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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Project Description

Northland Power Inc. on behalf of Northland Power Solar North Burgess L.P. (hereinafter referred to as “Northland”) is proposing to develop a 10-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic project titled North Burgess Solar Project (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”).

The Project is located on a property approximately 78 hectares (ha) in size and is situated on Narrows Lock Road near the intersection with Scotch Line, within the Township of Tay Valley, within Lanark County (Figure 1.1).

### 1.2 Legislative Requirements

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

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

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

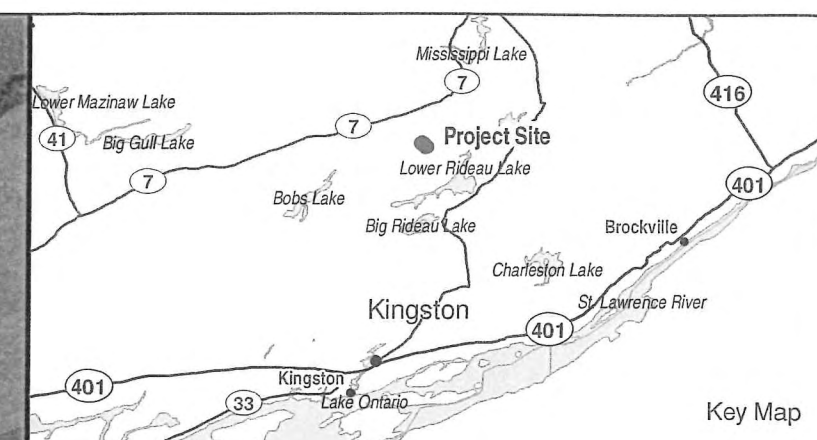
Natural Features are defined in Section 1.1 of the REA Regulation to be all or part of

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

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

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

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



**Legend**

Amphibian Point Count Location	Road
Raptor Playback Location	Grassed Waterway
Breeding Bird Point Count Location	Watercourse
Breeding Bird Area Search Transect	Project Site
	Parcel

**Candidate Significant Natural Features**

- Wetland / Amphibian Breeding Habitat
- Woodland
- Forest Providing a High Diversity of Habitat / Animal Movement Corridor
- Old Growth or Mature Forest
- Old Growth Forest (as identified by MNR)
- Animal Movement Corridor / Western Chorus Frog Habitat / Eastern Ribbonsnake Habitat / Snapping Turtle Habitat / Northern Map Turtle Habitat
- Black and White Warbler / Ovenbird / Magnolia Warbler / American Redstart / Eastern Wood-Pewee Habitat
- Brown Thrasher Habitat
- Eastern Meadowlark / Field Sparrow Habitat
- Northern Flicker / Baltimore Oriole Habitat
- Raptor Winter Feeding and Roosting Area / Milksnake Habitat / Highly Diverse Areas
- Savannah Sparrow / Northern Harrier Habitat
- Veery Habitat
- White Breasted Nuthatch / Pileated Woodpecker / Blackburnian Warbler Habitat

**Project Components**

- Connection Point With Existing Distribution Line
- Project Location
- 120 m from Project Location

Notes:  
 1. OBM and NRVIS data downloaded from LIO, with permission.  
 2. Old Growth Forest data based on information by Information Management & Planning Kemptville District.  
 3. Spatial referencing UTM NAD 83.  
 4. Satellite imagery from Google Earth Pro.

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Figure 1.1  
 Northland Power Inc.  
**North Burgess Solar Project**  
**Project Location and**  
**Natural Heritage Features**



## 2. Summary of Results of Records Review

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

**Table 2.1 Summary of Records Review Determinations**

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

Therefore, some components of the Project will be located within 120 m of a natural feature.

## 3. Site Investigation Methodology

### 3.1 Hatch Site Visits

#### 3.1.1 Site Investigation 1

##### 3.1.1.1 Date, Time, and Duration of Site Investigation

- Date: June 23, 2010
- Start Time: 0830
- End Time: 1730
- Duration: approximately 9 hours

##### 3.1.1.2 Weather Conditions During Site Investigation

- Temperature: 22°C
- Beaufort Wind: 2
- Cloud Cover: 100%

##### 3.1.1.3 Name and Qualifications of Person Conducting Site Investigation

The site investigation was completed by Martine Esraelian.

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

genetics research and intensive lab work to develop a protocol able to supplement existing conservation management practices.

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

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

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

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

#### **3.1.1.4** *Survey Methods*

The purpose of this site visit was to identify natural heritage features. To do so, the entire site was searched by the observer on foot in order to document natural features. Photographs of the site were taken. Any observations of wildlife, vegetation, or natural features were noted.

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

### **3.1.2** *Site Investigation 2*

#### **3.1.2.1** *Date, Time, and Duration of Site Investigation*

- Date: October 8, 2010
- Start Time: 1205
- End Time: 1705
- Duration: approximately 5 hours

#### 3.1.2.2 *Weather Conditions During Site Investigation*

- Temperature: 18°C
- Beaufort Wind: 2

#### 3.1.2.3 *Name and Qualifications of Person Conducting Site Investigation*

The site investigation was completed by Caleb Coughlin.

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

#### 3.1.2.4 *Survey Methods*

The purpose of this site visit was to further characterize the woodland on the southern portion of the Project location. Transects through the woodland were walked and characteristics of the woodland community noted. Any observations of wildlife, vegetation, or natural features were noted.

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

### 3.1.3 *Site Investigation 3*

#### 3.1.3.1 *Date, Time, and Duration of Site Investigation*

- Date: May 7, 2011
- Start Time: 0815
- End Time: 1330
- Duration: approximately 5.25 hours

#### 3.1.3.2 *Weather Conditions During Site Investigation*

- Temperature: 14°C
- Beaufort Wind: 2
- Cloud Cover: 0%

#### 3.1.3.3 *Name and Qualifications of Person Conducting Site Investigation*

The site investigation was completed by Caleb Coughlin and Norm Bolton.

Caleb is an environmental technologist with experience in fisheries and fish habitat assessments. Recent projects have included spawning surveys (Muskoka and Trout Lake rivers), Riverine Index Netting (White Lake and Mattagami River), Fall Walleye Index Netting (Mattagami River), forage fish collection, Brook Trout mark and recapture studies and Ontario Broad-scale Monitoring (OBM). A

recent study required a complete fish community inventory involving electrofishing, trap netting and seine netting (Shickluna Hydro Development). He has participated in a number of other resource management studies focusing on aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems including assessments of natural heritage features, aquatic invasive species, avian populations, large mammals, furbearers and sustainable forestry practises.

Norm Bolton is a Fish and Wildlife Technologist with 5 years experience of multi disciplinary contracts with the Bancroft District Ministry of Natural Resources and as a Hatch Contract staff specializing in a variety of fish and wildlife technical studies. Norm has extensive knowledge of aquatic systems with lead roles in the Ontario broadscale monitoring programs, spawning assessments, aquatic inventory and wetland evaluations. He is also well versed in wildlife and terrestrial studies acting as forestry compliance technician, wildlife technician, marsh monitoring program participant and an assistant instructor to the Ontario Fur Harvester Management Course.

#### 3.1.3.4 *Survey Methods*

The purpose of this site investigation was to:

- conduct a snake emergence survey. The survey was conducted by completing transects of lands on and within 120 m of the Project location. Transects were spaced 20 m apart within wooded or shrubby areas, and 50 m apart in open areas. Surveys commenced at 0940 and were completed by 1330
- conduct a raptor nesting survey. Four call playback stations were used and are shown in Figure 1.1. Playbacks consisted of 3 minutes of passive observations, followed by alternating 30 second playback of raptor calls and 30 seconds of passive observation. Raptor species whose calls were broadcast included species whose observation would contribute towards identification of significant woodland raptor nesting habitat; Northern Goshawk, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk and Merlin. Following the call playbacks, 3 minutes of passive observation was completed.

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

### 3.1.4 *Site Investigation 4*

#### 3.1.4.1 *Date, Time, and Duration of Site Investigation*

- Date: May 7, 2011
- Start Time: 2010
- End Time: 2330
- Duration: approximately 3.5 hours

#### 3.1.4.2 *Weather Conditions During Site Investigation*

- Temperature: 10°C
- Beaufort Wind: 2

### 3.1.4.3 *Name and Qualifications of Person Conducting Site Investigation*

The site investigation was completed by Caleb Coughlin and Norm Bolton. Qualifications for these individuals have been previously provided.

### 3.1.4.4 *Survey Methods*

The purpose of this site investigation was to:

- conduct an amphibian calling survey. The survey was conducted in accordance with the protocols of the marsh monitoring program, i.e. 180° degree, 3 minute surveys. Five survey locations were used, these locations are identified within Figure 1.1.
- conduct an owl nesting survey. Four call playback stations were used and are shown in Figure 1.1. Playbacks consisted of 3 minutes of passive observations, followed by alternating 30 second playback of owl calls and 30 seconds of passive observation. Owl species whose calls were broadcast included species whose observation would contribute towards identification of significant woodland raptor nesting habitat; Northern Saw-whet Owl, Long-eared Owl and Barred Owl. Following the call playbacks, 3 minutes of passive observation was completed.

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

## 3.1.5 *Site Investigation 5*

### 3.1.5.1 *Date, Time, and Duration of Site Investigation*

- Date: June 1, 2011
- Start Time: 1638
- End Time: 1830
- Duration: approximately 1 hour 50 minutes

### 3.1.5.2 *Weather Conditions During Site Investigation*

- Temperature: 27°C
- Beaufort Wind: 4
- Cloud Cover: 10%

### 3.1.5.3 *Name and Qualifications of Person Conducting Site Investigation*

The site investigation was completed by Caleb Coughlin and Sean K. Male. Qualifications for these individuals have been previously provided.

### 3.1.5.4 *Survey Methods*

The purpose of this site visit was to commence Ecological Land Classification (ELC) according to the ELC for Southern Ontario for the woodlands on the Project location. Representative points were selected within the woodland communities; locations are shown in Figure 1.1. ELC data sheets were completed and are provided in Appendix A.

### **3.1.6 Site Investigation 6**

#### **3.1.6.1 Date, Time, and Duration of Site Investigation**

- Date: June 1, 2011
- Start Time: 2045
- End Time: 2130
- Duration: approximately 45 minutes

#### **3.1.6.2 Weather Conditions During Site Investigation**

- Temperature: 21°C
- Beaufort Wind: 4
- Cloud Cover: 20% at start to 80% at end.

#### **3.1.6.3 Name and Qualifications of Person Conducting Site Investigation**

The site investigation was completed by Caleb Coughlin and Sean K. Male. Qualifications for these individuals have been previously provided.

#### **3.1.6.4 Survey Methods**

The purpose of this site investigation was to conduct an amphibian calling survey. The survey was conducted in accordance with the protocols of the marsh monitoring program, i.e. 180° degree, 3 minute surveys.

Five survey locations were used, these locations are identified within Figure 1.1.

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

### **3.1.7 Site Investigation 7**

#### **3.1.7.1 Date, Time, and Duration of Site Investigation**

- Date: June 2, 2011
- Start Time: 0600
- End Time: 0930
- Duration: approximately 3 hours 30 minutes

#### **3.1.7.2 Weather Conditions During Site Investigation**

- Temperature: 18°C
- Beaufort Wind: 3/4
- Cloud Cover: 50%

#### **3.1.7.3 Name and Qualifications of Person Conducting Site Investigation**

The site investigation was completed by Caleb Coughlin and Sean K. Male. Qualifications for these individuals have been previously provided.

#### 3.1.7.4 *Survey Methods*

The purpose of this site visit was to:

- complete Ecological Land Classification (ELC) according to the ELC for Southern Ontario for the woodlands on the Project location. Representative points were selected within the woodland communities; locations are shown in Figure 1.1. ELC data sheets were completed and are provided in Appendix A.
- conduct a breeding bird survey within the woodland community on the southern portion of the Project location. The breeding bird survey consisted of a combination of area searches and point counts. Area searches consisted of running a series of transects through the woodland to document bird species, while point counts consisted of two, 10-minute, unlimited distance point count surveys within the woodland. Locations of transects and point count surveys are shown within Figure 1.1.

### 3.2 **Natural Resource Solutions Inc. Site Investigation**

Natural Resource Solutions Inc. (NRSI) conducted a site investigation in order to determine boundaries and evaluate significance of wetland communities.

#### 3.2.1 **Site Investigation 1**

Names, qualifications and survey methodologies are identified within their report provided in Appendix B.

##### 3.2.1.1 *Date, Time, and Duration of Site Investigation*

- Date: August 11, 2010
- Start Time: 0830
- End Time: 1630
- Duration: 8 hours

##### 3.2.1.2 *Weather Conditions during Site Investigation*

- Temperature: 30°C
- Beaufort Wind: 1 (1 to 5.6 km/h)
- Cloud Cover: 5%

#### 3.2.2 **Site Investigation 2**

Names, qualifications and survey methodologies are identified within their report provided in Appendix B.

