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# ARTERIAL ROAD NETWORK WITHIN THE HIGHWAY 427 INDUSTRIAL SECONDARY PLAN AREA (AREA 47) PART 'A' STUDY CORRIDOR

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Natural Environment Assessment Report

# List of Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Terms

ANSI	Areas of Natural or Scientific Interest
Area 47	Highway 427 Industrial Secondary Plan; Part 'A' and 'B' Study Corridor combined
BCI	Bat Conservation International
CEAA	Canadian Environmental Assessment Act
Class EA	Class Environmental Assessment
cm	Centimetres
COSEWIC	Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
COSSARO	Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario
DBH	Diameter at Breast Height
DFO	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
EA	Environment Assessment
ELC	Ecological Land Classification; Ecological Land Classification (ELC) for Southern Ontario: First Approximation and Its Application (Lee et al. 1998)
ESA	Endangered Species Act
ESC	Erosion and sediment control
ESR	Environmental Study Report
ha	Hectares
HDF(s)	headwater drainage feature(s)
IGF	Information Gathering Form
km	Kilometres
m	Metre(s)
MBCA	Migratory Birds Convention Act
MECP	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
MESP	Master Environmental Servicing Plan
MTO	Ontario Ministry of Transportation
NEAR	Natural Environment Assessment Report
NHIC	Natural Heritage Information Centre
NHS	Natural Heritage System
OBBA	The Second Atlas (2001-2005) of Breeding Birds of Ontario
OMB	Ontario Municipal Board
(O)MNRF	(Ontario) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
OP	Official Plan; City of Brampton Official Plan
ORAA	Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas
ORM	Oak Ridges Moraine
PPS	Provincial Policy Statement







PTE(s)	Permission to Enter(s)
ROP	Regional Official Plan; Region of Peel Official Plan
ROW	Right-of-way
SAR	Species at Risk
SARA	Species At Risk Act
Stakeholders	Referring to the City of Brampton and Region of Peel together
	Existing and proposed roadways of the Part 'A' Study Corridor and a 120 m buffer from the
Study Area	corresponding roadway centreline
the City	City of Brampton
The Project	Proposed road improvements due to future projected capacity requirements in Area 47
the Region	Region of Peel
TRCA	Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
Wood	Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, a Division of Wood Canada Limited







# 1.0 Introduction

Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions (Wood) was retained by the City of Brampton (the City) and the Region of Peel (the Region; a co-proponent) (together referred to as the Stakeholders) to provide an Environment Assessment (EA) as part of a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class EA study for the Arterial Road Network within the Highway 427 Industrial Secondary Plan Area. The proposed road improvements are required due to future projected capacity requirements. The projected capacity requirements came from the Highway 427 Industrial Secondary Plan (Area 47) Transportation Master Plan, which satisfactorily completed Phase 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class EA process. The EA will assess the construction of two new arterial roads and the widening of three existing roads. This Natural Environment Assessment Report (NEAR) will serve as part of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) that will be completed for the Project as part of the Municipal Class EA Process.

To address issues that may affect the timing of the EA submission, the Stakeholders have requested that two ESRs are completed. The ESRs are to be divided as Part 'A' Study Corridor and Part 'B' Study Corridor. Part 'A', which will be owned and operated by the Region, is to include:

- The new north-south major arterial road comprised of six lanes (hereafter called Arterial A2) connecting Mayfield Road east of Clarkway Drive with Major Mackenzie Drive at Regional Road (RR) 50 as recommended in the Peel-Highway 427 Transportation Master Plan and Brampton Transportation and Transit Master Plan (TTMP); and
- Widening of Coleraine Drive from two lanes to four lanes from Arterial A2 to Mayfield Road, including realignment at Arterial A2.

Part 'B', which will be owned and operated by the City, is to include:

- The new east-west minor arterial road comprised of four lanes (hereafter called E-W Arterial) from The Gore Road to Arterial A2;
- Widening of Countryside Drive from two lanes to four lanes from Clarkway Drive to Regional Road 50 (RR 50) including realignment/reconfiguration of the intersection of Countryside Drive and RR 50; and
- Widening of Clarkway Drive from Castlemore Road to E-W Arterial and full or partial urbanizing of Clarkway Drive from E-W Arterial Road to Mayfield Road with a potential continuous centre turn lane.

The ESRs will include all appropriate technical studies and aim to provide satisfactory consideration to a reasonable range of alternative solutions and designs for each road under study. The alternatives will consider the impacts on the environment and will be evaluated systematically to determine the preliminary design. The NEARs will aim to characterize the existing conditions and site-specific impacts and mitigation measures.

The following report has been prepared for Part 'A' Study Corridor as the preliminary design for this Part is complete. The NEAR for Part 'B' Study Corridor will be reported under separate cover at a future date.

# 1.1 Study Area

Area 47 Secondary Plan (Part 'A' and 'B' Study Corridor) is bounded by RR 50 to the east, Castlemore Road to the south, The Gore Road to the west and Mayfield Road to the north, and is located within the City of Brampton, Regional Municipality of Peel. The two distinct Study Corridors, Part 'A' and Part 'B', are detailed





in **Figure 1-1.** The Study Area follows the existing and proposed roadways of the Part 'A' Study Corridor and a 120 m buffer from the corresponding roadway centerline.

## **1.2 Master Environmental Servicing Plan Requirements**

The Master Environmental Servicing Plan (MESP) was originally issued 9th May 2016 by Aquafor Beech Limited. In January 2018 an addendum was issued by Savanta which is focused on the Rainbow Creek realignment and restoration and is discussed in Section 8 below. The MESP is one of several studies undertaken to support the secondary planning process for Area 47. The purpose of the MESP was to investigate and inventory the natural resources which could potentially be impacted by future urban development and to identify constraints and opportunities. The findings were used to develop a comprehensive Management Plan, consisting of appropriate stormwater management and natural heritage strategies to protect the natural environment. Note that the MESP covered the entirety of the Study Area and is not divided between Part A and B, therefore the summary below is also not divided between Part A and B.

The significant MESP requirements, as related to the natural environment, are summarized below:

- Stormwater management and drainage recommendations consist of works required to mitigate the
  potential impacts and meet the necessary minimum control and protection requirements outlined in
  the 2012 TRCA Stormwater Criteria document, while also taking advantage of opportunities to
  provide additional environmental enhancements. The respective benefits and stormwater/drainage
  design targets for each of these below measures are provided in Section 4 and Table 4.5 of the MESP.
  - provision of low impact development (LID) measures to maintain water balances and to provide water quality, erosion control and environmental benefits. Incorporated LID into individual sites (i.e., source control LIDs) and within the drainage network itself (i.e., conveyance control LIDs). Further, LID measures would mitigate the loss of headwater drainage features.
  - provision of stormwater management ponds at the end of the drainage network (i.e. "endof-pipe" controls) for water quality, erosion control, and flood (quantity) control.
  - provision of adequately sized roadway crossing structures over the study area streams to allow for flood conveyance and improved fish/wildlife passage.
  - stream restoration and grading works on the Rainbow Creek Tributary to enhance the environmental features, functions and quality of the corridor.
- Natural Heritage System (NHS) recommendations consist of strategies required to mitigate the potential impacts from direct loss of natural features and functions as a result of the development of the secondary plan area (e.g. construction activities such as clearing grading, infrastructure such as road, water and waste water servicing) or direct and indirect activities as a result of the future community (e.g. encroachment, dumping of waste material, creation of unauthorized trails, pets, artificial lighting, road crossings, physical and thermal barriers to fish migration, and the influx of salt into the watercourses). The respective benefits and design targets for each of these below measures are provided in Section 5-7 of the MESP.
  - Mitigation for wetland losses will be achieved through extensive restoration throughout the proposed realigned Rainbow Creek corridor.







- It is recommended that mitigation measures include the creation of offline ponds or pond within the floodplain to support amphibian breeding. Mitigate the loss of natural features (i.e. woodlands, wetlands, and ponds that provide significant wildlife habitat) on a 1:1 ha basis.
- Additional mitigation considerations include: the transplant/rescue of rare flora and fauna to suitable habitats within the Rainbow Creek corridor; and the removal of invasive species (including roots), with off-site disposal. Dotted Watermeal should be transplanted to an area where it would not get washed downstream during a flood event.
- Identification of three (3) Special Policy Areas (SPAs) in the Clarkway Tributary that recognize opportunities to improve corridor functions through future grading modifications, subject to future study (see Section 8 of MESP);
- Strengthening of the east-west woodland corridor connection (ELC polygon 58 on MESP) between the Gore Road Tributary and Clarkway Tributary and creation of an east-west linkage between the Rainbow Creek Tributary and the Clarkway Tributary corridors.
- Protection of natural features from development, including stream and valley corridors, significant woodlands, woodlots, wetlands, and specific agricultural ponds for enhancement. Provision of appropriate buffers to these natural features. Identification of wetland feature locations where further consultation with TRCA is recommended to confirm the protection or removal and mitigation status. It is understood that wetland features within the limits of the stream and valley corridor will be protected;
- Preservation of five healthy hedgerow features within the future Area 47 urban landscape and potential preservation of existing hedgerows located on the estate residential lots, along with the development and implementation of an Invasive Species Management Plan.
- Riparian plantings to improve aquatic habitat and shading over targeted reaches (target goal of 75% woody vegetation) and removal of barriers to fish migration in Gore Road Tributary and Clarkway Tributary.
- Native plantings within the Natural Heritage System buffers and compensation planting (3:1) for the removal of tableland vegetation (i.e. trees and hedgerows).
- Develop an appropriate construction plan to respect trees, natural areas, and buffers.
   Encourage the use of the Bird-Friendly Development Guidelines (City of Toronto, 2007) and minimize in-stream works/ avoid constrained periods.
- Install fencing/natural barriers and ensure to establish a well-planned trail system, use dark sky lighting, adherence to the Region of Peel's Salt Management Plan (2003) and the City of Brampton's Salt Management Guidelines. Ensure consistency with the City of Brampton's Woodlot Edge Management (724) and Woodlot Protection (725) design guidelines.
- Implementation of MESP recommendations (Section 8 of the MESP) will be required through Functional Design and Detailed Design for the three areas (47-1, 47-2, 47-3) for subsequent Community Block Planning. Areas 47-1 and 47-2 will be subject to a traditional Block Planning







approach, including development and approval of Draft Plans of Subdivision (completed as part of a comprehensive Environmental Implementation Report (EIR)). Area 47-3 may proceed on a Site Plan basis (functional design and detailed design will be undertaken together as part of an interdisciplinary EIS).

- A Terms of Reference (TOR) for a comprehensive EIR must be completed based on the approved MESP and approved to the satisfaction of the City of Brampton and TRCA prior to initiating the comprehensive EIR process. The TOR must identify outstanding deficiencies from the approved MESP, which are to be completed as part of a comprehensive EIR. Development proponents must arrange a meeting with the City of Brampton and TRCA staff to discuss the TOR requirements.
- Three (3) Special Policy Areas (SPAs) have been identified for the Clarkway Tributary that recognize opportunities to improve corridor functions through future grading modifications finalized through the Block Plan 47-2 EIR.
  - Area A refine the limits of the Clarkway Tributary valley corridor in this location (Figure 7-1 of the MESP)
  - Area B northern limits within HDF 16-1 (Figure 2.17 MESP) may be refined subject to compensation for any change to the extent of the Natural Heritage System in this area. Compensation (including restoration plantings) will be based on a minimum 1:1 ha of tableland area in a location and configuration that improves ecological features and functions.
  - Area C northern limits within HDF 15-2 may be refined but must address the maintenance of contributing flows and ecological functions to the downstream portion of HDF 15-1.
- Monitoring of MESP recommendations (Section 9 of the MESP) will be required through future
  implementations. Detailed monitoring plans will be developed as part of future EIS/EIR(s) and on will
  be the responsibility of the developer. Integrated environmental monitoring plan for the Study Area
  that is based on principles of Adaptive Environmental Management. Short, medium, and long-term
  monitoring needs to be considered for functions and if negative impacts are detected, a more
  intense monitoring program may be necessary. Monitoring plans are to be vetted through the
  relevant review agencies before implementation and should consider:
  - o Groundwater and surface water quality and quantity;
  - Stream morphology;
  - Hydrology (LID measures);
  - Terrestrial and Aquatic;
  - Rainbow Creek Tributary, once the creek has been realigned/restored, it is recommended that monitoring occur annually for a minimum of 7 years (unless relevant agencies such as the MNRF, TRCA, and/or City of Brampton require otherwise); and
  - West Humber Tributaries as per TRCA's Natural Channel Monitoring Guidelines.







# Figure 1-1 Area 47 Project Location and Study Area Map











# 1.3 Planning Context

Municipal infrastructure projects are subject to the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (EA Act). A Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) is an approved self-assessment process and document under the EA Act that sets out a standardized planning process for classes (groups) of activities. It applies to projects that are carried out routinely and have predictable environmental effects that can be clearly managed. The Municipal Class EA (Municipal Engineers Association October 2000, amended in 2015) applies to municipal infrastructure projects (e.g., roads, water and wastewater). The Municipal Class EA classifies projects based on their scope and complexity; Schedule A, Schedule A+, Schedule B, and Schedule C. Schedule C projects include the construction of new infrastructure projects and significant expansions to infrastructure. These undertakings have the potential for significant environmental effects and must proceed under the planning and documentation procedures outlined in the Municipal Class EA document. The Arterial Road Network within the Highway 427 Industrial Secondary Plan Area Class EA Study has been identified as a Schedule 'C' under the Municipal Class EA. An ESR is required for Schedule 'C' projects to document the environmental assessment and decision-making process.

The Class EA process does not replace or exempt the formal processes of other applicable federal, provincial and municipal legislation and municipal by-laws, such as permits or approvals and the specific public and agency consultation that they may require (MCEA 2013). Municipal projects must also comply with the requirements of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) where applicable (MCEA 2013). Additionally, the following policy directives are used to guide land use planning and support community objectives and forecasted economic and population growth.

# 1.3.1 Provincial Policy Statement

The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) is issued under Section 3 of the *Planning Act*. The Province of Ontario updated the PPS in 2019, and the new PPS comes into effect 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020. The PPS guides the formulation of municipal policies and regulations, such as the Official Plans listed below.

The PPS is comprised of various policies on development and land use patterns, resource protection and management, and public health and safety. The Natural Heritage policies within the PPS identify natural features in which development is prohibited and where development is permitted, both within and adjacent to specified features, as long as there are no negative impacts on the features or their ecological functions.

As a part of the PPS Significant Wildlife Habitat was identified as a natural heritage area, the *Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide* and Ecoregion schedules were prepared by the Ministry of Natural Resources to assist planning authorities and other participants in the land use planning system. Additionally, The *Natural Heritage Reference Manual* is a general reference manual that applies additional information on technical issues relative to Section 2.3 of the PPS.

# 1.3.2 Region of Peel Official Plan

The Region of Peel Official Plan (ROP) was adopted by Regional Council in July 1996 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing October 1996. Various appeals then modified the ROP under the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and the current December 2018 Office Consolidation was prepared. The ROP is a long-term plan used to help manage Peel's growth and development. The Master Environmental Servicing Plan (MESP; Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) summarizes the ROP as follows; Section 2.3 of Peel







Region's Official Plan (1996) outlines criteria used to define its Greenlands System (Core Areas, Natural Areas and Corridors, and Potential Natural Areas and Corridors). Elements of the Greenlands System include wetlands, woodlands, environmentally sensitive or significant areas, areas of natural and scientific interest, habitats of vulnerable, threatened and endangered species, valley and stream corridors, shorelines, natural corridors, and fish and wildlife habitats.

Section 2.4 of the ROP addresses the policies associated with natural hazards. Two key subsections within this section address Ravine, Valley and Stream Corridors (Section 2.4.3) and Riverine Floodplains (Section 2.4.4). Together, these policies commit the Region to work with area municipalities and conservation authorities to achieve the following two objectives:

- 1. To prevent or minimize the risk to human life and property associated with flooding and slope instability: and,
- 2. To ensure the development and site alteration do not create new or aggravate existing Floodplain management problems along with flood susceptible riverine environments.

Section 3.4 of the Official Plan addresses all water resources within the Region, including aquifers, streams, ponds, wetlands and lakes. Region Policy dictates that appropriate studies are completed to the satisfaction of the Region, area municipalities and conservation authorities for all planning initiatives that may have an immediate or cumulative impact on water resources and the related natural system.

# **1.3.3** The City of Brampton Official Plan

The City of Brampton Official Plan was adopted by City Council in October 2006 and approved by the OMB in October 2008. It was then consolidated in September 2015 through and presented in the most recent Office Consolidation. It is a long-term plan used to help manage the City's growth and development. The MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) summarizes City's Official Plan (OP) as follows; The OP depicts Land Use Designations on Schedule "A". The Area 47 lands are a mixture of Residential, Industrial, Estate Residential and Open Space designations. Schedule "A" shows a portion of the secondary plan area as Corridor Protection Area, which are lands protected for the potential accommodation of the Highway 427 extension and associated arterial road network. Section 4.6 addresses Natural Heritage and Environmental Management and provides objectives and policies concerning natural heritage system planning, natural area protection, environmental management, ground and surface water, buffers and stormwater management. Applicable policies of the OP that direct Area 47 include:

- Preparation of studies (Sec. 4.6.2) that includes refinement of Schedule D;
- Stormwater management (Sec. 4.6.3);
- Natural heritage system planning including linkages (Sec. 4.6.6) including Restoration Areas (4.6.6.15) that identify "no net loss and if possible a potential net gain in natural areas and features";
- No development and site alteration within valley and watercourse corridors, including hazard lands (Sec. 4.6.7);
- Natural Hazards (Sec. 4.6.7 and 4.6.15.5), Woodlands (Sec. 4.6.8), Wetlands (Sec. 4.6.9), Fish and Wildlife Habitat (Sec. 4.6.10), Environmental Buffers (Sec. 4.6.13);
- Trails (Sec. 4.5.6) a vital component of the City's open space system, and designed to protect natural heritage system features, functions and linkages as well as open space linkages.

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In addition, Brampton's Woodlot Conservation By-law (316-2012) is referenced to identify all existing woodlots. Schedule "D" of the OP depicts the Natural Heritage Features and Areas within the City of Brampton. Schedule "D" for Area 47 lands designates valley/watercourse corridors; including many of the headwater drainage features and three small woodlands. Two of the woodlands are within the floodplains of the West Humber River and the Gore Road Tributary and one woodland feature links the Gore Road Tributary with the Clarkway Tributary just south of Countryside Drive and west of Clarkway Drive.

# **1.3.4** Toronto and Region Conservation Authority - Ontario Regulation 166/06

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) regulates hazard lands, including floodplains, watercourses, valleylands, shorelines, and wetlands under Ontario Regulation 166/06 under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. TRCA also regulates other areas where development could interfere with the hydrologic function of a wetland, including areas within 120 m of all Provincially Significant Wetlands and 30 m of all other wetlands. The presence of watercourses or wetlands (evaluated or unevaluated) may trigger the need for additional consideration or studies during detailed design. It may be required that wetlands be maintained and for protective buffers to be placed on wetlands and watercourses. Subject to conformity with the Official Plan and completion of appropriate studies and Conservation Authority permits, development may be permitted within regulated areas. The Authority may grant permission for development in or on the areas regulated if, in its opinion, the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches, pollution or the conservation of land will not be affected by the development. The permission of the Authority shall be given in writing, with or without conditions.

Additionally, The TRCA conducts reviews of planning processes associated with future development of properties which are located within its jurisdictional boundaries. As noted in the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) "The TRCA's Valley and Stream Corridor Management Program policies require that the precise limits of valley and stream corridors be established through the Block Plan process, and be legally defined through Plans of Subdivision and zoning by-laws. No buildings or structures are permitted within valley lands, except where structures are intended for flood and erosion control purposes."

Lastly, the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) used the Evaluation, Classification and Management of Headwater Drainage Features: Interim Guidelines (Updated March 2009) by the TRCA to identify and classify headwater drainage features (HDFs) in the Study Area.

#### **1.3.5** Fisheries Act (1985)

The Federal *Fisheries Act* governs the protection of fisheries and aquatic habitat. The act applies to any activity that results in serious harm to fish that are part of a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery, or to fish that support such a fishery (Section 35). Proposed developments in and around fish habitat have the potential to result in a serious harm to fish and fish habitat. Serious harm to fish is the death of fish or any permanent alteration to, or destruction of, fish habitat. Fish habitat means spawning grounds and any other areas, including nursery, rearing, food supply and migration areas, on which fish depend directly or indirectly in order to carry out their life processes.

The introduction of substances to water that would degrade or alter or form part of a process of degradation or alteration of the quality of that water, so that is rendered or is likely to be rendered deleterious to fish or fish habitat is prohibited. In these instances, the proponent of the development is responsible for conducting a Project Screening, using criteria to determine if the project requires review by Fisheries and







Oceans Canada (DFO). If review is deemed necessary, a Request for Review is submitted to DFO, and they may decide that the project requires authorization under the *Fisheries Act* (usually only if the project cannot avoid or mitigate serious harm to fish). At this time, an application for project authorization would be submitted. In addition, DFO also administers portions of the *Species At Risk Act* (SARA) that governs the protection and treatment of the habitats of endangered and threatened species.

# 1.3.6 Species at Risk Act (2002)

The purpose of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) is to prevent wildlife species in Canada from disappearing, to provide for the recovery of wildlife species, and to manage species to prevent further risk to their status. Only species listed as Threatened, Endangered, or Extirpated under Schedule 1 are afforded both individual and habitat protection under the SARA. On provincial lands, SARA legislation does not apply, except for Migratory Birds that also fall under schedule 1 of SARA (not including their habitat) and aquatic species. Notably, prohibitions can be applied if provincial legislation or voluntary measures do not adequately protect federally listed species and their residence. Generally, compliance with provincial ESA legislation will satisfy the requirements under the SARA.

#### **1.3.7 Endangered Species Act (2007)**

The *Endangered Species Act* (ESA) provides science-based assessment, automatic species protection, and habitat protection to protect species at risk of disappearing from Ontario. Under Section 9 of the ESA, species are afforded individual protection, providing they are listed as Threatened, Endangered, or Extirpated on the Species at Risk in Ontario list. Section 10 of the ESA is in place to protect the habitat of Threatened or Endangered species only, where no damage is permitted to the habitat of those species unless under the authorization of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) by way of registration or permit. Destruction of Species at Risk and their habitats constitutes a contravention of the *Endangered Species Act*.

#### **1.3.8 Migratory Birds Convention Act (1994)**

The Migratory Birds Regulation protects (listed) migratory birds in Canada through the conservation of populations, individuals, and their nests. These policies and regulations ensure the protection of listed migratory bird species, their nests, eggs and offspring. Species listed under Article I of the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (MBCA) identifies migratory species that are protected under this act. It is a contravention of this act to harass, harm, or kill migratory birds, remove or disrupt their nests, and/or eggs.

#### **1.3.9** Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (1997)

This act lists specially protected species in Ontario, including mammals, birds, herpetofauna, and invertebrates. "A person shall not hunt or trap specially protected wildlife or any bird that belongs to a species that is wild by nature and is not a game bird". This includes the nests and eggs of some birds that are not covered under the *Migratory Bird Convention Act*.

# 2.0 Agency Consultation

#### 2.1 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has been a reviewing and commenting agency



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throughout the EA process. Several meetings have occurred between TRCA and Wood. An overview of the main takeaways from these meetings are as follows:

- On 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015, an Information Request and Request for Comment was sent to the TRCA.
  - On 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, TRCA responded to the Information Request and identified Areas of Interest to be considered in reporting as well as other considerations regarding the selection of alternatives and the ESR.
  - The preliminary comments provided by TRCA were general. In summary, the comments requested that the impacts on the Natural Heritage System (NHS) be evaluated at a landscape scale considering the variety of road improvement projects planned for the area.
- The first agency meeting occurred on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016, and TRCA was present. The purpose was to provide an overview of the project, obtain initial comments from the agencies, and determine how the agencies want to be involved.
- The second agency meeting occurred on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 and TRCA was present. The purpose was to provide feedback on the draft Public Information Center (PIC) presentation.
- On 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017, a meeting regarding the Rainbow Creek NHS was held between the City, the Region, TRCA, and Wood. The purpose was to review the proposed crossing alternatives for Rainbow Creek. On 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018, TRCA sent correspondence in response to Progress Report #2. TRCA stated they did not support the proposed Rainbow Creek crossing due to the lack of design detail.
- A presentation of Preliminary Preferred Transportation Network Configuration was held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018, TRCA was present.
- On 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019, a workshop on the Assessment of Rainbow Creek Crossing Alternatives was held with the TRCA. TRCA provided agreement that the revised Rainbow Creek Crossing was accepted in principle.
- The third agency meeting occurred on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019, and TRCA was present. The purpose was to update the status of the project and elicit input on the preliminary preferred designs.

#### 2.2 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Due to the potential presence of threatened and endangered species within the Study Area, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) provided comments. Initial comments from the MNRF were addressed as a part of the MESP by Aquafor Beech Limited (2016) and the direction from the City of Brampton was to consider the recommendations of the MESP. In the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Agency meeting, MNRF noted that the proposed E-W Arterial may impact a woodlot close to The Gore Road Tributary (Part 'B' Study Corridor). The MNRF recommended that the study team conduct bat surveys if impacts to the woodlot could not be avoided. In April 2018, MNRF Guelph District released updated Bat and Bat Habitat Survey guidelines and based on these guidelines, Wood carried out bat works in June 2018. Results will be discussed in the Part 'B' Study Corridor NEAR. The MNRF was also consulted in regard to Redside Dace.

At the time of the RFP, and June 2018 fieldwork, the ESA was administered by the MNRF. On 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018, the administration of the ESA was transferred to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP). The MECP was contacted, and a discussion around bats in the woodlot close to The Gore Road Tributary was held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020. It was determined that an Information Gathering Form (IGF) would have to be submitted to the MECP regarding the direction and recommended next steps under the ESA.





# 3.0 Landscape Setting

The Area 47 Study Area is situated on the South Slope and Peel Plain physiographic regions, south of the Oak Ridge Moraine (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016). The deepest sediments are assigned to the Thorncliffe Formation, which dips gently towards the south, and the Newmarket Till has been reported in the southern half of the property, beneath the Halton Till (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016). The Study Area is characterized by an average of 300 mm of topsoil and up to 1 metre of disturbed native soil containing signs indicative of crop cultivation (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016). The conditions present in the Study Area today are in striking contrast with pre-settlement conditions, which, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the landscape was covered by deciduous and mixed forest (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016).

# **3.1.1 Groundwater and Surface Water Resources**

There are two aquifers in the Study Area with the majority of existing water wells obtaining water at or near the bedrock interface at depths greater than 20 metres and through a second localized aquifer found in discontinuous sand lenses within the Halton Till and the silt layers assigned to the Oak Ridge Aquifer Complex less than 10 metres (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016). The MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) reported that bacteria (total coliform and E. Coli) exceed drinking water criteria in all the dug wells sampled. Nitrate nitrogen in the farm well at 10150 The Gore Road is also above drinking water standards. Water quality exceedances are believed to represent a legacy of past agricultural practices. Additionally, the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) reports that surface soils do not allow for significant groundwater recharge to the major aquifer and that infiltration to the shallow water table (where present) will occur, but it is slow. Groundwater discharge to the intermittent watercourses is not significant, and there are no sensitive ecological features, such as significant wetlands or vulnerable groundwater systems.

The Humber River watershed drains in a southerly direction, with headwaters located approximately 24 km north of Brampton, and ultimately reporting to the west side of Humber Bay located in Lake Ontario. Approximately 27% of the watershed is in urban land use, with 40% in rural use and 32% under natural cover (TRCA 2008c). The Humber River watershed is divided into five primary subwatersheds—the Main Humber, the East Humber, the West Humber, Black Creek, and the Lower Humber (TRCA 2008c). Study Area Groundwater levels are generally under topographic control, vary between one and 10 metres below the ground surface, and are divided between the Rainbow Creek Subwatershed to the east and the West Humber River Subwatershed to the west (Aquafor Beach 2016). The watercourse crossings located within the Study Area include tributaries of the West Humber and Main Humber subwatersheds. Four primary drainage features within Area 47 from west to east include Gore Road Tributary, Clarkway Tributary, Rainbow Creek Tributary, and Robinson Creek Tributary. As illustrated in **Figure 1-1**, each of these drainage features is comprised of multiple smaller tributaries; however, for simplicity only, these four tributary names will be used throughout the NEAR.

# 3.1.2 West Humber Subwatershed

The headwaters of the West Humber are located in the South Slope (a gently sloping glacial till plain) physiographic region, with the majority of the subwatershed in the Peel Plain (flat, silty clay, former lake bottom) physiographic region. Infiltration rates are low, as are the rates of groundwater discharge to streams due to the dominance of clay soils in the Peel Plain, which encompasses the Study Area (TRCA 2008c). As a result, many of the first and second-order tributaries in this region exhibit standing pools or







are completely dry during the summer months. Some large tributaries show signs of flows dissipating in the summer months.

Furthermore, the variation from low baseflow to average annual flow exhibited in this region indicates that tributaries have unstable flow regimes with stream levels fluctuating immediately after rainfall events. Water temperatures are unbuffered due to limited canopy cover provided by riparian vegetation, limited groundwater input and, as such, may reach temperatures higher than 25°C during the summer months. The thermal variability and intermittent nature of the streams have likely led in part to a lack of specialized feeders and fish-eating fish in the area (MNRF and TRCA 2005).

This subwatershed within the Humber River watershed is, therefore, the most sensitive to reductions in baseflow (from water use or groundwater changes). The upper half of the subwatershed within the Town of Caledon is primarily agricultural, while the City of Brampton portion is under development for residential, commercial and industrial purposes. The lower branches of the subwatershed in the City of Toronto were developed some time ago for residential, commercial and industrial uses (TRCA 2008c).

Two watercourses within Area 47 are located in the West Humber Subwatershed: The Gore Road Tributary and Clarkway Tributary.

# 3.1.3 Main Humber Subwatershed

The headwaters of the Main Humber subwatershed originate in the Niagara Escarpment and Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM), and the river continues down the South Slope to the Peel Plain. The permeable soils and hummocky terrain of the ORM result in relatively high recharge, high baseflow rates and low surface runoff. The Main Humber subwatershed contributes over half of the total baseflow (dry weather flow) in the Humber River. Further south, in the lower reaches of the Main Humber, including Rainbow Creek, the clay soils of the Peel Plain have much lower recharge rates. A larger portion of precipitation becomes surface runoff due to reduced surface water infiltration resulting from development in these areas. The potential impacts of urbanization on streamflow generated by groundwater are therefore not as great in these low recharge areas. Most of the Main Humber subwatershed is agricultural with significant natural areas. Existing urban settlements include Bolton, Caledon East, Palgrave, the Village of Kleinburg and Woodbridge (TRCA 2008c).

Two watercourses within Area 47 are located in the Main Humber Subwatershed: Rainbow Creek Tributary and Robinson Creek Tributary.

# 4.0 Methods

Characterization of the natural environment is based on a review of available Secondary Source information, observations made during field investigations, and information gathered through consultation with the TRCA and the City of Brampton. Field investigations were conducted where Permission to Enter was acquired. As permission to enter was not obtained at all necessary field locations before the release of this NEAR, further investigations will be required during detailed design. Aquatic field investigations were conducted June and July 2016 and bat detectors were in place June and July 2018. A tree inventory was completed in fall 2019.







# Table 4-1Summarized field survey dates, times, weather, and surveyor information for the<br/>Study Area

Survey Type	Date	Time	Weather	Surveyor(s)
Fish Habitat Assessment	19-20 April 2016 4 October 2016 25 August 2017	Various	Sunny and clear	Daryl Rideout, Brittany Ferguson Erin Hellinga Brittany Ferguson
Breeding Bird Surveys	28 June 2016 29 June 2016 30 June 2016 10 July 2016 11 July 2016	06:02-09:51 05:49-09:59 05:37-10:16 05:31-09:57 05:47-09:03	Air Temperature: 13-17°C Wind (Beaufort): 0-1 Precipitation: 0 Air Temperature: 18-23°C Wind (Beaufort): 0-1 Precipitation: 0	Becky Harris
Ecological Land Classification and Flora	27-29 June 2016 10-11 July 2016	Various	Various	Becky Harris
Tree Inventory	<ul><li>16-18 September</li><li>2019</li><li>24 October 2019</li></ul>	Various	Various	Todd Hagedorn

# 4.1 Secondary Source Review

Relevant information from existing studies, plans, databases, and other sources were analyzed as part of this NEAR. These Secondary Source documents assisted in the preliminary determination of existing Natural Heritage Features as well as candidate features, additional sensitivities, to ascertain plant and wildlife species present within the Study Area, and to contribute to the fish community and aquatic habitat data for watercourses within the Study Area. Secondary Source data also included potential occurrences of species of conservation concern, including Species at Risk (SAR) and provincially rare species and whether any Areas of Natural or Scientific Interest (ANSI), Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Provincially Significant Wetlands are located within or adjacent to the terrestrial Study Areas. Potential for species of conservation concern occurring within the Study Area was further evaluated using known habitat preferences of each potential species and distribution of these habitat types within the Study Areas.

