clay/loam	0.6	P	0	0
re	M	3	clay/loam	0.76	P	0	0
ts	S	4	clay/loam	1.72	R	10	0.17
				4.46			0.17

Wetland Type, Site Type and Dominant Form Areas

Total Area: 4.46 ha

Wetland Type	%	Area (ha)
Bog	0	
Fen	0	
Swamp	0.38565	1.72
Marsh	0.61435	2.74

Site Type	%	Area (ha)
Isolated	0	
Palustrine (permanent or intermittent flow)	0.61435	2.74
Riverine	0	
Riverine (at rivermouth)	0.38565	1.72
Lacustrine (at rivermouth)	0	
Lacustrine (on enclosed bay with barrier beach)	0	
Lacustrine (exposed to lake)	0	

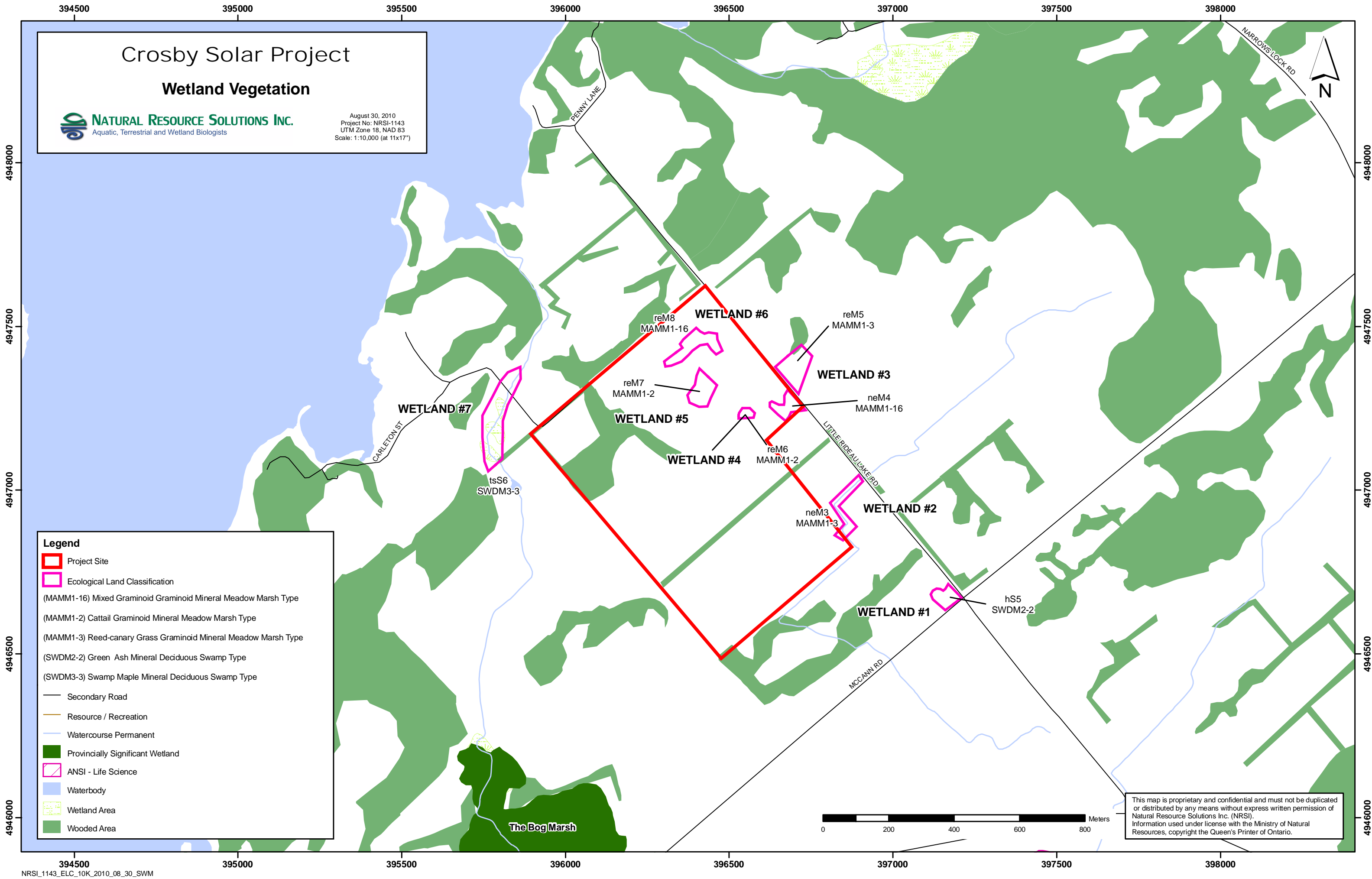
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h	0	
c	0	
dh	0	
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ds	0	
ts	0.38565	1.72
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gc	0	
ne	0.09417	0.42
be	0	
re	0.52018	2.32
ff	0	
ff	0	
su	0	
m	0	