##### 3.2.2.1 *Date, Time, and Duration of Site Investigation*

- Date: August 12, 2010
- Start Time: 0830
- End Time: 1630

- Duration: 8 hours

### 3.2.2.2 *Weather Conditions During Site Investigation*

- Temperature: 21°C
- Beaufort Wind: 1
- Cloud Cover: 60%

### 3.2.3 *Site Investigation 3*

Names, qualifications and survey methodologies are identified within their report provided in Appendix C.

#### 3.2.3.1 *Date, Time, and Duration of Site Investigation*

- Date: May 13, 2011
- Start Time: 1145
- End Time: 1430
- Duration: 2 hours 45 minutes

#### 3.2.3.2 *Weather Conditions during Site Investigation*

- Temperature: 25°C
- Beaufort Wind: 3
- Cloud Cover: 80%

## 4. **Results of Site Investigation**

The majority of the Project location is comprised of agricultural lands used for the production of hay. The agricultural fields occur on poorly drained soils and exposed bedrock at the surface was observed along the northern portion of the Project location. The fields were predominantly comprised of grasses, sedges and herb species. A photograph showing a portion of the Project location is provided in Figure 4.1.





Figure 4.1 View of the Agricultural Fields Along the Northeast Boundary of the Project Location

#### 4.1 Vegetation Observations

The vegetation communities identified on the Project location are generally described following the Ecological Land Classification (ELC) System and include woodlands, wetlands, cultural hedgerows and plantations. A complete list of vegetation species observed during the site investigation, including common and scientific names, is found in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1 List of Vegetation Species Observed on the Project Location

Type	Scientific Name	Common Names	Global (GRank)	Provincial (SRank)
Tree	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Acer saccharum ssp. saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple	G5T5	S5
Tree	<i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>	Yellow Birch	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	White Birch	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	Bitternut Hickory	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American Beech	G5	S4
Tree	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Fraxinus nigra</i>	Black Ash	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash / Red Ash	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Eastern Red Cedar	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Larix laricina</i>	Tamarack	G5	S5

Type	Scientific Name	Common Names	Global (GRank)	Provincial (SRank)
Tree	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Ironwood	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Pinus resinosa</i>	Red Pine	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Pinus strobus</i>	Eastern White Pine	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Populus grandidentata</i>	Large-tooth Aspen	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Trembling Aspen	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur Oak	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Red Oak	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Robinia pseudo-acacia</i>	Black Locust	G5	SNA
Tree	<i>Tilia americana</i>	Basswood	G5	S5
Tree	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	American Elm	G5?	S5
Tree	<i>Ulmus thomasii</i>	Rock Elm	G5	S4?
Shrub	<i>Alnus incana ssp. rugosa</i>	Speckled Alder	G5	S5
Shrub	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Alternate-leaved Dogwood	G5	S5
Shrub	<i>Cornus foemina ssp. racemosa</i>	Grey Dogwood	G5	S5
Shrub	<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	Red-osier Dogwood	G5	S5
Shrub	<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common Juniper	G5	S5
Shrub	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	Common Buckthorn	GNR	SNA
Shrub	<i>Spiraea alba</i>	Narrow-leaved Meadowsweet	G5	S5
Shrub	<i>Zanthoxylum americanum</i>	Prickly-ash	G5	S5
Shrub	<i>Crataegus sp</i>	Hawthorn Species	-	-
Shrub	<i>Rubus sp</i>	Raspberry Species	-	-
Shrub	<i>Salix sp</i>	Willow Species	-	-
Herb	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Common Yarrow	G5T5?	SNA
Herb	<i>Actaea rubra</i>	Red Baneberry	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	Spreading Dogbane	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Aralia nudicaulis</i>	Wild Sarsaparilla	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Asarum canadense</i>	Wild Ginger	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common Milkweed	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>	Ox-eye Daisy	GNR	SNA
Herb	<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	Wild Basil	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	GNR	SNA
Herb	<i>Epipactis helleborine</i>	Helleborine	GNR	SNA
Herb	<i>Erigeron annuus</i>	Daisy Fleabane	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	Common Strawberry	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Galium triflorum</i>	Fragrant Bedstraw	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	Orange Hawkweed	GNR	SNA
Herb	<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>	Frog's-bit	GNR	SNA
Herb	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blueflag	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	Butter-and-eggs	GNR	SNA
Herb	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	GNR	SNA
Herb	<i>Maianthemum canadense</i>	Canada Mayflower	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	False Solomon's Seal	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	GNR	SNA
Herb	<i>Potentilla recta</i>	Rough-fruited Cinquefoil	GNR	SNA

Type	Scientific Name	Common Names	Global (GRank)	Provincial (SRank)
Herb	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Selfheal / Heal-all	G5T5	S5
Herb	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Tall Buttercup	G5	SNA
Herb	<i>Rhus radicans</i>	Poison Ivy	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed Susan	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curly Dock	GNR	SNA
Herb	<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	Bloodroot	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Silene latifolia</i>	Bladder Champion	GNR	SNA
Herb	<i>Trifolium agrarium</i>	Hop Clover	GNR	SNA
Herb	<i>Trifolium hybridum ssp. elegans</i>	Alsike Clover	GNR	SNA
Herb	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	GNR	SNA
Herb	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	GNR	SNA
Herb	<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Broad-leaved Cattail	G5	S5
Herb	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Common Mullein	GNR	SNA
Herb	<i>Aster sp</i>	Aster Species	-	-
Herb	<i>Solidago sp</i>	Goldenrod Species	-	-
Vine	<i>Vicia cracca</i>	Cow Vetch	GNR	SNA
Woody Vine	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia Creeper	G5	S4?
Woody Vine	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Bittersweet Nightshade	GNR	SNA
Woody Vine	<i>Vitis riparia</i>	Riverbank Grape	G5	S5
Graminoid	Poacea Family	Grass Species	-	-
Sedge	Cyperaceae Family	Sedge Species	-	-
Sedge	<i>Carex bebbii</i>	Bebb's Sedge	G5	S5
Sedge	<i>Carex intumescens</i>	Bladder Sedge	G5	S5
Sedge	<i>Carex viridula</i>	Greenish Sedge	G5?	S5
Sedge	<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	Fox Sedge	G5	S5
Sedge	<i>Eleocharis sp</i>	Spike-rush Species	-	-
Sedge	<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	Wool Grass	G5	S5
Sedge	<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	Small-fruited Bulrush	G5	S5
Rushes	<i>Juncus sp</i>	Rush Species	-	-
Fern	<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	Field Horsetail	G5	S5
Fern	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern	G5	S5
Fern	Dryopteridaceae Family	Fern Species	-	-

**Acronyms/Definitions**

**Global**

G5 – **Very common** (demonstrably secure under present conditions)  
 GNR - Denotes that the species does not have a Global Ranking  
 T – Denotes that the rank applies to a subspecies or variety.

**Provincial**

S5 – **Secure** (Common, widespread, and abundant in the nation or state/province)  
 S4 – **Apparently Secure** (Uncommon but not rare; some cause for long-term concern due to declines or other factors)  
 SNA – **Not Applicable** (A conservation status rank is not applicable because the species is not a suitable target for conservation activities)  
 NAR – Not at Risk

#### **4.1.1 Cultural Vegetation Communities (CU)**

Cultural vegetation communities are described in the ELC system as areas formed as a result of anthropogenic and cultural disturbances. These communities are typically dominated by non-native species. The following cultural communities were identified on the Project location.

##### ***Cultural Hedgerows (CUH)***

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

There were two different types of cultural hedgerow communities identified on the Project location. These included hedgerows commonly found on agricultural fields to separate one piece of land from another and hedgerows that were planted for ornamental purposes.

The tree and shrub species observed within the hedgerow communities commonly found within the rural landscape include American elm, bur oak, basswood, sugar maple, ash species, common buckthorn, prickly-ash, raspberry sp., and hawthorn species. These hedgerows were generally connected to a larger woodland community.

The ornamental hedgerow areas were found near the homestead and agricultural structures along the northeast portion of the Project location. These included a hedgerow comprised entirely of amur maple and coniferous hedgerows dominated by red pine and red cedar with some white spruce and tamarack observed. The coniferous hedgerows appeared to be planted for ornamental purposes. Although the trees were planted in a row, the large spacing between each of the trees do not provide suitable windbreaks or are characteristic of typical hedgerows used to separate one field from another.



**Figure 4.2** View of the Red Pine Hedgerow

#### ***Cultural Plantations (CUP)***

There were four woodland plantations identified on the Project location: two along the northwest boundary and two within the southern woodland. This included 3 coniferous plantations, 1 dominated by white spruce (CUP3-8), and 2 dominated by red pine (CUP3-1), and a deciduous plantation dominated by black locust (no corresponding ELC code). Location of these features is shown in Figure 1.1.

Conifer plantations were all described as mid-aged communities, with no sub-canopy, understorey or groundcover. The Black Locust plantation was described as a young forest community with sparse sub-canopy and ground cover with no understorey.

#### **4.1.2 Woodland Communities**

The Land Information Ontario (LIO) mapping identified woodlands on and within 120 m of the Project location. A general description of these woodlands is provided below.

##### **Woodland 1**

The woodland located along the southeast boundary originates as a hedgerow with the western portion exhibiting characteristics of a woodland. The substrate within this woodland appear to be shallow with several large boulders and rock outcrops observed. Although this woodland is small, it is described as a mid-aged Dry-Fresh Poplar Deciduous Forest (FOD3-1). The tree species observed within this woodland include bur oak, American elm, green ash, black ash, largetooth aspen,

basswood, white ash, bitternut hickory, sugar maple, yellow birch, ironwood and black cherry. The shrub species observed included common buckthorn, prickly-ash, white ash, prickly gooseberry, hawthorn sp., willow sp., dogwood sp., and raspberry sp. Groundcover vegetation includes a mix of grasses, sedges, vines, and herb species. The dominant vegetation species observed include blue cohosh, false solomon's seal, Virginia creeper, trillium species, fragrant bedstraw and red baneberry.

#### **Woodland 2**

Located along Narrows Lock Rd., between the northern and southern portions of the Project location, this woodland community is consistent with that described as Woodland 1

#### **Woodland 3**

This woodland is a large woodland community occurring both on, within 120 m of, and more than 120 m from the Project location. This woodland is composed of several community types, with those on and within 120 m of the Project location described below.

##### *Southern portion of woodland*

This portion of the woodland is located along the southern boundary of the Project location and consists of red pine plantation (CUP3-1), white spruce plantation (CUP3-8), and a mixture of immature and mature Dry-Fresh Sugar Maple Deciduous Forest (FOD5-1). Canopy cover was  $\geq 80\%$  and downed debris and leaf litter was abundant. The dominant species included sugar maple and American beech with trembling aspen, basswood, American elm, red oak, green ash, white ash, largetooth aspen, ironwood, white birch and yellow birch associates. Shrubs such as gray dogwood, common buckthorn, and prickly-ash were found along the edge of this woodland. The dominant groundcover vegetation observed includes sugar maple saplings, wild sarsaparilla, wild ginger, fragrant bedstraw, starflower and fern species.

##### *Northwest portion of woodland*

There were different vegetation communities identified within the woodlands located along the northwest and western boundaries of the Project location. These included cultural plantations (discussed in Section 4.1.1) and deciduous woodland communities.

The deciduous woodland community along the western boundary is described as a mid-aged Dry-Fresh Sugar Maple – Ironwood Deciduous Forest (FOD5-4). The tree species observed included sugar maple, red maple, ironwood, black cherry, American elm, ash species, white birch, largetooth aspen and basswood. Immature white pine and red pine were observed along the edge of the woodland and within the open field area.

#### **4.1.3 Wetland Communities**

The Land Information Ontario (LIO) mapping shows two unevaluated wetlands on the Project location, along the north and southwest boundaries. The presence of these wetland communities was confirmed during the site investigation. These wetland communities are described in detail within a separate report, included in this report as Appendix B. Photographs of portions of the wetland communities are shown in Figures 4.3 to 4.6 below.



**Figure 4.3** View of a Willow Thicket Swamp within the Southwest Wetland Community (tsS9 on mapping provided in Appendix B)



**Figure 4.4** View of a Shallow Marsh Community in the North Wetland (reM20 on mapping provided in Appendix B)



**Figure 4.5** View of a Shallow Marsh Community in the Southwest Wetland (reM15 on mapping provided in Appendix B)



**Figure 4.6** View of a Shallow Water Community within the Southwest Wetland (fM<sub>19</sub> on mapping provided in Appendix B)



## 4.2 Wildlife Observations

Evidence of wildlife and wildlife species observed on the Project location during the site investigation were recorded and are provided in Table 4.2.