Secondary Sources included in the review are as follows:

• Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) publications:





- Humber River Fisheries Management Plan (MNRF and TRCA 2005);
- Humber River State of the Watershed Reports (TRCA 2008a, TRCA 2008b);
- Humber River Watershed Plan: Pathways to a Healthy Humber (TRCA 2008c);
- The Living City Policies for Planning and Development in the Watersheds of the TRCA (TRCA 2014); and
- Crossing Guideline for Valley and Stream Corridors (TRCA 2015).
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada's (DFO) Distribution of Aquatic SAR mapping (DFO 2015; DFO 2016);
- Town of Brampton Official Plan (Town of Brampton 2008);
- Correspondence with TRCA and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF; Aurora District) (Appendix A);
- Final Report: Master Environmental Servicing Plan: Highway 427 Industrial Secondary Plan Area ("Area 47") (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016);
- Addendum to the Master Environmental Servicing Plan, High 427 Industrial Secondary Plan (Area 47). (Savanta 2018);
- Environmental Impact Study Area Blocks 47-1 and 47-2 Block Plan Application Submission #2 (Savanta 2017);
- Environment Canada's Species at Risk Public Registry database (EC 2016);
- The MNRF's Species at Risk in Ontario List (MNRF 2016a); and
- Species occurrence and natural areas records of the MNRF Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) 2016 database 1 km2 search blocks encompassing the Study Area ('A' blocks are 17PJ0455, 17PJ0555, 17PJ0454, 17PJ0554, 17PJ0453, 17PJ0553, 17PJ0452, 17PJ0552, 17PJ0652, 17PJ0353, 17PJ0354; MNRF 2016b).
- The Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (ORAA) (Ontario Nature 2020) 10 x 10 km survey squares 10 X 10 km survey squares 17PJ05;
- The Atlas of the Mammals of Ontario (Dobbyn 1994);
- Bat species profiles and range maps for the province of Ontario provided by Bat Conservation International, Inc. (BCI 2016); and
- The Second Atlas (2001-2005) of Breeding Birds of Ontario (OBBA) 10 X 10 km survey squares 17PJ05 within Region 45 (Cadman et al. 2007).

# 4.2 Field Investigations

Based upon the Secondary Source Review, it was determined that the Study Area's Natural Heritage features are well documented, and strategic field investigations on publicly available lands and lands where access was permitted would define the remaining conditions. Results provide an overview of existing conditions that can be used to help evaluate the alternative solutions and future alternative design concepts to be carried forward to preliminary design and ultimately as part of the detailed design for the project.







# 4.2.1 Aquatics

#### 4.2.1.1 Fish Habitat Assessments

Wood conducted comprehensive fish habitat field assessments at locations where permission to enter was granted to provide field data and substantiate the Secondary Source habitat information (**Figure 4-1**). Field conditions were assessed, referencing the principles and methods described by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) *Environmental Guide for Fish and Fish Habitat* (MTO 2009). Where direct fish habitat was present, the aquatic Study Area included a zone of detailed assessment extending from 20 m upstream to 50 m downstream of the proposed and/or existing right-of-way (ROW). General habitat mapping was conducted 50 m upstream and 200 m downstream of the proposed and/or existing ROW at each watercourse crossing representing direct fish habitat. Biophysical habitat conditions were recorded, and field photos are presented in Appendix B.

#### 4.2.1.2 Fish Sampling

Fish sampling was not conducted as a component of the Wood investigations as sufficient community information was available through Secondary Source Review and as provided by the MNRF and TRCA.









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# Figure 4-1 Aquatic Survey Locations in the Study Area

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# 4.2.2 Terrestrial

#### 4.2.2.1 Ecological Land Classification and Flora

The Study Area is located within the northern limit of Ecoregion 7E and delineated using Ecological Land Classification (ELC) for Southern Ontario: First Approximation and Its Application (Lee et al. .1998). Vegetation communities were initially described in the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) and Wood delineated remaining communities that were accessible and confirmed communities from an observable distance (in such instances, species lists were not obtained). Generally, communities at least 0.5 ha in size are mapped following ELC protocols; however, smaller units may be mapped if the community is noteworthy. Substrate type and depth, moisture regime, topography, floral composition, stand structure and disturbance were inventoried to describe and classify vegetation communities. These physical characteristics and dominant vegetation species were used to describe the vegetation communities. The terminology used is based on ELC sampling protocols that collect information on four vegetation layers (note: some layers may not be present within a vegetation community sampled). The four layers are:

**Canopy** consists of tall vegetation that reaches the light first, typically composed of tall trees (in a forest community).

**Sub-canopy** includes vegetation growing just under the canopy, vegetation that receives filtered sunlight through the canopy, typically composed of trees and tall shrubs (in a forest community).

**Understory** includes vegetation growing below the sub-canopy, typically composed of both tall and low-growing shrubs (in a forest community).

**Ground layer** consists of the vegetation which is closest to and covers the ground, typically composed of herbaceous vegetation.

#### 4.2.2.2 Tree Inventory

A focused tree inventory was undertaken along the proposed corridors within the Part 'A' Study Area which includes the public ROW of Coleraine Drive and that estimated for the proposed Arterial A2 roadway between the boundaries of Mayfield Road and RR50. Only select permission to enters were provided at the time the field investigations were completed, whereby those trees in locations without Permission to Enter (PTE) were assessed from the closest vantage point to the extent possible. The Tree Assessment Report is provided in Appendix D.

#### 4.2.2.3 Breeding Bird Surveys

Breeding bird surveys were undertaken in accordance with the protocols described within the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (OBBA) protocol (Cadman et al. 2007). Surveys were completed on 28-30<sup>th</sup> June, and 10-11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 between sunrise and 10:00 am at 19 point-count locations within the Study Area (**Figure 5-1** Maps 1-6 display stations within corresponding ELC communities). The point count protocol was modified slightly from that presented in the OBBA to include counts of 10 minutes in duration, compared to the standard five minutes as noise from the environment is high (e.g., cars, airplanes). All bird surveys were undertaken in good weather with warm temperatures, no precipitation, and little or no wind. Species were identified through their unique vocalizations and visual observations. Breeding evidence was evaluated using the following guidelines:

Possible breeding is indicated by the presence of a singing male (or breeding calls heard) in suitable habitat





or the presence of a bird observed in suitable breeding habitat in its breeding season.

**Probable breeding** is defined as an observation of any of the following: (1) a pair in the breeding season in suitable habitat, (2) permanent territory presumed through registration of territorial song on at least two days, a week or more apart, at the same place or (3) courtship or display between a male and a female or two males, including courtship feeding or copulation; visiting probable nest site; agitated behaviour or anxiety calls of an adult; brood patch on an adult female or cloacal protuberance on an adult male; nest building or excavation of a nest hole.

**Confirmed breeding** is defined as the observation of any of the following: (1) a distraction display or injury feigning; (2) used nest or eggshell found (occupied or laid within the period of the study); (3) recently fledged young or downy young, including young incapable of sustained flight; (4) adults entering or leaving nest site in the circumstances indicating occupied nest (e.g., adult carrying fecal sac; adult carrying food for young), or (5) nest containing eggs, or nest with young seen or heard.

#### 4.2.2.4 Mammals

Incidental wildlife inventories were compiled based on Secondary Source data and incidental observations during the breeding bird and vegetation field investigations.

#### 4.2.2.5 Amphibians and Reptiles

Incidental wildlife inventories were compiled based on Secondary Source data and incidental observations during the breeding bird and vegetation field investigations.

#### 4.2.2.6 Invertebrates

Incidental wildlife inventories were compiled based on Secondary Source data and incidental observations during the breeding bird and vegetation field investigations.

# 5.0 Results

#### 5.1 Secondary Source Review

From the Secondary Source Review 116 species of birds, 42 species of mammals, 11 species of amphibians, 8 species of reptiles, and 8 species of fish have the potential to occur within the Study Area; however, the recorded presence of a specific species must be viewed in conjunction with existing habitat conditions (i.e., watercourses that are now dry or ephemeral cannot be expected to support the same fisheries community that they may have in the past).

A search of the MNRF's NHIC database (MNRF 2020) and the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) revealed that there are no Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) and no provincial Natural Heritage plan areas (i.e., Greenbelt) within the Study Area. The MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) notes that land use is predominantly agricultural, mainly corn and soybeans, with some winter wheat, hay and other crops to a lesser extent (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016). Residential areas, including large farms, are also prevalent throughout the Study Area. The naturalized vegetated areas are generally riparian associated with the watercourses throughout the terrestrial Study Areas and are mapped as woodland and wetland. The City of Brampton Official Plan indicates the presence of Valleyland/Watercourse corridor surrounding the primary drainage features present in the Study Area, which serve as wildlife habitat and are administered under the









TRCA Ontario Regulation 166/06.

# 5.1.1 Headwater Drainage Features

The MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) used TRCA's Evaluation, Classification and Management of Headwater Drainage Features Interim Guidelines (2009) to identify management recommendations for protection, conservation and mitigation. The Study Area has nine HDFs (one of which drains to RR 50) in the Rainbow Creek Tributary and two HDFs (draining to RR 50) in the Robinson Creek Tributary.

No HDFs recommended for "Protection" or "Conservation" are included in the Study Area. Initially, the 'Rainbow HDF-4' was also recommended for "Conservation". However, further investigations have concluded that recent upstream drainage modifications at Coleraine Drive diverted the main channel of the Rainbow Creek Tributary to this feature via the roadside ditch. It was recommended in the MESP Addendum (Savanta 2017) that the channel alignment and crossing location be determined through the Coleraine Drive EA Study. All HDF's in the Study Area are classified as "Mitigation 1", "Mitigation 2", or "No Mitigation" (Figure 2.15 "HDF Management Recommendations" in the MESP by Aquafor Beech Limited 2016). HDFs classified as "Mitigation 1" or "Mitigation 2" could either remain as open watercourses provided that flows can be maintained (via stormwater pond outlets, LID swales or other techniques), or be replicated using well-vegetated urban swales or wetlands (Mitigation 1), or lot-level and conveyance stormwater techniques such as LID measures. Those HDFs with "No Management" classification could be eliminated and replaced with a traditional urban major-minor drainage system.

# 5.2 Field Investigations

# 5.2.1 Aquatics

#### 5.2.1.1 Fish Habitat Assessments

The proposed project includes 20 drainage feature crossings (two of which are associated with both Part 'A' and Part 'B' Study Corridors, i.e., RB1 and RB2), one drainage feature parallel to Clarkway Drive, and one watercourse realignment (to be discussed in an amendment to the existing MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) and in a separate report not yet published). The aquatic ecosystem conditions, as observed during the 2016 and 2017 field investigations are summarized below. Permission to enter had not yet been granted for all properties at the time of the 2016, and 2017 field investigations. Wood did not assess one site (CT1). **Table 5-1** identify the crossings within each subwatershed that was included in the 2016/2017 field investigations and which were excluded.

An aerial view of the Study Area, **Figure 4-1** map series, provides a reference for the drainage system orientations as well as detailed views of the crossings. In an eastward progression along the Study Area, from south to north, the identified crossings include GT1 through GT5 which are associated with The Gore Road Tributary (Part 'B' Study Corridor), CT1 through CT9 which are associated with Clarkway Tributary, RB1 through RB4, related to the Rainbow Creek Tributary, and RS1 and RS2, associated with the Robinson Creek Tributary (Part 'B' Study Corridor). A reach of the Clarkway Tributary was also assessed as a component of the aquatic Study Area at CTA (Part 'B' Study Corridor), which drains parallel and directly adjacent to the west side of Clarkway Drive.

The Study Area has been heavily influenced by human activity. It is characterized primarily by agricultural







and rural areas with a small area of industrialized land located centrally at the north of the Study Area, directly adjacent to Coleraine Drive. As such, many of the drainage features where crossings are located or proposed are ephemeral drainage swales providing indirect or no fish habitat. A summary of fish habitat conditions at each crossing surveyed is presented in **Table 5-2**. Additional biophysical parameters and channel diagnostics of direct fish habitat within the Study Area are provided in **Table 5-3**. Water chemistry results for each of the crossings are presented in **Table 5-4**.

# Table 5-1 Watercourse Crossings and Aquatic Field Investigations within the Study Area

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Subwatersneu	watercourse	Included	Excluded*			
West Humber	Clarkway Tributary	CT8	CT6, CT7, CT9			
Main Humber	Rainbow Creek Tributary	RB1, RB2, RB3, RB4				

\*crossings excluded due to permission to enter restraints



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Watercourse	Crossing ID	Flow Regime	Thermal Regime <sup>1</sup>	Substrate Type <sup>2</sup>	Vegetation	Fish Classif
	СТ6	Ephemeral – dry during site visit	None	Not Evaluated	Found in agricultural field. Channel likely impacted by agricultural tillage. Bare soil present within drainage feature. No crops growing within poorly defined bed or banks of stream.	Indirec
Clarkway	CT7	Ephemeral – dry during site visit	None	Not Evaluated	Found in agricultural field. Channel likely impacted by agricultural tillage. Bare soil present within drainage feature. No crops growing within poorly defined bed or banks of stream.	Indirec
Tributary	СТ8	Permanent	Warmwater	25% cobble 15% gravel 25% sand 25% silt 10% clay	Tall grasses on the top of banks and in floodplain. Trees also present and providing shade.	Direct
	СТ9	Ephemeral – dry during site visit	None	Not Evaluated	Found in agricultural field. Channel likely impacted by agricultural tillage. Bare soil present within drainage feature. No crops growing within poorly defined bed or banks of stream.	Indirec
	RB1	Ephemeral – dry during site visit	None	5% boulder 10% cobble 30% gravel 40% sand 15% silt	Tall grasses and cattails surrounding upper portion of upstream reach. Corn fields along both sides of downstream reach. Herbaceous vegetation within the channel downstream.	Indirec
Creek Tributary	RB2	Intermittent	Warmwater	90% silt 10% gravel	Riparian habitat bordered by adjacent agricultural land uses (grasses, cattails and rushes)	Indirec
	RB3	Intermittent	Warmwater	100% silt	Riparian habitat bordered by adjacent agricultural land uses (grasses, cattails and rushes)	Indirec
	RB4	Ephemeral - dry during site visit	None	Not Evaluated	Drainage swale in agricultural field	None

# Table 5-2 Existing Fish and Fish Habitat Conditions within the Study Area

Notes: 1. Thermal regime as reported in the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016).

2. Substrate values are typically estimated for each morphology while in the field. The values provided here are weighted based on morphology distribution throughout the reach and presented as a round number (to the nearest 5%) as a representation of the entire length investigated.









#### Table 5-3 Key Biophysical Parameters and Channel Diagnostics for Direct Fish Habitat within the Study Area

Watercourse	Crossing ID	Reach	Morphology	Mean Bankfull Width (m)	Mean Bankfull Depth (m)	Mean Wetted Width (m)	Mean Wetted Depth (m)	Aquatic Vegetation (% of total area and types)	Shore Cover (% stream shaded)	Instream Cover (% of total area and types <sup>1</sup> )	Bank Stability
Clarkway Tributary	CT8	0 to 200 m Downstream	35% riffle 45% run 20% pool	3.80	0.64	2.08	0.20	10% sedges	1-30%	20% cobble, overhanging vegetation, woody debris, boulders	Slightly Unstable
		0 to 50 m Upstream	80% run 20% pool	4.64	0.79	1.48	0.13	None	60-90%	50% woody debris, boulders, undercut banks	Slightly Unstable

Notes: 1. Instream cover types listed in decreasing order of abundance.

Width and depth measurements are taken in the field and averaged for each morphology. The values provided here are weighted based on morphology distribution throughout the reach.





Watercourse	Crossing ID	Water Temperature (°C)	Air Temperature (°C)	Conductivity (ms/cm)	Hq	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)
	СТ6			Dry		
Claulaura Tributana	CT7			Dry		
Clarkway Tributary	СТ8	16.5	19	1420	6.90**	N/A
	СТ9			Dry		
	RB1			Dry		
Deinken Creek Triketerre	RB2	13.3	10	1937	7.98	6.40
Kaindow Creek Tributary	RB3	15.6	10	2206	8.08	5.26
	RB4			Dry		

Table 5-4 Water Chemistry Results Summary Table for the Study Area

Notes: \*\*pH measurements fluctuated during sampling, the value provided represents the mean value

# 5.2.1.1.1 Clarkway Tributary

#### **Origin and Flow**

Four Clarkway Tributary crossings occur within the Study Area (CT6 – CT9). Of these crossings, only CT8 is associated with the main branch of Clarkway Tributary. Each of the other crossings are associated with independent drainage features originating in adjacent agricultural fields and converging with the main branch. The main branch of Clarkway Tributary is a low gradient stream with a well-defined channel, riparian area, and floodplain (Savanta 2017). The tributary originates in the Town of Caledon approximately 4.3 km north of Mayfield Road near Coleraine Drive. The headwater tributaries of the main branch originate north of the aquatic Study Area and converge before Mayfield Road. The watercourse drains primarily though natural creek valleys but has been channelized and straightened at some locations (Savanta 2017), presumably to accommodate the surrounding agricultural and rural residential land use. The main branch flows in a southwestward direction through the central region of the Part 'B' Study Corridor from Mayfield Road to the intersection of Countryside Drive and Clarkway Drive. From this intersection, it flows under concrete bridges continuing to Castlemore Road at the southern end of the Study Area. Downstream of Castlemore Road, the tributary flows in a southeastern direction and connects with the West Humber River just north of Highway 407.

#### **Fisheries Limitations**

No fisheries limitations were observed within the direct fish habitat of the main branch of Clarkway Tributary. Crossing CT8 were found to have direct fish habitat. Crossings CT6, CT7, CT9 were not surveyed due to permissions to enter limitations.

#### Crossing CT6, Crossing CT7, Crossing CT9

No permission to enter was acquired for these locations, therefore the following is determined from the





roadway. The location of these watercourse crossings is illustrated in **Figure 4-1**, Map 2. The agricultural drainage swales present at CT6 and CT7 were dry at the time of the field investigation, with some dried algae present within the poorly defined bed and banks of the features. These swales are considered ephemeral, with flows typically associated with the spring freshet and following rainfall events. CT6 and CT7 features originate within the agricultural fields to the south and east. The presence of algae within the drainage swales suggests that these features likely carry high concentrations of nutrients during periods of flow. Nutrient loading to the drainage features is likely resulting from the runoff of nitrogen and phosphorus from agricultural practices from nearby crop fields.

CT9 crossing is existing, and its location is illustrated in **Figure 4-1**, Map 2. The current, small diameter CSP culvert present in this location conveys flow from north to south across Mayfield Road. An ephemeral drainage swale is present in this location, which was dry at the time of the 2017 field investigations. Upstream of the crossing, the watercourse is conveyed through a grassy swale towards the Mayfield Road ROW. Downstream of the crossing, the swale continues through an agricultural field. The swale has a poorly defined bed and banks. It is indiscernible from the surrounding agricultural lands, aside from the presence of bare soils that are devoid of terrestrial and aquatic vegetation and crops. This swale is likely impacted by periodic agrarian tillage.

#### **Crossing CT8**

#### **General Morphology and Habitat Conditions**

The proposed location of CT8 crossing is within an agricultural field in which Clarkway Tributary has incised a well-defined channel. The tributary is highly sinuous in this area and exhibits an open grassland/meadow buffer with scattered shrubs and trees providing a total riparian area approximately 85 m wide.

Throughout the reach within the vicinity of the proposed CT8 crossing, the aquatic Study Area Clarkway Tributary is comprised of a diversified morphology of riffle, run, pool sequences. The channel location appears to be determined in part by woody vegetation on the banks and heavy clay deposits within the banks and substrate. Over the length of the aquatic Study Area, the tributary has a low gradient with the mean wetted depth ranging between 0.10 m and 0.28 m.

#### 0 to 200 m Downstream of the ROW

The reach downstream of the proposed CT8 crossing location is characterized by several riffle, run, pool, sequences with the percentage of reach length approximately 35%, 45% and 20%, respectively. The reach had a mean wetted width of 2.08 m and a mean wetted depth of 0.20 m. The mean bankfull width was 3.80 m with a mean bankfull depth of 0.64 m. The sediment in the reach ranged from clay deposits dominating the run morphology to the significant cover provided by cobble in the riffles. Shear banks within this reach offer limited cover for fish. Despite the entrenched nature of the channel, the banks are vegetated and relatively stable. The in-stream cover is provided primarily by cobble with small amounts of overhanging vegetation, woody debris and boulders.

#### 0 to 50 m Upstream of the ROW

The reach 0 to 50 m upstream of the proposed CT8 crossing location is characterized by 80% run and 20% pool. Within the run morphology, the mean bankfull width is 4.60 m, mean wetted width is 1.10 m, the mean bankfull depth and wetted depth is approximately 0.80 m and 0.10 m, respectively. The substrate in this







area is nearly an equal mix of silt, sand and gravel with approximately 5% cobble. Both banks show evidence of erosion and are slightly unstable. The meander at the upstream extent of the aquatic Study Area shows significant erosion on the left upstream bank. In contrast, the second meander has an undercut bank focused approximately 0.25 m above the current water level. Undercut banks (10%), boulders (10%), and woody debris (instream 20% and overhanging 10%) provide adequate cover to fish within the reach.

## 5.2.1.1.2 Rainbow Creek Tributary

#### **Origin and Flow**

The Rainbow Creek Tributary is an agricultural swale for much of its length (Savanta 2017). The headwaters of the creek originate north of Mayfield Road in the Town of Caledon. It flows southwest through the Study Area in an undefined valley with a wide floodplain reach extending from Mayfield Road to Coleraine Drive, then southward adjacent to Countryside Drive. The tributary continues to drain southwest to Castlemore Road, where it has a linear wetland type of morphology (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016). Flow continues through a straightened reach through the center of the Cadetta Road Industrial Park (Savanta 2017), ultimately outletting to the main branch of Rainbow Creek. The main branch of Rainbow Creek continues to flow southward, where it reaches its confluence with the Humber River near Highway 407 and Islington Avenue.

#### **Fisheries Limitations**

Rainbow Creek Tributary is primarily defined as ephemeral within the Study Area and provides indirect fish habitat at crossings RB1, RB2, RB3 and no habitat at RB4.

#### **Crossing RB1**

The approximate location of RB1 is illustrated in **Figure 4-1**, Map 3.

At this location, Rainbow Creek Tributary was dry during the October 2016 field investigation with evidence of ephemeral flow. Based on these observations and the presence of low flow conditions upstream, there is potential for this location to provide seasonal indirect fish habitat.

#### **Crossing RB2**

This crossing is located approximately 120 m west of Coleraine Drive on Countryside Drive (**Figure 4-1**, Map 4). The watercourse at crossing RB2 exhibited low flows during the field investigation. The morphology of the watercourse is primarily comprised of flats (95-100%) with a few scattered pools present downstream of the ROW (< 5%). The substrate was comprised of 90% silt and 10% gravel, which is likely the result of road runoff. A narrow well-vegetated riparian corridor, providing 60-90% cover to the watercourse, exists adjacent to the drainage feature both upstream and downstream of the ROW. The banks are stable within the reach with some undercutting (1%) evident. Organic debris (< 5%) and instream vascular macrophytes (algae; 25%) also provide cover for fish. The mean bankfull and wetted width is 0.65 m, and the mean depth is 0.07 m. This watercourse provides seasonal, intermittent warmwater fish habitat.

#### **Crossing RB3**

This crossing is located approximately 620 m north of Countryside Drive on Coleraine Drive (**Figure 4-1**, Map 4). Similar to the watercourse crossing at RB2, the watercourse at crossing RB3 exhibited low flows







during the site visit. The morphology of the watercourse in this area is comprised entirely of flats with a substrate comprised of silt. The mean bankfull and wetted widths are 0.68 m, and the mean depth is 0.18 m. Riparian vegetation and cattails provide 90-100% cover to the watercourse. This watercourse provides seasonal, intermittent warmwater fish habitat.

#### **Crossing RB4**

This crossing is located approximately 360 m north of Mayfield Road on Coleraine Drive (**Figure 4-1**, Map 4). The watercourse at crossing RB4 is an ephemeral drainage swale leading from agricultural areas and is conveyed under Coleraine Drive through a CSP. The watercourse was dry at the time of the field investigation, and it is assumed that this feature does not provide fish habitat.

#### 5.2.1.2 Fish Sampling

Secondary Source information was reviewed for fish and fish habitat pertaining to the watercourses within the Study Area. Fish community inventories were derived from previous studies and were retrieved through information requests to MNRF as a component of the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016). The historic fisheries community information gathered is specific to the Study Area; however, the recorded presence of a specific species must be viewed in conjunction with existing aquatic habitat conditions (i.e., watercourses that are now dry or ephemeral cannot be expected to support the same fisheries community that they may have in the past). This is especially important when evaluating watercourse sensitivities and developing mitigation strategies consistent with local fisheries management objectives. The fish community results are presented in **Table 5-5** for the Study Area.

Watercourse	Resource	Location with respect to Nearest Watercourse Crossing	Fish Species Present		
			Common Name	Scientific name	Status
Clarkway Tributary	TRCA 2004	~200m upstream of CT8, at Mayfield Road	Blacknose Dace Bluntnose Minnow Brook Stickleback Creek Chub Fathead Minnow Johnny Darter Pumpkinseed White Sucker	Rhinichthys atratulus Pimephales notatus Culaea inconstans Semotilus atromaculatus Pimephales promelas Etheostoma nigrum Lepomis gibbosus Catostomus commersonii	G5; S5 G5; S5 G5; S5 G5; S5 G5; S5 G5; S5 G5; S5 G5; S5
Rainbow Creek Tributary	MNRF 1946	~1.5km downstream of RB1	Creek Chub	Semotilus atromaculatus	G5;S5
	MNRF 1946	~1.7km upstream of RB2, ~150m north of	No fish captured		

#### Table 5-5 Fisheries Data for the Study Area



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Source: Aquafor Beech Limited 2015

G5 – Global status, secure

S5 – Subnational (Provincial) status, secure

Within the Study Area Robinson Creek Tributary does not provide fish habitat, as such fisheries data is not available.

# 5.2.2 Terrestrial

## 5.2.2.1 Ecological Land Classification

Vegetation communities identified within the Study Area are illustrated in **Figure 5-1** Maps 1-6 and a summary table of the land use is presented below. A list of plant species observed is found in Appendix C.

The majority of the land use within the terrestrial Study Areas includes residential areas, agricultural fields, and cultural meadows. Many of the vegetation communities are created by human disturbance and are classified as cultural. The most significant vegetation communities are the fragments of woodland/forest. These fragments of forest, plantation and cultural woodland often buffer the watercourses throughout the terrestrial Study Areas and are a relatively significant feature in the context of the Study Area landscape, given that the area is characterized by a high degree of agriculture and development. A series of photographs representing some of the identified land classifications is included in Appendix B.

In total for Area 47, 286 plant species compiled from Secondary Sources, 137 (48%) are not native to Ontario (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016). Wood investigations documented 84 plant species within the Study Area, 44 (52%) are not native to Ontario. Despite the somewhat even split in overall percentage, non-native species far outweigh native species in terms of coverage and biomass. A compiled plant species list is included in Appendix C. The MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) details the Floristic Quality Assessment completed for the 135 native species found in Area 47, which were not planted and had Coefficient of Conservatism (CC) values. The mean CC was evaluated at 3.39, which is relatively low and reflects the preponderance of early successional habitats in Area 47 (Aquafor Beach 2016). However, the percent of non-natives and mean CC of 3.39 is on par with other Greater Toronto Area Locations. The MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) provides a thorough discussion on mean CC and its use.

Secondary Sources and Wood field investigations did not report any vegetative SAR. Secondary Sources report one provincially rare species within the Study Area, Amethyst Aster (*Symphyotrichum x amethystinum*). It was reported that Amethyst Aster had a provincial rank of S3. However, recent (17 January 2020) NHIC flora status records list Amethyst Aster as SNA, not applicable as the species is not a suitable target for conservation. Wood field investigations did find Honey Locust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*) in the Study Area. Honey Locust is provincially ranked as 'S2?'. Ranking S2 indicates 'Imperiled' while the '?' indicates 'Inexact Numeric Rank'. Honey Locust is commonly planted as an ornamental tree and becoming naturalized well north of its native range (Farrar 1995), which sometimes makes it difficult to distinguish native from non-native populations. In Ontario, only presumed native populations are tracked and therefore ranked S2, and the occurrence of Honey Locust in the Study Area is not assumed to be a natural occurrence.

Lastly, the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) did note the presence of 20 plant species that are considered regional species of concern under TRCA's L-rank scheme. Each species is discussed individually in the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016), and several of the species are planted.





# Figure 5-1 Terrestrial Survey Locations in the Study Area



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Community Type	Code	Description	Area (ha)	% of Study Area
	CVC	Commercial and Institutional	12.82	7.6%
Anthropogenic	CVR	Residential	18.36	10.9%
	-	Road	6.64	3.9%
Total			37.82	22.5%
	AG	Agriculture	114.64	68.1%
Agriculture	-	Hedgerow	1.39	0.8%
	-	Pasture	4.84	2.9%
Total			120.9	71.8%
	CUM1-1	Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow Type	5.92	3.5%
Cultural	CUP3-2	White Pine Coniferous Plantation Type	0.13	0.1%
Cultural	CUS1	Mineral Cultural Savannah Ecosite	0.93	0.6%
	CUW1	Mineral Cultural Woodland Ecosite	0.09	0.1%
Total		7.07	4.2%	
	MAM2	Forb Mineral Meadow Marsh Ecosite	0.49	0.3%
	MAM2-2	Reed Canary Grass Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type	1.00	0.6%
Watlands	MAM2-10	Mixed Forb Mineral Meadow Marsh Ecosite	0.49	0.3%
vveuanus	MAS2	Graminoid Mineral Shallow Marsh Ecosite	0.02	0.0%
	MAS2-1	Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type	0.35	0.2%
	SWT2-2	Willow Mineral Deciduous Thicket Swamp	0.07	0.0%
	SWD4-1	Willow Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type	0.05	0.0%
Total		2.47	1.5%	
Open Water	OAO	Open Aquatic	0.18	0.1%
Part "A" Total			168.4	100%

## Table 5-6 Ecological Land Classifications with the Study Area

## 5.2.2.1.1 Anthropogenic

### **Commercial and Institutional and Roads**

Anthropogenic lands comprise a small percent of the overall Study Area. In the Part 'A' Study Corridor Commercial and Institutional lands comprise 7.6% and roads 3.9%. These areas are strictly anthropogenic in nature and provide minor or negative function in habitat for native species or landscape linkages between natural habitats.

### Residential

Residential properties comprise 10.90% of the Study Area. Residential properties often had gardens and landscaping with a mix of native and exotic species. Highly anthropogenic in nature and provide a minor





function in providing habitat for native species or landscape linkages between natural habitats on their own.

### 5.2.2.1.2 Agriculture

### Agriculture

Agricultural lands were prevalent throughout the entire Study Area, comprising 68.1% of the Study Area. Agricultural communities identified within the Study Areas include active fields of corn, soybeans, wheat and hay. Some weedy species of plants were noted on the field edges though these were not considered part of the community.

### Hedgerows

Hedgerows comprise 0.82% of the Study Area. Hedgerows generally exist adjacent to residential properties or between agricultural fields. Despite their anthropogenic nature, these communities can host wildlife and can, at times, provide landscape linkages between natural habitats.

### Pasture

Pastures are areas of grass found in the Study Area, which are kept short due to animal grazing or mowing. No species list was collected for this community.

## 5.2.2.1.3 Cultural

### Dry – Moist Old Field Meadows

Dry – Moist Old Field Meadows result from, or are maintained by, cultural or anthropogenic based disturbances, in the Study Area it is often pasture or agricultural fields left to go fallow. This community type is characterized by  $\leq 25\%$  tree and shrub cover. Across the Study Area Cultural Meadows comprised of 3.52% of the land cover (5.92 ha) in the Study Area. This community was dominated by grasses and Tall Goldenrod (*Solidago altissima var. altissima*) with occurrences of Manitoba Maple (*Acer negundo*), willow species (*Salix* sp.) and European Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*) in the sub-canopy and canopy layer.

### **Coniferous Plantations**

In the Study Area, one small coniferous plantation, White Pine Coniferous Plantation (CUP3-2, 0.13 ha) was observed during the field investigation, making up only around 0.08% of the Study Area (**Figure 5-1**, Map 5).

Despite the anthropogenic origin and monoculture nature of this community type, they can provide habitat for edge species (e.g. Raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) and Brown-Headed Cowbirds (*Molthrus ater*)). Depending on the size and shape of the stand, these woodlots can also support forest interior species.

### **Cultural Savannah**

One polygon consisting of Mineral Cultural Savannah Ecosite (CUS1, 0.93 ha) was identified within the Study Area (**Figure 5-1**, Map 6). Cultural savannahs are characterized by 25% to 35% tree cover. The Mineral Cultural Savannah community was a mix of European Buckthorn, Hawthorn species (*Crataegus sp.*), Manitoba Maple, Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), Willow species, Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*), Spruce (*Picea sp.*) and Pine (*Pinus sp.*) species. The ground cover was composed of grasses and Tall Goldenrod.







### **Cultural Woodland**

Cultural Woodlands are characterized by 35% to 65% tree cover. In the Study Area, one polygon of Mineral Cultural Woodland Ecosite (CUW1; 0.09 ha), was identified. (**Figure 5-1**, Map 1 and Map 3). This community was dominated by European Buckthorn, Willow species, Green Ash and Manitoba Maple. These areas were very similar to the CUT1 species lists, but were considered mature communities and have likely grown from a CUT1 into a CUW1. The southern community had European Buckthorn, Hawthorn species and Apple (*Malus pumila*) in the understory and Green Ash, Manitoba Maple, Black Walnut and Willow species. The northern community also had Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*), Scots Pine (*Pinus sylvestris*) and Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*). The ground cover in all these communities was a similar composition to the cultural meadow observed within Study Corridor 'Part A'.