Crosby Solar Project

Wetland Vegetation



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Legend

- Project Site
- Ecological Land Classification
- (MAMM1-16) Mixed Graminoid Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type
- (MAMM1-2) Cattail Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type
- (MAMM1-3) Reed-cannary Grass Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type
- (SWDM2-2) Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type
- (SWDM3-3) Swamp Maple Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type
- Secondary Road
- Resource / Recreation
- Watercourse Permanent
- Provincially Significant Wetland
- ANSI - Life Science
- Waterbody
- Wetland Area
- Wooded Area

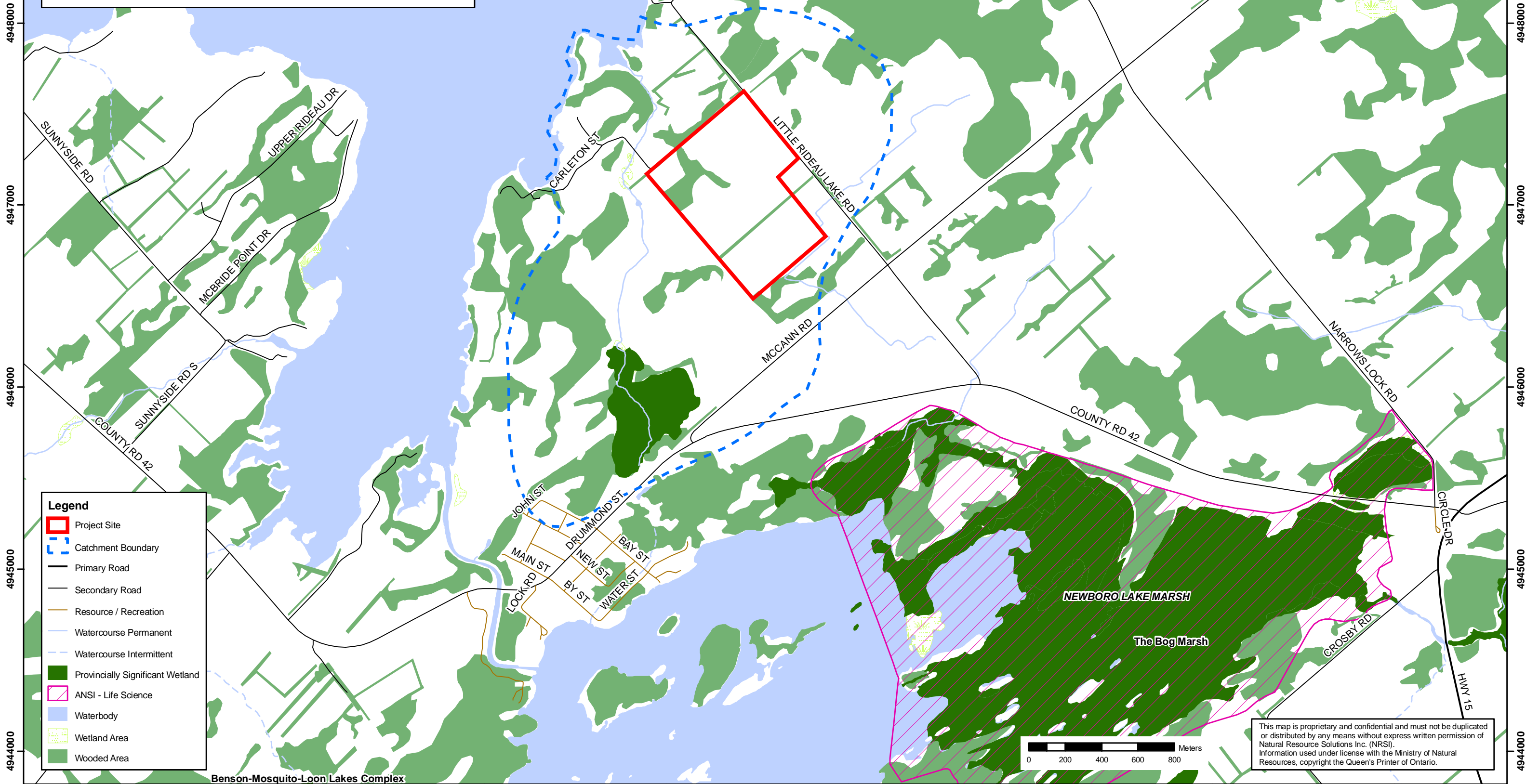
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Crosby Catchment Area

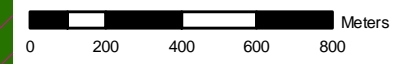
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Legend