**Table 4.2 Wildlife Species Observed During the Site Investigation**

Scientific Name	Common Name	Provincial (SRank)	COSSARO	Declining Species	Area-Sensitive Species
<b>Mammals</b>					
<i>Canis latrans</i>	Coyote	S5			
<i>Procyon lotor</i>	Raccoon	S5			
<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	Porcupine	S5			
<i>Castor canadensis</i>	Beaver	S5			
<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	Muskrat	S5			
<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	Eastern Gray Squirrel	S5			
<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>	Red Squirrel	S5			
<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	White-tailed Deer	S5			
<i>Tamias striatus</i>	Eastern Chipmunk	S5			
<b>Birds</b>					
<i>Anas discors</i>	Blue-winged Teal	S4			
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Mallard	S5			
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	Wood Duck	S5			
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Canada Goose	S5			
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	Great Blue Heron	S4			
<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	American Bittern	S4B			
<i>Porzana Carolina</i>	Sora	S4B			
<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Common Snipe	S5B			
<i>Charadrius vociferous</i>	Killdeer	S5B			
<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	Ruffed Grouse	S5			
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	Wild Turkey	S5			
<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Turkey Vulture	S5B			
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	Red-tailed Hawk	S5			
<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Northern Harrier	S4B	NAR		Yes
<i>Malleagris gallopavo</i>	Wild Turkey	S5			
<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	Downy Woodpecker	S5			
<i>Sphyrapicus carious</i>	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	S5B			
<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	Pileated Woodpecker	S5			Yes
<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Northern Flicker	S4B		Yes	
<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	White-breasted Nuthatch	S5			Yes
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	American Crow	S5			
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	Blue Jay	S5			
<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>	Mourning Dove	S5			

Scientific Name	Common Name	Provinci al (SRank)	COSSARO	Declining Species	Area- Sensitive Species
<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	S5B			
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Barn Swallow	S4B			
<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	Tree Swallow	S4B			
<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	Red-eyed Vireo	S5B			
<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	Warbling Vireo	S5B			
<i>Contopus virens</i>	Eastern Wood-Pewee	S4B		Yes	
<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	Eastern Phoebe	S5B			
<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	Willow Flycatcher	S5B			
<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	Great Crested Flycatcher	S4B			
<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	Black-capped Chickadee	S5			
<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	American Robin	S5B			
<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	Brown Thrasher	S5B		Yes	
<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	Gray Catbird	S4B			
<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	Wood Thrush	S5B			
<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	Veery	S5B			Yes
<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	American Redstart	S5B			Yes
<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	Yellow Warbler	S5B			
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	Black-and-white Warbler	S5B			Yes
<i>Dendroica pensilvanica</i>	Chestnut-sided Warbler	S5B			
<i>Vermivora peregrina</i>	Tennessee Warbler	S5B			
<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	Yellow-rumped Warbler	S5B			
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	Ovenbird	S5B			Yes
<i>Dendroica fusca</i>	Blackburnian Warbler	S5B			Yes
<i>Dendroica magnolia</i>	Magnolia Warbler	S5B			Yes
<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Common Yellowthroat	S5B			
<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	American Goldfinch	S5B			
<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	S4B			
<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Red-winged Blackbird	S4			
<i>Icterus galbula</i>	Baltimore Oriole	S5B		Yes	
<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	Common Grackle	S5B			
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	European Starling	SE			
<i>Sturnella magna</i>	Eastern Meadowlark	S5B		Yes	
<i>Spizella passerine</i>	Chipping Sparrow	S5B			
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	Field Sparrow	S5B		Yes	
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Savannah Sparrow	S4B			Yes
<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	Song Sparrow	S5B			

Scientific Name	Common Name	Provincial (SRank)	COSSARO	Declining Species	Area-Sensitive Species
<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	Swamp Sparrow	S5B			
<b>Amphibians</b>					
<i>Bufo americanus</i>	American Toad	S5			
<i>Rana pipiens</i>	Northern Leopard Frog	S5	NAR		
<i>Rana clamitans</i>	Green Frog	S5			
<i>Hyla versicolor</i>	Gray Tree Frog	S5			
<b>Reptiles</b>					
<i>Chrysemys picta bellii</i>	Midland Painted Turtle	S5			
<i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i>	Eastern Garter Snake	S5			
<i>Nerodia sipedon sipedon</i>	Common Water Snake	S5	NAR		
<b>Insects</b>					
<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Monarch	S2N,S4 B	SC		
<b>Acronyms/Definitions</b>					
<b>Global</b>					
G5 – <b>Very common</b> (demonstrably secure under present conditions)					
<b>Provincial</b>					
S5 – <b>Secure</b> (Common, widespread, and abundant in the nation or state/province)					
S4 – <b>Apparently Secure</b> (Uncommon but not rare; some cause for long-term concern due to declines or other factors)					
B – Denotes that the ranking applies to Breeding					
NAR – Not at Risk					

#### 4.2.1 Wildlife Habitat

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

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

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

##### 4.2.1.1 Habitats of Seasonal Concentrations of Animals

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

- Winter deer yards – Winter deer yards are sheltered areas where white-tailed deer congregate during the winter months. As white-tailed deer are not adept at moving through deep snow, a key component of a winter deer yard is a core area predominantly composed of coniferous trees with a 60% canopy cover. The Ecoregion Criteria document identifies several ELC codes for which winter deer yards may be associated, of which only one was recorded on or within 120 m of the Project location (CUP – Cultural Coniferous Plantation). The locations of the plantations are shown within Figure 1.1. Plantation communities have been described further within Section 4.1.1. Plantation communities were described as mid-aged with >60% canopy cover. Though abundant vegetation available for browse is found within the area, no evidence of deer browse was noted within this feature. The Township of Tay Valley, which overlaps the Project location, has identified significant wildlife habitats, including deer wintering yards; no significant wildlife habitats are identified on or within 120 m of the Project location on Schedule A2 of the Official Plan. In addition, consultation with the public did not identify presence of a known deer yard within the woodlands on or within 120 m of the Project location. Based on the known occurrence of other significant winter deer yards within the area, the small size of the conifer plantations, and the absence of use of candidate habitats, this location does not meet the requirements of a candidate significant winter deer yard.
- Moose late winter habitat – The study area is outside of the core range of moose, and therefore this habitat type cannot be found on or within 120 m of the Project location.
- Colonial bird nesting sites – Colonial bird nesting sites are locations where colonial species, such as herons, gulls, terns, and swallows traditionally nest in colonies of varying size. Great Blue Heron and American Bittern were recorded during the site investigation. Great Blue Heron nest in colonies, typically in tall snags in open water areas or on island communities offering protection from predation. No heronries were observed during area searches of lands on and within 120 m of the Project location. A single calling male American Bittern were recorded within the large marshland located within 120 m north of the Project location during both 2010 and 2011 site investigations. No American Bittern nest was identified during area searches of the wetland community, and no other American Bitterns were recorded. Therefore, though a colonial species was recorded, there is no evidence to support colonial breeding within the wetland community. No other colonial nesting species, such as terns or herons, were observed during surveys of the wetland communities, and the marshland was determined to not provide suitable habitat for colonial nesting terns. No suitable gull or tern colony locations (islands or peninsulas within Otter Creek) were noted on or within 120 m during area searches along the river. Potential swallow colonial breeding locations such as eroding banks, sandy hills, pits, steep slopes, rock faces or piles were not recorded during area searches on or within 120 m of the Project location.
- Waterfowl stopover and staging areas – Waterfowl traditionally congregate in larger wetlands, complexes of smaller wetlands in close proximity to one another, and relatively undisturbed shorelines with vegetation during spring and fall migration. Further, during the fall migration, waterfowl may commonly congregate in feeding or roosting ponds. Though a complex of smaller wetland communities is found within 120 m of the Project location, communities were not found to contain large areas of open water capable of supporting significant numbers of migratory waterfowl. In addition, the presence of large lakes and waterbodies with shoreline

wetland complexes within the larger area around the Project location make the wetlands on and within 120 m of the Project location unlikely to be used by migratory waterfowl. As a result, though a complex of smaller wetland communities has been identified, the relatively low importance of this community and habitat characteristics indicate that it would not be suitable candidate significant waterfowl stopover and staging habitat.

- Waterfowl nesting – Waterfowl nesting sites can consist of relatively large, undisturbed upland areas with abundant ponds and wetlands, while other species nest within tree cavities in swamps or on the shorelines of waterbodies. Wood Duck, Canada Goose, and Mallard were recorded during the site investigation. No waterfowl nests or evidence of waterfowl nesting (e.g., alarm behaviour) was recorded during the site investigation. No areas of suitable habitat for Wood Duck nesting, i.e. forest with mature cavity trees, were identified on or within 120 m of the Project location. Nesting of Mallard and Canada Geese would be occurring within the hayfields adjacent to the wetland communities; however, area searches of these features failed to detect waterfowl nests, and no alarm behaviour from waterfowl was observed that would suggest nesting was occurring.
- Shorebird migratory stopover areas – Shorebird migratory stopover areas are found along the shorelines of the Great Lakes and James Bay, as the Project location is located more than 120 m away from these areas, this habitat type cannot occur on the Project location.
- Landbird migratory stopover areas – Landbird stopover areas are found along the shorelines of the Great Lakes and contain a variety of habitat types from open fields to large woodlands. As the Project location is located greater than 120 m away from these areas, this habitat type cannot occur on the Project location.
- Raptor winter feeding and roosting areas – This combined habitat type features suitable raptor roosting sites in proximity to winter feeding areas. For most raptor species, roosting sites are traditionally mature mixed or coniferous woodlands, a habitat type which is found associated with the conifer plantations in the northwestern and southern portions of the Project location. This habitat type will be evaluated for significance.
- Wild turkey winter range – Similar to winter deer yards, wild turkey rely on coniferous forest stands for winter protection. Such habitat is found associated with the pine plantations in the northwestern and southern portions of the Project location, however no seepage areas or areas that would provide open water during the winter were identified during the site investigation, which is an essential component of wild turkey winter habitat. As a result, this area does not meet the criteria of candidate significant wildlife habitat.
- Turkey Vulture summer roosting areas – Turkey vulture summer roosting areas traditionally consist of cliff ledges and large snags. No cliff ledges were noted during the site investigation, and there were few large dead or partially dead trees present within the area. Further, the dead trees that were observed on or within 120 m of the Project location did not show signs of white-washing, which would indicate occurrence of a Turkey Vulture summer roost. While a Turkey Vulture was recorded during the site investigations, it was noted foraging over the area and roosting behaviour was not detected. Foraging Turkey Vultures are a common observation

within southern Ontario during this time of year. As a result, this habitat type is not identified within 120 m of the Project location.

- Reptile hibernacula – Reptile hibernacula are commonly found in animal burrows and rock crevices. A fox den, bedrock fissures, and old fencerows were observed during the site investigation. The fencerow communities were generally too small to provide sufficient protection from frost. Though the fox den and bedrock fissures may provide sufficient frost protection, transect surveys of lands on and within 120 m of the Project location, as previously described in Section 3.1.3 and 3.2.3 did not detect occurrences of any snakes on or within 120 m of the Project location. Therefore, though these features may provide suitable habitat characteristics, the features are not presently in use. Therefore, there are no candidate significant reptile hibernacula found on or within 120 m of the Project location.
- Bat hibernacula – Bat hibernacula are found in caves, abandoned mines, or areas with karst habitat. These features were not identified on or within 120 m of the Project location during the site investigation. Further, the Project location is also not within an area of known karst habitat (Brunton and Dodge, 2008).
- Bullfrog concentration areas – Bullfrog concentration areas are predominantly found in areas of marsh habitat. Marsh habitat was recorded on and within 120 m of the Project location, however no bullfrogs were heard calling during amphibian surveys conducted at suitable times of year for detection (see Sections 3.1.4 and 3.1.6 for details of survey methodology). Further, no bullfrogs were observed during area searches of the wetland community. In addition, there is an overall absence of deep water areas within the marsh community; deep water areas are necessary for the support of bullfrog concentration areas. As a result, suitable habitat is not present on or within 120 m of the Project location.

Therefore, only one candidate significant wildlife habitat were identified on or within 120 m of the Project location, raptor winter feeding and roosting areas.

#### 4.2.1.2 *Rare Vegetation Communities or Specialized Habitat for Wildlife*

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

Specialized wildlife habitats include

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

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

- Habitat for area-sensitive species – Appendix C of the SWHTG lists area-sensitive species. Of these species, several were recorded during the site investigation, Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*), White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*), Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*), American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*), Veery (*Catharus fuscescens*), American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*), Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*), Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*), Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*), Magnolia Warbler (*Dendroica magnolia*), and Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*). These species are discussed below. None of the other area-sensitive species identified from the Records Review were recorded during area searches of available habitats completed in association with the site investigations.
  - ◆ Northern Harrier/Savannah Sparrow – Suitable habitat is found on the agricultural grasslands present on and within 120 m of the Project location, and the observation consisted of an individual foraging over the agricultural fields
  - ◆ White-breasted Nuthatch/Pileated Woodpecker/Blackburnian Warbler – White-breasted Nuthatch and Pileated Woodpecker were recorded from a woodland community within 120 m west of the Project location. Portions of the woodland community more than 120 m from the Project location have been identified as containing old-growth forest necessary to support populations of these species
  - ◆ American Bittern – American Bittern were observed calling from the marshland community within 120 m of the Project location.
  - ◆ Black-and-white Warbler/Ovenbird/Magnolia Warbler/American Redstart – These species were recorded from the woodland community on the Project location. Ovenbird were common throughout the woodland community, Black-and-white Warbler were recorded along the edge of the pine plantation, an American Redstart was recorded at the southern end of the woodland, and a single Magnolia Warbler was recorded within the extreme southwestern edge of the Project location
  - ◆ Veery – Veery were recorded from portions of the woodland community around the wetland within 120 m of the Project location. 3 Veery were observed calling, 1 from a portion of woodland on the Project location, and 2 from areas of woodland more than 120 m from the Project location.
- Forests providing a high diversity of habitats – Characteristics of forest communities on and within 120 m of the Project location are discussed further below. Based on these characteristics, it is determined that the woodland communities on and within 120 m of the Project location provide a high diversity of habitats given that they encompass a watercourse and a wetland, and contains an area of mature forest.
  - ◆ The woodlands were described as having several forest communities. Pine, spruce and locust plantations were all identified on or within 120 m of the Project location, while deciduous forest communities were also recorded. A diversity of shrub species was not recorded in the communities, and ground cover was considered to be generally sparse in most communities. No rare species were noted.