## 5.2.2.1.4 Wetlands

### Forb Mineral Meadow Marsh Ecosite

In the Study Area, two polygons were identified as Forb Mineral Meadow Marsh Ecosites (MAM2; 0.49 ha). One polygon was mapped along Rainbow Creek Tributary where it crosses Countryside Drive and the other polygon is situated along Rainbow Creek Tributary within an agricultural field (**Figure 5-1**, Maps 2, 3 and 4). This community is dominated by grasses and sedges (*Carex* sp.), Broad-leaved Cattail (*Typha latifolia*), Reed Canary Grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), Tall Goldenrod, Black Bulrush (*Scirpus atrovirens*) and Common Water Plantain (*Alisma plantago-aquatica*).

### Reed Canary Grass Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type

In the Study Area, two polygons were identified as Reed Canary Grass Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh Type (MAM2-2; 1.00 ha). Both are loosely associated with agricultural drainage, with one following the Rainbow Creek Tributary as it goes through a field, and the other located adjacent to a branch of Clarkway Tributary (**Figure 5-1**, Maps 3, 4 and 5).

### **Mixed Forb Mineral Meadow Marsh Type**

Several small polygons were identified as Mixed Forb Mineral Meadow Marsh Type (MAM2-10), all of which are associated with watercourses within the Study Area. In the Study Area, these cover 0.49 ha; one polygon runs along Clarkway Tributary, and several small polygons are located along the Rainbow Creek Tributary as it meanders near the Study Area boundary (**Figure 5-1**, Maps 1, 2 and 6). This community type was dominated by grasses, Tall Goldenrod, sedges and had forb species such as Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*). European Buckthorn and Willow species were present in the shrub layer.

### **Graminoid Mineral Shallow Marsh Ecosite**

In the Study Area, one small community of Graminoid Bedrock Shallow Marsh (MAS2; 0.02 ha) was identified surrounding a pond east of Coleraine Drive (**Figure 5-1**, Map 2) in the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016). This community was removed due to construction sometime after 2015.

### **Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type**

Three polygons were identified as Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type (MAS2-1; 0.35 ha) within the Study Area. One is a small inclusion in a Cultural Savannah associated with Clarkway Tributary at the top of the





Study Area. Another is along Rainbow Creek Tributary as it flows through an agricultural field, with the third polygon near where Rainbow Creek Tributary crosses Coleraine Drive between a hedgerow and an agricultural field (**Figure 5-1**, Maps 1 and 6). This community is dominated by Broad-leaved Cattail and grasses. Some Willow species and European Buckthorn were present in the shrub layer.

### Willow Mineral Deciduous Thicket Swamp

One polygon was identified as a Willow Mineral Deciduous Thicket Swamp (SWT2-2; 0.07 ha) within the Study Area (**Figure 5-1**, Map 5). Access was not granted to this area at the time of the Wood terrestrial field investigations, so a species list was not generated. ELC was taken from the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) and confirmed with binoculars from a neighbouring property. It consisted of Willow species and was not a mature community with most specimens in the shrub layer.

### Willow Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type

One narrow band of Willow Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type (SWD4-1; 0.05 ha) was identified within the Study Area around a pond located within a pasture/horse track on a farm property (**Figure 5-1**, Map 5). This community was a narrow band of trees tracking the watercourse. Willow species and Black Walnut dominate it, and the understory was comprised of wetland species such as Broad-leaved Cattail and sedges.

## 5.2.2.1.5 Open Water

Three areas of open water (0.18 ha) were identified within the Study Area. The first is a reach of the Clarkway Tributary just north of Mayfield Road. Another is a pond within a pasture/horse track behind a barn, and the last is an area that could not be confirmed as it is surrounded by active construction and may no longer be present (**Figure 5-1**, Maps 2, 5 and 6).

Other areas of Open Water may be present on residential properties but were often small and could not always be confirmed due to access limitations.

## 5.2.2.2 Tree Inventory

The locations were identified in the field using a hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS) unit – Trimble Geo7X. All trees included as part of this assessment were inspected visually from the ground. Inspection included a non-invasive examination of each tree documenting site conditions, root, trunk, and canopy vigour, and canopy structure. Tree species were determined, and a tree number was applied. No aluminum tags were used due to the accuracy of the GPS unit and lack of PTE.

The Tree Inventory documented a total of 353 trees greater than 10 cm Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) in the Study Area (**Figure 5-2**). Many of the trees situated within the Project Location were in fair to good condition. No tree SAR were identified during the field visits at the Project Location. Species composition ranged from native to non-native species or cultivar species. A species breakdown can be found in the Arborist Report in Appendix D.

There is a total of 293 trees, most of which are currently on private property that will need to be removed to accommodate construction. Trees listed as injured are trees outside the project footprint, but the construction footprint is still within the minimum Tree Protection Zone for the individual tree. A total of 26





trees, mostly private, may be injured by construction activities. Tree protection measures have been identified for 71 trees, those identified for preservation (45) and those identified for injury (26). Trees to be protected will follow the City of Brampton Landscape Specifications and Temporary Tree Protection Fencing Guide (City of Brampton, 2014). In order to protect trees, a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) must be established. The prescribed compensation is 381 for trees outside of TRCA regulated areas under the City Guidelines and 1,519 for trees within TRCA regulated area, totaling 1,900 compensation trees.



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# Figure 5-2 Tree Inventory Overview

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### 5.2.2.3 Breeding Bird Surveys

A total of 116 bird species were documented in the Secondary Source Review as having records within the Study Areas (Appendix C). During the Wood breeding bird point count survey, a total of 36 of the 116 Secondary Source species were identified within the Study Area and one additional bird was recorded; Broad-winged Hawk observed flying over the Study Area during Wood Investigations. A summary of results is highlighted below, with further information provided within Appendix C. The occurrence of SAR and species of conservation concern documented during breeding bird surveys are:

- Almost all bird species recorded within the applicable OBBA 10 km grid squares are provincially (subnational) ranked S5 (very common, demonstrably secure), or S4 (common, apparently secure). One species, Acadian Flycatcher, is ranked S2S3B.
- Barn Swallow is listed as Threatened under the ESA and therefore is afforded individual and habitat protection. There were 29 individual Barn Swallows recorded at 13 breeding bird survey locations during the field investigations.
- Three bird nests were observed under the bridge structure at crossing GT4 of The Gore Road Tributary, which can likely be attributed to Cliff Swallow (S4B, Apparently Secure Breeding populations) and not Barn Swallow.

With respect to habitat for avian species of conservation concern, there has been significant changes in land use since the time of field investigations conducted for the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016). The transformation of fallow fields to active agricultural lands has resulted in a notable decline in Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark habitat. Consequently, observations of Bobolink were much lower during Wood investigations and Eastern Meadowlark was not observed. Furthermore, many species documented in Secondary Source Review may no longer occur as they have not been seen since 2007 (Aquafor Beach 2016). Note, that these species are considered species of conservation concern in this NEAR and are therefore afforded habitat protection in keeping with Significant Wildlife Habitat policies for Special Concern and Rare Wildlife Species (Section 6.0).







## 5.2.2.4 Mammals

In total, 42 species of mammals were found to have habitat ranges overlapping the Study Area. Range data was gathered from the Atlas of the Mammals of Ontario (Dobbyn 1994) range maps, and bat data has been supplemented by Bat Conservation International Inc. records (BCI 2016). Most mammal ranges recorded within the applicable atlas' are for species that are provincially ranked S5 (very common, demonstrably secure), S4 (common to very common, apparently secure), or SNA (not applicable for conservation activities). Four mammal species are listed as provincially vulnerable or species of conservation concern; all four species are bats, Eastern Small-footed Myotis, Northern Myotis, Tri-colored Bat, Little Brown Myotis. Tri-colored Bat and Little Brown Myotis were found to occur in the Part 'B' Study Corridor during Wood investigations; however, suitable habitat does not exist in the Part 'A' Study Corridor and therefore acoustic surveys were not undertaken in the Study Area. During the Wood investigations, field staff observed Red Squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*), Eastern Cottontail (*Sylvilagus floridanus*) and White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*), all urban tolerant species. As through correspondence with MNRF bat detectors were not deployed within the Study Area due to lack of habitat.

## 5.2.2.5 Amphibians and Reptiles

A review of the ORAA species list for the natural heritage squares encompassing the Study Area indicated eight reptiles and 11 amphibian species have habitat ranges that overlap with the Study Area. (Ontario Nature 2016). The majority of reptile and amphibian species recorded within the applicable area are provincially ranked S5 (very common, demonstrably secure), S4 (common to very common, apparently secure), or SNA (not applicable for conservation activities). Four herptile species are listed as provincially vulnerable or species of conservation concern, Western Chorus Frog (Pseudacris triseriata), Blanding's Turtle (Emydoidea blandingii), Northern Map Turtle (Graptemys geographica), Snapping Turtle (Chelydra serpentina). Field investigations conducted during the development of the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) detected the presence of American Toad (Anaxyrus americanus), Green Frog (Lithobates clamitans), Northern Leopard Frog (Lithobates pipiens), Eastern Gartersnake (Thamnophis sirtalis), and Snapping Turtle. Snapping Turtle was observed on the road near a small pond on a residential property within the Part 'B' Study Corridor. Still, it is possible Snapping Turtle could use the Study Area for certain life stages (e.g., nesting). Field investigations as a part of the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) also identified several areas that could serve as amphibian breeding pools. These breeding pools are not located with the ROW of the proposed road works. No reptile or amphibian species were observed during the Wood investigations.

### 5.2.2.6 Invertebrates

Two invertebrate species were documented in the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016), Monarch butterfly and a chimney crayfish species. Monarch butterfly is provincially listed as S2N,S4B, which means non-breeding Monarch in the province are imperilled while breeding Monarch are apparently secure. Monarch is also listed as a Special Concern in the ESA. Currently, no individual or habitat protection is offered to Monarch butterflies under the ESA. In addition to the chimney crayfish findings in the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016), Wood investigations found two crayfish chimneys and a crayfish moulted exoskeleton near





crossing GT2 during the August 2017 aquatic field investigations. Subsequent year records indicate that crayfish are currently utilizing the area. In Ontario, there are two species of crayfish that are semi-terrestrial and that are primary or secondary burrowers. These are the Devil Crayfish (*Lacunicambarus diogenes*) and the Digger Crayfish (*Creaserinus fodiens*). These two crayfish species are provincially vulnerable (S3) but are not listed under the ESA. A third species is aquatic but may also create terrestrial burrows; this species is the Calico Crayfish (*Faxonius immunis*). The Calico Crayfish is provincially listed as apparently secure (S4) and not listed under the ESA. In Ecoregion 7E, Terrestrial Crayfish Habitat is Significant Wildlife Habitat (OMNRF, 2015). However, agricultural fields are not considered SWH. Additionally, if provincially vulnerable species are present, habitat may be regarded as SWH under Special Concern and Rare Wildlife Species SWH (Section 7.1.2).

# 6.0 Species of Conservation Concern

In Ontario, Species of conservation concern include species at risk as well as rare and rapidly declining species. Species at Risk (SAR) are both plant and animal species whose individuals or populations are considered Extirpated, Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern, as determined by the provincial Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario (COSSARO) and the federal Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC).

Provincially rare species are those with a provincial rank (sub-national rank) of S1, S2, or S3 and considered provincially vulnerable to imperiled. Provincially rare species are tracked by the Natural Heritage Information Center (NHIC) and provincially rarity does not automatically provide listing under the ESA. These species are acknowledged in this report as they are considered rare within the province of Ontario and should be taken into consideration for planning purposes.

Species occurrence was based on a Secondary Source Review and information collected as part of the field investigations. Note that data in some atlases are presented on a 10 km<sup>2</sup> grid square, and NHIC data is presented in a 1 km<sup>2</sup> grid square. The Study Area is a small portion of the grid squares, and it is therefore not certain all species indicated in atlas records will occur in the Study Area. Habitat type, size, connectivity, and availability will contribute to species use. The majority of the species found in Secondary Sources do not have the potential to occur in the Study Area, and in other cases, consultation and fieldwork were required to rule out the presence of species. Species that required additional correspondence or surveys were Reside Dace (*Clinostomus elongatus*), Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*), Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*), Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) and SAR bats (*Myotis* species and *Perimyotis* species). **Table 6-1** indicates which species have a Moderate to High probability of occurring in the Study Area.

A summary of SAR known to the Study Area as documented from Secondary Source Review and field investigations is provided in **Table 6-1**. The probabilities of occurrence are defined as 'High', 'Moderate', 'Low', and 'None' and are based on the following definitions:

- High: Those species recorded in the vicinity of the Study Area (typically within 10 km and recorded in the past 20 years) and whose preferred habitat is abundant within the Project Location. Species with high probability of occurrence would be expected to breed within or frequently use the habitats available within the Study Area and would be known to have a high relative abundance within the region (i.e., compared to other regions in Ontario).
- Moderate: Those species in the vicinity of the Study Area but have limited suitable habitat within the







Study Area. Species with moderate probabilities of occurrence may not occur within the Study Area frequently, but may intermittently use it for foraging, migration or movement to other parts of their home-range.

- Low: Those species recorded in the vicinity of the Project Location, but whose preferred habitat does not occur or is extremely limited within the Study Area. These species may intermittently move through the Study Area but are unlikely to become permanent residents.
- None: Those species whose preferred habitat is completely absent from the Study Area and may only migrate intermittently through the Study Area.

As noted herein, species identified as endangered and threated are provided protection under the ESA. Those species, identified as special concern, are not afforded protection under Sections 9 and 10 of the ESA however, may be afforded protection as part of SWH. As such, due diligence should be enforced if a special concern species or their habitat is determined present.

A visual record of Species of Conservation Concern is provided in Figure **6-1**. This figure does not provide the locations of any restricted species records (no restricted species were documented). Combined sightings from previous studies and Wood staff of Barn Swallow flyovers, Northern Leopard Frog, and crayfish chimneys are provided.



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Figure 6-1 Species of Conservation Concern Observations in Part 'A' Study Corridor



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# Table 6-1 Probability of Terrestrial Species of Conservation Concern Occurring within the Study Area

Species Name and Status	Probability of Occurrence within the Study Areas based on Habitat Requirements	Observed During Wood Investigations?
<u>Fish</u>		
Redside Dace ( <i>Clinostomus elongatus</i> ) ESA- Endangered	Further correspondence with MNRF confirmed the presence of Redside Dace within the West Humber River located outside the Study Area and habitat regulations no longer apply to Robinson Creek. Furthermore, Robinson Creek and its tributaries do not have SAR records for over 20 years (Appendix A). Based on the proposed works and road alignments associated with the Study Area, no impact to Redside Dace residing in West Humber River, west of the Study Area, is anticipated and therefore, Redside Dace is not considered further within this NEAR.	Νο
<u>Birds (Aves)</u>		
Acadian Flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax virescens</i> ) ESA- Endangered Record Source: OBBA	<b>Low</b> - Acadian Flycatcher was documented in the OBBA in the 10 km by 10 km grid square. The Acadian Flycatcher is typically found in mature, shady forests with ravines, like those north of the Study Area along the Humber River, or in forested swamps with lots of maple and beech trees. There is no preferred habitat in the Study Area and therefore it is unlikely to occur.	Νο
Bank Swallow ( <i>Riparia riparia</i> ) ESA-Threatened Record Source: OBBA	<b>Low/Moderate</b> – Reported as observed within the two 10 x 10 km breeding bird atlas squares which encompass the Study Areas and potentially suitable banks for nesting were observed downstream of the CT8 Crossing as habitat. The Bank Swallow breeds in a variety of natural and artificial sites with vertical banks, including riverbanks, lake and ocean bluffs, aggregate pits, road cuts, and stock piles of soil. Sand-silt substrates are preferred for excavating nest burrows. Breeding sites are often situated near open terrestrial habitat used for aerial foraging (e.g., grasslands, meadows, pastures, and agricultural cropland). Large wetlands are used as communal nocturnal roost sites during post-breeding, migration, and wintering periods (COSEWIC, 2013). Limited suitable habitat exists for this species within the Study Areas, and	Νο

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Species Name and Status	Probability of Occurrence within the Study Areas based on Habitat Requirements	Observed During Wood Investigations?
	communal nocturnal roost site habitat is absent from the site. Bank Swallow is not carried through to the impact assessment.	
Barn Swallow	<b>High</b> - Observed in both Part 'A' and Part 'B' Study Areas during Wood field investigations.	Yes
(Hirundo rustica)	Barn Swallow is listed as Threatened under the ESA and designated as Threatened by COSEWIC.	
ESA- Threatened	The Barn Swallow has become associated with human settlements and will nest in and on	
Record Source: OBBA, MESP, EIS (Savanta 2017)	artificial structures, including garages, houses, bridges and road culverts (a common location for nesting). This species also prefers various open habitats for foraging. Barn Swallows will use the same nests year after year. The majority of the Study Areas provides suitable habitat for the Barn Swallow as it is open habitat, with agricultural lands, cleared ROW, road culverts and artificial structures. Watercourse crossing culverts were inspected, and no Barn Swallow nests were observed. However, 29 individual Barn Swallows were recorded at 13 breeding bird survey locations during the field investigations in the Study Area ( <b>Figure 6-1</b> ). Also reported in the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) are observations of Barn Swallow and Barn Swallow nests. The presence or absence of Barn Swallow habitat will need to be determined in Detailed Design.	
	Barn Swallow receives Provincial and Federal protection. Barn Swallow is listed as Threatened under the ESA and the SARA. As such, this species is afforded protection at the individual and habitat levels. Currently, the MNRF has defined the regulated habitat of Barn Swallow as (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, 2018): Category 1. Nest Category 2. The area within 5 m of the nest Category 3. The area between 5 m and 200 m of the nest	





Species Name and Status	Probability of Occurrence within the Study Areas based on Habitat Requirements	Observed During Wood Investigations?
Bobolink ( <i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i> ) ESA- Threatened	Formerly Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark nested in tallgrass prairies of south-central Canada and various grassland habitats such as wet prairie, graminoid peatlands, abandoned fields dominated by tall grasses, and remnants of uncultivated prairie (COSEWIC 2010). Most of tallgrass prairie lands have been converted for agricultural use. Grassland birds have adapted to	Νο
Record Source: MNRF Correspondence and OBBA, MESP, EIS (Savanta	nesting in forage crops and older fields with the development of grassy hummocks and, in the case of Eastern Meadowlark, occasional shrub/woody vegetation scattered throughout.	
2017)	Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark receive Provincial and Federal protection, and both are listed as Threatened under the ESA and the SARA. As such, this species is afforded protection at the	
Eastern Meadowlark ( <i>Sturnella magna</i> )	individual and habitat levels. However, general habitat protection does not apply to where a species formerly occurred, and the fallow fields that occurred during the MESP (Aquafor Beech	
ESA- Threatened	Limited 2016) are no longer present due to the transition to active agricultural lands (agriculture is exempt from the ESA). Consequently, not only were observations of these species	
Record Source: OBBA, MNRF Correspondence,	much lower during Wood investigations, extensive habitat for these species may no longer exist in the Study Area. The presence or absence of Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark habitat will	
MESP and NHIC record	need to be confirmed in Detailed Design. Currently, the defined regulated habitat of Bobolink (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, 2016a) is: Category 1. Nest and the area within 10 m of the nest	
	Category 2. The area between 10 m and 60 m of the nest or centre of approximated defended territory	
	or approximated centre of the defended territory.	
	<b>Bobolink Moderate</b> – The MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) recorded 155 Bobolink within the Study Areas mainly breeding in hayfields and, to a lesser extent, cultural meadow (Aquafor	

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Species Name and Status	Probability of Occurrence within the Study Areas based on Habitat Requirements	Observed During Wood Investigations?
	<ul> <li>Beech Limited 2016). Wood conducted Breeding Bird Surveys and a single male Bobolink was observed at a survey station within the Part 'B' Study Corridor. Currently there is limited suitable habitat within the Study Areas so there is only moderate probability of this species using the habitats available, should more hay fields be planted in future the probability of this species occurring would increase.</li> <li><b>Eastern Meadowlark Moderate</b> - Reported in the Study Area by MNRF and within the two 10 x 10 km breeding bird atlas squares which encompass the Study Areas by the OBBA. The MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) recorded 8 Meadowlarks within the Study Area mainly breeding in hay fields and to a lesser extent cultural meadow. No Eastern Meadowlark was observed by Wood. Currently there is limited suitable habitat within the Study Areas so there is only moderate probability of this species using the habitats available, should more hay fields be planted in future the probability of this species using the habitats available, should more hay fields be planted in future the probability of this species using the habitats available, should more hay fields be planted in future the probability of this species occurring would increase.</li> </ul>	
Caspian Tern ( <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> ) Provincially ranked S3B Record Source: None	<b>Low</b> - Reported as observed within the two 10 x 10 km breeding bird atlas squares which encompass the Study Areas and observed flying over the Part 'B' Study Area during Wood field investigations. This species is associated with habitats near water, marshes, islands in lakes and rivers and shorelines (Cornell Lab of Ornithology 2015). It is likely that Caspian Tern was travelling over the Study Area as no suitable nesting habitat is present.	Νο
Chimney Swift (Chaetura pelagica) ESA- Threatened Record Source: OBBA	<b>Low</b> - Reported as observed within the two 10 x 10 km breeding bird atlas squares which encompass the Study Areas. Due to the land clearing associated with colonization, hollow trees became increasingly rare, which led Chimney Swifts to move into house chimneys. Today, the species is mainly associated with areas where the birds can find chimneys to use as nesting and resting sites, however, it is likely that a small portion of the population continues to use hollow trees (COSEWIC 2007). Within the Study Areas, there are no adequate chimney or hollow trees	Νο







Species Name and Status	Probability of Occurrence within the Study Areas based on Habitat Requirements	Observed During Wood Investigations?
	It is probable the OBBA records captured travelling or foraging swifts using nesting habitat outside of the Study Area.	
Common Nighthawk ( <i>Chordeiles minor</i> ) ESA- Special Concern Record Source: OBBA	<b>Low</b> - Reported as observed within the two 10 x 10 km breeding bird atlas squares which encompass the Study Areas. Common Nighthawk nests in a wide range of open, vegetation-free habitats, including dunes, beaches, recently cleared forests, grasslands, pastures, peat bogs, marshes, lakeshores, and river banks (COSEWIC 2007b). Very limited suitable habitat for the Common Nighthawk occurs within the Study Areas.	Νο
Eastern Wood-Pewee ( <i>Contopus virens</i> ) ESA- Special Concern Record Source: OBBA and MESP	<ul> <li>Moderate - Eastern Wood-Pewee uses a range of deciduous and mixed forests with a sparse shrub and ground layer. This species prefers to nest on forest edges or in clearings (MNRF 2016a). This species will also use smaller woodlots, orchards, as well as trees along roadsides or in urban environments (Cornell Lab of Ornithology 2015). These habitats are available in the Study Area, though habitat is not abundant. Suitable habitat to the north along the Humber River and south along the West Humber River occurs.</li> <li>Eastern Wood-pewee is reported as observed within the OBBA and during breeding bird surveys undertaken for the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016; one individual in the first survey). However, breeding was not confirmed, and the individual could have been migrating through. Eastern-Wood-pewee has a moderate chance to migrate through the Study Area but a low probability of breeding in the Study Area. Eastern Wood-pewee is listed as Special Concern do not receive species or habitat protection. However, this species is considered under Special Concern and Rare Wildlife Species SWH (Section 7.1.2).</li> </ul>	Νο
Grasshopper Sparrow	<b>Moderate</b> - Grasshopper Sparrow is reported in the southern OBBA atlas square. Grasshopper Sparrow is a grassland species and will nest in hayfields, pastures and occasionally agricultural	Νο

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Species Name and Status	Probability of Occurrence within the Study Areas based on Habitat Requirements	Observed During Wood Investigations?
( <i>Ammodramus</i> <i>savannarum</i> ) ESA- Special Concern Record Source: OBBA	grain fields (MNRF 2016). As with Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark, there is currently limited suitable habitat available for this species within the Study Area, but the present habitat will fluctuate year to year based on the crops planted. Grasshopper Sparrow has a moderate chance to occur (depending on the crop rotation) and low probability of breeding as it has not been confirmed in the past, even when habitat was suitable for grassland birds. Grasshopper Sparrow is listed as Special Concern under the <i>Endangered Species Act</i> (ESA) and the <i>Species at Risk Act</i> (SARA). Species listed as Special Concern do not receive species or habitat protection.	
Wood Thrush ( <i>Hylocichla mustelina</i> ) ESA- Special Concern Record Source: OBBA	<b>Low</b> - Reported as observed within the two 10 x 10 km breeding bird atlas squares which encompass the Study Areas. This species prefers mature deciduous and mixed forests with a rich understory (MNRF 2016a). There is very limited suitable habitat within the Study Areas.	Νο
<u>Mammals (Mammalia)</u>		
Eastern Small-footed Myotis ( <i>Myotis leibii</i> ) ESA- Endangered Record Source: AMO and BCI	<b>Low</b> – The Eastern Small-footed Bat is one of the less common species found to hibernate in Ontario. Caves and mines serve as significant hibernacula while streams and ponds serve as foraging areas. In the spring and summer, Eastern small-footed Bats roost in a variety of habitats, including in or under rocks, in rock outcrops, in buildings, under bridges, or in caves, mines, or hollow trees. The Study Area lacks rocky areas and has limited woodlands. The probability of these species roosting in the Study Area is low (MNRF 2016a).	Νο
Little Brown Myotis ( <i>Myotis lucifugus</i> ) ESA- Endangered	<b>Low</b> - The Little Brown Bat is wide-spread throughout the southern half of Canada and is especially associated with humans, often forming nursery colonies in buildings, attics, and other man-made structures (BCI 2016). Little Brown Bats forage over water where their diet consists of aquatic insects, mainly midges, mosquitoes, mayflies, and caddisflies. They also feed over	Νο

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Species Name and Status	Probability of Occurrence within the Study Areas based on Habitat Requirements	Observed During Wood Investigations?
Record Source: AMO and BCI	forest trails, cliff faces, meadows, and farmland where they consume a wide variety of insects, from moths and beetles to crane flies (BCI 2016). Species is likely foraging over the Study Area, but it is unlikely to be roosting due to lack of forested habitat.	
Northern Myotis ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ) ESA- Endangered Record Source: AMO and BCI	<b>Low</b> - The Northern Long-eared Bat is one of the less common species found to hibernate in Ontario. This species is closely associated with boreal forests and choose loose bark and tree cavities to roost. Boreal habitat (aspens, birch, and a variety of coniferous trees) does not occur in the Study Area. The lack of preferred habitat makes it unlikely Northern Myotis would be found in the Study Area (MNRF 2016a).	No
Tri-colored Bat ( <i>Perimyotis subflavus</i> ) ESA- Endangered Record Source: AMO and BCI	<b>Low</b> – The Tri-colored Bat (formerly known as the Eastern Pipistrelle) is one of the most common species of bats found throughout the eastern forests of America - from Nova Scotia and Quebec, south throughout the east coast of Mexico into northern Central America. Their range in Ontario is limited to the south. They are not often found in buildings or in deep woods, seeming to prefer edge habitats near areas of mixed agricultural use (BCI 2016). Species could be foraging over the Study Area, but it is unlikely to be roosting due to lack of forested habitat.	Νο
Amphibians and Reptiles (A	mphibia and Reptilia)	
Eastern Ribbonsnake ( <i>Thamnophis sauritus</i> ) ESA- Special Concern Record Source: ORAA	<b>Low-</b> Reported as observed within the two 10 x 10 km Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas squares, which encompass the Study Areas. The Eastern Ribbonsnake is usually found close to water, especially in marshes, where it hunts for frogs and small fish.	Νο
Northern Map Turtle (Graptemys geographica)	<b>Low</b> – Reported as observed within the two 10 x 10 km Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas squares which encompass the Study Areas. The Northern Map Turtle occupies rivers, lakes,	Νο





Species Name and Status	Probability of Occurrence within the Study Areas based on Habitat Requirements	Observed During Wood Investigations?
ESA- Special Concern	streams, and creeks that are well-oxygenated. The habitat must also contain suitable basking sites that are adjacent to deep water and provide an unobstructed view (COSEWIC 2012b). This	
Record source: ORAA	species may be present within the watercourses within the Study Areas and may use the adjacent terrestrial habitat for nesting.	
Snapping Turtle	<b>High</b> – The preferred habitat for the Snapping Turtle is characterized by slow-moving water	No
(Chelydra serpentina);	with a soft mud bottom and dense aquatic vegetation. Females generally nest on sand and	
ESA- Special Concern	gravel banks along waterways (COSEWIC 2008b). Limited suitable aquatic and some nesting	
	habitat exists throughout the Study Area, resulting in a high possibility for Snapping Turtle	
Record Source: ORAA,	occupancy. Snapping Turtle was reported within the two 10 x 10 km Ontario Reptile and	
MESP	Amphibian Atlas squares, which encompass the Study Areas and observed in Part 'B' Study Area	
	during Wood field investigations. Snapping Turtle species was also found previously during	
	field investigations for the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016). Snapping Turtle is listed as	
	Special Concern under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Species at Risk Act (SARA).	
	Species listed as Special Concern do not receive species or habitat protection. However, it is	
	considered under Special Concern and Rare Wildlife Species SWH (Section 7.1.2).	
Western Chorus Frog –	Low - Ongoing losses of habitat and breeding sites for this small frog due to suburban	No
Great Lakes / St. Lawrence	expansion and alteration in farming practices have resulted in losses of populations and	
– Canadian Shield	isolation of remaining habitat patches (MNRF 2016a). The Western Chorus frog inhabits forest	
Population	openings around woodland ponds but can also be found in or near damp meadows, marshes,	
(Pseudacris triseriata)	bottomland swamps and temporary ponds in open country, or even urban areas (Ontario	
SARA- Threatened	Nature 2016). Limited suitable habitat occurs within the Study Areas; however, remnant	
Provincially Ranked: S3	populations have been found in the area as recently as 2011 (ORAA, 2020). It is unlikely this	
	species is currently found within the Study Area. However, with restoration and improved	
Record Source: ORAA	connectivity to the NHS, there is a chance this species could be found in the Study Area post-	
	restoration. Western Chorus Frog is not listed under the Endangered Species Act but is listed as	

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Species Name and Status	Probability of Occurrence within the Study Areas based on Habitat Requirements	Observed During Wood Investigations?
	Threatened under the Species at Risk Act (SARA).	
Invertebrates		
Monarch ( <i>Danaus plexippus</i> ) ESA- Special Concern Provincially Ranked: S2N,S4B Record Source: MESP, EIS (Savanta 2017)	<b>High</b> – The primary food source of this species (when in its caterpillar life stage) is Common Milkweed, which was observed at multiple locations within the Study Areas. No Monarchs were observed during Wood field investigations, and Monarch was reported during the field investigations for the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016). It is most likely that this species occurs in the Study Area during nectaring periods and not during migration or breeding. Monarch is listed as Special Concern under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Species at Risk Act (SARA). Species listed as Special Concern do not receive species or habitat protection. However, Monarch is considered under Special Concern and Rare Wildlife Species SWH (Section 7.1.2).	Νο
Digger Crayfish ( <i>Fallicambarus fodiens</i> ) Provincially ranked S3B Record Source: MESP and Field Investigations	<b>High</b> – Chimney crayfish are currently utilizing the area ( <b>Figure 6-1 and Section 7.1.2</b> ), and the crayfish are one of three species, Devil Crayfish, Digger Crayfish, or Calico Crayfish ( <i>Faxonius immunis</i> ). The Devil Crayfish constructs colonies of burrows in wet meadows and marshes. Areas used typically have standing water at least in the spring. Within Ontario, this species range is limited to the southwestern area of the province. As such, it is highly unlikely that this species created the chimneys present in the Study Area. The Digger Crayfish is usually associated with marshy fields, drainage ditches, marshes, ponds or in the dry ground far from permanent surface water and near temporary streams (OMNRF 2014). This species has a broader range and is found throughout southern Ontario. The Calico Crayfish inhabits slow-moving streams, ponds and lakes, marshes and roadside ditches. Calico Crayfish constructs deep burrows and can survive in temporary waters (Crayfish Ontario, 2017). The range of this species is centralized in southern Ontario; however, this species has also been found in northern Ontario (Cray Lake, Sudbury District and Snake Bay in Lake of the Woods) (Crayfish	Yes

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Species Name and Status	Probability of Occurrence within the Study Areas based on Habitat Requirements	Observed During Wood Investigations?
	Ontario, 2017). Like the other burrowing species, the Calico Crayfish is found in many habitats that are vulnerable and subject to pressure from agriculture and urbanization. Calico Crayfish population is more stable than the chimney crayfish as its Canadian range is somewhat broader as it is not an obligate burrower and has a broader ecological niche and distribution. Furthermore, this species is more tolerant of organic pollution and low oxygen requirements, which allows the species to occupy habitats that would be unsuitable for less tolerant crayfish species (Crayfish Ontario, 2017).	
	Given the habitat available on in the Study Area and the location of the Study Area, the observed chimneys are likely the result of Digger Crayfish or Calico Crayfish. Precise identification of the species present in the Study Area was not possible, as individuals were not observed during the site investigations. Additionally, these species spend much of their time within their burrows and typically emerge at night to feed, further increasing the difficulty of species identification.	
	The Digger Crayfish is provincially vulnerable (S3) but is not listed under the ESA and does not receive species or habitat protection. Calico Crayfish is provincially ranked S4 (apparently secure) and not listed under the ESA and does not receive species or habitat protection. However, terrestrial crayfish is considered under Special Concern and Rare Wildlife Species SWH (Section 7.1.2).	