- Project Site
- Catchment Boundary
- Primary Road
- Secondary Road
- Resource / Recreation
- Watercourse Permanent
- Watercourse Intermittent
- Provincially Significant Wetland
- ANSI - Life Science
- Waterbody
- Wetland Area
- Wooded Area



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Benson-Mosquito-Loon Lakes Complex

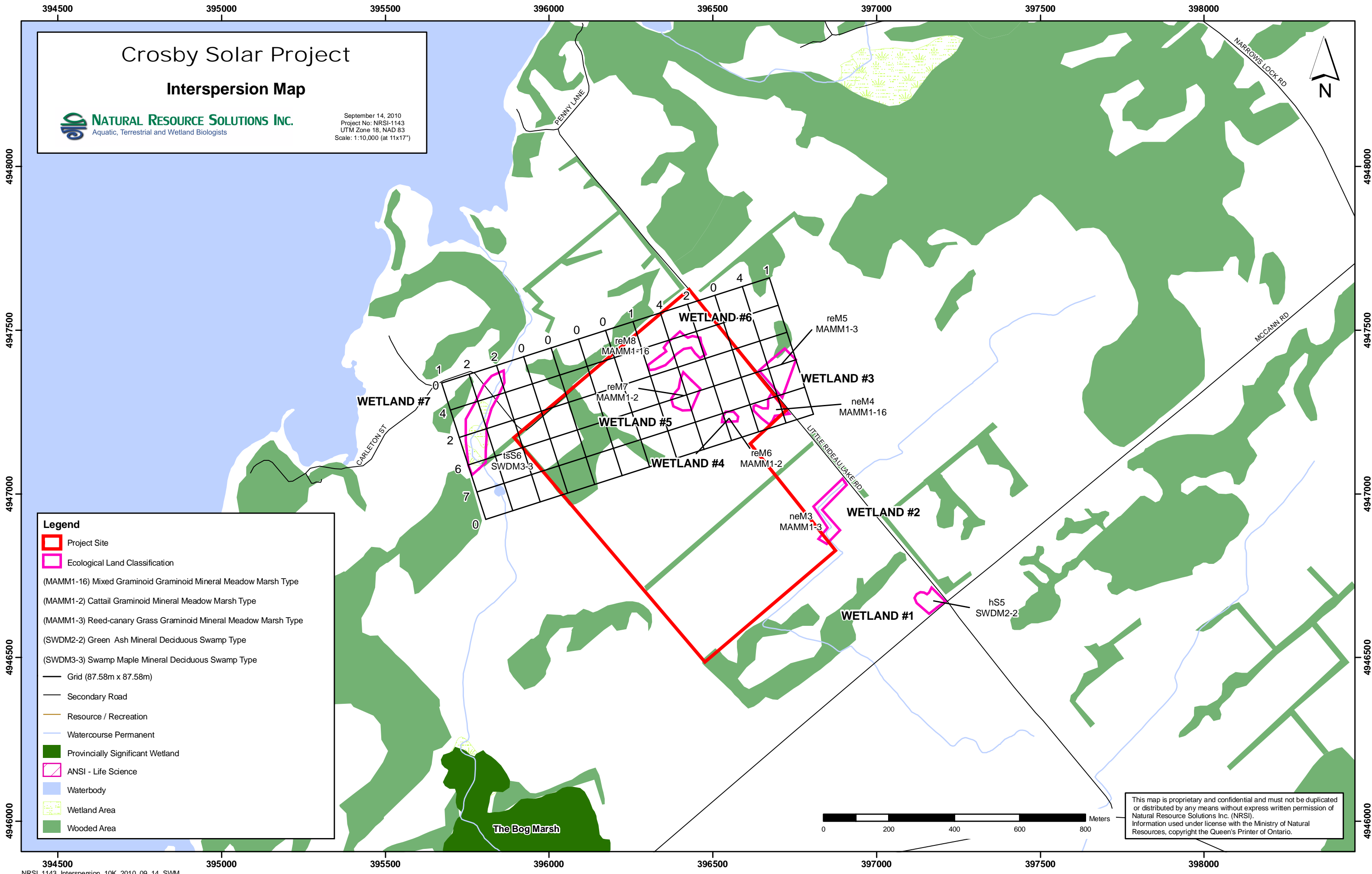
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Interspersion Map

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- Ecological Land Classification
- (MAMM1-16) Mixed Graminoid Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type
- (MAMM1-2) Cattail Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type
- (MAMM1-3) Reed-canary Grass Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type
- (SWDM2-2) Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type
- (SWDM3-3) Swamp Maple Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type
- Grid (87.58m x 87.58m)
- Secondary Road
- Resource / Recreation
- Watercourse Permanent
- Provincially Significant Wetland
- ANSI - Life Science
- Waterbody
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- Wooded Area



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