- ◆ Woodlands on and within 120 m of the Project location were identified as predominantly mid-aged, though an area of mature forest community is present within the woodland south of the Project location.
- ◆ No cavity trees were observed within the mature forest community on or within 120 m of the Project location.
- ◆ A watercourse and associated wetland community occurs between portions of the woodland communities.
- ◆ Soil conditions on the Project location were predominantly identified as sandy to sandy loam.
- ◆ There is no known history of forest management from these woodlands. No evidence of logging activities from within the woodlands was noted.
- Old-growth or mature forest stands – An old growth forest stand is identified within the woodland located more than 120 m from the Project location southeast of Scotch Line (MNR, 2010). Portions of the woodland on the southern portion of the Project location were identified as containing a mature forest community (see Section 4.1.2). Other woodlands on the Project location were not identified as having old growth or mature characteristics, and were generally characterized as young to mid-aged (see Section 4.1.2). As a result, this habitat type is found on and within 120 m of the Project location.
- Foraging areas with abundant mast – This habitat type is found within EcoRegion 6E only in relation to foraging areas with abundant mast present on the Bruce Peninsula (EcoDistrict 6E-14). As the Project location is more than 120 m from this area, within EcoDistrict 6E-11 (MNR, 2009). As a result, this habitat type is not found on the Project location.
- Woodlands supporting amphibian breeding ponds – In addition to the large areas of wetland communities found present within 120 m of the Project location, two vernal pools were noted within the southern woodland on the Project location. These features are considered to be a candidate significant wildlife habitat.
- Turtle nesting habitat – Turtle nesting sites are areas where soft substrates, such as sand or fine gravel, are found that permit turtles to excavate their nests, and are located in open, sunny areas. Such substrate was not recorded on or within 120 m of the Project location during the site investigation, with the exception of road surfaces, which do not meet the requirements for consideration as candidate significant wildlife habitat.
- Specialized raptor nesting habitat – Northern Harrier and Red-tailed Hawk were recorded during the site investigation, however no evidence of raptor nesting (stick nests) were observed. A red-tailed Hawk was observed displaying alarm behaviour over the woodland on the southern portion of the Project location, however a thorough search of the woodland prior to leaf out did not identify any occurrences of suitable stick nests. Further, Red-tailed Hawk are not a species that is identified as contributing to specialized raptor nesting habitat (MNR, 2009). Therefore, specialized raptor nesting habitat were not identified on or within 120 m of the Project location.



- Mink, otter, marten, and fisher denning sites – Denning sites for these members of the weasel family were not recorded on or within 120 m of the Project location during the site investigation.
- Moose calving areas/aquatic feeding areas/mineral licks – The Project location is situated outside of the core range for moose, and therefore this area does not meet the criteria for candidate significant wildlife habitat.
- Highly diverse areas – The habitats present on and within 120 m of the Project location were considered in respect of diversity. The Project location is situated in the Frontenac axis, an area that is identified as having high diversity. Characteristics of the areas are described further below in relation to highly diverse areas. Based on the diverse community types and species diversity on and within 120 m of the Project location, this habitat feature is identified.
  - ◆ Natural community diversity – Woodlands, wetlands, and agricultural fields were recorded on and within 120 m of the Project location. Several woodland and wetland community types were identified.
  - ◆ Species diversity – Though a complete species inventory of the various communities was not completed, given that many of the communities extend several hundred meters beyond 120 m from the Project location, a diversity of species within the communities within 120 m of the Project location was noted, with up to 12 tree species recorded within the individual woodland communities on and within 120 m of the Project location. This represents a high level of diversity within a woodland community.
  - ◆ Presence of rare species – No rare species were noted during the site investigation.
  - ◆ Size of site – The Project location is situated on a portion of a 78 ha parcel of land.
- Cliffs and caves – These features were not identified on or within 120 m of the Project location during the site investigation.
- Seeps and springs – No seeps or springs were identified in the vicinity of the Project location during the site investigation (see Hatch Ltd., 2010b).

As a result, habitat for area-sensitive species (Northern Harrier, White-breasted Nuthatch, Pileated Woodpecker, American Bittern, Black-and-white Warbler, Ovenbird, Magnolia Warbler and Savannah Sparrow), forest providing a high diversity of habitats, highly diverse areas, old growth or mature forest stands, woodlands supporting amphibian breeding ponds are considered to be candidate significant specialized habitats for wildlife on or within 120 m of the Project location.

#### 4.2.1.3 *Habitat of Species of Conservation Concern*

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

- Olive-sided Flycatcher – Suitable breeding habitat, natural or man-made opening featuring tall trees for perching, were not recorded on or within 120 m of the Project location. Though open areas are present associated with the agricultural fields, these areas do not contain tall live trees to provide foraging perches for the species. Further, no Olive-sided Flycatchers were recorded during the breeding bird survey conducted in June 2011 (see Section 3.1.7 for details).

- Common Nighthawk – There is very little bare ground present on or within 120 m of the Project location, with locations of bare ground restricted to field entrances. These areas were searched during the site investigations in the breeding season and no Common Nighthawk were observed. Further, during the crepuscular survey conducted during the breeding season in association with Site Investigation 6, no Common Nighthawk were observed. As a result, of the limited amount of suitable nesting habitat in non-ideal (i.e., roadside) areas, and the absence of observations during the breeding season, it is determined that Common Nighthawk do not breed on or within 120 m of the Project location.
- Golden-winged Warbler/Black-billed Cuckoo – Though a limited amount of suitable breeding habitat was identified on the Project location, extensive area searching of this habitat during the breeding season failed to identify any presence of these species. Therefore, suitable habitat for this species is not found on or within 120 m of the Project location.
- Eastern Meadowlark/Field Sparrow – Though grassland habitats were present on the Project location in 2010, these species were not detected. During the site investigations in 2011, grassland habitats were no longer present on the Project location, however they remained present within 120 m of the Project location. Eastern Meadowlark and Field Sparrows were recorded from the fields within 120 m east of the Project location during site investigations in 2011.
- Canada Warbler – Suitable habitat, interior mixedwood forests with closed canopy and shrubby undergrowth, was not identified on or within 120 m of the Project location.
- American Kestrel/ Eastern Kingbird Black-billed Cuckoo/Belted Kingfisher – Though suitable habitat was identified on or within 120 m of the Project location, these species were not recorded during area searches completed in the breeding season in 2010, or during ongoing site investigations in 2011. Therefore, suitable habitat is not found on or within 120 m of the Project location.
- Northern Flicker – Northern Flicker were recorded calling from the hedgerows within the agricultural fields within 120 m east of the Project location. Therefore, suitable breeding habitat is found within 120 m of the Project location.
- Eastern Wood-Pewee – Eastern Wood-Pewee were recorded within the woodland on the southern end of the Project location. Therefore, suitable breeding habitat is found on the Project location.
- Brown Thrasher – A Brown Thrasher was observed within a small area of scrubland at the edge of the southern woodland community on the Project location. Therefore, confirmed habitat for this species is found on the Project location.
- Eastern Towhee – Suitable habitat, dense brushy cover with leaf litter, abandoned fields or pastures with developing young trees or shrubs, and woodland edges with dense undergrowth, were not recorded on or within 120 m of the Project location.
- Vesper Sparrow - Suitable habitat, areas with dry, short-grass with scattered shrubs and small trees, were not identified on or within 120 m of the Project location.

- Savannah Sparrow – Savannah Sparrow were recorded breeding within the grasslands on and within 120 m of the Project location during area searches of suitable habitat in 2010.
- Grasshopper Sparrow – Suitable habitat, well-drained grassland or prairie with low cover of grasses and taller weeds on sandy soil, were not identified on or within 120 m of the Project location.
- Baltimore Oriole – Baltimore Oriole were recorded calling from the hedgerows within the agricultural fields within 120 m east of the Project location. Therefore, suitable breeding habitat is found within 120 m of the Project location.
- Milksnake – As Milksnake are habitat generalists, suitable habitat is present on and within 120 m of the Project location. Though they were not detected during the site investigation, it is assumed that they are present.
- Eastern Ribbonsnake – Waterbodies of the Project location represent suitable habitat for Eastern Ribbonsnake. Though they were not detected during the site investigation, it is assumed that they are present.
- Five-lined Skink – Areas of suitable habitat (woodlands with rocky outcrops near permanent bodies of water) were not found on or within 120 m of the Project location. Further, Five-lined Skink were not recorded; as a result, suitable habitat is not present.
- Western Chorus Frog – Western Chorus Frogs were recorded calling from the wetlands within 120 m of the Project location during amphibian surveys conducted in association with Site Investigation 4. Chorus Frogs were recorded at Stations 2 and 5, as shown in Figure 1.1. Therefore, suitable breeding habitat is found within 120 m of the Project location.
- Northern Map/ Snapping Turtle – Though it was determined that suitable nesting habitat is limited on and within 120 m of the Project location (see Section 4.2.1.2), turtle species may be found within the waterbodies and wetlands present on and within 120 m of the Project location. As a result, candidate significant wildlife habitat for Northern Map Turtle and Snapping Turtle will be considered.
- Monarch – A monarch butterfly was recorded during the site investigation in 2010. Milkweed, an important associate species for Monarch for egg-laying was commonly observed in waste areas at the edges of the Project location and within 120 m of the Project location.

Based on the results of the site investigation, potential habitat for Eastern Wood-Pewee, Brown Thrasher, Savannah Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Field Sparrow, Northern Flicker, Baltimore Oriole, Western Chorus Frog, Milksnake, Eastern Ribbon Snake, Northern Map Turtle, Snapping Turtle and Monarch will be considered during the evaluation of significance.

#### 4.2.1.4 *Animal Movement Corridors*

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

These features will be further assessed in the Evaluation of Significance report.

## 5. Conclusions

Based on the results of the site investigation, there are some minor changes to the Records Review report required based on extensions of wetland communities within the area. In addition, several candidate significant wildlife habitats have been identified that were previously unrecorded.

The following natural features are present on and within 120 m of the Project location and will require an Evaluation of Significance in order to determine whether an Environmental Impact Study is required:

- wildlife habitat, specifically
  - ♦ raptor winter feeding and roosting
  - ♦ habitat for area sensitive species (Northern Harrier, American Bittern, White-breasted Nuthatch, Pileated Woodpecker, Veery, Black-and-white Warbler, Ovenbird, Magnolia Warbler and Savannah Sparrow)
  - ♦ old growth or mature forest stands
  - ♦ highly diverse areas
  - ♦ forest providing a high diversity of habitat
  - ♦ woodlands supporting amphibian breeding pond
  - ♦ habitat for species of conservation concern (Eastern Wood-Pewee, Brown Thrasher, Savannah Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Field Sparrow, Northern Flicker, Baltimore Oriole, Western Chorus Frog, Milksnake, Eastern Ribbonsnake, Northern Map Turtle, Snapping Turtle, Monarch)
  - ♦ animal movement corridors
- wetlands
- woodlands.

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**Appendix A**  
**Site Investigation**  
**Field Notes**















No. location - Narrows Lock Rd, <sup>14 17</sup>  
 Date: Temp. Latitude Page

No. ....  
 Date: .... Page: .....