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# 7.0 Ecological Significance and Function

Concurrent with other field investigations, habitats were assessed for significant wildlife habitat attributes such as vernal pooling, dens, burrows and tree cavities. The Study Areas are characterized by large amounts of cultural land use and fragmentation. Approximately 93.4% of the Study Area includes agricultural fields, existing roadways, and developed lands in the form of residential, commercial and institutional buildings. Existing terrestrial features are overrun with non-native and invasive species such as European Buckthorn, which is spreading prolifically, preventing the natural growth of native trees and shrubs. There are no Provincially or Regionally significant woodlands or valleylands within the Study Area.

Criteria for identifying significant valleylands are included in the Peel Region Official Plan, and the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) determined that the West Humber River and The Clarkway Tributary met criteria for designation as significant valleylands (Savanta 2017). The limits of valleylands were staked by Savanta, TRCA, and the City (Savanta 2017). The valleylands and woodlands are also significant as they can act as wildlife corridors providing habitat linkages and, therefore, movement corridors to more extensive tracts of habitat outside the Study Areas.

# 7.1 Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH)

Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) is considered of Provincial significance in Ontario. Development in SWH is prohibited unless it can be demonstrated that development will have no negative impact on features and functions. Within Ecoregion 7E, criteria for evaluating Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) are provided in MNRF Ecoregion schedules for Ecoregion 7E (MNRF 2015). Other Provincial documents used to identify and assess SWH is the Natural Heritage Resource Manual (MNR 2010) and the SWH Technical Guide (MNR 2000). In addition, the Town of Caledon and the Region of Peel prepared the "Peel-Caledon Significant Wildlife Habitat Study" in 2009. This study sets a precedent for the significance of wildlife habitat in the Region of Peel.

The MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) and EIS (Savanta 2017) evaluated and reject the majority of the SWH criteria as either habitat requirements or species are not present. Subsequent to a further evaluation by Wood, applicable SWH for the Study Area include Turtle Nesting Areas and habitat for Special Concern and Rare Wildlife Species. These SWH types meet the listed habitat requirements and there is a reasonable chance of indicator species occurrence and abundance. The only confirmed SWH in the Study Area is Terrestrial Crayfish SWH.

# 7.1.1 Turtle Nesting SWH

Turtle Nesting areas on the sides of municipal or provincial road embankments and shoulders are not SWH. However, the presence of a Snapping Turtle during Wood Investigations and during MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) investigations could indicate potential Turtle Nesting Areas SWH if non-road areas that provide sand and gravel are available. Five or more Midland Painted Turtles or one Snapping Turtle nesting in the appropriate habitat would confirm SWH; until such a time, Turtle Nesting is Candidate SWH. As the specific locations for nesting are unidentified in the Study Area, they are assumed to fall within appropriate ELC communities, which are protected within the NHS. Impacts on potential Turtle Nesting SWH is considered in the impact assessment and enhancement opportunities.







# 7.1.2 Special Concern and Rare Wildlife Species SWH

Special Concern and Rare Wildlife Species applies to all special concern and provincially rare (S1-S3, SH) wildlife species. To confirm the SWH, studies need to be completed during the time of year when the species is present and easily identifiable, and the area of habitat to the finest ELC scale is the SWH. Grasshopper Sparrow, and Western Chorus Frog were not confirmed in the Study Area by Wood or in the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016), and therefore are not considered further.

### **Snapping Turtle**

One juvenile Snapping Turtle (Special Concern in Ontario) was observed in the south end of Gore Road Tributary within Mineral Meadow Marsh during the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) investigations and in the north end of the Gore Road Tributary on the road during Wood investigations (both outside of the Study Area). Although SWH for turtles has not been confirmed, the observations of a juvenile indicate there is potential habitat on or in the vicinity of Area 47 and therefore is carried forward to the impact assessment.

### Monarch

Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*; Special Concern in Ontario) was observed in several locations in Area 47. The species was recorded outside of the migratory and breeding seasons, and therefore it is expected that it was using the Study Area for nectaring (Savanta 2017). As Monarch is not migrating or breeding in the Study Area, it was not carried forward to the impact assessment.

### Eastern Wood-Pewee

One Eastern Wood-Pewee (Special Concern in Ontario) was observed in Area 47 in the north end of the Gore Road Tributary in the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016; within SWD 4-1). There is a low/moderate chance of Eastern Wood-Pewee occurring in the Study Area, and it has not been documented since the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) surveys. Habitat for Eastern Wood-Pewee is not carried forward to the impact assessment.

## 7.1.3 Terrestrial Crayfish SWH

Several crayfish chimneys were found during the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) and Wood investigations. More chimneys were found in Part B than Part A, and Part B locations are discussed here for context. In Part A the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) also found chimneys along Rainbow Creek Tributary north of Countryside Drive in a Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh (MAS2-1) (**Figure 6-1**). In Part B the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) found chimneys along dry sections in the north end of the Gore Road Tributary, in a Mineral Cultural Thicket (CUT) and a Willow Mineral Deciduous Swamp (SWD4-1). Wood investigations found crayfish in the agricultural fields near GT2 crossing at the south end of the Gore Road Tributary.

Meadow marshes (MA), swamps (SW), and cultural meadows (CUM) are considered SWH if chimneys are found. Therefore, the SWD4-1 in Part 'B' and the MAS2-1 in Part 'A' are Confirmed as Terrestrial Crayfish SWH. Terrestrial Crayfish SWH is within the NHS and will be carried forward to the impact assessment.



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# 8.0 Natural Heritage System and the Rainbow Creek Crossing

Although the current landscape is largely comprised of agricultural landuse and several drainage swales, the future NHS is to be considered as an existing condition and help frame future development and provide context of how future policies will impact such developments. The NHS, comprised of woodlands and wildlife habitat, was established for the Study Area in the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016). The NHS will achieve no net loss and, if possible, a net gain in natural heritage features following project completion. Ample opportunities to link, restore and enhance the ecological integrity of the Study Area are available especially in relation to the Rainbow Creek Tributary, which was observed to have a limited ecological function.

Rainbow Creek is classified as an intermittent small riverine warmwater system that lacks specialized fish species, piscivores and mussels. The majority of flows occur during the spring freshet and following storm events. The lands surrounding Rainbow Creek have been maintained under active agriculture and have historically been realigned and straightened for agricultural purposes (Savanta 2018). Limited tree, shrub, and wetland communities occur around Rainbow Creek.

There are three road crossings of Rainbow Creek proposed, Arterial A2, Countryside Drive, and Coleraine Drive, which will fragment the proposed NHS and reduce genetic diversity and increase wildlife mortality on roads (Savanta 2018). Therefore, wildlife crossings are being implemented at the three road crossings. The wildlife crossings at Countryside Drive and Coleraine Drive were previously set before the Arterial A2 crossing was confirmed. The Arterial A2 crossing must consider the intersection between Arterial A2, Coleraine Drive, and E-W Arterial as well as wildlife connectivity. As the other two wildlife crossings, Countryside Drive and Coleraine Drive, were set the Arterial A2 crossing is somewhat limited in design. To ensure similar sized species were able to access all three wildlife crossings and not constrained or limited in corridor usage, the dimensions (i.e., Openness Ratio) had to remain consistent in Arterial A2 wildlife crossing. Additionally, current and predicted wildlife use is not fully understood in this corridor. The MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) and Addendum (Savanta 2018) designed the Rainbow Creek crossing for herptiles and small to medium-sized mammals. However, the TRCA requested White-tailed Deer be considered as a target animal for the Rainbow Creek crossing as well.

As such, series of design alternatives were developed and assessed to arrive at a preferred location and design for the Rainbow Creek crossing. Ultimately the preferred alternative incorporated a single intersection (single bridge) over Rainbow Creek as any other option would result in significantly longer segments of roadway located within the future NHS. It is also important to note, the Rainbow Creek crossing is constrained by commitments made with respect to the Community Park at the intersection of Clarkway Drive and E-W Arterial and to keep industrial properties between Coleraine Drive and Rainbow Creek NHS suitably sized and shaped for industrial development. The preferred alternative identified to be carried forward into detailed design was assessed in consultation with the TRCA and was approved In Principle on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

The design approved In Principle by TRCA requested that the following are included:

- The design meets hydraulic requirements.
- Lost NHS area and any loss of flood storage resulting from the crossing are compensated elsewhere along the corridor;







- Minimum openness ratio of 0.6 is achieved; this may require design measures such as introducing retaining structures, changing road profile and grading or any combination thereof; and
- The design adheres to the underlying principle of the Rainbow Creek Corridor Design, which has a focus on animal passage and connectivity.

The proposed corridor design presented in the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) achieves the hydraulic objectives outlined in The Hydraulic Assessment Report. The preferred alternative incorporates these hydraulic objectives, and corridor design also considers any loss in flood storage as a result of crossing structures and compensate adequately. Creating wildlife habitat and providing safe passage for wildlife will support wildlife populations, assist in preventing the loss of biodiversity, and help protect the integrity of the landscape (Savanta 2018). All crossings have been re-designed, and all crossings achieve the minimum openness ratio of 0.6. **Table 8-1** provides dimensions and Openness Ratios for crossings associated with the Study Area. Crossings contain a large enough Openness Ratio to support the movement of target species (White-tailed Deer), small and medium mammals, amphibians, and reptiles.

Table 8-1	The type and	characteristics	of each	crossing a	long Ra	inbow C	reek

Crossing Location	Culvert Type	Dimensions	Openness Ratio [rise x span] / length
Arterial A2 and Coleraine Drive (Alternative 1B)	Span Bridge	2.25 m (H) x 25 m (W) x 75 m (L)	0.75
Countryside Drive	Span Bridge	2.0 m (H) x 17 m (W) x 53.4 m (L)	0.64
Coleraine Drive (North)	Span Bridge	2.2 m (H) x 17 m (W) x 47.3 m (L)	0.79

# 9.0 Assessment of Potential Impacts

The following section has been prepared to provide a summary of potential direct and indirect impacts to the natural environment relative to the Project works and provides recommended measures and strategies to avoid, minimize and/or reduce impacts and associated risks. The evaluation of potential impacts of the proposed project treats the proposed NHS as an existing condition.

# 9.1 Proposed Project

The City and Region's proposed road improvements are required due to future projected capacity requirements. In order to meet the requirements of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Class EA process, three planning alternatives were assessed and evaluated based on 2031 travel demands. Aquatic crossings were used to evaluate the alternatives regarding natural heritage resources.







The Alternative 1- "Do Nothing" approach had no impact on aquatic crossings while Alternative 2- "As Planned" would have the greatest impact on aquatic crossings as it would require four new creek crossings. Alternative 3- "Increased Network Connectivity" focused on implementing an integrated active transportation network, increasing roadway capacity and limiting the impacts that these changes may have on the environment. A series of three sub-alternatives were developed for Alternative 3, Transportation Network Option 3A, 3B, and 3C.

All Alternative 3 options will require three new creek crossings. Of the Alternative 3 options, Alternative 3C creates the least amount of natural environment impact, excluding the "Do Nothing" alternative, as it does not require the widening of Clarkway Drive over the Clarkway Tributary. Alternative 3C but is preferred to the "Do Nothing" alternative as planned growth makes the latter option infeasible. It was concluded in the alternative assessment that Alternative 3C was the preliminary preferred solution and was refined and developed into the recommended road network.

Two special policy areas were identified as requiring additional study, the intersection of Arterial A2 and Mayfield Road and the intersection between Arterial A2, Coleraine Drive, and E-W Arterial. Four alternatives for the intersection of Arterial A2 and Mayfield Road were established and Alternative 3, T-intersection of Arterial A2 at Mayfield Road, was selected which does not require an additional crossing over Clarkway Creek. Five alternatives for the intersection between Arterial A2, Coleraine Drive, and E-W Arterial were established. Alternative 3, Single Intersection at Narrowest Crossing of Rainbow Creek, was selected reducing the number of creek crossings and infrastructure in the NHS.

## 9.2 **Potential Aquatic Ecosystem Impacts**

Possible impacts from the proposed construction and improvements may include the alteration of water levels and the change in the pattern of surface water flow and shallow groundwater movement. Surface water runoff from the proposed roadways may also introduce contaminants (e.g., salts or sediments). Potential impacts to fish and fish habitat are anticipated to be limited but may include the following:

- Removal of riparian vegetation could result in increased water temperatures and instability in channel banks;
- The project works associated with new culvert installation or installation of culvert extensions within permanent fish habitat will require temporary in-water works and associated timing restrictions;
- Introduction of pollutants, concrete outwash and other deleterious substances (e.g., sediment, salt, paint, solvents, oil and grease) into the watercourse;
- Changes in stream channel structure and water clarity;
- Roadside drainage could increase the input of pollutants; and
- Removal of rocks, woody debris, and/or riparian vegetation from the banks may alter natural habitat features and bank stability.

The MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) acknowledged that urban development can alter or eliminate headwater drainage features (HDFs) and, as a result, have broad implications for water quality and quantity, recharge/infiltration, and overall health of downstream habitats and the aquatic and terrestrial integrity within watersheds. All HDF's in Part "A" Study Corridor are classified as "Mitigation 1", "Mitigation 2", or "No







Mitigation". HDFs classified as "Mitigation 1" or "Mitigation 2" could either remain as open watercourses provided that flows can be maintained (via stormwater pond outlets, LID swales or other techniques), or be replicated using well-vegetated urban swales or wetlands (Mitigation 1), or lot-level and conveyance stormwater techniques such as LID measures. Those HDFs with "No Management" classification could be eliminated and replaced with a traditional urban major-minor drainage system.

Development opportunities and constraints, including stormwater management, will have to be assessed as development proceeds through future Block or Tertiary Planning and associated environmental studies. The Savanta 2017 EIS discusses impacts in relation to Stormwater Management Facility locations, removal of Headwater Drainage Features, and encroachment of residential lots, roadways, and trails in the NHS. The Savanta EIS should be considered in conjunction with the below during detailed design.

## 9.3 **Potential Terrestrial Ecosystem Impacts**

The vegetation communities within the Study Area have been created by human disturbance and are classified as cultural vegetation types, residential areas, and predominately agricultural fields. These are the land uses which will be primarily impacted by the planned development. Species of conservation concern should be considered as they may be present. However, the severe agricultural landscape limits the candidacy of SWH, as habitat required to delineate SWH is not available. The most substantial impact on terrestrial wildlife will be the change from a relatively penetrable landscape to an impenetrable landscape due to the increase in roads. The following potential impacts relate primarily to the impacts associated with road infrastructure:

- Direct loss of floral and faunal habitat and soil compaction resulting from vehicle and machinery operations to be calculated in detailed design;
- Reduced stability of landforms composed of unconsolidated material;
- Tree/shrub root stress and possible decline as a result of re-grading/fill placement along natural area edges and the removal of 293 trees (based on preliminary design);
- Changes in drainage which may affect aquatic and wetland habitats; and
- Air quality due to increased vehicle emissions can degrade the ambient air quality. Based on the City of Brampton Transportation Master Plan (2015), different scenarios were considered at the city-wide level to assess air quality impacts. It was determined that the preferred alternative has the lowest emission. The proposed road improvements are part of the preferred design from the City of Brampton Transportation Master Plan (2015).

Many of the usual impacts associated with a direct loss of flora and fauna are not the case for this Study Area as the severe agricultural landscape limits the amount of natural area and inherent resiliency (Aquafor Beach 2016).

# **10.0** Avoidance and Mitigation Measures

Recommended design considerations to mitigate damages to the natural environment are provided below as well as specific recommendations for aquatic and terrestrial habitats. Refer to TRCA's Crossing Guideline for Valley and Stream Corridors during detailed design to ensure TRCA's specific technical details are met.





# **10.1 Erosion and Sediment Control Mitigation**

Design and implement standard Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) measures, consistent with Ontario Provincial Standards and Specifications (OPSS), to contain/isolate the construction zone, manage site drainage/runoff and prevent erosion of exposed soils and migration of sediment. ESC measures should be implemented before the commencement of works, and maintained through all phases of the project, until vegetation is re-established, or erosion protection materials stabilize all disturbed ground. The ESC plan should include regular inspection and maintenance, and removal of non-biodegradable ESC materials once the site is stabilized. Furthermore:

- Operate, store, handle, and dispose of all materials used or generated (e.g., organics, soils, construction waste and debris, etc.) and maintain equipment in a manner that prevents the entry of any deleterious substance from entering the watercourse or contaminating the natural environment. Store and stockpile materials at a safe distance from the watercourse and ensure they are stabilized and contained as necessary.
- Prohibit or limit access to banks or areas adjacent to waterbodies, to the extent required to protect the structural integrity of the banks or shorelines. Whenever possible, operate machinery on land above the high-water mark in a manner that minimizes disturbance to the bed and banks of the waterbody.
- Ensure any part of equipment entering the watercourse, or operating from the bank, shall be free of fluid leaks, invasive species and noxious weeds and externally cleaned/degreased to prevent any deleterious substances from entering the watercourse and contamination of the natural environment. Design and implement a containment plan to isolate all work above water and keep airborne contaminants and all deleterious substances from entering the watercourse (Adherence to the Region of Peel's Salt Management Plan and the City of Brampton's Salt Management Guidelines). The containment plan should include regular inspection, removal and disposal of materials generated and use in-water scaffolding where appropriate.
- Ensure a Spill Management Plan (including spill kit materials, instructions regarding their use, education of contract personnel, and emergency contact numbers) is always present on site for implementation in the event of an accidental spill.
- Minimize the removal and clearing of natural materials such as herbaceous plants, woody debris, and
  rocks from the banks or the shoreline of the watercourse. Where vegetation is removed, incorporate
  temporary measures (e.g., biodegradable materials, nurse-crop vegetation) to provide interim
  stabilization until vegetation is fully established. Stabilize and reinforce banks to pre-disturbance
  condition (or better) using properly designed and installed stabilization measures. Restore vegetation
  according to a vegetation rehabilitation plan.
- Design and implement a vegetation rehabilitation plan to restore riparian vegetation to preconstruction state or better. Considerations:
  - Plant with site-appropriate native species and where possible, use commercial seed mats, perforated soil cloth, etc.;
  - Plant trees and shrubs for shade to cool water and provide overhead cover;
  - Design and install riparian plantings to avoid or minimize encroachment into and/or alteration of bank and bed profile;





- Re-instate native soils or replace them with topsoil/suitable planting medium and use only clean material free of particulates;
- Incorporate soil/seed bank salvage, vegetation transplant or bio-engineering (e.g., live stakes, cuttings) techniques;
- Reinstate and re-stabilize any portion of the waterbody bed/substrates disturbed during construction to pre-construction (or better) condition including morphological elements (e.g., pools and riffles) and substrates (salvage and reinstatement of native materials); and
- Integrate the provision of fish cover where feasible. Design and install in-stream cover habitat elements (e.g., woody debris structures, boulders, overhanging vegetation on banks) to replace or reinstate fish cover removed, altered or disturbed during construction.

## **10.2 Aquatic Environment Mitigation**

To mitigate damages specific to the aquatic environment, design and install culverts to prevent the creation of barriers to fish movement and maintain bankfull channel and habitat functions to the extent possible. This includes embedment of the culvert, or installing open bottom structures, reinstatement of the low flow channel and native substrates, proper sizing of the culvert, and maintaining channel slope. Additionally, conducting in-stream work during periods of low flow to allow work to be conducted during dry conditions or isolated from flows. If in-water works are required beyond the timing constraints, a Request For Review (RF) from DFO is required. The duration of in-water work should be minimized and scheduled work to avoid wet, windy and rainy periods that may increase erosion and sedimentation.

If in-water work is to occur, always design and implement an isolation/containment plan to isolate temporary in-water work zones and maintain clean flow downstream/around the work zone. The design should:

- Use only clean materials free of particulate matter for temporary cofferdams;
- Situate or otherwise manage flow withdrawal and discharge (e.g., see dewatering discharge) to prevent erosion and sediment release into a waterbody; and
- Ensure the work zone is stabilized against the impacts of high flow events during the work period.

Reinstate and re-stabilize any portion of the waterbody bed/substrates disturbed during construction to pre-construction (or better) condition, including:

- Morphological elements, e.g., pools and riffles; and
- Substrates, which may include salvage and reinstatement of native materials.
- Identify local regulatory authorities and have contact information available while on site.

Significant impacts to aquatic habitat as a result of the proposed works are not anticipated. There is potential for localized changes in hydrology and water quality due to the increase in impervious surfaces; however, mitigation measures and best management practices are expected to prevent these changes from impacting aquatic habitat.

Other considerations are the management of flows (e.g., minimum flows, seasonal flow augmentation, flushing flows) for specific aquatic habitat management goals and to mitigate other effects of flow management (e.g., fish passage, fish stranding). To avoid impacts to fishes:






- Exclude or move fish from the work area. Retain a qualified environmental professional to ensure applicable permits for relocating fish are obtained. Fish trapped within an isolated work area should be captured and relocated to adjacent channels sections outside the work area using appropriate capture, handling and release techniques to prevent harm and minimize stress.
  - A Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes (LCFSP) as part of the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* will be required to rescue and relocate fish. The LCFSP will need to be obtained by the contractor that will be undertaking the fish rescue and relocation work.
- Pumps utilized for dewatering activities should be fitted with screens or barriers to avoid entrainment and impingement of fish at water intakes during dewatering processes.
- Discharge water from dewatering activities will be directed to an area located a minimum of 30 m from a watercourse and within a vegetated area and/or onto a scour pad.

Lastly, to mitigate damages specific to the aquatic environment, avoid hard engineering (sheet pile or other vertical walls) if possible. If rock reinforcement/armouring is required, ensure that appropriately sized, clean rock is used, and that rock is installed at a similar slope to maintain a uniform bank/shoreline and natural stream/shoreline alignment.

Based on the information collected, the in-water construction timing to be considered for this project would follow that associated with timing restrictions for warmwater fish habitat where appropriate, i.e., in-water works must be conducted between July 1 and March 31. This timing is to be confirmed during future phases of the project through consultation with TRCA/MNRF/DFO.

#### **10.3 Terrestrial Environment Mitigation**

Removal of woody vegetation is recommended to occur outside of the migratory bird nesting period (April 1 to August 31) and activities will occur in accordance with the MBCA and *Migratory Bird Regulations*. These timing constraints should not be perceived as absolutes. This period represents the core breeding period, although some species may nest in March and September. Ultimately, the objective from a compliance perspective is to not circumvent the MBCA. As such, due diligence measures should be implemented and documented for any nest searching efforts, including record control, to ensure compliance with the MBCA.

For activities, including vegetation removal, which may occur during bird nesting season, surveys to identify nesting activity will be completed by an Avian Biologist within 24 hours of scheduled work activities. The Avian Biologist conducting the surveys must be able to identify birds by species and be knowledgeable of nesting seasons and activities for appropriate species. It is important to note, that depending on the time of clearing activities nest sweeps during the breeding season may not be a viable option. More specifically in the event vegetation becomes too dense and a clear confirmation/due diligence cannot be provided through nest sweeps, clearing activities may not be able to move forward until a timing where credible due diligence can be implemented (i.e., following the nesting season).

If a species listed under the ESA as extirpated, endangered or threatened is identified, Section 9 of the Act prohibits killing, harming, harassing, capturing, taking, possessing, collecting, buying, selling, leasing, trading or offering to buy, sell, lease or trade a member of the species. Some of these prohibitions also apply to body parts of a member of the species and to things derived from a member of the species. Similarly, if a species is listed under the ESA as endangered or threatened, Section 10 of the Act prohibits damaging or destroying the habitat of the species. Species listed as special concern are not afforded







protection under Sections 9 and 10 of the ESA; however, due diligence should be enforced if a special concern species or their habitat is present. More specifically;

- Should any SAR be encountered on site during Project implementation, the MECP should be contacted immediately;
- Construction personnel should watch for wildlife attempting to nest in and around construction areas, and as possible avoid nesting areas. Construction personnel should, avoid preventing wildlife from reaching other sensitive areas beyond the work area, and;
- The effects of construction activities in areas where terrestrial crayfish chimneys were found should be considered. The current hydrology should be maintained through the appropriate design of roadside ditches and stormwater management systems. Minimize the footprint of the road and the construction area to the greatest extent practicable to avoid damaging colonies.

Other mitigation measures to consider are fencing to direct wildlife movement through wildlife crossings but also to prevent uncontrolled access and encroachment from pedestrians into adjacent natural areas. Should impenetrable barriers be considered, opportunities for wildlife passage should be incorporated. It is recommended that buffer widths be increased from the minimum 10 metres to 15 metres near areas of ecological sensitivity (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016). Additionally, all crossing structures should be clearspan structures with abutments located outside any significant valleylands and natural heritage systems to reduce impacts as recommended by Savanta (2017). These clear-span structures will also act as passages to reduce crossing hazards for wildlife.

Lastly, keeping with similar recommendation as identified within the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016), it is recommended that low mast lighting is implemented and directed downward and shielded (often referred to as directional lighting systems) to minimize light projection into the NHS and lightening at wildlife crossings should be limited, where feasible.

#### **10.4 Habitat Compensation**

The proposed removal of natural features to facilitate the proposed project (that are deemed acceptable to the City and TRCA), must be mitigated by restoring areas that will be encompassed into the future NHS as described within the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) and further to be reflected into the City and Regional OP policies. The NHS contains various ecological components that are important to the City and the Region. For all tableland woodlands and tableland wetlands, the MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) recommends at least a 1:1 compensation, as to ensure no net loss of natural features. During detailed design, the proposed removal of features is to be totaled, and their compensation included in the Rainbow Creek corridor restoration.

Additionally, the removal of trees from hedgerows and other areas will require compensation. Compensation is currently estimated to be 1,900 compensation trees which will be further refined in detailed design.

#### **10.5 Enhancement Opportunities**

The proposed road improvement works for crossing at tributaries represent opportunities to reduce flood hazards and stream restoration works through the construction of larger bridge/culvert crossing structures and improved channel conveyance. Section 4.5.12.4 of the City of Brampton's Official Plan (2012) states that





the City of Brampton will Reference the Fisheries Management Plan prepared by the relevant Conservation Authorities to define fish habitat and their management requirements. The Humber River Fisheries Management Plan (HRFMP; 2005) prepared by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the TRCA identifies Rainbow Creek Tributary as Fish Management Zone 4 - Darter species. Each management zone in each subwatershed is managed for a certain aquatic community, which is dependent upon the physical characteristics of that subwatershed. Information is provided within the HRFMP on general characteristics, important or limiting physical characteristics, management direction and targets for each zone. The HRFMP further identifies rehabilitation priorities within each subwatershed of the Humber River that is based on the identified Fish Management Zones.

In general, shading should be enhanced to maintain or cool water temperatures by planting shrubs along the channel banks. Tree plantings are to be located sufficiently distant from the channel allowing shrubs to become well established. Plantings will incorporate habitat diversity into the final structure design (i.e., bank diversity and substrate placement associated with any scour protection requirements).

Terrestrial enhancement opportunities include the removal of invasive species and an invasive species management plan enforced on developers, which should discourage the use of chemical fertilizer and pesticide use, especially in areas draining to natural areas or groundwater recharge areas. The replanting plan should consider salt-tolerant species along the edges of trails and roads, plant early successional species along woodland edges, and ensure consistency with the City of Brampton's Woodlot Edge Management (724) and Woodlot Protection (725) design guidelines. All plantings should utilize native species where possible and appropriate.

Culverts and bridges can act as wildlife passages (and will be wildlife passages along Rainbow Creek Tributary). Placing vegetation at culvert inlets and outlets to create a funneling effect and providing suitable substrates to encourage crossing by a variety of species and removing crossing barriers such as culvert grading, log jams or fencing in the vicinity of the culvert inlet or outlet. Other enhancement measures include the addition of wildlife habitats such as turtle nesting areas and retaining dead or dying trees for wildlife benefit and the rescue of significant vegetation and wildlife found in features recommended for removal.

Opportunities to mitigate the loss of tableland natural heritage features can be examined to create east to west connections between tributaries through compensation or park naturalization, species transplant, SWM ponds, schools, and parks.

#### **11.0 Permitting**

Information pertaining to required, and potentially required, permitting under the applicable natural heritage legislation, policies, and planning components relative to federal, provincial, and municipal sections are outlined below.

#### **11.1 Fisheries Act**

The Fisheries Act requires that projects avoid causing "serious harm to fish" (as defined by DFO) unless authorized by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO 2016). This applies to work being conducted in or near waterbodies that support fish that are part of or that support a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery (identified within this report as "direct" or "indirect" fish habitat). To protect







fish and fish habitat efforts should be made to avoid, mitigate and offset harm. Following DFO's measures to avoid harm (DFO 2016), as well as the mitigation measures included in Section 10.0, will help ensure compliance with the *Fisheries Act*. If the project meets the criteria for potentially requiring a RFR and inwater timing windows cannot be followed at the time of construction, then an RFR is required. DFO will review the request and will advise if an Authorization under the Fisheries Act will be required for the project works.

#### **11.2** Permitting under the Endangered Species Act, 2007

If threatened and/or endangered species are encountered during detailed design, the Project may be subject to a permit under the ESA and/or its regulatory exemptions under the ESA for these specific species. As Barn Swallow are common in the area, any activities they may disturb or destroy their nests must be registered.

# 11.3 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Work Permit under O. Reg. 166/06

As the Project footprint is located within the regulation limits for the TRCA, it is expected that a Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses work permit under *O. Reg. 166/06 of the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990* will be required.

#### **11.4** Permitting under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997

In the case that wildlife collection or relocation is required, permits and/or approvals under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* may be required. However, it is expected that any wildlife present on site will be able to leave the area under their own power and relocation will not be required.

#### **11.5** Permit / Work Registry under the Ontario Water Resources Act, 1990

Where construction dewatering volumes are expected to exceed 400,000 L/day, a Permit to Take Water will be required from MECP, in accordance with Section 34 of the *Ontario Water Resources Act* (OWRA). Similarly, approvals for the discharge of pumped water will also be required, which could include one (1) or a combination of Municipal Discharge Permits, Conservation Authority Approval, and/or MECP Environmental Compliance Approval (OWRA Section 53).

#### **12.0 Summary and Recommendations**

The City and the Region are undertaking a Municipal Class EA study for the Arterial Road Network within the Highway 427 Industrial Secondary Plan Area due as a result of future projected capacity requirements. This Natural Environment Assessment Report (NEAR) facilitates the preparation of an ESR for Study Area of the project. The Study Area (Part 'A' Study Corridor) is owned and operated by the Region and includes the development of Arterial A2 and widening of Coleraine Drive.

 Aquatic field investigations were completed in accordance with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation's Environmental Guide for Fish and Fish Habitat (MTO 2009). Field investigations and background data collection identified the characteristics of the watercourses associated with the Area 47 lands and associated roadway improvements and proposed arterial roadways. The watercourses present in the Study Area include four tributaries with warmwater thermal regimes. Correspondence with the MNRF







and reference to fish collection data has confirmed that there are records of eight fish species within the Study Area with confirmation that Redside Dace is no longer considered present (Appendix A).

- The majority of lands to be impacted by the proposed project have been influenced by human disturbance and are classified as cultural. Additionally, existing vegetative communities were found to contain a relatively high proportion of non-native and invasive plant species. The most important area within the Study Area is the SWH for Terrestrial Crayfish and the forecasted Rainbow Creek NHS. To accommodate animal passage and connectivity within the proposed Rainbow Creek NHS wildlife crossing structures were designed in consultation with the TRCA.
- The MESP (Aquafor Beech Limited 2016) Addendum (Savanta 2018) recommended that the frequency and duration of flooding during key wildlife movement periods be reviewed to determine the need for a wildlife shelf within crossings to support wildlife movement' (Savanta 2018). In association with crossing structures, directional fencing to direct target species under the road must be incorporated into crossing designs. Fencing should follow MNRF (2016) wildlife fencing guidelines and be designed to accommodate all target species. This recommendation is carried forward for detailed design.
- There is little connectivity between natural areas from east to west as most contiguous natural features are oriented north to south as they coincide with the watercourses in the Study Area. East to west linkages should be incorporated between the Gore Road and Clarkway Tributaries and between the Clarkway Tributary and Rainbow Creek.
- Potential sources of disturbance include vegetation removal/trimming, disturbance from equipment, and other disruptive activities, all of which will be considered during Detail Design. General construction mitigation measures should be employed to minimize impacts. Proper planning, design, and implementation of the avoidance and mitigation measures detailed above will ensure protection of the natural environment associated with the project.
- Identified in the MESP, Brampton's Pathways System (under separate heading) will link the city's natural and built environments and be within the NHS, which may result in additional removals of the NHS. The design and planning of these trails must consider the conservation of ecological features and functions.
- Depending on the nature of the development proposal, developable lands may be subject to Environmental Implementation Reports (EIRs) or Environmental Impact Statements (EIS's) in the direction of planning authorities in consultation with the TRCA.

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# **Appendix A**

# **Correspondence with TRCA and the MNRF**

#### Hellinga, Erin

From:	Heaton, Mark (MNRF) <mark.heaton@ontario.ca></mark.heaton@ontario.ca>
Sent:	December-19-16 11:45 AM
То:	Ferguson, Brittany
Cc:	Rideout, Daryl T; Hellinga, Erin
Subject:	RE: Area 47 – MNRF Follow-up Information Request
Attachments:	116121521203600325.jpg

**Hello Brittany** 

Robinson Creek and its tributaries are no longer a part of regulated habitat for Redside Dace since the species has not been present in over 20 years.

The habitat regulation no longer applies to Rainbow Creek and its subwatershed tributaries.

Regards

Mark Heaton Fish and Wildlife Biologist OMNRF Aurora District (905) 713 7406 office (416) 993 1295 mobile

From: Ferguson, Brittany [brittany.ferguson@amecfw.com] Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 4:20 PM To: Heaton, Mark (MNRF) Cc: Rideout, Daryl T; Hellinga, Erin Subject: Area 47 – MNRF Follow-up Information Request

Hello Mark,

Please find attached an information request related to potential aquatic Species at Risk habitat in Robinson Creek Tributary downstream of the Area 47 project site in Brampton, ON. Further project-specific information and site mapping are enclosed.

Kind Regards,

Brittany Ferguson, B.Sc. Environmental Biologist Amec Foster Wheeler

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### Minutes of Technical Agency Meeting #1 - Revised

Date:	February 9, 2016 - Revised February 24, 2016
File #:	TP115086-75
Meeting Date & Time:	January 14, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.
Meeting at:	City of Brampton, Boardroom WT FCCC2-1A
Subject:	Arterial Road Network within SP47 Area – TRCA and MNRF Meeting

#### Attendees:

Bishnu Parajuli, City of Brampton Inderjit Hans, City of Brampton Gino Dela Cruz, Region of Peel Mark Heaton, MNRF Emily Funnell, MNRF Annette Maher, TRCA Sharon Lingertat, TRCA Dilnesaw Chekol, TRCA Brennan Paul, TRCA David Sinke, Amec Foster Wheeler Rob Young, Amec Foster Wheeler Steven Chipps, Amec Foster Wheeler Maria King, Amec Foster Wheeler Daryl Rideout, Amec Foster Wheeler

#### MATTERS DISCUSSED

#### **ACTION BY:**

#### 1. Introduction

Bishnu Parajuli, Project Manager with the City of Brampton introduced the project and the objectives of the meeting – to provide an overview of the project, status, and to obtain initial comments from MNRF and TRCA.

David Sinke, Amec Foster Wheeler Project Manager, provided an overview of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the project (attached). Key items to discuss include how the agencies want to be involved and is there additional information we need to know

#### 2. Master Environmental Servicing Plan

MNRF last provided comments on the MESP in 2013. Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, and Barn Swallow are the key Species at Risk (SAR). At the time MNRF had requested delineation of SAR habitat. Amec Foster Wheeler provided mapping from the latest MESP which identified fields with SAR habitat.

Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure

Registered office: 2020 Winston Park Drive, Suite 700, Oakville, Ontario L6H 6X7

PLEASE NOTE: If there is any comment or amendment to be made to these meeting notes, they should be brought to the notice of Amec Foster Wheeler within 24 hours of issue and confirmed in writing

#### MATTERS DISCUSSED

TRCA is reviewing the latest (December 2015) draft of the MESP. Prologis is undertaking block planning which will involve modification to the Rainbow Creek corridor. Details are not known at this time and it is expected these will be addressed in an addendum to the MESP. Timing for the approval of the Rainbow Creek modifications is not known.

TRCA recommends that the team should coordinate with Aquafor Beech and Prologis.

TRCA commented that regarding Headwater Drainage Features some have been designated for retention but most are going to be mitigated with details to be addressed through stormwater management planning and landscape design and are deferred to the block planning process.

The wildlife corridors shown in the MESP mapping have been negotiated and are a critical component of the proposed changes to the Rainbow Creek corridor. TRCA to advise are whether there are any criteria for crossing these corridors.

It will be important for MESP and MCEA teams to be coordinated. The Brampton/Amec Foster Wheeler team will review the MESP and proposed projects with Brampton planners and then coordinate with Aquafor Beech. **Amec Foster Wheeler/City of Brampton** 

#### 3. Species at Risk

MNRF does not have a sense as yet of compensation strategy for SAR birds which will be important for roadway planning purposes. MNRF would like the MESP to quantify habitat primarily related to the new roads. Long term concern is to what extent development will affect SAR habitat. Roads may be able to avoid habitat but development will require ESA permitting.

It was noted that habitat could change over time due to land use changes e.g. farmers could plant row crops as they are aware lands are to be developed. MNRF advised to plan for what is currently there.

Rainbow Creek is not considered Redside Dace habitat. There is an occupied reach in the West Humber River near The Gore Road/Countryside Drive intersection. This portion of the West Humber River may not be within the study area for the MCEA.

MNRF noted that the proposed E-W Arterial may impact a woodlot close to The Gore Road Tributary and Amec Foster Wheeler may want to check the location for bats (using acoustic monitoring and hollow tree surveys) or preferably avoid the woodlot.

Amec Foster Wheeler/City of Brampton to confirm

#### MATTERS DISCUSSED

#### 4. Road Network

TRCA inquired as to how the proposed road network in the Transportation Master Plan was established, are they required, and are they in the right locations. In general, there is a need to a) demonstrate the need for new roads, and b) ensure roads are in the correct locations. Brampton responded that the proposed network was based on transportation needs for the planned future development. Amec Foster Wheeler noted that confirmation of the outcomes of the Transportation Master Plan is part of the current MCEA.

TRCA provided comments on the Transportation Master Plan and a response to the comments has not been provided. Comments pertaining to Area 47 should be considered in the design.

MNRF asked why 2 options are shown for the intersection of Mayfield Road and Arterial A2. Brampton noted that this area is a Special Policy Area and is being further evaluated. Amec Foster Wheeler noted that this is a starting point and will be reviewed together with connectivity as part of the MCEA.

MNRF would like crossings of the natural heritage system to be minimized.

TRCA asked whether Coleraine Drive will be maintained north of Regional Road 50 (current proposed alignment shows a new intersection with Arterial A2 northwest of the current Coleraine Drive/Regional Road 50 intersection. Brampton and Amec Foster Wheeler noted that it will depend on the landowner's future plans.

TRCA questioned whether the future of the GTA West Highway will impact the Area 47 road network plans. Also, Peel Region road widenings in and around Area 47 should be factored into the traffic analysis.

#### 5. Stormwater

Amec Foster Wheeler asked if the ponds shown in the MESP are final. TRCA noted that the locations are not final and could change and it remains an outstanding issue with the MESP. Amec Foster Wheeler noted that it is important that the stormwater management system includes the proposed transportation network.

TRCA noted that they have provided all hydrologic and hydraulic modeling as per Amec Foster Wheeler's request.

LID assumes 5 mm depth for the entire area.

#### MATTERS DISCUSSED

#### **ACTION BY:**

#### 6. Other

MCEA will be on-going through 2016 and 2017. The team will vet proposed PIC information with this group and will be having regular meetings to consult and obtain input.

TRCA noted that the recently issues Valley Crossing Guidelines be followed for water crossings.

Meeting Minutes prepared by,

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Per:

Rob Young, P. Geo., MCIP, RPP Associate Environmental Planner

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Sent by email: Malik.Majeed@brampton.ca

November 21, 2013

Malik Majeed, Policy Planner, Planning Design and Development Department City of Brampton 2 Wellington Street West Brampton, ON L6Y 4R2

Dear Malik Majeed:

#### Subject: Block 47 Master Environmental Servicing Plan City of Brampton, Regional Municipality of Peel

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has reviewed the May 2013 Draft Report: Master Environmental Servicing Plan: Highway 27 Industrial Secondary Plan Area ("Area 47") hereafter referred to as "Block 47 MESP". Our review is based primarily on impacts to threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act, 2007. We provide the following comments:

MNR recommends that additional Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark surveys be completed in subsequent years within all areas of the subject land that offer suitable habitat for either species at that point in time (to account for annual crop rotation). Any area that had been previously surveyed following approved MNR survey protocols (see attachment) will not need to be resurveyed for these two species. It is recommended that targeted Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark surveys adhere to MNR's Draft Bobolink Survey Protocol titled "Survey Methodology under the Endangered Species Act, 2007- Dolichonyx oryzivorus (Bobolink). The MESP only discusses the 2012 surveys that were completed as a follow-up to a 2007 study and may not reflect the total area of habitat that may become available as part of the annual crop rotations.

MNR will require an estimate of the total area that is considered to be habitat for Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark, once all appropriate field surveys have been completed.

MNR will require more information on any species at risk recorded on the subject lands so that this information can be incorporated into the Aurora District species at risk (SAR) database (species name, observation date, observer name(s), biological details, habitat description, search effort, UTM coordinates). All field survey data should be submitted to this office.

The Block 47 MESP noted that botanical surveys were not competed in some areas because the consultants were denied permission to enter certain properties. These areas will need to be surveyed for SAR prior to any development plans. It is recommended that these areas be

surveyed during the next field season to avoid potential for delays in obtaining future planning approvals.

The MESP does not appear to provide any consideration for SAR habitat with respect to the section 2.1.3 of the Provincial Policy Statement as it relates to Threatened and /or Endangered species (Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark and Barn Swallow). As a first principle, opportunities to maintain habitat for these species within the Block 47 lands are to be considered.

Groundwater inputs to the watercourses should be quantified in terms of the Redside Dace habitat / contributing habitat requirements. The report only notes TRCA targets for Level 1 protection of 80% sediment removal and does not consider the higher standards recommended in MNR's "Guidance for Development in Redside Dace Protected Habitat." This will be important to consider for SWM Ponds discharging to Rainbow Creek.

Limited discussion was provided on thermal objectives of the stormwater management (SWM) pond designs. The report recommends designing pond outfalls to minimize thermal impacts on the receiving stream, but does not go into any further detail on what this might include (e.g., bottom-draw outlets, cooling trenches, depths of ponds). While it is recognized that this is a conceptual plan at this point, some high level assessment should be carried out to determine if such measures are feasible.

The MESP recommends that no development/site alterations occur within the regulated habitat for Redside Dace around the main branch of the West Humber River. MNR is pleased to see that this area is also identified as a suitable location for future restoration works (vegetation planting).

Please note that the legislative provisions under the Endangered Species Act, 2007 may be subject to change, as new species are continuously being updated and species habitat may become "regulated". It is for this reason that open communication with MNR is strongly encouraged throughout the review process.

Should you have any questions regarding these comments please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-713-7368.

Sincerely,

Jackies Burkant

Jackie Burkart District Planner

1 attachment – Bobolink Survey Protocol

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#### Ferguson, Brittany

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То:	Lam, Andrea
Cc:	Mott, Ken (MNRF); Uetz, Laurie (MNRF); Burkart, Jackie (MNRF);
	Lucia.Alonzi@brampton.ca; Sharon Lingertat
Subject:	RE: MNRF Confirmation of 2013 Information Request - Area 47, City of Brampton

Hello Andrea,

MNRF meets with the City of Brampton on a monthly basis to discuss projects in EA planning stage and detailed design stage.

Please coordinate a meeting between yourself, the City, TRCA and MNRF to discuss this EA. The City' project manager can schedule the meeting through Lucia (cc'd in this email)

Our next monthly meeting is planned for January 14, 2016

Regards

Mark Heaton OMNRF Aurora

From: Lam, Andrea [andrea.lam@amecfw.com] Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 1:09 PM To: Burkart, Jackie (MNRF); ESA Aurora (MNRF) Subject: MNRF Confirmation of 2013 Information Request - Area 47, City of Brampton

Hello Jackie,

The City of Brampton is initiating an EA Study for the Arterial Road Network within the Highway 427 Industrial Secondary Plan Area (Area 47), for which Amec Foster Wheeler has been hired on as the representative consultant. Based on previous correspondence between MNRF and the City for the Block 47 Master Environmental Servicing Plan (MESP) dated 21 November 2013 (please see attached), we are requesting updates with respect to Species at Risk (SAR) for this project, which is within the Area 47 study area.

Amec Foster Wheeler has initiated search of the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) database, and understand the approximate locations of Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark and Barn Swallow habitat within the study area based on findings of the MESP (shown in Figures 1 and 2 respectively, also attached). Amec Foster Wheeler will be initiating field work in Spring 2016 to confirm locations and the approximate area of avian SAR habitat adjacent to the proposed road improvements and new road alignments in accordance with the MNRF's Draft Bobolink Survey Protocol. Amec Foster Wheeler is also aware of the Redside Dace habitat found within the West Humber River and downstream of the study area in Rainbow Creek Tributary and will consult with MNRF regarding any works that affect these watercourses. Any changes to this information or inclusion of new data would be beneficial to the study.

Amec Foster Wheeler looks forward to hearing from MNRF. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your attention,

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# Appendix B3

# **Representative field photos**



## **Appendix B1**

# Aquatic Crossings in Both Part 'A' and Part 'B'





Photo 1: Crossing RB1 downstream. Channel dry with sediment deposition apparent and vegetation within the channel.



Photo 2: Crossing RB1 downstream. Signs of wet conditions but no water present.





Photo 3: Crossing RB1 ROW looking upstream.



Photo 4: Crossing RB1 upstream reach through dense vegetation. Cattails present.





Photo 5: Downstream end of Crossing RB2.



Photo 6: Downstream of ROW at RB2. Very shallow and stagnated flow in watercourse.





Photo 7: Crossing RB2.



Photo 8: Crossing RB2 facing upstream.





Photo 9: Upstream end of Crossing RB2. Note ditch drainage outletting from the west of the watercourse.



Photo 10: Ditch to west draining to watercourse at Crossing RB2.



# **Appendix B2**

# **Aquatic Crossings in Part 'A' only**







Photo 1: CT8 downstream channel.



Photo 2: CT8 side channel downstream of proposed crossing location. Tree and vegetation in middle of stream.





Photo 3: CT8 proposed crossing ROW.



Photo 4: CT8 meander within proposed ROW. Looking downstream.





Photo 5: CT8 upstream reach. Woody debris in channel and left downstream bank is undercut.



Photo 6: Downstream end of Crossing RB3. Agricultural drainage ditch passes under roadway through box culvert.





Photo 7: Crossing RB3, upstream ROW.



Photo 8: Area upstream of Crossing RB3.





Photo 9: RB4 upstream end of crossing.



Photo 10: RB4 downstream end of crossing.


### **Appendix B3**

### **Terrestrial Photo Record of Typical ELC Ecosites**







Photo 1: Agricultural Field.



Photo 2: Pasture.





Photo 3: Cultural Meadow (CUM 1-1).



Photo 4: Cultural Meadow (CUM 1-1) with Cultural Woodland (CUW1) in background.





Photo 5: Cultural Thicket (CUT1).



Photo 6: Cultural Savannah (CUS1).





Photo 7: Cultural Savannah (CUS1) along watercourse.



Photo 8: Cultural Meadow (CUM 1-1) and Forb Mineral Meadow Marsh (MAM 2-10) along watercourse.





Photo 9: Willow Mineral Deciduous Swamp (SWD 4-1).



Photo 10: Willow Mineral Deciduous Swamp (SWD 4-1).

Arterial Road Network within the Highway 427 Industrial Secondary Plan Area (Area 47) Natural Environment Assessment Report City of Brampton Photo Record – Appendix B4





Photo 11: Waterweed Submerged Shallow Aquatic (SAS 1-2) and Willow Mineral Deciduous Swamp (SWD 4-1).



# Appendix C Flora and Fauna Species List

Legend GRank = Global Rank NatureServe. 2008. Appropriate Use of NatureServe Conservation Status Assessments in Species Listing Processes.

GX – Presumed extinct

- GH Possibly extinct
- G1 Critically imperiled
- G2 Imperiled
- G3 Vulnerable
- G4 Apparently secure
- G5 Secure

SRank = Sub-national Rank Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. 2013. Southern Ontario Vascular Plant Species List. Peterborough, Ontario.

- SH Possibly extirpated (Historical)
- S1 Extremely rare in Ontario
- S2 Very rare in Ontario
- S3 Rare to uncommon in Ontario
- S4 Considered to be common in Ontario
- S5 Indicates that a species is widespread in Ontario
- S? Not ranked yet
- SNR Unranked
- SNA Not applicable
- SE Exotic
- SU Unranked
- SX Presumed extirpated from Ontario
- C Cultivated
- ? Uncertain classification due to insufficient information

ESA = Endangered Species Act Ontario Government. 2018. Species at risk in Ontario List. Peterborough, Ontario. EXT – Extirpated END – Endangered THR – Threatened SC – Special Concern SARA = Species at Risk Act

Government of Canada. 2018. Species at Risk Public Registry. Gatineau, Québec. EXP – Extirpated END – Endangered THR – Threatened SC – Special Concern



# Appendix C1 Flora Species List



Common Name	Scientific Name	Global Rank	Provincial Rank	Found in MESP/EIS?	Wood Investigations			
Velvetleaf	Abutilon theophrasti	GNR	SNA	х				
Amur Maple	Acer ginnala	n/a	n/a	x				
Manitoba Maple	Acer negundo	G5	S5	х	x			
Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	GNR	SNA	х	x			
Silver Maple	Acer saccharinum	G5	S5	х	x			
Black Maple	Acer saccharum ssp. nigrum	G5	S4?	х				
Sugar Maple	Acer saccharum ssp. saccharum	G5	S5	х	х			
Freeman's Maple	Acer X freemanii	GNA	SNA					
Common Yarrow	Achillea millefolium ssp. millefolium	G5	SNA					
Horse Chestnut	Aesculus hippocastanum	GNR	SNA	SNA X				
Tall Agrimony	Agrimonia gryposepala	S5	х					
Redtop Grass	Agrostis gigantea	stis gigantea G4G5 SN						
Creeping Bent Grass	Agrostis stolonifera	G5	SNA	х				
Common Bugle	Ajuga reptans	GNR	SNA	х				
Common Water-plantain	Alisma plantago-aquatica	G5	S5	х	x			
Garlic Mustard	Alliaria petiolata	GNR	SNA	х				
Redroot Pigweed	Amaranthus retroflexus	G5	SNA	х				
Common Ragweed	Ambrosia artemisiifolia	G5	S5	х				
Smooth Serviceberry	Amelanchier laevis	G5	S5	х				
Scarlet Pimpernel	Anagallis arvensis	GNR	SNA	х				
Indian Hemp	Apocynum cannabinum	G5	S5	х				
Wild Sarsaparilla	Aralia nudicaulis	G5	S5	х				
Great Burdock	Arctium lappa	GNR	SNA	х				
Common Burdock	Arctium minus ssp. minus	GNR	SNA	х	х			
Horseradish	Armoracia rusticana	GNR	SNA		х			
Biennial Wormwood	Artemisia biennis	G5	SNA	x				
Common Milkweed	Asclepias syriaca	G5	S5	х	x			
Asparagus	Asparagus officinalis	G5?	SNA	Х				



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Heath Aster	Aster ericoides var. ericoides	G5T5	S5	х				
Panicled Aster	Aster lanceolatus ssp. lanceolatus	G5T5	S5	x				
One-sided Aster	Aster lateriflorus var. lateriflorus	G5T5	S5	X				
New England Aster	Aster novae-angliae	G5	S5	x				
Purple-stem Aster	Aster puniceus var. puniceus	G5	S5	х				
Amethyst Aster	Aster X amethystinus	GNA	SNA	x				
Spearscale	Atriplex patula	G5	SNA	X				
Common Wintercress	Barbarea vulgaris	GNR	SNA	x				
Nodding Beggar-ticks	Bidens cernua	G5	S5	х				
Devil's Beggar-ticks	Bidens frondosa	G5	S5	S5 x   S5 x				
Three-lobed Beggar-ticks	Bidens tripartita	G5	SNR	х				
Tall Beggar-ticks	Bidens vulgata	G5	S5	x				
Wild Turnip	Brassica rapa	GNR	SNA	X				
Smooth Brome	Bromus inermis ssp. inermis	G5TNR	SNA	x				
European Bellflower	Campanula rapunculoides	GNR	SNA	X	х			
Nodding Thistle	Carduus nutans ssp. leiophyllus	GNRTNR	SNA	x				
Common Wood Sedge	Carex blanda	G5	S5	X				
Crested Sedge	Carex cristatella	G5	S5	x				
Retrorse Sedge	Carex retrorsa	G5	S5	X	х			
Spiked Sedge	Carex spicata	GNR	SNA	x				
Fox Sedge	Carex vulpinoidea	G5	S5	X	х			
Bitternut Hickory	Carya cordiformis	G5	S5	x				
Shagbark Hickory	Carya ovata	G5	S5	х				
Northern Catalpa	Catalpa speciosa	G4?	SNA		х			
Climbing Bittersweet	Celastrus scandens	G5	S5	x				
Spotted Knapweed	Centaurea maculosa	GNR	SNA	x				
Black Knapweed	Centaurea nigra	GNR	SNA		х			
Common Coontail	Ceratophyllum demersum	G5	S5	x				



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Celandine GNR	Chelidonium majus	SNA		Х				
Lamb's Quarters	Chenopodium album var. album	G5	SNA	х	х			
Oak-leaved Goosefoot	Chenopodium glaucum ssp. glaucum	G5	SNA	Х				
Chicory	Cichorium intybus	GNR	SNA	х	х			
Canada Enchanter's Nightshade	Circaea lutetiana ssp. canadensis	G5T5	S5	Х				
Canada Thistle	Cirsium arvense	Cirsium arvense GNR						
Bull Thistle	Cirsium vulgare	GNR	SNA	Х				
Virginia Spring Beauty	Claytonia virginica	G5	S5	S5 x				
Lily-of-the-valley G5	Convallaria majalis	SNA		Х				
Field Bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis	GNR	SNA	х	х			
Horseweed G5	Conyza canadensis	S5	Х					
Silky Dogwood	Cornus amomum ssp. obliqua	ua G5T5 S5		Х				
Grey Dogwood	Cornus foemina ssp. racemosa	G5	S5	Х				
Rough-leaved Dogwood	Cornus rugosa	G5 S5		х				
Red-osier Dogwood	Cornus stolonifera	G5	S5	Х				
Long-spined Hawthorn	Crataegus macracantha	GNR	S5	х				
One-seeded Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	G5	SNA	Х	х			
Dotted Hawthorn	Crataegus punctata	G5	S5	х				
White Swallow-wort	Cynanchum rossicum	GNR	SNA	Х				
Common Hound's-tongue	Cynoglossum officinale	GNR	SNA	х				
Field Nut Sedge	Cyperus esculentus	G5	S5	х				
Orchard Grass	Dactylis glomerata	GNR	SNA	х				
Wild Carrot	Daucus carota	GNR	SNA	Х				
Large Crabgrass	Digitaria sanguinalis	G5	SNA	х				
Common Teasel	Dipsacus fullonum ssp. sylvestris	GNR	SNA	Х	х			
Spinulose Wood Fern	Dryopteris carthusiana	G5	S5	Х				
Barnyard Grass	Echinochloa crusgalli	GNR	SNA	Х				
Wild Cucumber	Echinocystis lobata	G5	S5	Х	x			



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Common Globe-thistle	Echinops sphaerocephalus	GNR	SNA	х	
Russian Olive	Elaeagnus angustifolia	GNR	SNA	х	х
Autumn Olive	Elaeagnus umbellata	GNR	SNA	х	
Red-stemmed Spike-rush	Eleocharis erythropoda	G5	S5	х	
Blunt Spike-rush	Eleocharis obtusa	G5	S5	х	
Canada Waterweed	Elodea canadensis	G5	S5	х	
Quack Grass	Elymus repens	GNR	SNA	х	
American Willow-herb	Epilobium ciliatum ssp. ciliatum	G5T5	S5	х	
Small-flowered Willow-herb	Epilobium parviflorum	GNR	SNA	х	
Helleborine GNR	Epipactis helleborine	SNA		х	
Field Horsetail	Equisetum arvense	G5	S5	х	
Variegated Horsetail	Equisetum variegatum ssp. variegatum	G5	S5	х	
Daisy Fleabane	Erigeron annuus	G5	S5	х	
Philadelphia Fleabane	Erigeron philadelphicus ssp. philadelphicus	G5	S5	х	
Lesser Daisy Fleabane	Erigeron strigosus	G5	S5	х	
Wormseed Mustard	Erysimum cheiranthoides ssp. cheiranthoides	G5	SNA	х	
Yellow Trout Lilly	Erythronium americanum ssp. americanum	G5	S5	х	
Running Strawberry-bush	Euonymus obovata	G5	S4	х	
Spotted Joe-pye-weed	Eupatorium maculatum ssp. maculatum	G5T5	S5	Х	
Common Boneset	Eupatorium perfoliatum	G5	S5	х	
White Snakeroot	Eupatorium rugosum	G5	S5	х	
Cypress Spurge	Euphorbia cyparissias	G5	SNA	х	
Grass-leaved Goldenrod	Euthamia graminifolia	G5	S5	Х	
Tall Fescue	Festuca arundinacea	GNR	SNA	х	
Meadow Fescue	Festuca pratensis	G5	SNA	Х	
Red Fescue	Festuca rubra	G5T5	SNA	Х	
Woodland Strawberry	Fragaria vesca ssp. americana	G5T5	\$5	x	
Common Strawberry	Fragaria virginiana ssp. virginiana	G5	SU	x	



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White Ash	Fraxinus americana	G5	S4	Х				
Green Ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	G5	S4	х	х			
Cleavers G5	Galium aparine	S5		х				
Marsh Bedstraw	Galium palustre	G5	S5	х	х			
Fragrant Bedstraw	Galium triflorum	х						
Herb Robert	Geranium robertianumG5S5x							
Yellow Avens	Geum aleppicum	G5	S5	х	х			
Ground Ivy	Glechoma hederacea	GNR	SNA	х	х			
Honey Locust	Gleditsia triacanthos	G5	S2?		х			
Jerusalem Artichoke	Helianthus tuberosus	G5	SU	х	х			
Tawny Day-lily	Hemerocallis fulva	SNA	х	х				
Dame's Rocket	Hesperis matronalis	х						
Squirrel-tail Grass	Hordeum jubatum ssp. jubatum	G5	S5?	х				
Common Hyacinth	Hyacinthus orientalis	nthus orientalis n/a x		x				
Virginia Water-leaf	Hydrophyllum virginianum	G5	S5	х				
Common St. John's-wort	Hypericum perforatum	GNR	SNA	х				
Spotted Touch-me-not	Impatiens capensis	G5	S5	х				
Pink Touch-me-not	Impatiens glandulifera	GNR	SNA	х				
Elecampane	Inula helenium	GNR	SNA	х	х			
Yellow Iris	Iris pseudacorus	GNR	SNA	х				
Black Walnut	Juglans nigra	G5	S4?	х	х			
Jointed Rush	Juncus articulatus	G5	S5	х				
Dudley's Rush	Juncus dudleyi	G5	S5	х				
Soft Rush	Juncus effusus ssp. solutus	G5T5	S5?	х				
Path Rush	Juncus tenuis	G5	S5	Х				
Eastern Red Cedar	Juniperus virginiana	G5	S5	x	x			
Rice Cut Grass	Leersia oryzoides	G5	S5	x				
Lesser Duckweed	Lemna minor	G5	S5	x				



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Motherwort	Leonurus cardiaca ssp. cardiaca	GNR	SNA	Х				
Ox-Eye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare	GNR	SNA		х			
Michigan Lily	Lilium michiganense	G5	S4	х	х			
Butter-and-eggs	Linaria vulgaris	GNR	SNA	х	х			
Common Gromwell	Lithospermum officinale	GNR	SNA	х				
Perennial Rye Grass	Lolium perenne	GNR	SNA	х				
Morrow's Honeysuckle	Lonicera morrowii	GNR	SNA	Х				
Tartarian Honeysuckle	Lonicera tatarica	GNR	SNA	х	х			
Bird's-foot Trefoil	Lotus corniculatus	GNR	SNA	х				
Marsh Purslane	Ludwigia palustris	G5	S5	Siva x S5 x				
Cut-leaved Water-horehound	Lycopus americanus	G5	S5	х				
Northern Water-horehound	Lycopus uniflorus	G5	S5	х				
Fringed Loosestrife	Lysimachia ciliata	G5	S5	Х				
Moneywort	Lysimachia nummularia	GNR	SNA	х				
Purple Loosestrife	Lythrum salicaria	G5	SNA	х	х			
False Solomon's Seal	Maianthemum racemosum ssp. racemosum	G5	S5	х				
Common Apple	Malus pumila	G5	SNA	х	х			
Scentless Chamomile	Matricaria perforata	GNR	SNA	х				
Black Medick	Medicago lupulina	GNR	SNA	Х				
Alfalfa	Medicago sativa ssp. sativa	GNRTNR	SNA	х				
White Sweet-clover	Melilotus alba	G5	SNA	х	х			
Yellow Sweet-clover	Melilotus officinalis	GNR	SNA		х			
Wild Mint	Mentha arvensis ssp. borealis	G5	S5	х				
Peppermint	Mentha X piperita	GNR	SNA	х				
Square-stemmed Monkey-flower	Mimulus ringens	G5	S5	Х	х			
White Mulberry	Morus alba	GNR	SNA	х	х			
Common Forget-me-not	Myosotis scorpioides	G5	SNA	X				
Catnip GNR	Nepeta cataria	SNA		X				



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Common Evening-primrose	Oenothera biennis	G5	S5	х		
Sensitive Fern	Onoclea sensibilis	G5	S5	х		
Cinnamon Fern	Osmunda cinnamomea	G5	S5	х		
Upright Yellow Wood-sorrel	Oxalis stricta G5 S5 x					
Witch Panic Grass	Panicum capillare	G5	S5	х		
Switch Grass	Panicum virgatum	G5	S4	х		
Thicket Creeper	Parthenocissus inserta	G5	S5	х		
Wild Parsnip	Pastinaca sativa	GNR	SNA	х		
Virginia Stonecrop	Penthorum sedoides	G5	S5	х		
Reed Canary Grass	Phalaris arundinacea	GNR	S5	х	х	
Timothy	Phleum pratense	GNR	SNA	х		
Fall Phlox	Phlox paniculata	G5 SNA x		х		
Common Reed	Phragmites australis	G5T5	SNA	х	х	
Norway Spruce	Picea abies	G5	SNA	х	х	
White Spruce	Picea glauca	G5	S5	х	х	
Colorado Blue Spruce	Picea pungens	G5	SNA	х		
Jack Pine	Pinus banksiana	G5	S5	х		
Red Pine	Pinus resinosa	G5	S5	х		
Eastern White Pine	Pinus strobus	G5	S5	х	х	
Scots Pine	Pinus sylvestris	GNR	SNA	х	х	
Ribgrass	Plantago lanceolata	G5	SNA	х		
Common Plantain	Plantago major	G5	SNA	х	х	
Canada Blue Grass	Poa compressa	GNR	SNA	х		
Fowl Blue Grass	Poa palustris	G5	S5	х		
Kentucky Blue Grass	Poa pratensis ssp. pratensis	G5T5	SNA	х		
Mayapple G5	Podophyllum peltatum	S5 x		х		
Water Smartweed	Polygonum amphibium	G5	S5	X		
Japanese Knotweed	Polygonum cuspidatum	GNR	SNA	Х		



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Common Smartweed	Polygonum hydropiper	G5	SNA	х	
Pale Smartweed	Polygonum lapathifolium	G5	S5	x	
Lady's Thumb	Polygonum persicaria	GNR	SNA	X	
European White Poplar	Populus alba	G5	SNA	x	х
Eastern Cottonwood	Populus deltoides ssp. deltoides	G5T5	S5	х	
Trembling Aspen	Populus tremuloides	G5	S5	x	х
Heimburger's Poplar	Populus X heimburgeri	GNA	SNA	X	
Long-leaved Pondweed	Potamogeton nodosus	G5	S5	x	
Sago Pondweed	Potamogeton pectinatus	G5	S5	х	
Flat-stem Pondweed	Potamogeton zosteriformis	G5	S5	x	
Rough Cinquefoil	Potentilla norvegica ssp. monspeliensis	G5	S5	х	
Rough-fruited Cinquefoil	Potentilla recta	GNR	SNA	х	х
Selfheal	Prunella vulgaris ssp. vulgaris	G5TU	SNA	x	
Canada Plum	Prunus nigra	G4G5	S4	x	
Choke Cherry	Prunus virginiana ssp. virginiana	G5	S5	х	
Common Pear	Pyrus communis	G5	SNA	x	
Bur Oak	Quercus macrocarpa	G5	S5	х	х
English Oak	Quercus robur	GNR	SNA	х	
Red Oak	Quercus rubra	G5	S5	x	х
Tall Buttercup	Ranunculus acris	G5	SNA	x	
Cursed Crowfoot	Ranunculus sceleratus var. sceleratus	G5T5	SNA	х	
Common Buckthorn	Rhamnus cathartica	GNR	SNA	x	х
Western Poison-ivy	Rhus radicans ssp. rydbergii	G5	S5	X	
Staghorn Sumac	Rhus typhina	G5	S5	x	х
Wild Black Currant	Ribes americanum	G5	S5	X	
Garden Red Currant	Ribes rubrum	G4G5	SNA	x	
Black Locust	Robinia pseudo-acacia	G5	SNA	x	
Smooth Wild Rose	Rosa blanda	G5	S5	x	



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Multiflora Rose	Rosa multiflora	GNR	SNA	Х				
Common Blackberry	Rubus allegheniensis	G5	S5	х				
	Rubus idaeus ssp. melanolasius	G5	S5	S5 x				
Black Raspberry	Rubus occidentalis	G5	S5	х				
Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta	G5	S5	х				
Sheep Sorrel	Rumex acetosella ssp. acetosella	GNR	SNA	х				
Curly Dock	Rumex crispus	GNR	SNA	х	х			
Common Arrowhead	Sagittaria latifolia	G5	S5	х				
White Willow	Salix alba	G5	SNA	х				
Bebb's Willow	Salix bebbiana	G5	S5	х				
Pussy Willow	Salix discolor	G5	S5	х	х			
Woolly-headed Willow	Salix eriocephala	G5	S5	х				
Sandbar Willow	Salix exigua	GNR	S5	Х				
Crack Willow	Salix fragilis	GNR	SNA	х				
Hybrid White Willow	Salix X rubens	GNA	SNA	х				
Weeping Willow	Salix X sepulcralis	GNA	SNA					
Black Bulrush	Scirpus atrovirens	G5?	S5	х	х			
Softstem Bulrush	Scirpus validus	G5	S5	х				
Giant Foxtail	Setaria faberi	GNR	SNA	Х				
Yellow Foxtail	Setaria pumila	GNR	SNA	х				
Green Foxtail	Setaria viridis	GNR	SNA	х				
Bittersweet Nightshade	Solanum dulcamara	GNR	SNA	х	х			
Tall Goldenrod	Solidago altissima var. altissima	GNR	S5	х	х			
Zig-zag Goldenrod	Solidago flexicaulis	G5	S5	х				
Giant Goldenrod	Solidago gigantea	G5	S5	Х				
Early Goldenrod	Solidago juncea	G5	S5	х				
Gray Goldenrod	Solidago nemoralis ssp. nemoralis	G5T5	S5	X				
Field Sow-thistle	Sonchus arvensis ssp. arvensis	GNRTNR	SNA	X	x			