Project: North Burgess

SW Field

Date: June 23, 2010

Time: 0830 - 1730 (90 hrs)

% C.C.: 100% overcast <sup>morning</sup> / 70% Sunny

Bar. Fort Wind Scale: 2

Temp: 82°C

Observer: Martin Krueger  
 Caleb Corbin

Several Redwing	parula
red-winged blackbird	chipmunk
american crow	
common grackle	rose breasted grosbeak
northern flicker	eastern phoebe
common snipe	
tree swallow	
savannah sparrow	
northern harrier	
great-crowned flycatcher	
phoebe	
great blue heron	

Low-lying poor drainage

redwing (A)

small-fruited hollyhock

low grass

fall buttercup

red clover

cow vetch

common milkweed

field horsetail

swamp dock

sp. hawk

wild bass

field corn

crisp dog

python

grass

weeds

red top/brake

white clover

red clover

scirpus

fern

grass

large hawkweed

fox sedge

lily

lily

rough-fruited cinquefoil

Hedge row / Scrub / small wooded area (SW)  
 at property east of large woodlawn  
 Black oak  
 Bur oak  
 osage  
 Buckthorn (A)  
 riverbank grape (A)  
 quince (M. tree)  
 bitterroot nightshade  
 pink ash (A)  
 black-eyed susan (M)  
 goldenrod sp. (E)  
 American Blot (A)  
 Virginia creeper

Woods Area 90% C.V.  
 Black Ash  
 Large tooth Aspen  
 1 Bittersweet (A)  
 Elm  
 sparse pine lagging - basswood tree  
 Black Cherry (M)  
 White Ash  
 dogwood  
 Hawthorn  
 Bittersweet (A)  
 rock pile, exposed ledge platform  
 pinky-ash  
 pinky, sparsely  
 ash sapling  
 Virginia sp. (E)  
 buckthorn  
 tickleberry sp.  
 steel maple  
 blue catfish  
 white ash (A)  
 grasses, sedges  
 ironwood  
 bladder sedge  
 greenish sedges

Bitternut 48' 1/2 ORN

Basswood 32 + 47 1/2 BH, 28' BH, 28' 1/2

Bitternut Hickory 29 1/2 ORN

Trembling Aspen - 48, 48 1/2

Black Cherry 28 1/2, 33 1/2

Yellow Birch

Ferns

fragrant bedstraw

spreading dogbane

white salomon's seal

canada mayflower

Raspberry sp.

connected to woodland

Scrub area north of woods

all trees  
to  
48'

grape

chamisa

dogwood

Trembling aspen

buckhorn (A)

Sugar maple (A)

Elm (D)

Ash (D)

Bitternut hickory

Basswood

Black cherry

Willow sp.

red huckleberry

hickory sapling

Leopard Frog calling

Wetland extends onto field NE  
 of Woodland

very poor drainage

+ Sedge, grasses, rushes (A)

+ Willow sp.

+ small patches of open water  
 in forest

Field area near bar

- exposed bed coarse soil

butter & eggs / Toadflax

low vetch

slashed

Raspberry sp

Common milkweed

Rock Elm

Red maple

White Elm

bladder campion

shrub

riverbank grape

Common milkweed

black cherry

tall huckleberry

Chipmunk  
 "fill" piled of <sup>loose</sup> rocks within rock  
 area / hedgehog + exposed bedrock  
 - mostly ash  
 yellow  
 wild carrot

Spice containing area near bank  
 red cedar (D)  
 rock pine hedgehog  
 larch / fir / spruce  
 spruce

procurtion marks  
 round lichen

NE Filio Focline

- Sphagnum (S)  
 - larch  
 - Ag.  
 - larch  
 - grey dog wood (A)  
 - black cherry  
 - black cherry

Thicket Swamp

- Grey dog wood  
 - narrow (S) road  
 - spruce / alder  
 - red pine  
 - black and white alder  
 - exposed bedrock  
 - larch

red blue  
 purple

sweet gale?  
 - blue flag (R)



Ash  
 purple-ash  
 Struck sp  
 Blue oak  
 Sugar maple  
 Blackthorn  
 Rock elm  
 Hawthorn  
 Blackberry

Hedge row  
 - American maple

woodland area  
 yellow-throated warbler  
 grackle  
 white pine

Wickler m. - most Field

Shrubland  
 - purple-ash  
 Elm  
 Sugar maple  
 grey sycamore?  
 Black locust (10)  
 American juniper  
 Ash  
 white pine  
 narrow-leaved alder  
 Alder  
 Sugar maple (D)  
 Red maple (D)  
 Elm  
 Sweet gum  
 Black oak  
 Black locust  
 Blackberry  
 White pine (6)  
 White Ash  
 Blackthorn -  
 white sycamore (2)  
 Large tooth Aspen - possible site  
 Sycamore  
 Con. Birch sp. along edge of  
 Field / woodland

white pine  
 red pine

Plantain?  
 Goldenrod



## South Woodlot

Groundcover - Spice

CVR - 80%

Trembling Aspen

wood ch. w. wgs

Sugar maple

Blackthorn

American hick

Syc, dogwood

Green ash

Basswood

Prickly-ash (A) underbark

wild black grape

White pine

Ironwood

10-24 024 (A)

SID (A)

downed debris (A)

leaf litter (A)

Red oak

American Beech

Elm

Large leaved Aspen

wild ginger

fragrant bedstraw

St. flower &gt;

Wild saicapailla

Sugar maple (A)

yellow birch (A)

American beech (A)

Liriodendron

White ash

- ferns

- sugar maple saplings

### Point Count Data Form

Observer: <i>SKW</i>	Site: <i>NP Woods</i>	Date: <i>June 2/11</i>
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Beaufort Wind Scale: <i>B3-4</i>	Cloud Cover (%): <i>75</i>	Temperature (°C): <i>18</i>
Precipitation: <i>—</i>	Visibility: <i>clear</i>	
Remarks:		

Aerial Foragers	
Species	Tally

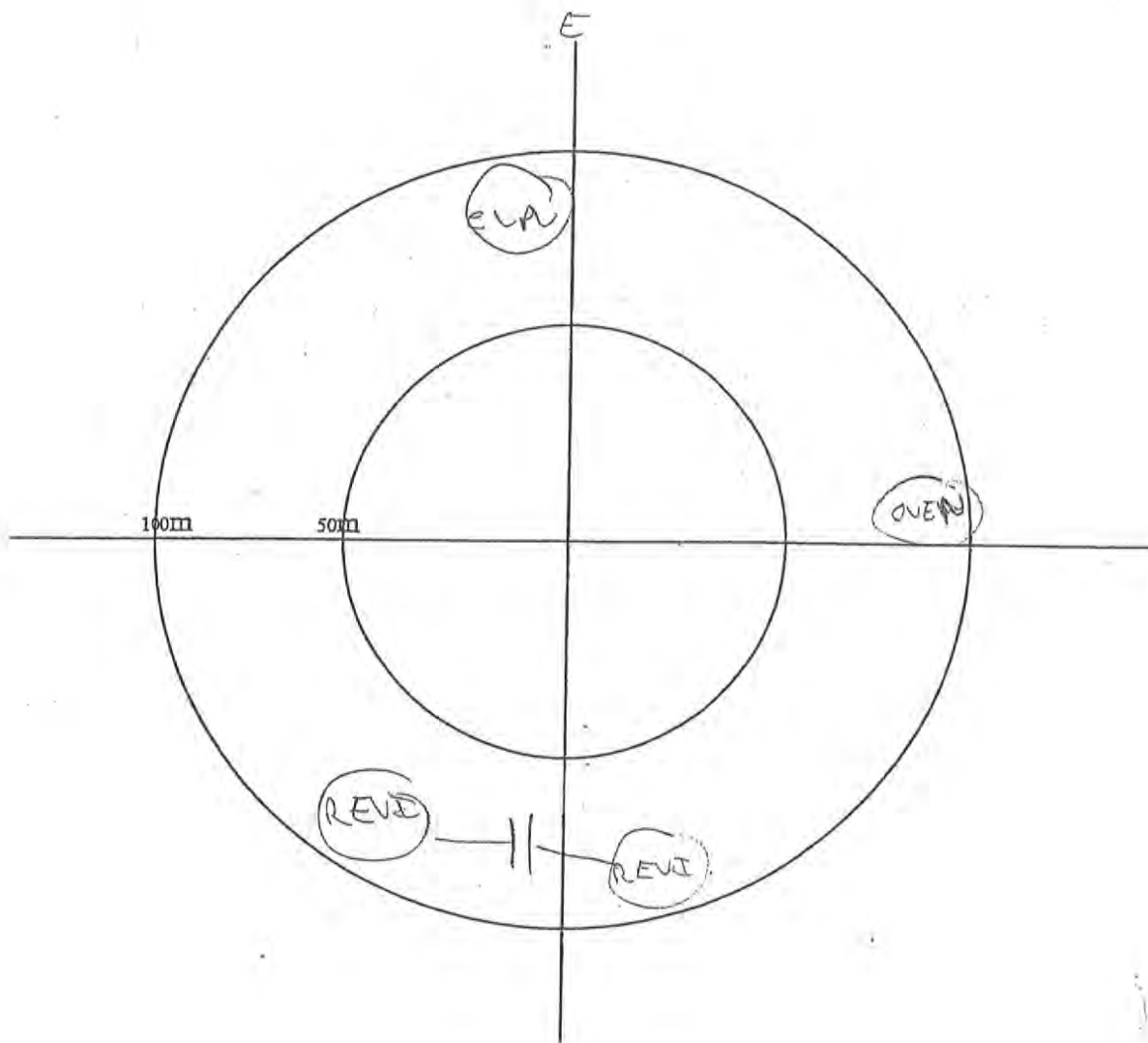
#### Symbols

- RWBL Single bird, singing/calling
- RWBL → RWBL Diff. birds of same sp.
- Pair together
- Family group
- Obs., but not calling/singing
- ○ Known change in position

#### Height

- 1 - BTB
- 2 - close to TH
- 3 - VBS
- 4 - WABS








Outside/Flythru
<i>EWPLW</i>
<i>OVEN</i>
<i>Amck</i>



Point Count Data Form

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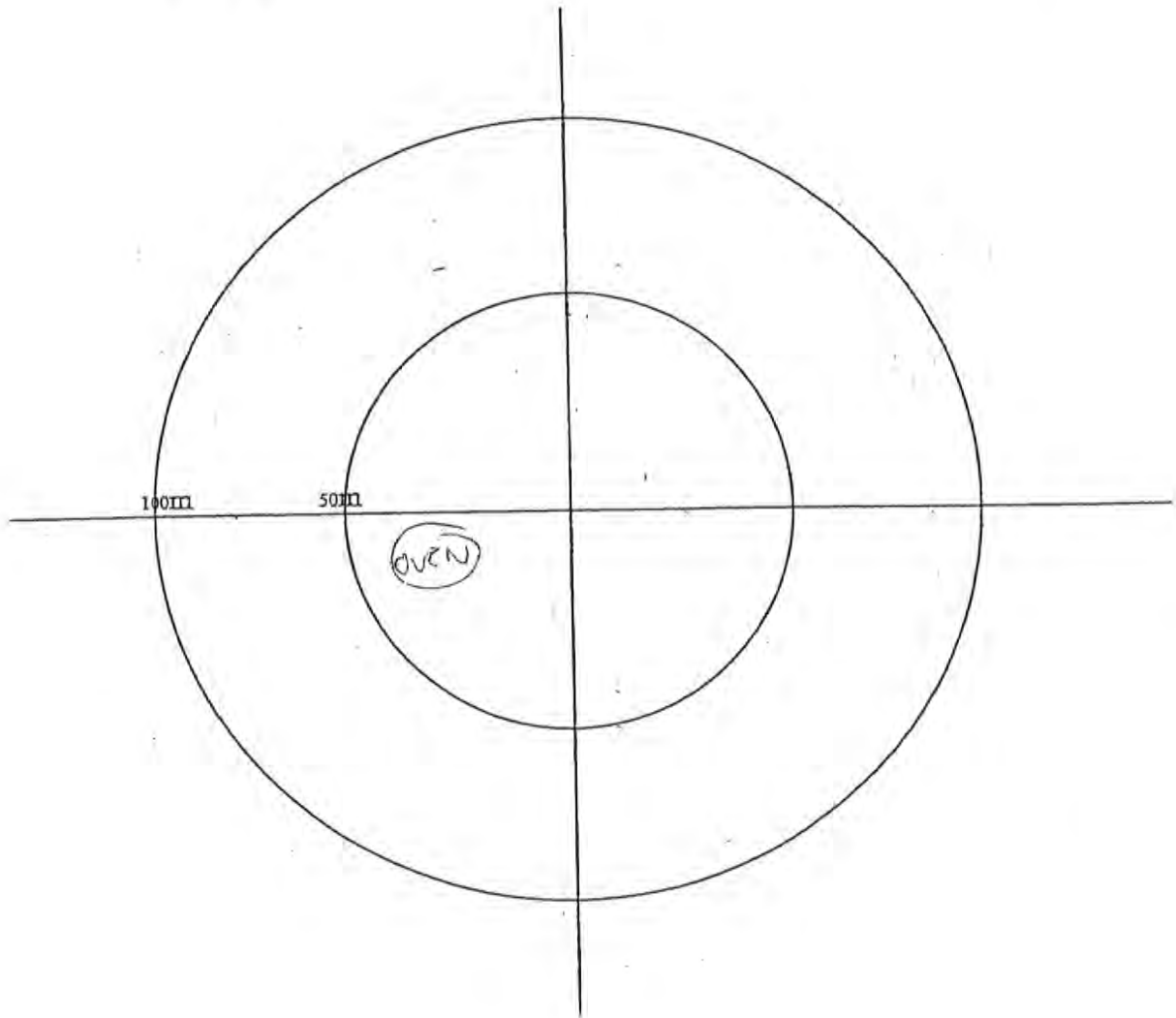
-  Single bird, singing/calling
-  ←  Diff birds of same sp.
-  Pair together
-  Family group
-  Obs., but not calling/singing
-  Known change in position