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Common Sow-thistle	Sonchus oleraceus	GNR	SNA	Х	
European Mountain-ash	Sorbus aucuparia	G5	SNA	х	
Narrow-leaved Bur-reed	Sparganium emersum ssp. emersum	G5	S5	х	
Giant Bur-reed	Sparganium eurycarpum	G5	S5	х	
Great Duckweed	Spirodela polyrhiza	G5	S5	х	
Common Lilac	Syringa vulgaris	GNR	SNA	х	х
Tansy GNR	Tanacetum vulgare	SNA		Х	
Red-seeded Dandelion	Taraxacum erythrospermum	GNR	SNA	х	
Common Dandelion	Taraxacum officinale	G5	SNA	х	
Field Penny-cress	Thlaspi arvense	GNR	SNA	х	
Eastern White Cedar	Thuja occidentalis	G5	S5	х	х
Basswood	Tilia americana	G5	S5	х	
Red Clover	Trifolium pratense	GNR	SNA	Х	х
White Clover	Trifolium repens	GNR	SNA	х	х
Coltsfoot GNR	Tussilago farfara	SNA		х	
Narrow-leaved Cattail	Typha angustifolia	G5	SNA	х	
Broad-leaved Cattail	Typha latifolia	G5	S5	х	х
Hybrid Cattail	Typha X glauca	GNA	SNA	х	
White Elm	Ulmus americana	G5	S5	Х	х
Siberian Elm	Ulmus pumila	GNR	SNA	х	
European Stinging Nettle	Urtica dioica ssp. dioica	G5T5?	SNA	х	
Common Mullein	Verbascum thapsus	GNR	SNA	х	х
Blue Vervain	Verbena hastata	G5	S5	х	х
White Vervain	Verbena urticifolia	G5	S5	х	
European Highbush Cranberry	Viburnum opulus	GNR	SNA	Х	
Cow Vetch	Vicia cracca	GNR	SNA	х	х
Periwinkle GNR	Vinca minor	SNA		X	
Canada Violet	Viola canadensis	G5T5	S5	X	



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Common Blue Violet	Viola sororia	G5	S5	Х	
Riverbank Grape	Vitis riparia	G5	S5	х	х
Dotted Water Meal	Wolffia borealis	G5	S4S5	х	
Columbia Water Meal	Wolffia columbiana	G5	S4S5	х	
Cocklebur	Xanthium strumarium	G5	S5	х	
Corn	Zea mays	GNR	SNA	х	



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Acadian Flycatcher	Empidonax virescens	G5	S2S3B	END	END	х						x
Alder Flycatcher	Empidonax alnorum	G5	S5B			х	Х			х		
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	G5	S5B			х	х	х	х	х	х	
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristis	G5	S5B			х	Х	х	х	х	х	
American Kestrel	Falco sparverius	G5	S4			х	Х	х	х	х		x
American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilla	G5	S5B			х	х		х	х	х	
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	G5	S5B			х	Х	х	х	х	х	
American Woodcock	Scolopax minor	G5	S4B			х	х					
Baltimore Oriole	Icterus galbula	G5	S4B			х	х	х		х	х	x
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	G5	S4B	THR	THR	х	Х					
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	G5	S4B	THR	THR	х	х	х	х	х	х	
Belted Kingfisher	Megaceryle alcyon	G5	S4B			х	х		х			x
Black-and-white Warbler	Mniotilta varia	G5	S5B			х						
Black-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus erythropthalmus	G5	S5B			х	Х			х		х
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	G5	S5			х	х	х	х	х	х	
Black-throated Green Warbler	Setophaga virens	G5	S5B			х						
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	G5	S5			х	х	х	х	х	х	
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher **	Polioptila caerulea	G5	S4B				х			х		
Blue-headed Vireo	Vireo solitarius	G5	S5B				х					
Blue-winged Warbler	Vermivora cyanoptera	G5	S4B			х						
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	G5	S4B	THR	THR	х	х		х	х	х	
Broad-winged Hawk	Buteo platypterus	G5	S5B					x	x			
Brown Creeper	Certhia americana	G5	S5B			х	Х					
Brown Thrasher	Toxostoma rufum	G5	S4B			х	Х	X	X	x	x	x
Brown-headed Cowbird	Molothrus ater	G5	S4B			х	Х	x	x	x	x	
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	G5	S5			х	Х			x	x	
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia	G5	S3B						Х			
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	G5	S5B			х	Х	x	X	x		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Setophaga pensylvanica	G5	S5B				Х					
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	G5	S4B,S4N	THR	THR	х	Х					X
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina	G5	S5B			х	Х	х	Х	x		
Clay-colored Sparrow	Spizella pallida	G5	S4B			х	Х		Х	x	x	
Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	G5	S4B			Х	Х	х	Х			
Common Grackle	Quiscalus quiscula	G5	S5B			х	Х	x	Х	x	x	
Common Nighthawk	Chordeiles minor	G5	S4B	THR	SC	Х	Х					
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	G5	S5B			х	Х			x	х	
Cooper's Hawk	Accipiter cooperii	G5	S4			Х	Х		х		x	
Downy Woodpecker	Picoides pubescens	G5	S5			x	х	X	x			
Eastern Bluebird	Sialia sialis	G5	S5B			х						
Eastern Kingbird	Tyrannus tyrannus	G5	S4B			х	Х			x	x	x
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	G5	S4B	THR	THR	х	х			х		x







Common Name	Scientific Name	Global Rank	Provinical Rank	SARA	ESA	OBBA 17PJ05	OBBA 17PJ04	Wood- Part A	Wood- Part B	MESP	EIS	Priotiry Species Partners in Flight
Eastern Phoebe	Sayornis phoebe	G5	S5B			х	х		х	х		
Eastern Screech-Owl	Megascops asio	G5	S4			х	x					
Eastern Towhee	Pipilo erythrophthalmus	G5	S4B			х	х					x
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Contopus virens	G5	S4B	SC	SC	X	x			х		x
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	G5	SNA			X	x	х	х	х	х	
Field Sparrow	Spizella pusilla	G5	S4B			Х	x			х		x
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa	G5	S5B			Х	x					
Grasshopper Sparrow	Ammodramus savannarum	G5	S4B	SC	SC		х					x
Gray Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	G5	S4B			X	х	х	Х	x		
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	G5	S4				x	х	х	х	х	
Great Crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus crinitus	G5	S4B			X	x			х		
Great Horned Owl	Bubo virginianus	G5	S4			Х	x			х		
Green Heron	Butorides virescens	G5	S4B			х	х			x		
Hairy Woodpecker	Picoides villosus	G5	S5			Х	x		х			
Hooded Merganser	Lophodytes cucullatus	G5	S5B,S5N				х					
Hooded Warbler	Setophaga citrina	G5	S4B				x					
Horned Lark	Eremophila alpestris	G5	S5B			х	х	х	х	х		
House Finch	Haemorhous mexicanus	G5	SNA			X	x	х	х	х		
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	G5	SNA			х	х	х	х	x	х	
House Wren	Troglodytes aedon	G5	S5B			Х	х		х	x		
Indigo Bunting	Passerina cyanea	G5	S4B			Х	x		X	х	х	
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus	G5	S5B,S5N			Х	х	х	х	x	х	
Least Flycatcher	Empidonax minimus	G5	S4B			Х	x					
Long-eared Owl	Asio otus	G5	S4				x					
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	G5	S5			Х	Х	х		x	х	
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	G5	S5			х	x	Х	Х	x	х	
Mourning Warbler	Geothlypis philadelphia	G5	S4B			Х	Х					
Nashville Warbler	Oreothlypis ruficapilla	G5	S5B			Х	Х					
Northern Cardinal	Cardinalis cardinalis	G5	S5			Х	x	х	Х	x	х	
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	G5	S4B			Х	х			х		X
Northern Harrier **	Circus cyaneus	G5	S4B			Х	Х		Х	x		x
Northern Mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos	G5	S4			Х	x			х		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx serripennis	G5	S4B			Х	Х			x		
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Aegolius acadicus	G5	S4			х						
Northern Waterthrush	Parkesia noveboracensis	G5	S5B			Х						
Orchard Oriole	Icterus spurius	G5	S4B			Х	х			х		
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla	G5	S4B			х	х					
Pileated Woodpecker	Dryocopus pileatus	G5	S5			х	х					
Pine Warbler	Setophaga pinus	G5	S5B			х	Х					
Purple Finch	Haemorhous purpureus	G5	S4B				Х					
Purple Martin	Progne subis	G5	S4B				х					







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Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	G5	S5				х					
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus	G5	S5B			х	х		Х	х		
Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	G5	S5			х	х	х	х	х		
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	G5	S4			х	х	х	х	х	х	
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis	G5	S5B,S4N					х	х	х	x	
Ring-necked Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus	G5	SNA				х					
Rock Pigeon	Columba livia	G5	SNA			х	х	x	х	х	х	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Pheucticus ludovicianus	G5	S4B			х	х			х		x
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Archilochus colubris	G5	S5B			Х	х					
Ruffed Grouse	Bonasa umbellus	G5	S4			х	х					
Savannah Sparrow **	Passerculus sandwichensis	G5	S4B			Х	х	x	х	x	x	x
Scarlet Tanager	Piranga olivacea	G5	S4B			Х	х					
Sedge Wren	Cistothorus platensis	G5	S4B				х					
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Accipiter striatus	G5	S5			Х	х					
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	G5	S5B			Х	х	x	х	x	x	
Sora	Porzana carolina	G5	S4B			х	х					
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius	G5	S5			Х	х	x		x		
Swamp Sparrow	Melospiza georgiana	G5	S5B				х			x		
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	G5	S4B			х	х	x	Х	х	х	
Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	G5	S5B			Х	х		X	х	х	
Upland Sandpiper	Bartramia longicauda	G5	S4B			Х						
Veery	Catharus fuscescens	G5	S4B			Х	х					
Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes gramineus	G5	S4B			Х	х		Х	х	x	X
Virginia Rail	Rallus limicola	G5	S5B			Х						
Warbling Vireo	Vireo gilvus	G5	S5B			х	х			х		
White-breasted Nuthatch **	Sitta carolinensis	G5	S5			Х	х		Х	x		
White-throated Sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis	G5	S5B				х					
Wild Turkey	Meleagris gallopavo	G5	S5			Х	х					
Willow Flycatcher	Empidonax traillii	G5	S5B			Х	х	x		x	x	x
Wilson's Snipe	Gallinago delicata	G5	S5B			Х	х					
Winter Wren	Troglodytes hiemalis	G5	S5B			х	х					
Wood Duck	Aix sponsa	G5	S5			Х	х					
Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	G4	S4B	SC		Х	х					
Yellow Warbler	Setophaga petechia	G5	S5B			х	х	х		х	x	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus varius	G5	S5B			х	х					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus	G5	S4B			х	х					





# Appendix C3

# Fauna- Mammal Species List



Common Name	Scientific Name	Global Rank	Provinical Rank	SARA	ESA	AMO	Wood- Part A Investigations	Wood- Part B Investigations	MESP	EIS
American Mink	Mustela vison	G5	S4			х				
Beaver	Castor canadensis	G5	S5			х			х	
Big Brown Bat	Eptesicus fuscus	G5	S4			х				х
Common Shrew	Sorex cinereus	G5	S5			х				
Coyote	Canis latrans	G5	S5			х			х	
Deer Mouse	Peromyscus maniculatus	G5	S5			х				
Eastern Chipmunk	Tamias striatus	G5	S5			х				
Eastern Cottontail	Sylvilagus floridanus	G5	S5			х		x		
Eastern Red Bat	Lasiurus borealis	G3G4	S4			х				
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Myotis leibii	G4	S2S3	END		х				
Ermine	Mustela erminea	G5	S5			х				
European Hare	Lepus europaeus	G5	SNA			х				
Grey Squirrel	Sciurus carolinensis	G5	S5			х				
Hoary Bat	Lasiurus cinerus	G3G4	S4			х				
House Mouse	Mus musculus	G5	SNA			х				
Little Brown Myotis	Myotis lucifugus	G3	S4	END	END	х				
Long-tailed Weasel	Mustela frenata	G5	S4			х				
Meadow Jumping Mouse	Zapus hudsonius	G5	S5			х				
Meadow Vole	Microtus pennsylvanicus	G5	S5			х			х	
Muskrat	Ondatra zibethicus	G5	S5			х				
Northern Flying Squirrel	Glaucomys sabrinus	G5	S5			х				
Northern Long-eared Myotis	Myotis septentrionalis	G1G2	S3	END	END	х				
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	Blarina brevicauda	G5	S5			х				
Norway Rat	Rattus norvegicus	G5	SNA			х				
Porcupine	Erethizon dorsatum	G5	S5			х				
Pygmy Shrew	Sorex hoyi	G5	S4			х				
Raccoon	Procyon lotor	G5	S5			х			х	
Red Fox	Vulpes vulpes	G5	S5			х				
Red Squirrel	Tamiasciurus hudsonicus	G5	S5			х	x	x		
River Otter	Lontra canadensis	G5	S5			х				
Silver-haired Bat	Lasionycteris noctivagans	G3G4	S4			х				
Smokey Shrew	Sorex fumeus	G5	S5			х				
Snowshoe Hare	Lepus americanus	G5	S5			х				
Southern Bog Lemming	Synaptomys cooperi	G5	S4			х				
Star-nosed Mole	Condylura cristata	G5	S5			х				
Striped Skunk	Mephitis mephitis	G5	S5			х			х	
Tri-colored Bat	Perimyotis subflavus	G2G3	\$3?	END	END	х				
Virginia Opossum	Didelphis virginiana	G5	S4			х				
White-footed Mouse	Peromyscus leucopus	G5	S5			х				
White-tailed Deer	Odocoileus virginianus	G5	S5			х		X	x	
Woodchuck	Marmota monax	G5	S5			х				
Woodland Jumping Mouse	Napaeozapus insignis	G5	S5			х				





# Appendix C4 Fauna- Herptile Species List



Common Name	Scientific Name	Global Rank	Provincial Rank	SARA	ESA	ORAA	Wood- Part A Investigations	Wood- Part B Investigations	MESP	EIS
American Bullfrog	Lithobates catesbeiana	G5	S4			х				х
American Toad	Anaxyrus americanus	G5	S5			х			х	х
Eastern Gartersnake	Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis	G5T5	S5			х			х	
Eastern Red-backed Salamander	Plethodon cinereus	G5	S5			х				
Eastern Ribbonsnake	Thamnophis sauritus	G5	S5	SC	SC	х				
Gray Treefrog	Hyla versicolor	G5	S5			х				х
Green Frog	Lithobates clamitans	G5	S5			х			х	х
Midland Painted Turtle	Chrysemys picta marginata	G5T5	S4			х				
Milksnake	Lampropeltis triangulum	G5	S4	SC		х				
Northern Leopard Frog	Lithobates pipiens	G5	S5			х			х	х
Northern Map Turtle	Graptemys geographica	G5	S3	SC	SC	х				
Red-bellied Snake	Storeria occipitomaculata	G5	S5			х				
Red-eared Slider	Trachemys scripta	G5	SNA			х				
Eastern Newt	Notophthalmus viridescens	G5	S5			х				
Snapping Turtle	Chelydra serpentina	G5	S3	SC		х		х	х	
Spotted Salamander	Ambystoma maculatum	G5	S4			х				
Spring Peeper	Pseudacris crucifer	G5	S5			х				
Western Chorus Frog (Great Lakes/St. Lawrence-Canadian Shield Population)	Pseudacris triseriata	G5TNR	\$3	THR		х				
Wood Frog	Lithobates sylvatica	G5	S5			x				х





# Appendix C5

### **Fauna- Other Species List**



Common Name	Scientific Name	Global Rank	Provincial Rank	SARA	ESA	Wood- Part A Investigations	Wood- Part B Investigations	MESP	EIS
Monarch	Danaus plexippus	G4	S2N,S4B	SC	SC			х	х
Digger Crayfish OR Calico Crayfish	Creaserinus fodiens OR Faxonius immunis	G5 OR G5	S3 OR 54					x	
Giant Floater	Pyganodon grandis		G5	S5				x	
Cylindrical Papershell	Anodontoides ferussacianus		G5	S4				х	
Eastern Elliptio	Elliptio complanata		G5	S5				х	
Blackchin Shiner	Notropis heterodon		G5	S5			х	х	
Blacknose Dace	Rhinichthys atratulus		G5	S5		x	x	х	
Bluntnose Minnow	Pimephales notatus		G5	S5		х		х	
Brook Stickleback	Culaea inconstans		G5	S5		х	x	х	
Creek Chub	Semotilus atromaculatus		G5	S5		x	x	х	
Fantail Darter	Etheostoma flabellare		G5	S5			x	х	
Fathead Minnow	Pimephales promelas		G5	S5		x	x	х	
Johnny Darter	Etheostoma nigrum		G5	S5		x		х	
Longnose Dace	Rhinichthys cataractae		G5	S5			x	х	
Northern Hogsucker	Hypentelium nigricans		G5	S4			x	х	
Northern Pearl Dace	Margariscus nachtriebi		G5	S5			x	х	
Pumpkinseed	Lepomis gibbosus		G5	S5		X		x	
White Sucker	Catostomus commersonii		G5	S5		x		х	





## Appendix D

### **Arborist Report**

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### **Tree Assessment: Part A**

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## 1. Introduction

Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions ("Wood") was retained by the City of Brampton (the "City") to undertake a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Arterial Road Network within the Highway 427 Industrial Secondary Plan Area (Area 47). As part of this EA, Wood completed a Tree Assessment.

The Project Area is bounded by Regional Road 50 to the east, Castlemore Road to the south, The Gore Road to the west and Mayfield Road to the north, and is located within the City of Brampton, Regional Municipality of Peel. The Arterial Road Network within the Highway 427 Industrial Secondary Plan Area has been split into Part 'A' Study Corridor and Part 'B' Study Corridor. Part 'A' (Project Location), which will be owned and operated by the Region, includes:

- A new north-south major arterial road with six lanes (hereafter called Arterial A2) connecting Mayfield Road east of Clarkway Drive with Major Mackenzie Drive at Regional Road (RR) 50 as recommended in the Peel-Highway 427 Transportation Master Plan and Brampton Transportation Master Plan (TMP); and
- Widening of Coleraine Drive from two lanes to four lanes from Arterial A2 to Mayfield Road, including realignment at Arterial A2.

Part 'B', which will be owned and operated by the City, is to include:

- The new east-west minor arterial road with 4 lanes (hereafter called E-W Arterial) from The Gore Road to Arterial A2;
- Widening of Countryside Drive from two lanes to four lanes from Clarkway Drive to Regional Road 50 (RR 50) including realignment/reconfiguration of the intersection of Countryside Drive and RR 50; and
- Widening of Clarkway Drive from Castlemore Road to E-W Arterial and improvements to Clarkway Drive from E-W Arterial Road to Mayfield Road with a potential continuous centre turn lane.

The following report will address Part 'A' as the preliminary design for this Part is complete. Part 'B' will be reported on under separate cover when road designs and alternatives are complete.

## 1.1 The Purpose and Scope

The construction of new roads and the updating of existing roads represents the primary risk of impact on private and public trees. Accordingly, the purpose of this assessment has been to provide a preliminary inventory and define those trees on private or public property that would be injured or removed. Injuries and removals are

solely determined based on the outer limits of the currently proposed footprint. Information on injuries and removals is subject to change during Detailed Design, however, it is meant to support tree preservation planning opportunities and requirements related to construction logistics. Furthermore, measures to protect trees due to proximity to the works have been outlined. Additional measures concerning preservation and protection techniques during construction have also been provided.

Similarly, preliminary compensation suggestions are summarized below to support planning opportunities. Compensation Plans and Tree Protection Plans (TPP) have not been provided with this document. It is recommended that updates to tree inventory occur during Detailed Design to inform the TPP.

## 2. Legislative Requirements

The project falls within the City of Brampton and the Region of Peel in Ontario Canada. Accordingly, the Project is subject to the relevant City, Regional, Provincial, and Federal policies and regulatory framework. The following sections provide a general discussion of applicable legislation/regulations. This is not a comprehensive review of all potentially applicable legislation/regulations and other laws may apply.

## 2.1 Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994

The Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA) was passed in 1917 and updated in 1994 and 2005. The MBCA protects migratory bird populations by regulating potentially harmful anthropogenic activities, such as tree removal. The MBCA (Government of Canada, 1994) and the Migratory Birds Regulations (MBR) (Government of Canada, 2016) are federal legislative requirements that are binding to members of the public and all levels of government, including federal and provincial governments.

Bird species<sup>1</sup> that are protected are listed under Article I of the MBCA, and are native or naturally occurring in Canada, and are species that are known to occur regularly in Canada. The legislation protects certain species, controls the harvest of others, and prohibits the commercial sale of all species. As described in Section 6 of the associated MBR:

"Subject to subsection 5(9), no person shall:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bird species not regulated under the Act include: Rock Dove (Columba livia), American Crow (Corvus brachyrhynchos), Brown-headed Cowbird (Molothrus ater), Common Grackle (Quiscalus quiscula), House Sparrow (Passer domesticus), Red-winged Blackbird (Agelaius phoeniceus), and European Starling (Sturnus vulgaris). In addition, raptors are not regulated under the MBCA, 1994. However, they are protected under provincial legislation which restricts and regulates the taking or possession of eggs and nests. Furthermore, if the species identified is protected under Ontario's Endangered Species Act, 2007 or the federal Species at Risk Act, additional restrictions may apply.

- Disturb, destroy or take a nest, egg, nest shelter, Eider Duck shelter or duck box of a migratory bird, or
- Have in his possession a live migratory bird, or a carcass, skin, nest or egg of a migratory bird except under authority of a permit therefor."

The "incidental take" of migratory birds and the disturbance, destruction or taking of the nest of a migratory bird is prohibited. "Incidental take" is the killing or harming of migratory birds due to actions, such as economic development, which are not primarily focused on taking migratory birds. No permit can be issued for the incidental take of migratory birds or their nest or eggs because of economic activities. These prohibitions apply throughout the year.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the Canadian Wildlife Service have compiled nesting calendars that show the variation in nesting intensity by habitat type and nesting zone, within broad geographical areas distributed across Canada. While this does not mean birds will not nest outside of these periods, the calendars can be used to reduce the risk of encountering a nest. It is noted that ECCC and the Canadian Wildlife Service advise that avoidance is the best approach to comply with the Act.

## **Applicability to the Project**

The MBCA applies to all of Canada and is therefore applicable to the Project. As no permit can be issued for the incidental take of migratory birds or their nest or eggs as a result of economic activities, there is a responsibility to adhere to these regulations and ensure compliance, particularly during tree and vegetation removal associated with site clearance. Thus, tree removals required for the Project are planned to occur outside of the core breeding time-period identified by the ECCC and Canadian Wildlife Service, which takes place from April 1 to August 31 in any given year. If tree removal is proposed between April 1 to August 31, it is the proponents' responsibility to enure Best Management Practices occur by obtaining a qualified biologist who may undertake a nest sweep survey and provide recommendations to avoid the contravention of the Act. Note that nest sweep survey results and recommendations should be documented in a memo or report. A nest sweep may only be feasible in simple habitat (i.e., single trees or shrubs) and not suitable or reliable for complex habitats.

## 2.2 Canada Food Inspection Agency

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB; *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire), is a wood-boring beetle that has been introduced to Ontario from Eastern Asia (Canadian Food Inspection Agency, 2014). It was first recorded in North America in the summer of 2002 in Windsor, Ontario, and Detroit, Michigan (Canadian Food Inspection Agency, 2014). All ash (*Fraxinus* species) found in North America, including cultivars and introduced species, are vulnerable to EAB infestation (Canadian Food Inspection Agency, 2014). The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Directive (D-03-08): Phytosanitary Requirements to Prevent the Introduction Into and Spread within Canada of the Emerald Ash Borer, *Agrilus planipennis* (Fairmaire) (2014) applies to ash species that are located within the EAB Regulated Areas of Canada. The intent of the Directive is to slow the spread of the EAB to new areas.

#### **Applicability to the Project**

The Project Location is within the identified regulated area, which prohibits the movement of regulated materials (including but not limited to ash (*Fraxinus* species) wood or bark, and ash wood chips or bark chips). It is noted that EAB regulated materials moving out of an EAB regulated area must be accompanied by a movement certificate issued by the CFIA. The EAB Regulated Areas of Canada are found on the CFIA website:

http://www.inspection.gc.ca/plants/plant-pests-invasive-species/insects/emerald-ash-borer/areas-regulated/eng/1347625322705/1367860339942

Twenty-two individual ash trees were found on site. To avoid contravention of the directive, any ash species removed should be destroyed and used on site. Equipment must be cleaned after use on site.

## 2.3 Endangered Species Act, 2007

Species designated as Threatened or Endangered by the Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario, otherwise known as the Species at Risk (SAR) in Ontario List, and their habitats (e.g., areas essential for breeding, rearing, feeding, hibernation and migration) are automatically afforded legal protection under the *Endangered Species Act*, 2007 (ESA) (Queen's Printer for Ontario, 2007). The ESA (Subsection 9 (1)) states that:

"No person shall,

(a) kill, harm, harass, capture or take a living member of a species that is listed on the Species at Risk in Ontario List as an extirpated, endangered or threatened species;

(b) possess, transport, collect, buy, sell, lease, trade or offer to buy, sell, lease or trade;

(i) a living or dead member of a species that is listed on the Species at Risk in Ontario List as an extirpated, endangered or threatened species;

(ii) any part of a living or dead member of a species referred to in subclause (i);

(iii) anything derived from a living or dead member of a species referred to in subclause (i); or

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(c) sell, lease, trade or offer to sell, lease or trade anything that the person represents to be a thing described in subclause (b) (i), (ii) or (iii)".

Clause 10 (1) (a) of the ESA states that:

"No person shall damage or destroy the habitat of a species that is listed on the Species at Risk in Ontario list as an endangered or threatened species".

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) may issue permits and approval agreements to authorize activities that would otherwise be prohibited by subsections 9 (1) or 10 (1) of the ESA provided the legal requirements of the ESA are met.

#### **Applicability to the Project**

No tree SAR were identified during the field visits at the Project Location.

#### 2.4 Forestry Act, 1990

Trees on property lines or on adjacent property that require removal or injury could be considered boundary trees. Consent from the adjacent landowner is required in order to ensure compliance under the Act. Principle considerations in relation to boundary trees are defined in Section 10 of the Act as follows:

#### 1.1.1.1 Boundary trees

**10** (1) An owner of land may, with the consent of the owner of adjoining land, plant trees on the boundary between the two lands. 1998, c. 18, Sched. I, s. 21.

#### 1.1.1.2 Trees common property

(2) Every tree whose trunk is growing on the boundary between adjoining lands is the common property of the owners of the adjoining lands. 1998, c. 18, Sched. I, s. 21.

## 1.1.1.3 Offence

(3) Every person who injures or destroys a tree growing on the boundary between adjoining lands without the consent of the landowners is guilty of an offence under this Act. 1998, c. 18, Sched. I, s. 21.

## 2.5 Toronto Region Conservation Authority

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) regulates watercourses, wetlands, and hazard lands (valleylands, shorelines, floodplains) through the application of the Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 166/06 - Toronto and Region Conservation Authority: Regulation of Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses, under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act. The primary purpose of O. Reg. 166/06 is to ensure public health and safety, and protection of life and property in relation to natural hazards. This regulation establishes guidelines for development, interference with wetlands and alterations to shorelines and watercourses. Additionally, TRCA is a review agency for the municipalities in the watershed and a stakeholder in the EA.

#### **Applicability to the Project**

Based on a review of the TRCAs Regulation Mapping Tool (accessed April 2020 (Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, 2020)), the Project Location is mapped within the Authority's regulated area. The TRCA regulated areas include Rainbow and Robinson Creek. These regulated areas are more sensitive to vegetation removal due to their proximity to flowing water. While O.Reg. 166/06 does not apply directly to tree removal, TRCA has compensation guidelines for use within their regulated areas.

#### 2.6 City of Brampton Tree Preservation By-law 217-2012

The City of Brampton's Tree Preservation By-law (217-2012) protects trees from injury and removal. This by-law applies to all private property within the City of Brampton, subject to the exemptions noted in the by-law.

Trees exempt from the bylaw include but not limited to:

- Woodlots as defined by the Woodlot Conservation By-law, By-law 4022005, or any successor by-law regulating the injury or destruction of trees in woodlots in the City of Brampton;
- Hazardous trees;
- Injury to trees that are necessary for emergency work;
- Trees located within two (2) metres (m) of an occupied building;
- Trees with a DBH of less than 30 centimetres (cm);
- Trees located on rooftop gardens, interior courtyards or solariums;
- Trees located on a nursery or orchard;
- Trees exempted by Council pursuant to the provisions of this by-law; and
- Activities or matters undertaken by a municipality or a local board of a municipality.

A tree is defined as "any species of woody perennial plant, including its root system, which has reached or can reach a height of at least 4.5 m at physiological maturity.

## Applicability to the Project

This by-law does not apply to activities or matters undertaken by a municipality or a local board of a municipality.

## 2.7 City Woodlot Conservation By-law 316-2012

The City's Woodlot Conservation By-law (316-2012) states that no person shall injure a tree growing within woodlots. Trees exempt from this by-law include but not limited to:

- Hazardous trees;
- Injury to a tree that is necessary for emergency work;
- Injury to a tree by a farming business as part of an agricultural operation; and
- Activates or matter undertaken by a municipality or a local board of a municipality.

#### **Applicability to the Project**

This by-law does not apply to activities or matters undertaken by a municipality or a local board of a municipality.

## 3. Methodology

#### 3.1 Field Investigation

Field data were collected in September, and October 2019 (Table 3-1) by an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist. For the purposes of this field assessment, the review of tree-related impacts was inventoried as per the Project Location limits provided at the time; engineering drawings for the 20% design. Trees inventoried with this 20% design are then mapped in this report on the preferred alternative design for Part 'A', which was circulated on February 28, 2020.

Field Visit Date (2019)	Weather Conditions	Location
September 16	17°C, light wind, cloudy	Clarkway Drive North
September 17	17°C, light wind, no clouds	Clarkway Drive South, and Countryside Drive West
September 18	15°C, no wind, no clouds	Countyside Drive East, and Coleraine Drive
October 24	12°C, light wind, slightly cloudy	Private lands throughout the Project Location

Table 3-1	Summary	of Field	Investigations
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It is also important to note that limited permissions to enter (PTE) were available to Wood for the field assessment. Areas where PTE was obtained are shown in Appendix B. As such, trees, where PTE was not provided, were reviewed from the closest vantage point. A location was recorded for inaccessible trees along with an approximate offset distance to the tree to reflect tree location in mapping. Areas without PTE and no vantage points to view were not assessed. When diameter-at-breast-height (DBH) could not be measured directly (i.e., for those trees where physical contact could not be made), a DBH was estimated. Tree locations and canopies have not been surveyed. The handheld Global Positioning System (GPS) used in the field was a Trimble Geo7X, which has an approximate level of accuracy below one (1) m where location was not estimated with an offset.

For the purposes of this Report, all trees included as part of this assessment were inspected visually from the ground. This included a non-invasive inspection of each tree, documenting site conditions, roots, trunk, and branches where visible. Visual assessment was used to categorize canopy vigour and structure. Tree species were determined, and a tree number was applied. No aluminum tags were used due to the accuracy of the GPS unit and lack of PTE.

This is considered a standard assessment that is performed by arborists to identify tree conditions from the ground level. It is understood that trees and other vegetation are living organisms and subject to change, damage, and disease. Therefore, the results provided within this Report reflect those conditions on the date(s) the assessment was completed. The results from this basic assessment should not be relied on for internal, below-ground and upper crown conditions or defects, as these areas may not be possible to visually inspect from the ground level. Although observations on structural integrity have been provided, it is beyond the scope of this Report to provide hazard ratings and/or prescribed measures to mitigate risk.

### 3.2 Definitions and Assessment Criteria

A series of parameters was developed by Wood, as derived from ISA's Best Management Practices (BMPs) to provide a holistic assessment of trees within the Project Location. An overall condition rating (i.e., dead, poor, fair, good) was assigned to each tree meeting the required diameter (i.e.,  $\geq$  10 cm). The criteria applied during field visits are below.

**Tree Number:** This number refers to the number (e.g., 270) that will be listed in the tree inventory chart and illustrated on plan drawings. The Tree Numbers are unique to this document and associated assessment in order to support clear reference for defined impacts and preservation recommendations.

**Species**: Each tree will be identified by scientific and common name.

**Assessment Approximate (No PTE)**: Permission to enter the private property was not provided to Wood and assessments were completed from the closest vantage point.

**Offset Distance**: A GPS location was recorded in publicly accessible areas for inaccessible trees along with an approximate offset distance to the tree in order to reflect tree location in mapping.

**DBH**: DBH (measured at 1.4 m above the ground). For multiple stemmed trees that split below the 1.4 m, the DBH measurement will be calculated using the DBH of each stem

and then added together for a total DBH. For trees where access was not provided, an estimated DBH was used.

**Approximate Dripline Radius**: An approximate measurement of the tree's dripline was provided in metres (m). This measurement was based on a field review of existing dripline.

**Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) Impact Assessment:** A review of each TPZ was completed as a desktop exercise. The TPZ assigned was based on the Temporary Tree Protection Fencing Guide (City of Brampton, 2014). In Appendix A, when the tree is located completely within the proposed footprint (i.e., removal is obvious), a canopy or TPZ outline is not provided. When a tree is outside the proposed footprint and the potential to retain the tree is present, a TPZ outline is provided. The TPZ was outlined in the drawings, and compared with field notes on canopy size, to provide a review of tree-related impacts. The TPZs as assigned are based on the tree's DBH and its classification as identified in Table 3-1.

Table 3-2 Standard Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) set by the City of Brampton

Trunk Diameter (DBH) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Protection Distances Required <sup>2</sup>		
<30cm	Radius of dripline <sup>3</sup>		
>30cm	2 x radius of the dripline		

1. DBH measurement of tree stem taken at 1.4 m above the ground.

2. TPZ distances are to be measured from the outside edge of the tree base.

3. The dripline is defined as the area beneath the outermost branch tips of a tree.

**Condition Rating- Structure and Crown Vigour**: The condition of each tree was assessed based on several factors including size, species, condition, location, root system, trunk, branching, twigs and foliage (on coniferous trees, and buds when available for deciduous trees), disease evidence, and the overall health and vigour of the tree. Each tree was provided with a condition as outlined in the following categories:

**GOOD (G):** Overall, the tree is healthy and satisfactory in condition, vigour, and form based on the given tree assessment criteria (structure and health). The tree has no major structural problems, no mechanical damage, and may only have insignificant aesthetic, insect, disease, or structure problems. Small amounts of deadwood may be present in the secondary branches but account for less than 15% of the canopy. Good structure trees have one main trunk with strong root collars, zero stem splitting, and branches are spaced apart.

**FAIR (F):** The tree has no major structural problems, no significant mechanical damage, may have only minor aesthetic insect, disease, or structure problems, and is in good health. Trees in fair condition show moderate symptoms of decline in the lower canopy or scaffold branches, but more than 40% of the scaffold branches are viable. Fair structure trees may have two or several trunks splitting from the base or co-dominant stems. Branching will not be radially spaced along the trunk.

**POOR (P):** The tree may exhibit the following characteristics: minor structural problems, mechanical damage, significant damage from diseases, thin crown, or stunted growth compared to adjacent trees. This condition also includes trees that have been topped but show reasonable vitality with no obvious signs of decay. Greater than 40% of the main scaffold branches are dead, missing or in a diseased state. The poor condition rating can be applied to trees where the trunk shows evidence of advanced rot, deadwood, is hollow, or there is twig development on the main branches. Structural conditions will likely result in the breakage of major limbs and contributes to overall tree failure. E.g., weak co-dominate stems, leaning trees, one-sided canopy.

**DEAD (D):** The tree displayed no apparent signs of live growth.

**Comments**: any other comments, usually related to tree health or location.

**Recommendation**: Based solely on the preliminary footprint provided trees were marked as retain, injure, or remove. Trees within the footprint or had canopies which overlapped by 25% or more were considered as "remove" in figures. Trees which had TPZ zones on the footprint, but canopies were outside of the footprint were marked as injured. Trees which had no canopy or TPZ overlap with the footprint were marked as retain.

## 4. Existing Conditions

This Tree Assessment documented a total of 353 trees greater than 10 cm DBH in Study Corridor Part 'A'. Tree locations relative to the Project Location are illustrated in Appendix A. Project Site Photographs are provided in Appendix D.

Many of the trees situated within the Project Location were in good condition in both structure and canopy vigour (Exhibit A). No tree Species at Risk were identified during the field visits at the Project Location.





The Study Area primarily consists of residential dwellings and agricultural lands, and species composition was reflective of heavily impacted site conditions. Composition ranged from non-native to native and naturalized species and cultivar species (Exhibit B). Manitoba Maple is native to the Prairies, Northwest Ontario, and Windsor, Ontario. However, it is often considered naturalized in other parts of Ontario. Some Conservation Authorities and Municipalities consider Manitoba Maple non-native. A summary of species composition is provided in Table 4-1.



Exhibit B

Typical signs and symptoms of abiotic and biotic defects found in urbanized settings were noted, which included:

- Deadwood ranging between five (5) to greater than 40%;
- Weakly formed unions;
- Poor tree form due to abnormal development of scaffold branches causing injury to other branches;
- Lean and contorted growth (e.g., girdling roots);
- Mower damage from landscaping efforts;
- Lack of vigour;
- Broken branches;
- Trunk wounds and cracks; and
- Several dead trees.

All 22 White Ash (Fraxinus americana) observed showed extensive signs of EAB.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Total # Assessed	# to be Removed	# to be Injured	# to be Preserved
Tilia americana	American Basswood	1	1		
Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine*	37	37		
Robinia pseudoacacia	Black Locust*	2	2		
Juglans nigra	Black Walnut	1	1		
Picea pungens	Colorado Blue Spruce*	38	30	2	6
Catalpa speciosa	Catalpa Tree	2	1		1
Juniperus virginiana	Eastern Red Cedar	14	14		
Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar	30	30		
Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar Hedge	3	3		
Pinus strobus	Eastern White Pine	5	4		1
Quercus robur	English Oak	2	1	1	
Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust	10	10		
Aesculus hippocastanum	Horse Chestnut	1	1		
Populus grandidentata	Large Tooth Aspen	1	1		
Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden	18	18		
Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple	27	13	3	11
Acer platanoides	Norway Maple	10	10		
Picea abies	Norway Spruce	23	8	3	12
Malus Species	Ornamental Crabapple Tree	5	3		2
Pyrus Species	Pear	1			1
Elaeagnus angustifolia	Russian Olive	3	3		
Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	40	30	4	6
Populus tremuloides	Trembling Poplar	1	1		
Salix babylonica	Weeping Willow	7	7		
Fraxinus americana	White Ash	22	19	1	2
Betula papyrifera	White Birch	1	1		
Morus alba	White Mulberry	1	1		
Quercus alba	White Oak	1	1		
Picea glauca	White Spruce	26	26		
Salix Species	Willow Species	20	16	1	3
Total		353	293	15	45

#### Table 4-1: Summary of Trees Inventoried in Study Corridor Part 'A' and Associated Impact

## 5. Proposed Tree Removals and Impacts Summary

The assessment of tree conflicts was completed based on the provided preferred alternative design for Part 'A' which resulted in the anticipated removal of 293 trees and the injury of 15 trees.

There are significant proposed removals and injuries are on private property (pending any property acquisition that may occur). Trees listed as injured are trees outside the project footprint, but the construction footprint is still within the Tree Protection Zone for the individual tree.

Construction activities can indirectly injure trees with a change from a permeable landscape to a nonpermeable landscape (e.g., reducing infiltration) or unknowingly cause direct damage to trees by severing roots or breaking branches (i.e., not pruning branches before activities). Potential Impacts are further described below.

Tree removals and pruning should be carried out by a qualified Arborist. A follow-up survey by a qualified arborist should occur to ensure that damage potentially resulting in tree mortality has not occurred to trunks or canopies.

## 5.1 Potential Impacts on Trees

There are several common impacts on trees that can occur during construction. The following construction activities have the potential to damage trees and may be encountered for this Project. Additional impacts associated with the construction based on further design elements will be added to this section as required.

## 5.1.1 Soil Compaction and Grade Changes

Soil compaction around areas where tree roots grow causes tree decline (Lilly, 1993). Soil compaction includes vehicle traffic, pedestrian/foot traffic, and stockpiling. Soil compaction reduces the pore space in the soil, thereby limiting oxygen and water transport. If the soil becomes heavily compacted, the tree will suffocate and begin declining, making it more susceptible to pests and disease. Impacts such as these may not be immediately visible. The decline could take up to five (5) years to become evident, likely well after construction and associated work activities have concluded.

## 5.1.2 Physical Injury

Accidental contact between construction equipment and trees can result in damage to the roots, trunks and crown.

## 5.1.3 Severing Roots

Root cutting is a type of injury to a tree that can significantly affect its health. Excavation for the installation of new infrastructure may cut tree roots if the excavation is too close to the tree. It is important to note that the majority of tree roots are found in the upper 30 to 60 cm of the soil. Trees can become destabilized (i.e., a hazard) and may fall if structural roots that support the tree are severed or removed altogether.

## 5.1.4 Release of Deleterious Substances

The accidental release of deleterious substances such as oil, hydraulic fluid, etc., into the soil within proximity to trees, can inhibit tree growth and function.

## 6. Tree Protection Measures

The site-specific locations/extent of the work have not been determined. Therefore, general guidelines for tree preservation are provided below but should be refined during detailed design and prior to commencing construction. The Design Builder is responsible to confirm the limits of the work and tree removals and update the Arborist Report accordingly.

The majority of trees identified for preservation are outside of the Project Location and on private property. Those trees confirmed to not be in conflict and that require preservation considerations must be demarcated in drawings during Detailed Design. Additionally, injured trees may also be preserved, pending location-specific impacts. Tree protection measures have been summarized below.

For all trees to be preserved (i.e., do not require removal), a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) is to be established. The TPZ minimum distances are established in the example plan *Temporary Tree Protection Fencing Guide* (City of Brampton, 2014) (Appendix E). The TPZ to be assigned is based on the tree's dripline. The minimum protection distance (i.e., TPZ) is provided in Table 6-1.

Trunk Diameter (DBH) <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Protection Distances Required <sup>2</sup>
<30cm	Radius of dripline <sup>3</sup>
>30cm	2 x radius of the dripline

Table 6-1 Standard Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) set by the City of Brampton

4. DBH measurement of tree stem taken at 1.4 m above the ground.

5. TPZ distances are to be measured from the outside edge of the tree base.

6. The dripline is defined as the area beneath the outermost branch tips of a tree.

Note that, the City of Brampton also issues a standalone section of their Landscape Specifications called Tree & Shrub Preservation which states that "Existing trees shall be properly protected beyond the drip line with minimum 1.2m high temporary fencing as per City of Brampton standard until Substantial Performance." It is the responsibility of the Design Builder to determine which standard for TPZ is to be adhered to.

## 6.1 Tree Protection Zone Specifics

It is the responsibility of the site supervisor to inspect the condition of the tree protection measures regularly and denote damage and maintenance requirements. If damage or maintenance is observed, repair work to the tree protection barriers should be completed immediately. To not repair is considered a breach of the tree protection By-law and could result in an immediate "stop-work" order being issued for the site.

According to the City specifications, the TPZ shall be constructed with 38 x 38 T-Bar posts 120 cm apart. Every third post is to be either 10 cm x 10 cm square or 7.6 cm diameter round pressure treated Jack Pine or Cedar Post. Posts should be driven 91.4 cm into the ground. Additionally, Fencing should be a barrier at least 1.2 m in height made from high visibility orange safety fencing framed with T-bar posts and 2"x4"s for top rails. Where fill or excavate is to be stored near the TPZ, a plywood barrier will be used. All tree protection barriers should be installed prior to construction.

The TPZ is considered a "no-touch zone" whereby there will be:

- No construction;
- No altering of grade by adding fill;
- No excavating, trenching, scraping, dumping or disturbance of any kind;
- No storage of construction materials, equipment, soil, construction waste or debris;
- No disposal of any liquids, e.g., concrete, gas, oil, paint;
- No movement of vehicles, equipment or pedestrians; and
- No parking of vehicles or machinery.

Signage should be mounted on the TPZ to inform all workers of the tree protection barrier. The minimum size is  $10^{"}x14"$ .

## 6.2 Root Zone Protection Measures

The standards of a TPZ should be continued outside of the TPZ, where roots zones are located. If staging areas or access routes are proposed in areas adjacent to trees Root Zone Compaction Protection (RZCP) is recommended. The RZCP will vary depending on the intended use. For example, If use is non-vehicular access, light RZCP can be applied in the following layers:

- medium weight non-woven geotextile fabric (e.g., landscape cloth),
- 150mm of wood chips over the fabric area, and
- installation of 1/2" plywood over wood chips.

To negate soil compaction from heavy machinery robust RZCP should be used. RZCP should be developed on a site-specific basis but may include any addition of the above

and should focus on weight-dissipating materials or modular geocellular systems (e.g., Permavoid ArborRaft). It is also recommended that if compaction occurs, aerating the area post-construction will assist in maintaining tree health.

#### 6.3 Other Protection Measures

Additionally, proper root and branch pruning should be done in advance of anticipated damage, root zone excavation, or immediately afterwards if such injury was unforeseen. If tree roots are damaged during soil excavation or branches during construction activities, it is required that damaged roots be pruned with clean and sharp hand tools. Prolonged exposure (3+ hours) of roots be avoided, and if necessary, exposed cut edges of roots should be kept moist by covering them with moist backfill, mulch, irrigation, or layers of damp burlap. Pruning damaged roots and branches can facilitate healing and minimize the risk of infection.

## 7. Replacement and Compensation

The City of Brampton guides tree replacements in the Tableland Tree Assessment Guidelines (2018). These City Guidelines provide the following for tree removal compensation ratios of healthy tableland trees:

DBH (cm)	Ratio
15-20	1:1
21-35	2:1
36-50	3:1
51-65	4:1
>65	5:1

As noted in Section 2.5, The TRCA provides compensation guidelines for regulated areas. The TRCA, in its role as a public commenting body under the planning and environmental processes, produced a Guideline for Determining Ecosystem Compensation (after the decision to compensate has been made) (2018). The Guideline instructs municipalities undertaking public infrastructure projects to discuss compensation on a case-by-case base with TRCA. The goal of the TRCA Guideline is to ensure land base compensation for ecosystem removal, as appropriate, and that the principles of their Guideline are followed.

The Guideline uses the basal area to establish ecosystem restoration replacement ratios (in hectares). However, when not a part of an Ecological Land Classification delineated system, the TRCA Guideline for Basal Area compensation does not apply. Instead, the TRCA recommends the following Table 7-1 for individual tree replacement when the basal area approach is not suitable.

Table 7-1 Replication Tree (Planting) Ratio by Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) set by the TRCA Guideline for Determining Ecosystem Compensation (2018)

DBH Range (cm) <sup>1</sup>	Replication Ratio
0-10	1:1
10.1-20	1:3
20.1-30	1:10
30.1-40	1:15
40.1-50	1:20
50.1-60	1:30
60.1-70	1:40
70.1+	1:50

1. DBH measurement of tree stem taken at 1.4 m above the ground.

Based on the number of removed trees the following compensation numbers are estimated:

- There are an estimated 181 City of Brampton tablelands trees to be removed. Tableland trees are assumed to be those trees outside of the TRCA regulated area. Compensation required, based on DBH, is 389 trees.
- The TRCA regulated areas contains trees within agricultural hedgerows and rightof-ways, therefore the replication ratio is applied (Table 7-1). Compensation required is 1,551 trees.
- Compensation for City tableland trees (381 trees) combined with TRCA regulated areas (1,551 trees) results in the need for 1,932 compensation trees.

Compensation should be discussed and agreed on with the City, the Region of Peel, and TRCA. On-site compensation (occurs on the same site that the ecosystem impact is taking place) is preferred over off-site compensation. It is recommended that compensation trees be planted as a part of the restoration plan for Rainbow Creek and that a mix of native shrubs and trees be considered.

## 8. Conclusion

Wood was retained by the City to provide a Tree Assessment as part of a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Arterial Road Network within the Highway 427 Industrial Secondary Plan Area. Impacts on trees within the study area will be largely associated with construction and grading activities. To meet the requirements for the construction footprint provided in the preferred alternative design (February 2020), a total of 293 trees will need to be removed, and 15 trees may potentially be injured. While the nature of the work to be completed is generally understood, the sitespecific locations/extent of the work has not been determined. The Design Builder is responsible to confirm the limits of the work and tree removals and update the Arborist Report accordingly.

Potential impacts to trees could be avoided during construction with appropriate protection measures and practices. The location and type of protection is to be confirmed during detailed design and are not illustrated at this time.

Compensation for trees needs to be discussed between the City, the Region of Peel, and the TRCA. However, using the City and TRCA guidelines, 1,932 compensation trees is likely required. As it is preferred that compensation plantings occur on-site, and the Rainbow Creek Corridor is subject to an extensive restoration plan (under separate cover), compensation plantings required as part of the arterial road network could be included within the Rainbow Creek Restoration plan, if accepted by the City, Region, and TRCA.

The above outlines observed conditions, estimates removals and summarizes protection measures and compensation potential. This tree inventory provides a view of trees inventoried in relation to the preferred alternative design (February 2020) in Appendix A.

The findings, interpretations and recommendations as outlined herein are based on the expertise of Wood and based on the observations and information available at the time of the Report preparation. This Report has been prepared by Wood for the sole benefit of the City of Brampton for the purposes of this Project as identified herein. It should not be relied upon by any other party or used for any other purposes. Any use by which a third party makes of this Report, or any reliance on or decisions made based on it, are the responsibilities of such third parties.

## 9. Limitations of Assessment

This assessment is based on the circumstances, observations and interpretations as they existed at the time the inventory was completed, and those trees documented within Part A. The opinions in this assessment are based on observations made and using generally accepted professional judgment. It is understood that trees and other vegetation are living organisms and subject to change, damage, and disease. Therefore, the results provided within this Report reflect those conditions on the date the assessment was completed and no guarantee, warranty, representation or opinion is offered or made as to the length of the validity of the results, observations, recommendations and analysis contained within this assessment. As noted herein, the results from this assessment should not be relied on for internal, below-ground and/or upper crown conditions or defects, as these areas were not visually inspected.

The assessment carried out was restricted to the areas where access was provided. No assessment of any other trees or plants has been undertaken by Wood under this heading.

In carrying out this assessment, Wood has exercised a reasonable standard of care, skill and diligence as would be customarily and normally provided in carrying out this type of

assessment. The assessment has been made using accepted arboricultural techniques. As such, all trees included as part of this assessment were inspected visually from the ground. This included a non-invasive inspection of each tree, documenting site conditions, buttress roots, trunk, and branches. This is considered a standard assessment that is performed by arborists to identify tree conditions from the ground level. While reasonable efforts have been made to ensure that the trees recommended for retention are healthy, no guarantees are offered, or implied, that these trees, or all parts of them will remain standing. It is both professionally and practically impossible to predict with absolute certainty the behaviour of any single tree or group of trees, or all their component parts, in all given circumstances. Inevitably, a standing tree will always pose some risk. Most trees have the potential to fall, lean, or otherwise pose a danger to property and persons in the event of adverse weather conditions, and this risk can only be eliminated if the tree is removed, or to the degree in which it can be properly pruned to mitigate risk.

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# **Appendix A: Tree Inventory Figures**



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Tree Inventory PART A Datum: NAD83 Projection: UTM Zone 17 FIGURE: 1A PROJECT Nº: TP115086 ğ SCALE: 1:1,200 DATE: May 2021



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## Appendix B: Properties with Permission to Enter Figure







# **Appendix C: Tree Inventory Table**

			Assessment	Offset				Tetel DBU	Approximate	<b>TD7</b>					Dualiusinaus
Tree Number	Scientific Name	Common Name	Approximate	Distance					Dripline Radius	IPZ	Structure	Crown	Comments	TRCA Reg. Area	Preliminary
			or No PTE	(m)	Stem I	Stem 2	Stem 3	(CIM)	(m)	Kadius (m)					Recommendation
439	Fraxinus americana	White Ash			34			34	3	6	D	D			Remove
440	Pinus strobus	Eastern White Pine			18			18	2	2	G	G			Retain
441	Picea abies	Norway Spruce			18			18	2	2	F	F			Retain
442	Picea abies	Norway Spruce			14			14	2	2	F	F			Retain
443	Picea abies	Norway Spruce			22			22	2	2	G	G			Retain
444	Picea abies	Norway Spruce			23			23	2	2	G	G			Retain
445	Picea abies	Norway Spruce			21			21	2	2	G	G			Retain
446	Picea abies	Norway Spruce			19			19	2	2	G	G			Retain
447	Picea abies	Norway Spruce			23			23	2	2	G	G			Retain
448	Picea abies	Norway Spruce			31			31	2	4	G	G			Injure
449	Picea abies	Norway Spruce			32			32	2	4	G	G			Remove
450	Picea abies	Norway Spruce			25			25	2	2	G	G			Remove
451	Picea abies	Norway Spruce			16	13		29	2	2	G	G	2 stems		Remove
452	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce			13			13	2	2	F	F			Remove
453	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce			14			14	2	2	F	F			Remove
454	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce			15			15	2	2	Р	F			Remove
455	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce			16			16	1	1	F	F			Remove
456	Picea punaens	Blue Spruce			12			12	1	1	Р	Р			Remove
457	Picea abies	Norway Spruce			12			12	1	1	F	F			Remove
458	Salix Species	Willow Species			32	29		61	4	8	G	G	2 stems		Remove
459	luninerus virainiana	Fastern Red Cedar			21			21	2	2	G	G			Remove
460	Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust			32			32	3	6	G	G			Remove
461	Picea nunaens	Blue Spruce			25			25	2	2	G	G			Remove
462	Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust	X	3	26			26	3	3	G	G			Remove
463	Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust	~	5	32			32	3	6	G	G			Remove
465	Picea nunaens	Blue Spruce	X	4	34			34	3	6	G	G			Remove
465	Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust	X	6	33			33	3	6	G	G			Remove
465	luninerus virainiana	Eastern Red Cedar	~	0	19			19	3	3	G	G			Remove
400	Populus tremuloides	Trembling Poplar			62			62	5	10	F	F			Remove
522	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	x	20	92			92	5	10	G	G			Injure
522	Saliv Species	Willow Species	×	15	20	20	26	92	5	10	G	C	2 stoms		Bomovo
525	Suitx Species	Manitoba Manlo	^	15	42	29	20	42	3	0	G	6	5 Sterris		Remove
524	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple			43			43	4 C	10	G	r C			Remove
525	Cleditsia triacanthes	Maintoba Maple			20			20	2	2	G	G			Remove
520	Acer required	Manitaha Manla			20			20	2	5	G	G			Remove
527	Acer negunuo	Silver Menle	V	r	35	25	10	30	3	0	G	G	2 stores		Remove
520	Acer saccharthan	Silver Maple	×	5 10	20	25	19	20	4	0	G	G	5 stems		Remove
529	Acer negunuo	Manitoba Maple	^	10	30			30	4	0	G	G			Remove
550	Suitx Dubytonicu	Silver Mark			21			27	5	3	G	G			Remove
551	Acer succharinum	Silver Maple	V	10	63			63	5	10	G	G			Remove
532	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	X	10	52			52	5	10	G	G			Remove
533	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	X		43			43	4	8	G	G			Remove
534	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	X		50			50	4	8	G	G			Remove
535	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	X		72			72	6	12	G	G			Remove
536	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	X		72			/2	6	12	G	G			Remove
537	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	X		68			68	/	14	G	G			Remove
538	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	X		90			90	6	12	F	F			Remove
539	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	X		67	2.1		67	6	12	G	G	2.4		Remove
540	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	Х		30	31	29	90	4	8	G	G	3 stems		Remove
541	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple			52			52	4	8	G	G			Remove
542	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple			42			42	5	10	G	G			Remove
543	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple			25			25	4	4	G	G			Remove
544	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	Х	7	13	10	11	34	4	8	G	G	3 stems		Remove
545	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple			26			26	4	4	G	G			Remove
546	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			35			35	4	8	G	G			Remove
547	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			37			37	4	8	G	G			Remove

548	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			42		42	4	8	G	G			Remove
549	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			43		43	4	8	G	G			Remove
550	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			45		45	4	8	G	G			Remove
551	Picea abies	Norway Spruce			26		26	2	2	G	G			Remove
552	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple			37		37	3	6	G	G			Remove
553	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple			26	23	49	3	6	G	G	2 stems		Remove
554	Salix Species	Willow Species	Х	15	50		50	5	10	G	G			Injure
555	Fraxinus americana	White Ash	Х	15	32		32	0	0	D	D		Y	Remove
556	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	Х	20	80		80	5	10	G	G		Y	Remove
557	Elaeagnus angustifolia	Russian Olive			15	14	29	3	3	G	G	2 stems	Y	Remove
558	Fraxinus americana	White Ash			24		24	2	2	Р	Р		Y	Remove
559	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple			10		10	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
560	Fraxinus americana	White Ash	Х	15	25		25	1	1	D	D		Y	Remove
561	Fraxinus americana	White Ash	Х	15	25		25	1	1	D	D		Y	Remove
562	Juniperus virginiana	Eastern Red Cedar	х	3	29		29	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
563	Juniperus virginiana	Eastern Red Cedar	Х	4	26		26	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
564	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	х	6	34		34	4	8	G	G		Y	Remove
565	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar	Х	6	20		20	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
566	Acer neaundo	Manitoba Maple	х	5	34		34	5	10	G	G		Y	Remove
567	Juniperus virainiana	Eastern Red Cedar	Х	5	20		20	4	4	G	G		Y	Remove
568	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple	х	10	26		26	4	4	G	G		Y	Remove
569	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple	X	15	20		20	4	4	G	G		Ŷ	Iniure
570	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple		20	20		20	4	4	G	G		Ŷ	Retain
571	Fraxinus americana	White Ash			16	15	31	1	2	P	P	2 stems	Ŷ	Remove
572	Fraxinus americana	White Ash	х	15	29	15	29	3	3	G	G	2 5001115	Ŷ	Retain
573	Elaeaanus anaustifolia	Russian Olive			10	10	20	3	3	G	G	2 stems		Remove
574	luniperus virainiana	Fastern Red Cedar			30		30	2	4	G	G	2 Sterris	Y	Remove
575	Elaeaanus anaustifolia	Russian Olive			25	10	35	4	8	G	G	2 stems	Ŷ	Remove
576	Eraxinus americana	White Ash			16		16	2	2	F	F	2 Sterris	Y	Remove
570		Eastern Red Cedar			17		17	2	2	G	G		Y	Remove
578	luniperus virginiana	Eastern Red Cedar			10		10	2	2	G	G		Y	Remove
579	luninerus virginiana	Eastern Red Cedar			20		20	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
580	luniperus virginiana	Eastern Red Cedar			17		17	4	4	G	G		Y	Remove
580	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			10	10	20	4	4	F	F	2 stems		Remove
582	Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			11	10	11	4	4	F	F	2 Sterns		Remove
583	Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			10		10	4	4	F	F			Remove
584	Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			10		10	4	4	F	F			Remove
585	Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			10		10	4	4	F	F			Remove
586	Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			10		10	4	4	F	F			Remove
587	Acer negundo	Manitoba Manle	x		21	17	38	4	8	G	G	2 stems		Remove
588	Malus Sp	Ornamental Crabapple Tree	X		10	.,	10	3	3	G	G	2 Sterns		Remove
580	Malus Sp.	Ornamental Crabapple Tree			10		10	3	2	G	G			Pomovo
500	Ouercus robur	English Oak			22		22	2	2	G	G			Remove
590	Quercus robui	English Oak Eastorn Pod Codar			25		25	2	2	G	G			Remove
597	Picoa abios	Nonvay Spruce	Y	16	20		20	5	10	G	G			Injuro
592	Piced ubles	Norway Spruce	×	17	40		39	5	10	G	G			Injure
595	Ficed ubles	Rlack Walnut	^	17	40		40	5	10	G	G			Perceve
595	Picoa pupaons	Blue Spruce	V	15	25		45	3	6	G	G			Potoin
596	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	X	15	30	20	50	3	6	G	G	2 stoms		Retain
590	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	×	10	21	20	21	2	2	G	G	2 sterns		Retain
597	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	X	10	21		21	2	2	G	G			Potain
590	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	^ V	10	43		42	2	5	G	G			Potain
535	Picea abios	Nonyay Spruce	X	E	45		45	3	0	G	G			Pomovo
601	Picea abies	Norway Spruce	^ V	6	21		20	4	2	G	G			Pomovo
601	Picea abios	Norway Spruce	X	7	10		10	2	2	G	G			Pomovo
602	Picea abies	Norway Spruce	^ V	10	19		19	2	2	G	C			Potoin
604	Picea abios	Norway Spruce	X	10	10		10	2	2	G	G			Retain
604	Picea abies	Norway Spruce	^ V	7	26		17	5	2	G	C			Retain
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606	Picea abies	Norway Spruce	х	10	16			16	3	3	G	G			Retain
607	Picea abies	Norway Spruce	Х	11	27			27	3	3	G	G			Retain
608	Malus Sp	Ornamental Crabapple Tree	X	20	21			21	3	3	G	G			Retain
609	Malus Sp.	Ornamental Crabapple Tree	X	20	22			22	3	3	G	G			Retain
610	Purus Sp.	Poar	X	20	22			22	2	3	G	G			Rotain
611	Acor caccharinum	Fear Maple	×	20	67			67	5	10	G	C		V	Injuro
612	Acer soccharinum	Silver Maple	~	0	67			67	5	10	G	G		I V	Injure
612	Acer saccharinum		X	12	65			65	5	10	G	G		Ý	Injure
613	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	X	12	32			32	5	10	G	G		Ŷ	Retain
614	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	Х	13	41			41	5	10	G	G		Y	Retain
615	Quercus robur	English Oak	Х	10	36	32		68	6	12	F	G	2 stems	Y	Injure
616	Catalpa speciosa	Caltapa Tree	Х	15	39			39	6	12	G	G		Y	Retain
617	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	Х	10	52			52	5	10	G	G		Y	Injure
618	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	Х	14	49			49	5	10	G	G		Y	Retain
619	Salix babylonica	Weeping Willow			108			108	7	14	G	G		Y	Remove
620	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	Х	20	19			19	4	4	G	G		Y	Retain
621	Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			22	19		41	3	6	G	G	2 stems		Remove
622	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			21	20		41	3	6	G	G	2 stems		Remove
623	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			27			27	3	3	G	G			Remove
624	Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			31	11		12	3	6	G	G	2 stoms		Remove
625	Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Codar			28	11		20	2	6	G	G	2 stoms		Remove
626	Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			12	12	10	35	2	0	G	c U	2 stems		Remove
626	Diago declaentatis	Eastern White Cedar	V	20	15	12	10	35	2	4	F	r	5 stems		Remove
627	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	X	20	35			35	4	8	G	G			Remove
628	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	X	15	34			34	4	8	G	G			Remove
629	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	Х	20	33			33	4	8	G	G			Remove
630	Malus Sp.	Ornamental Crabapple Tree	Х	15	13			13	3	3	G	G			Remove
631	Salix Species	Willow Species	Х		23	21	19	63	3	6	G	G		Y	Remove
632	Fraxinus americana	White Ash			54	30		84	4	8	Р	Р	3 stems		Injure
633	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	Х	20	47			47	4	8	F	F		Y	Retain
634	Salix babylonica	Weeping Willow	Х	15	60			60	6	12	G	G		Y	Remove
635	Salix babylonica	Weeping Willow			10	10	10	30	3	6	Р	G	2 stems	Y	Remove
636	Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust			15	16	10	41	4	8	G	G	2 stems	Y	Remove
637	Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust			23			23	4	4	G	G		Y	Remove
638	Picea alauca	White Spruce			35			35	4	8	G	G		Y	Remove
639	Picea alauca	White Spruce			31			31	4	8	G	G		Y	Remove
640	Picea alauca	White Spruce			29			29	3	3	G	G		v	Remove
641	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	v	15	24			24	2	6	G	G		v	Remove
647	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	~	15	24			24	2	6	G	G		I V	Remove
642	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	×	10	35			35	2	6	G	G		Y	Remove
643	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	X	10	34	20		34	3	6	P	P	2.1	Ý	Remove
644	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine	X	/	35	29		64	3	6	G	G	2 stems	Ŷ	Remove
645	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine	Х	1	37			37	3	6	G	G		Y	Remove
646	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	Х	8	13	9		22	3	3	G	G	2 stems	Y	Remove
647	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	Х	10	14			14	3	3	G	G			Remove
648	Pinus strobus	Eastern White Pine	Х	9	19			19	3	3	G	G			Remove
649	Morus alba	White Mulberry			15	14	13	42	4	8	F	F	3 stems		Remove
650	Picea glauca	White Spruce	Х	10	27			27	3	3	G	G			Remove
651	Picea glauca	White Spruce	Х	11	27			27	3	3	G	G			Remove
652	Picea glauca	White Spruce	Х	10	26			26	3	3	G	G			Remove
653	Picea alauca	White Spruce	Х	11	25			25	3	3	G	G			Remove
654	Populus arandidentata	Large Tooth Aspen	X	3	37			37	1	2	P	P			Remove
655	luninerus virainiana	Fastern Red Cedar		5	16			16	2	2	G	G			Remove
656	Acer negundo	Manitoba Manle	X	20	50			50	2	1	G	G		V	Retain
657	Fravinus amoricana	White Ach	~	20	11			11	2	-	P	D D		v	Pomovo
650	Acor plataneides	Nonyay Maple			21	20		11	2	2	C C	C C	2 stores	I V	Remove
050	Acer platariolaes	Norway Maple			21	20		41	3	0	G	G	2 stems	۲ ۷	Remove
659	Picea giauca	white Spruce			20			20	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
660	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			26			26	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
661	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			27			27	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
662	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			24			24	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
663	Acer platanoides	Norway Maple			21	19	8	48	4	8	G	G	3 stems	Y	Remove