Height

- 1- BT H
- 2- close to TH
- 3- V BS
- 4- WABS

Outside/Flythru
<i>ALSA II</i>
<i>EVA</i>
<i>ANER</i>
<i>OVEN</i>
<i>✱</i>

Aerial Foragers	
Species	Tally



**Wetland Point Count Data Form**

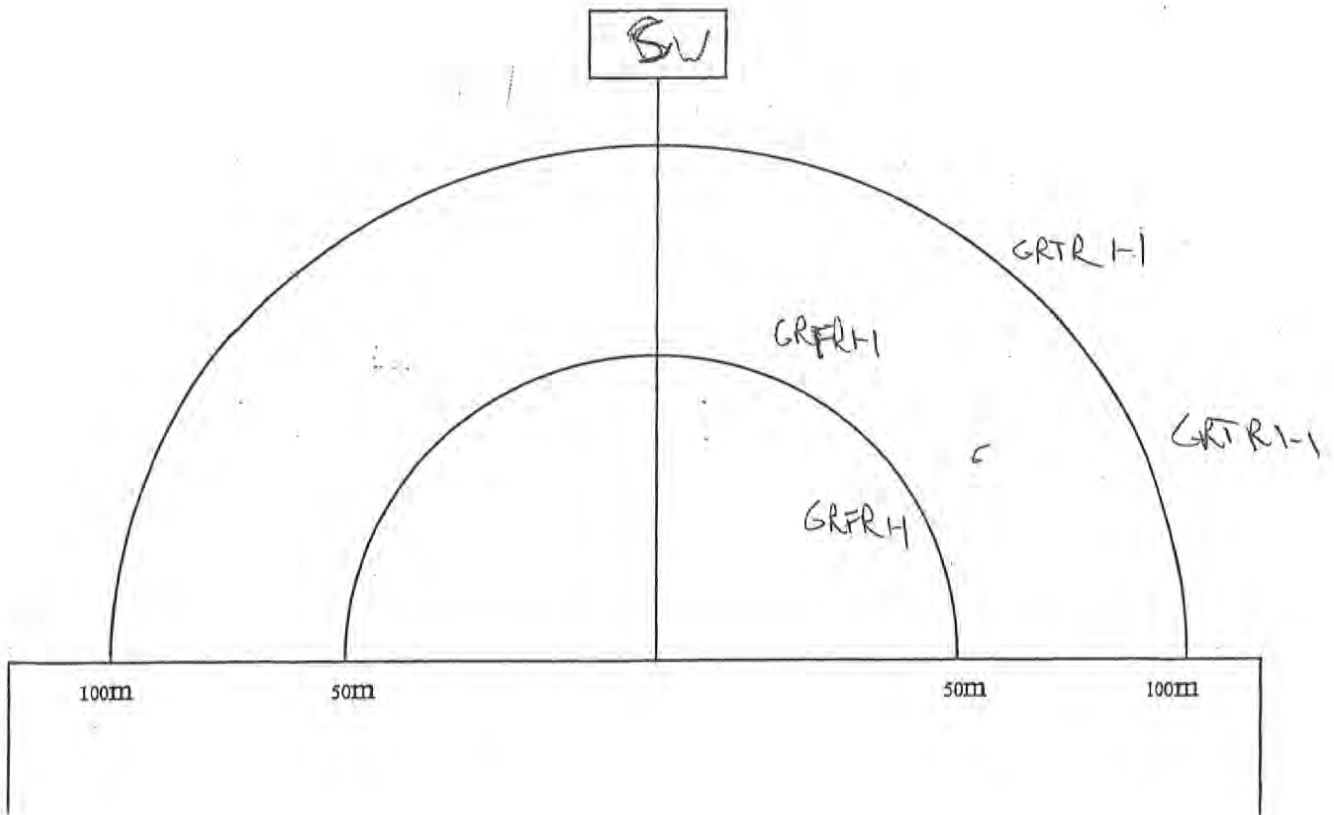
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Precipitation: <i>-</i>	Visibility: <i>clear</i>	
Remarks:		

**Symbols**

Aerial Foragers			Outside/Flythru	
Species	Tally	No.		

Singing/calling bird *(RWBL)*  
 Simultaneous song/diff. birds *(RWBL || RWBL)*  
 Pair together *(SWS)*  
 Family group (incl. # of adults) *(EAG)*  
 Obs. but not calling or singing *(GTSH)*  
 Known change in position. *(RWBL → RWBL)*  
 Nest *(\*TRES)*

*SOSP*  
*RUBL*



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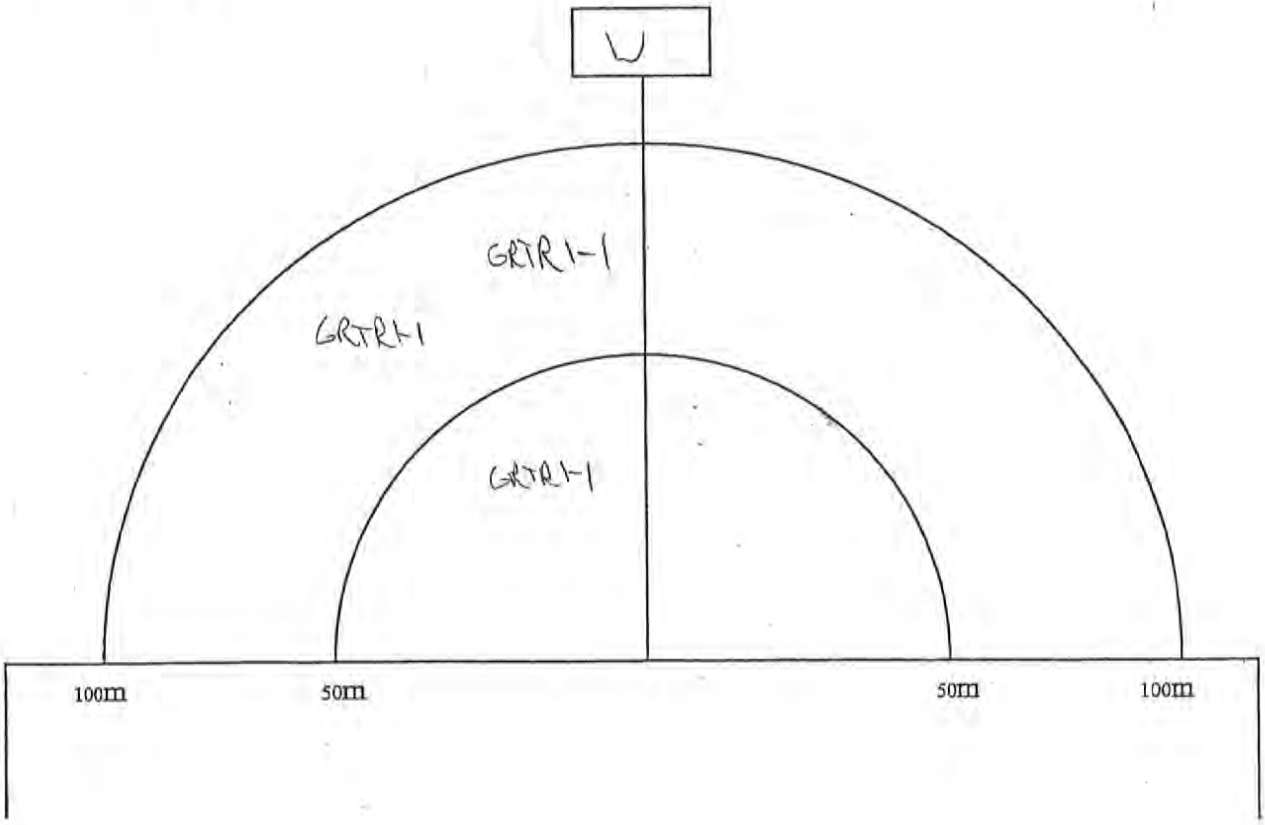
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Remarks:		

Species	Tally	No.

**Symbols**

- Singing/calling bird
- Simultaneous song/diff. birds
- Pair together
- Family group (incl. # of adults)
- Obs. but not calling or singing
- Known change in position:
- Nest *TRES*

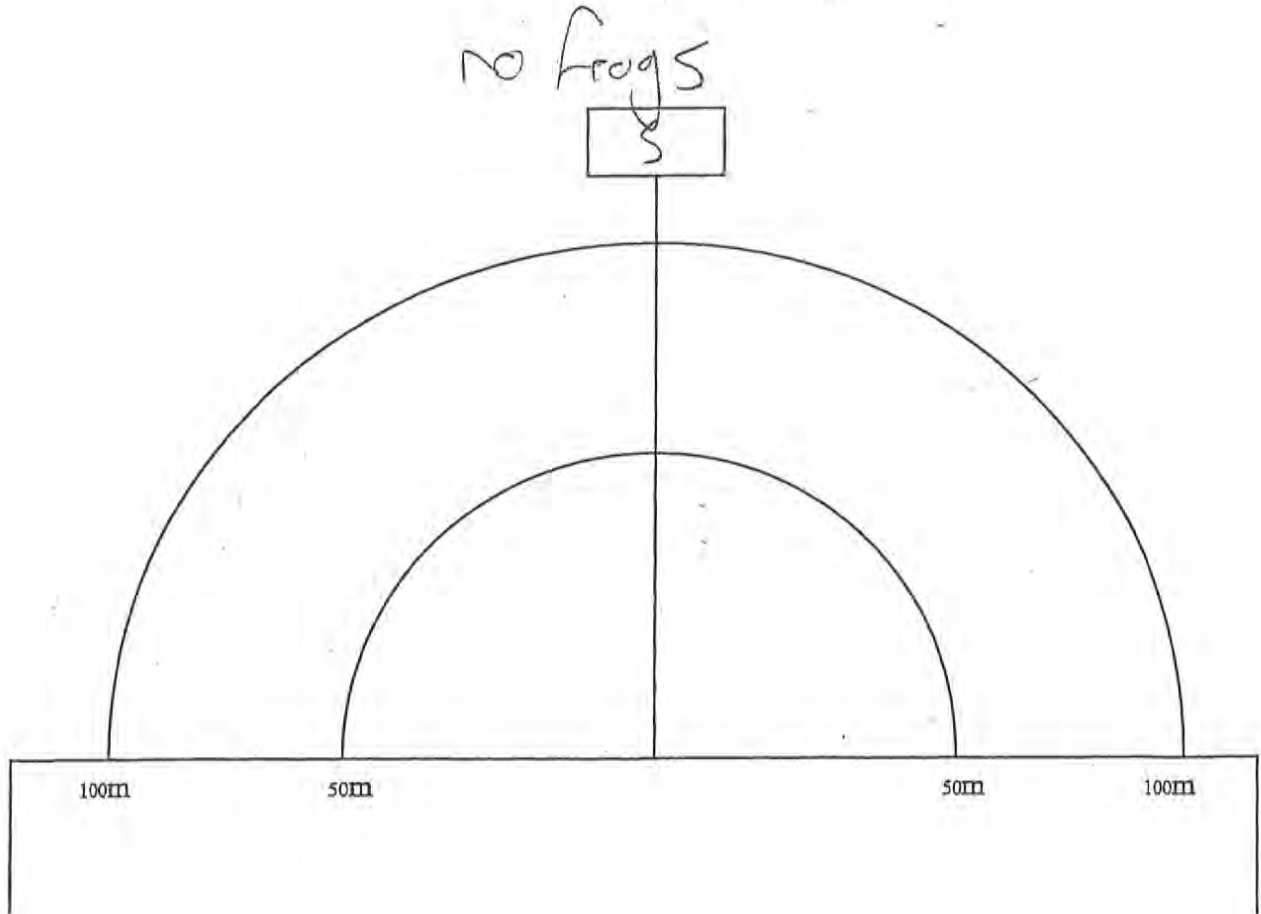

*GRTR Fly USL*  
*SORA*  
*WOM - P - 50 ♂*



Wetland Point Count Data Form

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Station ID: <i>P14</i>	Visit #: <i>2</i>	Start Time (HH:MM): <i>21:23</i>
Beaufort Wind Scale: <i>81</i>	Cloud Cover (%): <i>75%</i>	Temperature (°C): <i>21</i>
Precipitation: <i>—</i>	Visibility: <i>clear</i>	
Remarks: <i>occ. car noise, curious passerby</i>		

Aerial Foragers			Symbols		Outside/Flythru	
Species	Tally	No.				
			Singing/calling bird	<i>(RWBL)</i>		
			Simultaneous song/diff. birds	<i>(RWBL)   (RWBL)</i>		
			Pair together	<i>(SWSP)</i>		
			Family group (incl. # of adults)	<i>(CAGD)</i>		
			Obs. but not calling or singing	<i>(GTBH)</i>		
			Known change in position	<i>(RWBL) → (RWBL)</i>		
			Nest	<i>*TRES</i>		



**Wetland Point Count Data Form**

Observer: SKM	Site: NB	Date: June 1
Station ID: PT 1	Visit #: 2	Start Time (HH:MM): 2:19
Beaufort Wind Scale: B4	Cloud Cover (%): 80	Temperature (°C): 21
Precipitation: -	Visibility: clear	
Remarks:		

Aerial Foragers		
Species	Tally	No.