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004		Little Lear Linden			21			21	4	4	G	G		ř	Remove
665	Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden			22			22	4	4	G	G		Y	Remove
666	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			27	10		37	3	6	Р	Р	2 stems	Y	Remove
667	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine	Х	4	30			30	3	6	G	G		Y	Remove
668	Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden			29	10		39	4	8	G	G	2 stems	Y	Remove
669	Pinus niara	Austrian Pine			30			30	3	6	G	G		Y	Remove
670	Pipus piara	Austrian Pino			28			28	3	3	G	G		v	Remove
070	Patinia nagra	Rustnan Fine			20			20	2	2	G	G		I N	Demove
671	Robinia pseudodcacia	DIACK LOCUSE			21	10		21	3	5	G	G		ř	Remove
672	Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden			20	10		30	3	6	G	G	2 stems	Y	Remove
673	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			19			19	2	2	G	G		Y	Remove
674	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			21			21	3	3	Р	Р		Y	Remove
675	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			27			27	3	3	Р	Р		Y	Remove
676	Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden			30			30	4	8	Р	Р		Y	Remove
677	Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden			11	10		21	4	4	G	G	2 stems	Y	Remove
678	Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden			27	10		27		4	G	G	2 sterns	v	Remove
676	Disesseries	Austrian Dias			21			21	4	4	G	G		I V	Remove
679	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			21			21	4	4	G	G		Y	Remove
680	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			22			22	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
681	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			23			23	2	2	G	Р		Y	Remove
682	Robinia pseudoacacia	Black Locust			17			17	2	2	Р	Р		Y	Remove
683	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			21			21	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
684	Pinus niara	Austrian Pine			25			25	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
685	Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden			27	26		53	3	6	G	G	2 stoms	v	Remove
6005	Tilia Cordata	Little Leef Linden			12	11	0	22	3	0	C	C	2 stems	v v	Demove
000		Little Lear Linden			13	11	9	33	4	0	G	G	5 stems	ř	Remove
687	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			28			28	3	3	F	G		Y	Remove
688	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			24			24	2	2	F	F		Y	Remove
689	Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden			31	21	19	71	4	8	G	G	3 stems	Y	Remove
690	Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden			19	18		37	4	8	G	G	2 stems	Y	Remove
691	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			22			22	4	4	G	G		Y	Remove
692	Pinus niara	Austrian Pine			23			23	4	4	G	G		Y	Remove
693	Tilia Cordata	little Leaf Linden			19			19	1	1	G	G		v	Remove
604	Fravinus amoricana	M/bite Ach			22			22	-1	-	0	0		V V	Demove
694	Fraxinus americana	white Ash			23			23	1	1	P	P		ř	Remove
695	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			27			27	3	3	G	G	-	Y	Remove
696	Acer platanoides	norway maple			23	22		45	4	8	G	G	2 stems	Y	Remove
697	Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust			25			25	4	4	G	G		Y	Remove
698	Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden			23	18		41	3	6	F	G	2 stems	Y	Remove
699	Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden			27			27	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
700	Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust			24			24	4	4	G	G		Y	Remove
701	Acer platanoides	nonway manle			29	19	18	66	4	8	G	G	3 stems	Y	Remove
701	Ricoa pungons	Plue Spruce			25	15	10	26	4	4	с С	D	5 3(611)3	v	Remove
702	Piceu pungens	Blue Spruce			20			20	4	4	F	r		T N	Remove
703	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce			32			32	3	6	G	G		Ŷ	Remove
704	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce			44			44	4	8	G	G		Y	Remove
705	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce			36			36	3	6	F	G		Y	Remove
706	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple			24			24	2	2	G	G		Y	Remove
707	Pinus strobus	Eastern White Pine	Х	5	36			36	5	10	G	G		Y	Remove
708	Pinus strobus	Fastern White Pine	х	6	25			25	5	5	G	G		Y	Remove
709	Picea nungens	Blue Spruce	X	5	27			27	3	3	G	G		v	Remove
705	Dinus niena	Austrian Bine	X	5	21			21	3	0	C	C		v v	Demove
710	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine	~	0	51			51	4	0	G	G		ř	Remove
/12	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce			32			32	3	6	G	G		Y	Remove
713	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce			27			27	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
714	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			26			26	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
715	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce			28			28	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
716	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			35			35	3	6	F	G		Y	Remove
717	Picea nunaens	Blue Spruce			26			26	3	3	G	G		Y	Remove
718	Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden			27	26		53	1	8	G	G	2 stoms	v	Remove
710	Acor platancides	nonvov monlo			27	20	22	70	4	0	C	C	2 sterns	N N	Remove
/ 19	Acer platanolaes	norway maple			25	24	23	12	4	ð	G	G	5 stems	ľ	Remove
720	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			32			32	4	8	G	G	_	Y	Remove
721	Acer platanoides	norway maple			22	10		32	3	6	G	G	2 stems	Y	Remove
722	Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden			25	23	16	64	4	8	G	G	3 stems	Y	Remove

723	Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust			11			11	2	2	F	F		Y	Remove
724	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			19			19	4	4	G	G		Y	Remove
725	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			35			35	5	10	G	G		Y	Remove
726	Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden			18	17		35	4	8	G	G	2 stems	Y	Remove
727	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			35			35	4	8	G	G		Y	Remove
728	Salix babylonica	Weeping Willow			82			82	8	16	G	G		Y	Remove
729	Tilia Cordata	Little Leaf Linden			10	10		20	4	4	G	G	2 stems	Y	Remove
730	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			19			19	4	4	G	G		Y	Remove
731	Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine			18			18	4	4	G	G		Y	Remove
732	Salix Species	Willow Species			36	27	28	91	8	16	G	G	3 stems		Remove
733	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple	Х	30	30			30	4	8	G	G			Retain
734	Fraxinus americana	White Ash			10			10	1	1	Р	Р		Y	Remove
735	Fraxinus americana	White Ash			15			15	2	2	Р	Р			Remove
736	Fraxinus americana	White Ash			10	10		20	2	2	Р	Р	2 stems		Remove
737	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple			14			14	3	3	G	G			Remove
738	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple			12			12	3	3	G	G			Remove
739	Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			16			16	3	3	F	Р			Remove
740	Acer neaundo	Manitoba Maple			17			17	3	3	G	G			Remove
741	Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			15			15	3	3	Р	Р			Remove
742	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple			65			65	6	12	G	G			Remove
743	Betula papvrifera	White Birch			16	15		31	3	6	G	G	2 stems		Remove
744	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			17			17	2	2	G	G			Remove
745	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			18			18	2	2	G	G			Remove
746	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			18			18	2	2	G	G			Remove
747	Pinus niara	Austrian Pine			43			43	4	8	G	G			Remove
748	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			16			16	2	2	G	G			Remove
749	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			13			13	3	3	G	G			Remove
750	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			14			14	3	3	G	G			Remove
751	Catalpa speciosa	Caltapa Tree			15			15	3	3	G	G			Remove
752	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			17			17	2	2	G	G			Remove
753	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			14			14	2	2	G	G			Remove
754	Picea alauca	White Spruce	Х	5	42			42	5	10	G	G			Remove
755	Picea alauca	White Spruce	X	7	43			43	5	10	G	G			Remove
756	Picea punaens	Blue Spruce			32			32	4	8	G	G			Remove
757	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	х	20	42			42	4	8	G	G			Iniure
758	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			18	13		31	3	6	G	G	2 stems		Remove
759	Picea alauca	White Spruce			23			23	3	3	G	G			Remove
760	Picea punaens	Blue Spruce			19			19	3	3	G	G			Remove
761	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce			28			28	4	4	G	G			Remove
762	Picea alauca	White Spruce	Х	3	31			31	4	8	G	G			Remove
763	Picea alauca	White Spruce	x	5	33			33	4	8	G	G			Remove
764	Picea alauca	White Spruce	X	7	33			33	4	8	G	G			Remove
765	Picea alauca	White Spruce	x	5	32			32	4	8	G	G			Remove
766	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	5	23	22	21	66	3	6	G	G	3 stems		Remove
767	Acer platanoides	Norway Maple			12			12	3	3	G	G	5 500115		Remove
768	Thuia occidentalis	Fastern White Cedar			27	25	26	78	3	6	G	G	3 stems		Remove
769	Picea alauca	White Spruce	X	10	20	25	20	20	3	3	G	G	5 5101115		Remove
70	Salix habylonica	Weeping Willow	~	10	72			72	8	16	G	G			Remove
771	Acer platanoides	Norway Maple	X	11	13			13	2	2	G	G			Remove
772	Salix habylonica	Weeping Willow	~		93			93	8	16	G	G			Remove
773	Pinus strobus	Fastern White Pine			38			38	4	8	G	G			Remove
774	Picea alauca	White Spruce			46			46	4	8	G	G			Remove
775	Picea alauca	White Spruce			20			39	4	8	G	G			Remove
776	Picea alauca	White Spruce			35			35	4	8	G	G			Remove
777	Picea alauca	White Spruce			23			23	4	4	G	G			Remove
778	Picea alauca	White Spruce			26	25		51	4	8	G	G	2 stems		Remove
779	Picea alauca	White Spruce			25	25		25	4	4	G	G	L Sterns		Remove
780	Picea alauca	White Spruce			10			10	3	3	G	G			Remove
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781	Picea glauca	White Spruce			25			25	4	4	G	G		Remove
782	Aesculus hippocastanum	Horse Chestnut			15			15	4	4	G	G		Remove
783	Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar Hedge			10	15		25	2	2	F	G	2 stems	Remove
784	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	Х	15	40			40	5	10	G	G		Remove
785	Acer platanoides	Norway Maple			17			17	3	3	G	G		Remove
786	Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar Hedge			10	15		25	2	2	G	G	2 stems	Remove
787	Picea glauca	White Spruce			21			21	3	3	F	F		Remove
788	Fraxinus americana	White Ash	Х	10	32			32	0	0	D	D		Remove
789	Quercus alba	White Oak	х	7	35			35	4	8	G	G		Remove
790	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce			27			27	3	3	G	G		Injure
791	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce			29			29	3	3	G	G		Remove
792	Picea glauca	White Spruce			17			17	2	2	G	G		Remove
793	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce			20			20	3	3	G	G		Remove
794	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			13			13	2	2	G	G		Remove
795	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			14			14	2	2	G	G		Remove
796	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			17			17	2	2	G	G		Remove
797	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar			18			18	3	3	Р	F		Remove
798	Thuia occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar Hedge			10	15		25	2	2	G	G	2 stems	Remove
799	Fraxinus americana	White Ash			24			24	2	2	P	P		Remove
800	Fraxinus americana	White Ash			25			25	2	2	P	P		Remove
801	Fraxinus americana	White Ash			45			45	2	4	P	P		Remove
857	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple			12	10		22	2	2	G	G	2 stems	Remove
858	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple			13	4	3	20	2	2	G	G	3 stems	Remove
859	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple			32	30	29	91	4	8	G	G	3 stems	Remove
860	Tilia americana	American Basswood			18	50	25	18	3	3	F	G	5 500115	Remove
861	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple			27	26		53	4	8	G	G	2 stems	Remove
862	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple			10	10	10	30	3	6	G	G	3 stems	Remove
863	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple			26	25	23	74	5	10	G	G	3 stoms	Remove
864	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple			11	25	23	11	2	2	G	G	5 3161113	Remove
865	Salix Species	Willow Species			15			15	2	2	G	G		Remove
866	Salix Species	Willow Species			22	20		13	2	6	G	G	2 stoms	Remove
867	Salix Species	Willow Species			23	20		43	2	6	G	G	2 stems	Pomovo
868	Salix Species	Willow Species			27	12	10	50	2	6	G	G	2 stems	Remove
869	Salix Species	Willow Species			21	15	10	21	2	3	G	G	5 sterns	Pomovo
870	Salix Species	Willow Species			10			10	2	2	G	G		Remove
871	Salix Species	Willow Species			12			12	2	2	G	G		Pomovo
872	Salix Species	Willow Species			25	27	24	86	2	2	G	G	3 stoms	Remove
072	Salix Species	Willow Species			24	20	24	97	4	0	C	C	2 stoms	Bemove
073	Acor saccharinum	Silver Maple			34	20	25	47	4	0	G	G	5 Sterns	Remove
074	Ricog pungons				47			47	4	2	G	G		Remove
075	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce			17			17	2	2	G	G		Rettoin
070	Acer platanoides	Nervey Meric			20	25	22	70	2	2	G	G	2 stores	Demous
077	Acer platanoides	Factors Red Codar			15	25	25	15	4	2	C	G	5 Sterns	Remove
970		Eastern Red Cedar			10			10	2	2	G	G		Remove
079		Edstern Red Cedar			19	17	16	19	2	2	0	G	2 stores	Remove
000	Fraxinus americana	Willow Creation			70	17	10	5 I 111	2	4	P C	r C	2 sterns	Remove
001	Suix Species	Willow Species			70	41		50	5	10	G	G	2 stems	Remove
002	Solix Species	Willow Species			50			50	2	10	G	G		Remove
005	Suix Species	Willow Species			37	27		57	5	0	F C	G	2 - +	Remove
884	Saux Species	Willow Species			29	27		50	4	8	G	G	2 stems	Retain
885	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple			10	12	11	20	3	5	G	G	2 sterns	Ketain
880	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple			10	12	11	41	3	0	G	G	3 sterns	Injure
887	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple			19	10		31	3	2	G	G	2 stems	Retain
888	Acer negunao				14	10		20	3	3	G	G	∠ stems	Retain
889	Acer negunao	Manitoba Maple			14	13		2/	3	3	F	G		Retain
890	Acer negunao				25	77		62	5	3	G	G	) story -	Retain
891	Sullx Species	Willow Species			35	21		62	5	10	G	G	2 stems	Retain
892	Sullx Species	vviilow Species			42			42	5	10	G	G		Retain
893	Acer negundo	ivianitopa iviapie			16			16	5	5	F	G		Retain

894	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple	18	18		36	3	6	F	G	2 stems	Injure
895	Fraxinus americana	White Ash	42			42	5	10	F	G		Remove
896	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple	21			21	3	3	G	G		Retain
897	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple	13			13	3	3	G	G		Retain
898	Fraxinus americana	White Ash	23	12		35	2	4	Р	Р	2 stems	Retain
899	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple	16	10		26	3	3	F	G	2 stems	Remove
900	Fraxinus americana	White Ash	20	17	10	47	3	6	Р	Р	2 stems	Remove
901	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	108	19	20	147	3	6	F	F	3 stems	Retain



### **Appendix D: Site Photograph Log**

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### **Project Photos**

Project Photo	Description
	Trees along the Countryside Drive east of Countryside Drive's intersection with Coleraine Drive facing east.
	Tributary of the West Humber River crossing Coleraine Drive north of Coleraine Drive's intersection with Countryside Drive.
	Trees along the west side of Coleraine Drive, north of Coleraine Drive's intersection with Countryside Drive, facing north.
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Trees along Coleraine Drive, south of Coleraine Drive's intersection with Countryside Drive, facing north.
Trees along the west side Coleraine Drive, south of Coleraine Drive's intersection with Countryside Drive, facing south.
Vegetation in the ROW of the east-west Arterial road between Countryside Drive and Castlemore Road.

Vegetation within the ROW of the new intersection of the east-west Arterial road and Arterial A2 near Highway 50.
Vegetation around a swim pond in the north south section of the new Arterial A2 road
Vegetation within a hedgerow the north south section of the new Arterial A2 road, near Arterial A2 road's intersection with Countryside Drive.





## Appendix E: City of Brampton Specifications





#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

#### PART 1 GENERAL

#### 1.1 <u>Description of Work</u>

- 1. Keeping site environmentally protected at all times.
- 2. Ensure all measures are in accordance with the specifications, drawings, and requirements of other authorities having jurisdiction.

#### 1.2 <u>Related Work</u>

- .1 Section <u>01450</u> ...... Quality Control & Inspection
- .2 Section 02231 ...... Clearing & Grubbing
- .3 Section 02232 ...... Tree Pruning
- .4 Section 02311 ...... Site Grading
- .5 Section 02315 ...... Excavation, Trenching & Backfilling
- .6 Section 02901 ...... Tree & Shrub Preservation
- .7 Section 02911 ...... Site Topsoil & Finish Grading

#### 1.3 <u>Fires</u>

.1 Fires and burning of rubbish on site are not permitted.

#### 1.4 <u>Protection</u>

- .1 Prevent damage to fencing, trees, landscape, natural features, bench marks, existing buildings, existing pavement, surface or underground utility lines which are to remain, and to adjacent properties.
- .1 Erect siltation and sediment controls where indicated on the Contract Document drawings or as directed by the Consultant or other authorities having jurisdiction prior to construction. Maintain the controls during construction until the sodding or seeding phase is complete or as directed by the Consultant or other authorities having jurisdiction.

#### 1.5 <u>Disposal of Wastes</u>

- .1 The Contractor agrees to assume full responsibility and cost to procure and obtain all permits and documentation necessary to effect the proper disposal of materials.
- .2 Do not bury rubbish and waste materials on site.
- .3 Do not dispose of waste or volatile materials, such as mineral spirits, oil or paint thinner into waterways, storm or sanitary sewers.
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### 1.6 Drainage

- .1 Provide temporary drainage and pumping as necessary to keep excavations and site free from water.
- .2 Do not pump water containing suspended materials into waterways, sewer or drainage systems.
- .3 Control disposal or runoff of water containing suspended materials or other harmful substances in accordance with local authority requirements.

#### 1.7 <u>Conservation</u>

.1 The Contractor shall take the necessary precautions to ensure construction activities are carried out with consideration given to the conservation of energy, water, and materials.

### 1.8 <u>Plant Protection</u>

- .1 Protect trees and plants on site and adjacent properties where indicated.
- .2 Wrap with tree protection fencing as per the City of Brampton Standard Detail (Wrap in burlap, trees and shrubs adjacent to construction Work, storage areas and access areas, and encase with protective wood framework from grade level to height to 2m).
- .3 Protect roots of designated trees beyond the drip line during excavation and site grading to prevent disturbance or damage. Avoid unnecessary traffic, dumping and storage of materials over root zones.
- .4 Minimize stripping of topsoil and vegetation.
- .5 Restrict tree removal to areas indicated or designated by the Consultant as indicated on Contract Document drawings.
- .6 Do not place surplus material over root systems within any protective fencing.
- .7 No contaminants will be dumped or flushed where feeder roots of trees exist, that is within 1.5 times the diameter of the tree's canopy.
- .8 Do not drive over any roots of trees or other vegetation. Any damage caused will be made good at the expense of the Contractor.

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#### 1.9 <u>Temporary Tree Protection Fencing</u>

- .1 Existing trees shall be properly protected with temporary fencing as per the approved landscape plan and details until Substantial Performance of the work.
- .2 Maintain existing grade with fencing line of all trees to be preserved.
- .3 The area within the protected fencing shall remain undisturbed and free of debris, building materials and equipment.
- .4 Prune dead wood unless directed otherwise by the Consultant, do not prune leaders.
- .5 Trees, as determined by the Consultant, shall be borne by the Contractor. The species and size(s) must be as per the City of Brampton Standard.
- .6 38x38 mm T-bar posts shall be spaced at 1200mm o.c maximum with 1200mm high paige wire fence secured with wire ties, 300mm o.c.
- .7 100x100 mm square or 76 mm dia. round wood post every third post, wood to be pressure treated jack pine or cedar.

#### 1.10 <u>Fertilizing Existing Trees</u>

- .1 The Work shall be carried out between April 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> of the fiscal year.
- .2 The Contractor shall provide fertilizer as recommended by soil testing results and analysis, and as directed by the Consultant.
- .3 The Contractor shall use the product packaged in its original containers and prepare each tank in the presence of the Consultant.
- .4 The equipment to be used will have to be inspected and approved by the Consultant.
- .5 The Owner reserves the right to take samples of the mixture used, for analysis.

#### 1.11 <u>Work Adjacent to Waterways</u>

.1 Do not operate construction equipment in waterways unless otherwise approved by the appropriate Conservation Authority.

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- .2 Do not use waterway beds for borrow material.
- .3 Do not dump excavated fill, waste material or debris in waterways.
- .4 Do not use skid logs or other sediment control structures as determined by appropriate Conservation Authority,
- .5 Avoid indicated spawning beds or other designated Environmentally Sensitive Areas as identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) & Conservation Authorities when constructing temporary crossings of waterways.
- .6 Install silt-traps or other sediment control structures as determined by appropriate agencies.

#### 1.12 <u>Pollution Control</u>

- .1 Maintain temporary erosion and pollution control features installed under this Contract.
- .2 Control emissions from equipment and plant to local authorities emission requirements.
- .3 Prevent sandblasting and other extraneous materials from contaminating air beyond application area, by providing temporary enclosures.
- .4 Cover or wet down dry materials and rubbish to prevent blowing dust and debris. Provide dust control for temporary roads.

## END OF SECTION - 01561

#### TREE & SHRUB PRESERVATION

## PART 1 GENERAL

## 1.1 <u>Description of Work</u>

.1 This section specifies the preservation of existing vegetation on the site.

## 1.2 <u>Related Work</u>

- .1 All Division 1 Specification Sections
- .2 Section 01561 Environmental Protection
- .3 Section 02231 Clearing & Grubbing
- .4 Section 02232 Tree Pruning
- .5 Section 02311 Site Grading
- .6 Section 02315 Excavating, Trenching & Backfilling
- .7 Section 02911 Site Topsoil & Finish Grading

# 1.3 <u>Quality Control (Specific)</u>

.1 Contractor shall have a thorough knowledge of horticulture, being able to identify trees, shrubs and ground covers by both common and botanical nomenclature. All persons overseeing tree work must be trained according to the tree care standards accepted by the International Society of Arboriculture.

## 1.4 <u>Product Delivery, Storage, and Handling (Specific)</u>

- .1 Roots of existing trees to be preserved are not to be driven on.
- .2 Surplus soil, equipment, vehicles, debris or materials shall not be placed over root systems of the trees within the protective fencing. No contaminants will be dumped or flushed where feeder roots of trees exist, that is within 1.5 times the diameter of the tree's canopy. No cables of any type shall be wrapped around or installed in trees.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

## 2.1 <u>Temporary Tree Protective Fencing (Specific)</u>

- .1 Existing trees shall be properly protected beyond the drip line with minimum 1.2m high temporary fencing as per City of Brampton standard until Substantial Performance.
- .2 Maintain existing grade within drip line of all trees to be preserved.
- .3 The area within the protecting fencing shall remain undisturbed and free of debris, building materials and equipment.

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- .4 Prune dead wood only unless directed otherwise by the Consultant. Do not prune leaders, all cuts greater than 25mm diameter shall be treated with approved dressing as per Section <u>02232</u> Tree Pruning.
- .5 Silt control fabric as per layout and extent on drawings.

## 2.2 <u>Fertilizing Existing Trees</u>

- .1 The Work will be carried out between October 15th and November 14th of the fiscal year.
- .2 The Contractor will provide 2.7 kg of actual nitrogen in an organic or synthetic organic form or 9 kg of product 30-10-7 per 100 square meters of area or to a 40 cm diameter tree suspended in 225 litres of water. (6 lbs. of nitrogen or 20 lbs. of product in 50 gallons of water).
- .3 The Consultant reserves the right to take samples of the mixture used, for analysis.
- .4 The Contractor will be responsible for any damage caused to turf, walkways, trees or structures.

# PART 3 EXECUTION

## 3.1 Layout

- .1 Stake out and locate any major root systems from existing trees.
- .2 All proposed construction Works that may intersect with root systems of existing trees are to be identified and staked out using yellow flags.
- .3 Protective fencing location(s) are to be staked out as directed by the Consultant.

## 3.2 <u>Execution</u>

- .1 **Through Existing Root Systems:** Excavation required through existing root systems due to proposed Works is to be excavated by hand. Roots are to be cut with a sharp axe, and all cuts to be sealed with approved Tree Surgeons paint.
- .2 **Pruning:** Prune vegetation, loose bark, hazardous wood removal and all dead and broken branches. Prune branches to compensate for root loss then treat with tree paint.

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- .3 **Grade Change Higher Around Trees:** Place 100mm diameter perforated pipe on the existing grade, radiating a minimum of 8 spokes out from the trunk, to the spread of branches, sloping away from the trunk. Connect tiles and place tiles at the end of each slope. The upright spokes shall be extended to reach the new grade to allow for aeration and watering. Tiles are to be covered with clean crushed rock and fill area covered with the tile system with sandy gravel fill.
- .4 **Grade Change Lower Around Trees:** A 1:3 downward slope is be constructed to the new grade. Water is to be applied at least three (3) times during dry summer periods and once prior to freeze-up, until the tree has adapted to the new conditions, or until the project has been certified Substantially Performed.
- .5 **Fencing:** Maintain Temporary Tree Protective Fencing until removal which is directed by the Consultant.
- .6 **Fertilize**: Fertilize in accordance with good horticulture practises to ensure promotion of root growth for two (2) years after acceptance. Where trees whose roots have been disturbed, within the drip line, drill holes 20mm in dia. and 40mm deep at 1000mm intervals on a square grid pattern under the trees drip line, fill holes with topsoil, and water.

## 3.3 <u>Trees To Be Replaced</u>

.1 Existing trees to remain as per the Contract Documents that have been severely damage or die as a result of the construction shall be replaced with the same species or as approved by the Consultant. Trees to be removed shall be cut completely flush to ground or as otherwise directed by the Consultant.

## 3.4 Damage

.1 Contractor to repair or make good any damage to trees or other vegetation, at no additional cost to the Owner.

## END OF SECTION - 02901

### PART 1 GENERAL

### 1.1 <u>Reference Standards</u>

.1 Perform pruning in accordance with Agriculture Canada Publication 1505-1977, The Pruning Manual, except where specified.

## 1.2 <u>Related Work</u>

- .1 All Division 1 Specification Sections.
- .2 Section 01450 ...... Quality Control & Inspection
- .3 Section <u>01561</u> ...... Environmental Protection
- .4 Section <u>01740</u> ...... Cleaning
- .5 Section <u>02901</u> ...... Tree & Shrub Preservation

#### 1.3 <u>General Requirements</u>

- .1 The following requirements shall be used during any pruning Work:
  - .1 Dispose of all tree debris generated
  - .2 Ensure that good traffic control measures are utilized at all times.
  - .3 Minimize disruption of the public.
  - .4 Ensure the adequate safety measures are utilized at all times for employees and the public.
- .2 Contact the Consultant prior to starting any tree Work.

## 1.4 Specific Tree Pruning Specifications

- .1 All persons performing tree Work on City of Brampton projects or trees must be trained according to the tree care standards accepted by the International Society of Arboriculture;
- .2 All persons performing Work on City of Brampton projects or trees or around primary electrical lines must be trained to do so.

#### 1.5 <u>Workmanship</u>

- .1 Pruning to be coordinated at appropriate seasonal intervals.
- .2 Coordinate all pruning practices with Contractor.
- .3 Store all on site materials as directed by Contractor.
- .4 Collect and dispose of debris and excess materials daily.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 <u>Disinfectant</u>

.1 Disinfectant measures to be used in accordance with the best practices as stipulated by the International Society of Arboriculture.

#### PART 3 EXECUTION

#### 3.1 <u>Tool Maintenance</u>

- .1 All cutting tools and saws used in tree pruning shall be kept sharpened to result in final cuts with smooth wood surface and secure bark remaining intact. All trees 150mm in diameter or less shall be pruned with hand tools only. Chain saws will not be permitted on any trees 150mm in diameter or less. This is to prevent any unnecessary abrasions to cambial tissue that may predispose a tree to insect and disease problems.
- .2 All tools used on a tree known to contain an infectious tree disease shall be properly disinfected immediately prior and after completing Work on such tree. All major diseases and pest problems shall be promptly reported to the Consultant.

## 3.2 <u>Annual Thinning</u>

- .1 Remove dead, dying, diseased and weak growth in order to promote healthy growth. Retain natural form and shape of plant material.
- .2 Prune in dormant season but not during heavy frost. Prune evergreens in spring before start of new growth.
- .3 Remove growth designated by the Consultant.
- .4 For branches under 150 mm in diameter:
  - .1 Make cuts smooth and flush with outer edge of branch collar. Do not cut lead branches unless directed by the Consultant.
- .5 For branches greater than 150 mm in diameter:
  - .1 Make first cut on lower side of limb 300 mm from trunk, one third (1/3) diameter of limb.
  - .2 Make second cut on upper side of limb 500 mm from trunk until limb falls off.

- .3 Make final cut adjacent to and outside limb collar. Tree limbs shall be removed and controlled in such a manner as to cause no damage to other parts of the tree or to other plants or property.
- .4 Ensure that trunk bark and limb collar are not damaged or torn during limb removal.
- .5 Remove one of crossed or rubbing branches. Where removal may affect natural form or health of plant, resolve pruning action with the Consultant.
- .6 Remove exposed portion of girdling root after cleanly cutting root flush with grade on each side of parent root. Do not injure bark or parent root.
- .7 No more than twenty-five (25) percent of the live wood may be removed from the crown of any tree, without approval from the Consultant, except live oaks, which are limited to no more than ten (10) percent. Resulting in keeping as much of the crown of the tree as possible.
- .8 Any extraneous metal, wire, rubber, or other material (ex: stakes, ties) interfering with tree growth shall be removed immediately.
- .9 Any defective or weakened trees shall be reported to the Consultant. Specifically, and structural weakness of a tree, decay of trunk or branches, shall be reported in writing, noting the location of the tree by street address and a description of the hazard found in the tree.
- .10 The use of climbing spurs or spike shoes in the act of pruning trees is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Consultant.
- .11 Beneficial animal, bird nests, or other nesting cavities shall be preserved and protected whenever feasible, unless doing so would create a hazard.

## 3.3 <u>Street Trees</u>

.1 Complete tree pruning shall consist of the total removal of those dead or living branches as may threaten the future health, strength and attractiveness of trees. Specifically, trees shall be pruned in such a manner as to:

- .1 Prevent branch and foliage interference with requirements of safe public passage. Over street clearance shall be kept to a minimum of 5000mm above the paved surface of the street, 4500mm above the curb, 2500mm above the surface of a public sidewalk or pedestrian way. Exceptions are allowed for young trees, which would be irreparably damaged by such pruning action.
- .2 Remove dead and dying branches and branch stubs that are 50mm in diameter or more.
- .3 Remove all broken or loose branches.
- .4 When trees are in the proximity of overhead energized lines and equipment, reliability of service, safety, and governmental standards require a reasonable amount of tree pruning to avoid conductor contacts and grounding of circuits through the trees. Power line clearance pruning, therefore, shall consist of the removal of tree branches for proper electric line clearance in order to minimize the likelihood of power outages and improve safety.
  - .1 Clear all branches and foliage within 3000mm of primary electrical lines.
  - .2 Clear all branches that interfere with secondary electric lines within 915mm to 1525mm.
  - .3 During the tree pruning process, all safe minimum working distances for energized conductors shall be observed. These clearances are defined under ANSI Z133.1-2006, Tree Care Safety Standards. Current ANSI specifications will supersede these requirements when they take effect. Any contact with energized lines shall be promptly reported to the Consultant.

## 3.4 Care and Dressing of Wounds

.1 Shape bark around wound to an oblong configuration ensuring minimal increase in wound size.

#### 3.5 Unacceptable Pruning

.1 The procedures including but not limited to those listed below will result in tree decline and are not allowed (storm damage and other extenuating circumstances exempted):

- .1 Severe cutting back of all growing tips usually referred to as topping, pollarding, or hat racking.
- .2 Flush cutting where a cut is made even with the surface of the trunk or limb, removing the branch collar and branch bark ridge.
- .3 Stub cutting where branch removal results in the base of branch removed protruding more than approximately 6mm beyond the zone of branch collar and branch bark ridge.
- .4 Removal of a healthy main leader, for reasons other than power line clearance.
- .5 Excessive cutting or lifting that exceeds the International Society of Arboriculture or these specifications.
- .2 The Contractor shall replace at the Contractor's sole expense any trees that have declined in health due to use of improper pruning procedures.

### 3.6 <u>Public safety and cooperation</u>

- .1 All tree Work shall be conducted in a manner as to cause the least possible interference with, or annoyance to others.
- .2 Pedestrian and vehicular traffic shall be allowed to pass through the Work areas only under conditions of safety and with as little inconvenience and delay as possible. Unless the Work area is totally barricaded or otherwise kept safe, at least one (1) worker shall serve to coordinate safe operations on the ground at all times when Work operations are in progress.
  - .1 Whenever larger tree sections are being cut in the treetop, which may endanger persons or property, such sections shall be secured by ropes and lowered safely to the ground in a controlled manner.
  - .2 All fire hydrants, meter vaults, water and gas shut off valves and similar facilities must remain accessible during the course of Work.

## 3.7 <u>Clean-up</u>

.1 Cleanup of any debris resulting from any tree pruning operations shall be promptly and properly accomplished. The Work area shall be kept safe at all times until all operations are completed. Under no

circumstances shall the accumulation of debris be allowed in such a manner as to result in a hazard to the public. All debris shall be cleaned up each day before the Work crew leaves the site, unless permission given by the Consultant to do otherwise. All lawn areas, parkways, streets and sidewalks shall be raked or blown clean. All brush, branches or other debris shall be removed from the site. Areas are to be left in a condition equal to or better than that which existed prior to the commencement of tree pruning.

.2 All cuttings, branches, wood chips and other debris shall be cleared from the site and disposed of by the Contractor. Disposal expenses will be the Contractor's responsibility.

#### 3.8 Report

.1 Report to the Consultant conditions detrimental to health of plant material.

## 3.9 <u>Inspections</u>

.1 The Consultant will inspect the Work performed by the Contractor to ensure completion of the pruning in accordance with these specifications.

#### END OF SECTION - 02232