**Symbols**

Singing/calling bird: (RWBL)

Simultaneous song/diff. birds: (RWBL) || (RWBL)

Pair together: (SWSP)

Family group (incl. # of adults): (CAGG)

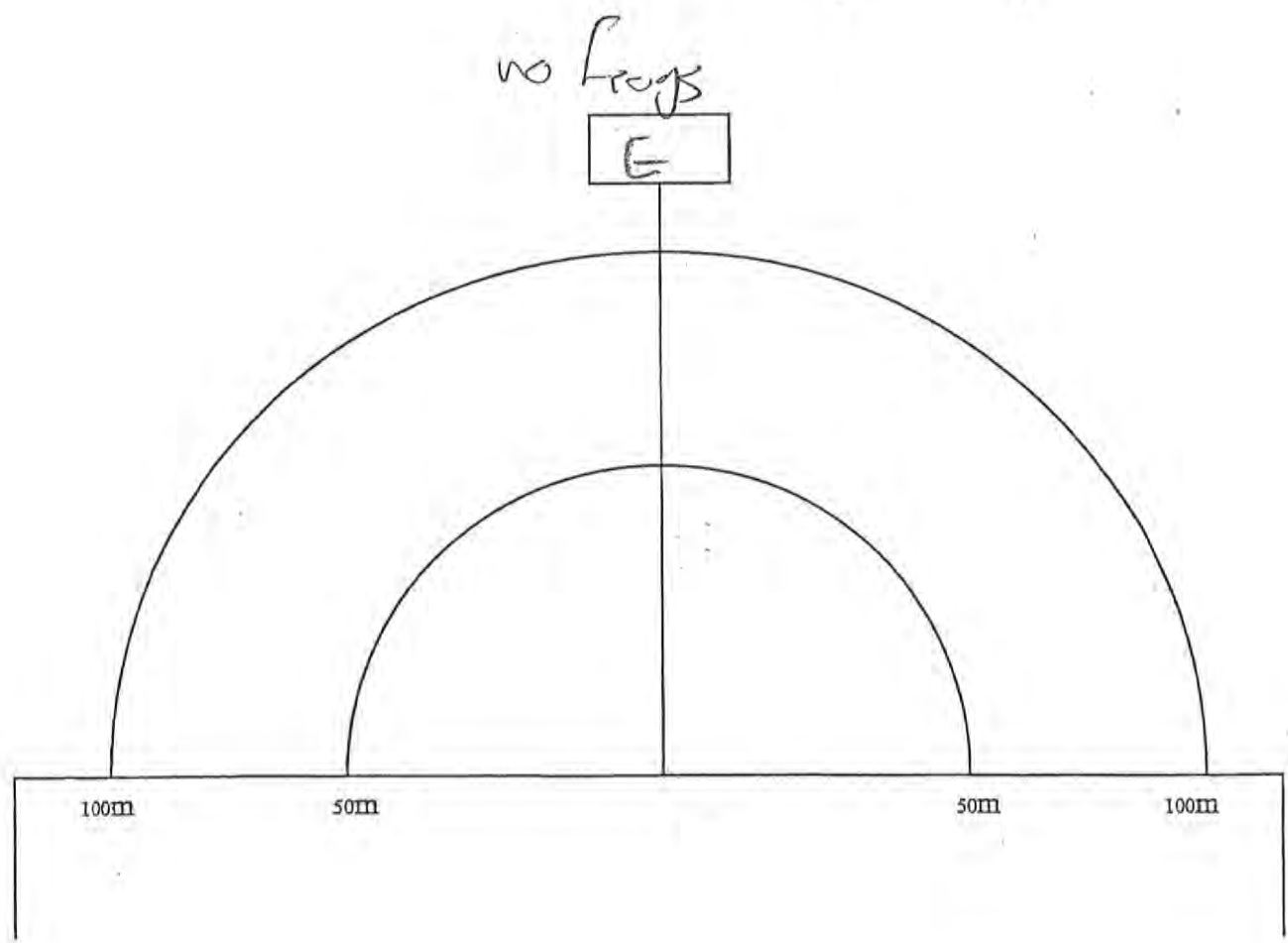
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Known change in position: (RWBL) → (RWBL)

Nest: \* TRES

Outside/Flythru.	

Skirpe in wetland





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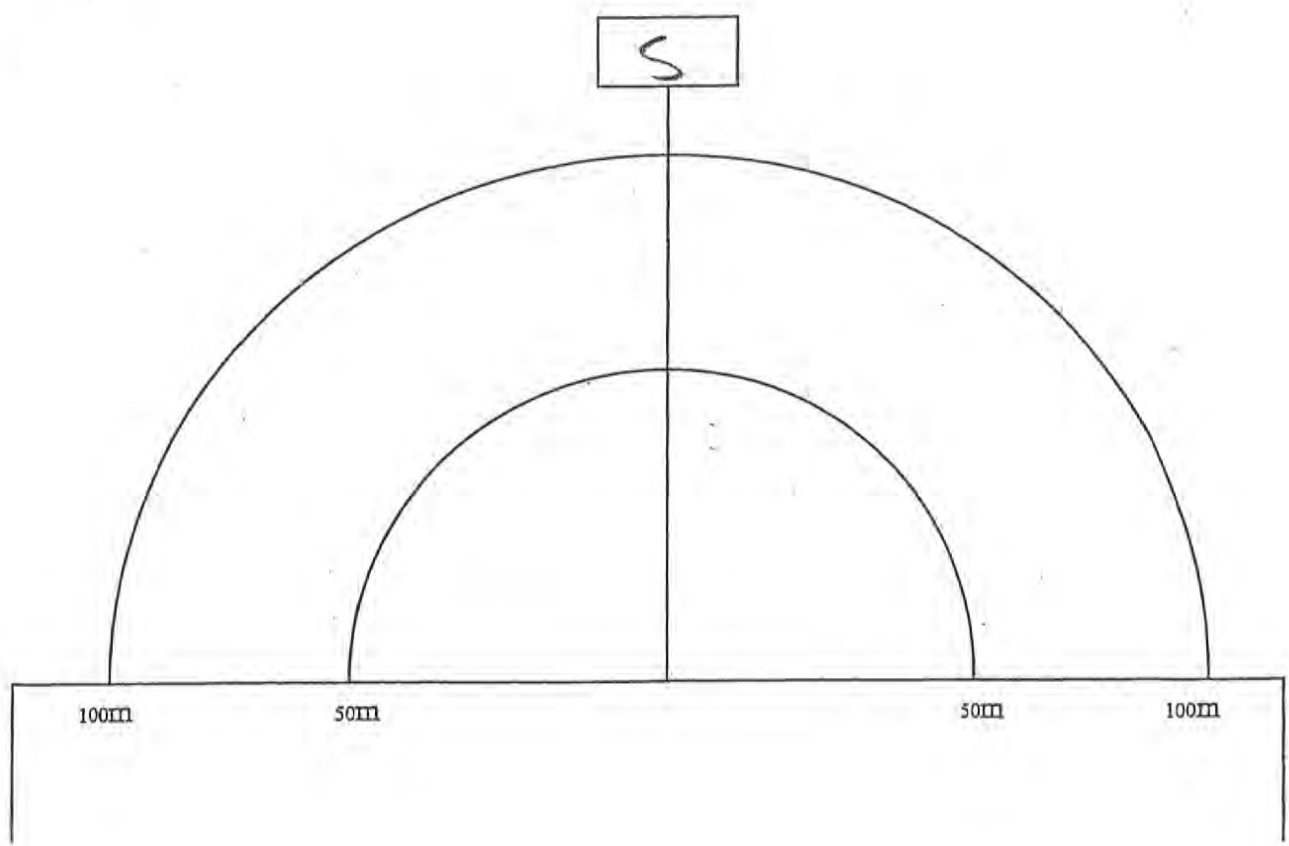
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Precipitation:	Visibility:	
Remarks: reg. road noise; backhoe cleared area (beaver dam) in field to the N		

Aerial Foragers		
Species	Tally	No.

Symbols

- Singing/calling bird (RWBL)
- Simultaneous song/diff. birds (RWBL || RWBL)
- Pair together (SWSP)
- Family group (incl. # of adults) (CAGO)
- Obs. but not calling or singing (GTSH)
- Known change in position. (RWBL → RWBL)
- Nest (X TRES)

Outside/Flythru	



**Amphibian Point Count Data Form**

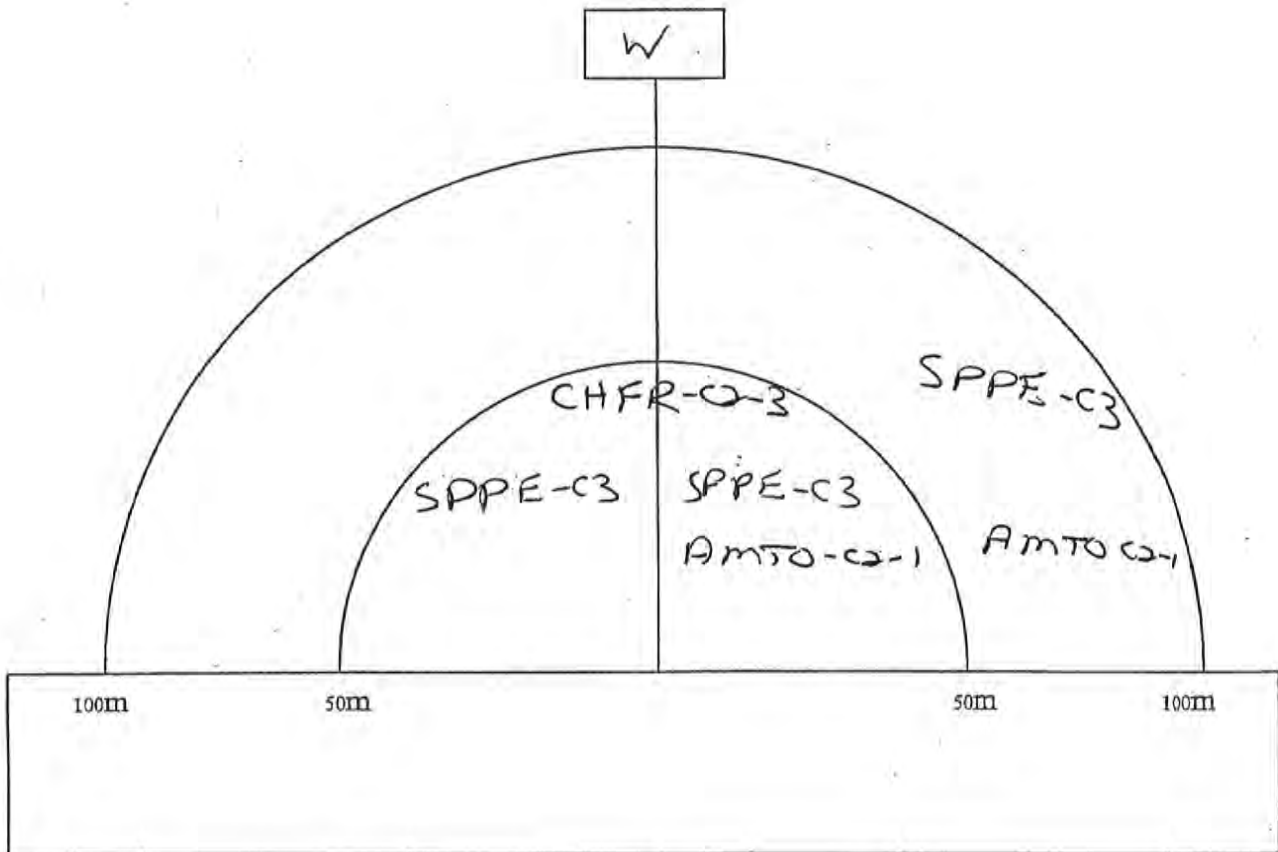
Observer: <u>Cobb + Noim</u>	Site: <u>Northern Bulgecs</u>	Date: <u>May 7</u>
Station ID: <u>5</u>	Visit #: _____	Start Time (HH:MM): <u>9:45</u>
Beaufort Wind Scale: <u>0</u>	Cloud Cover (%): <u>50</u>	Finish Time (HH:MM): <u>9:48</u>
Precipitation: <u>0</u>	Visibility: <u>Ex</u>	Temperature (°C): <u>10</u>
Remarks: <u>Behind old Buins to the west - Field Edge.</u> <u>Wetland begins - Sm than open water.</u>		

Aerial Foragers		
Species	IN*	OUT**
AMTO	✓	✓
BCFR		
BULL		
CHFR	✓	✓
FOTO		
GRTR		
GRFR		
MIFR		
NLFR		
PIFR		
SPPE	✓	✓
WOFR		

Call Level Codes	
CODE 1	Calls not simultaneous, number of individuals can be accurately counted.
CODE 2	Some calls simultaneous, number of individuals can be reliably estimated.
CODE 3	Full chorus, calls continuous and overlapping, number of individuals cannot be reliably estimated

\*Check if species is calling from inside 100-meter station area.

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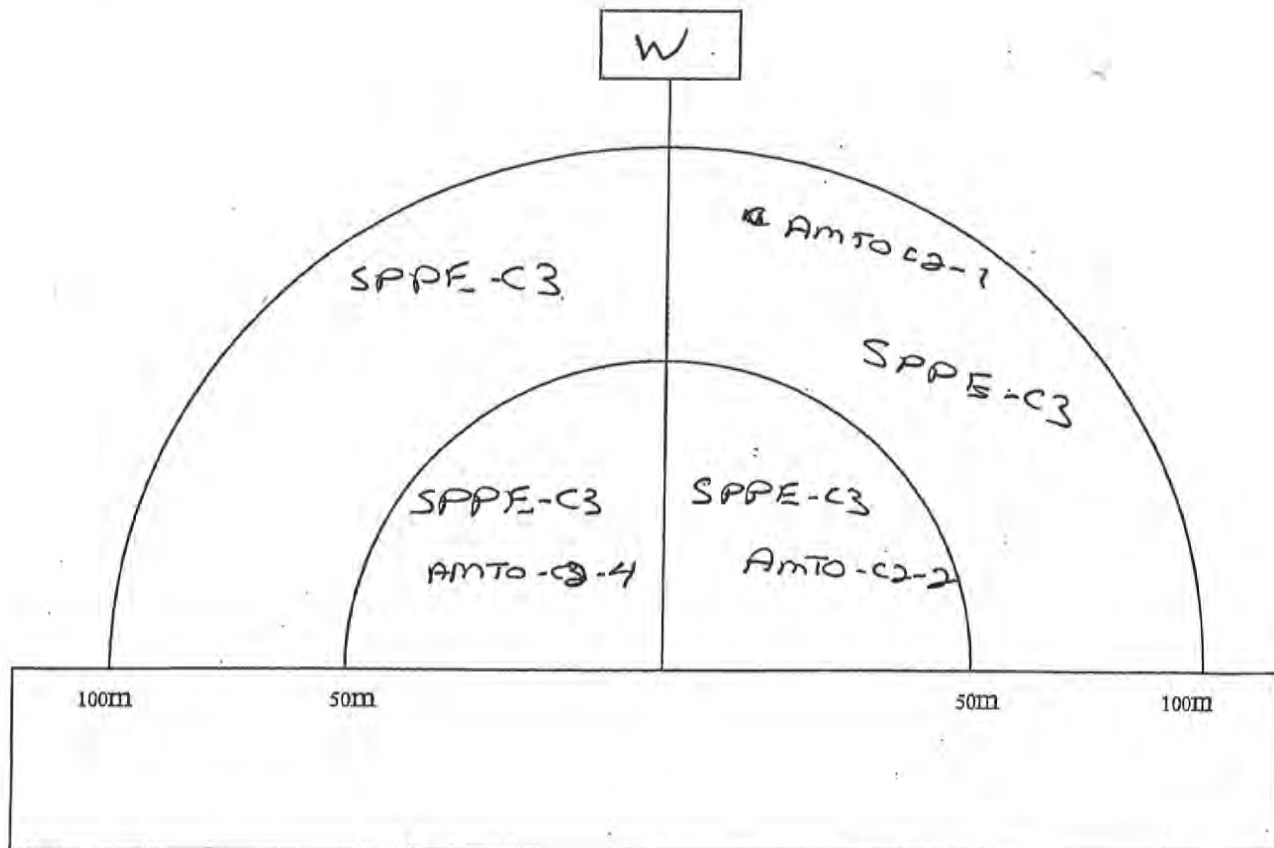
Observer: <i>Cobb + Noem</i>	Site: <i>North Burgess</i>	Date: <i>May 7<sup>th</sup></i>
Station ID: <i>3</i>	Visit #:	Start Time (HH:MM): <i>9:00</i>
Beaufort Wind Scale: <i>0</i>	Cloud Cover (%): <i>50</i>	Finish Time (HH:MM): <i>9:03</i>
Precipitation: <i>0</i>	Visibility: <i>FX</i>	Temperature (°C): <i>10</i>
Remarks: <i>Edge of Plowed Field - Open Water.</i>		
<i>10m in Front Flooded Grass in first 10m</i>		

Aerial Foragers		
Species	IN*	OUT**
AMTO	✓	✓
BCFR		
BULL		
CHFR		
FOTO		
GRTR		
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MIFR		
NLFR		
PIFR		
SPPE	✓	✓
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Observer: <u>Colb + Norm</u>	Site: <u>NB-1 North Burgess</u>	Date: <u>May 7<sup>th</sup></u>
Station ID: <u>1</u>	Visit #: _____	Start Time (HH:MM): <u>8:10</u>
Beaufort Wind Scale: <u>0</u>	Cloud Cover (%): <u>50</u>	Finish Time (HH:MM): <u>8:13</u>
Precipitation: <u>0</u>	Visibility: <u>Ex</u>	Temperature (°C): <u>10°C</u>
Remarks:		

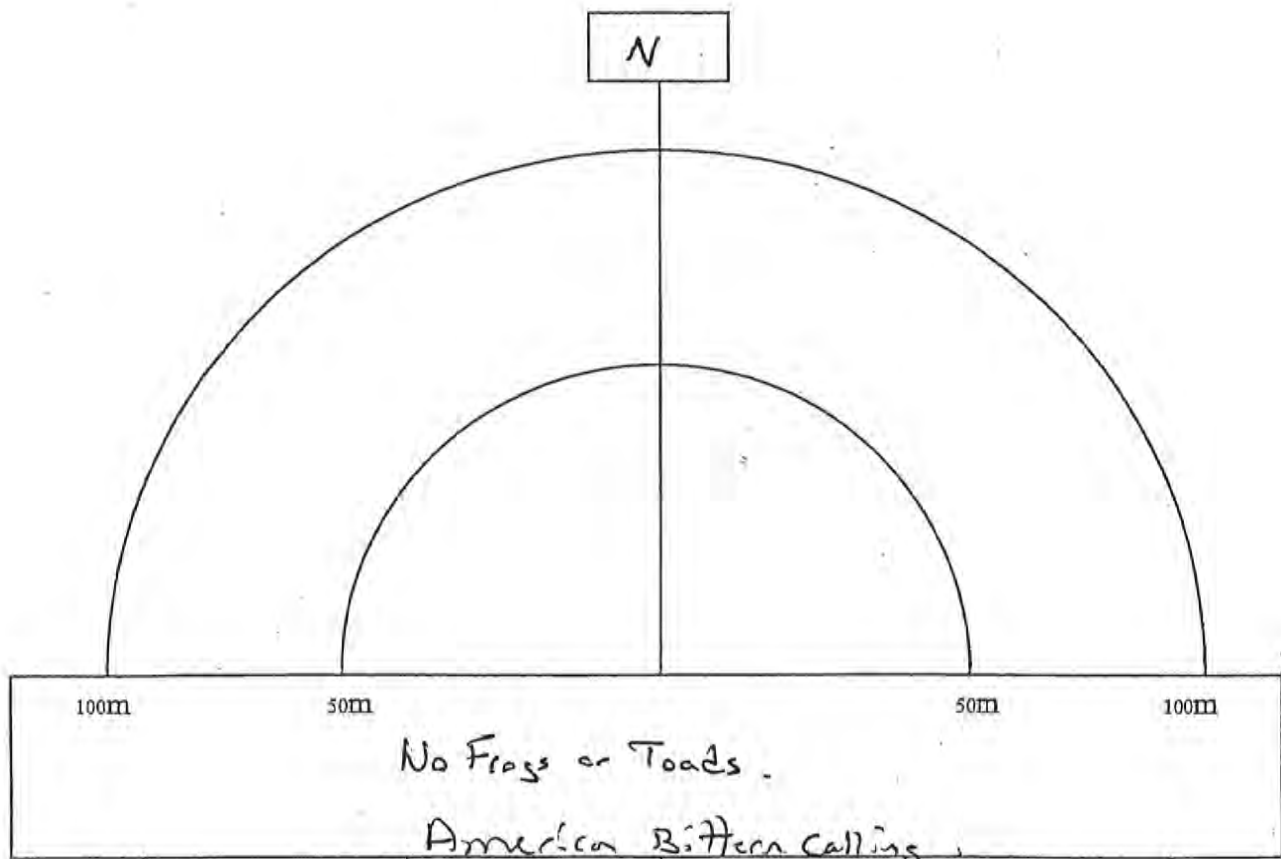
Roadside - Narrows Lock Road - cattail marsh  
either side of road - No Frogs / American Bittern seen and heard

Aerial Foragers		
Species	IN*	OUT**
AMTO		✓
BCFR		
BULL		
CHFR		
FOTO		
GRTR		
GRFR		
MIFR		
NLFR		
PIFR		
SPPE		✓
WOFR		

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Observer: <u>Cowb + Neem</u>	Site: <u>North 2 Buigess</u>	Date: <u>May 7th</u>
Station ID: <u>2</u>	Visit #: _____	Start Time (HH:MM): <u>8:25</u>
Beaufort Wind Scale: <u>0</u>	Cloud Cover (%): <u>50</u>	Finish Time (HH:MM): <u>8:28</u>
Precipitation: <u>0</u>	Visibility: <u>1x</u>	Temperature (°C): <u>10°C</u>

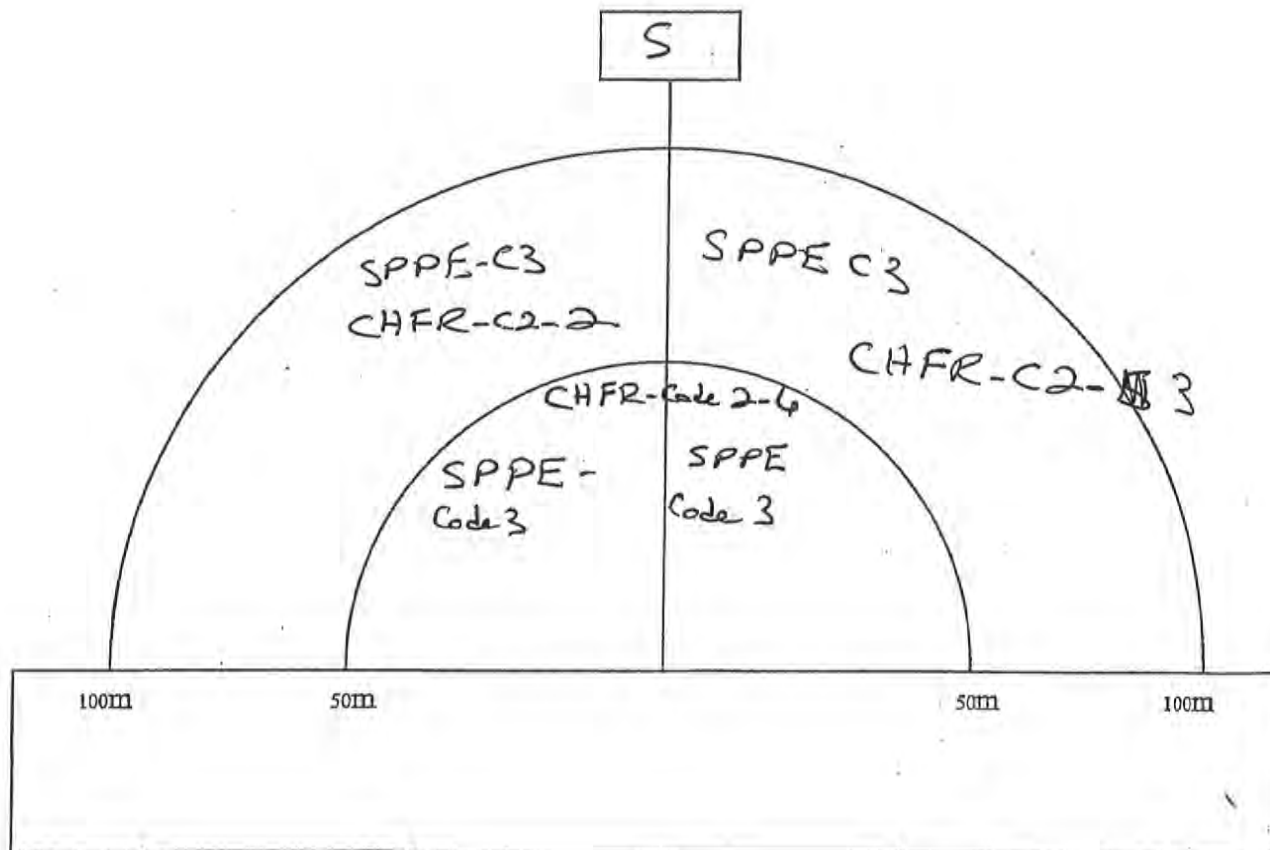
Remarks:  
Approx 30m off road open water in front + to the west. Beaver dam

Aerial Foragers		
Species	IN*	OUT**
AMTO	✓	✓
BCFR		
BULL		
CHFR	✓	
FOTO		
GRTR		
GRFR		
MIFR		
NLFR		
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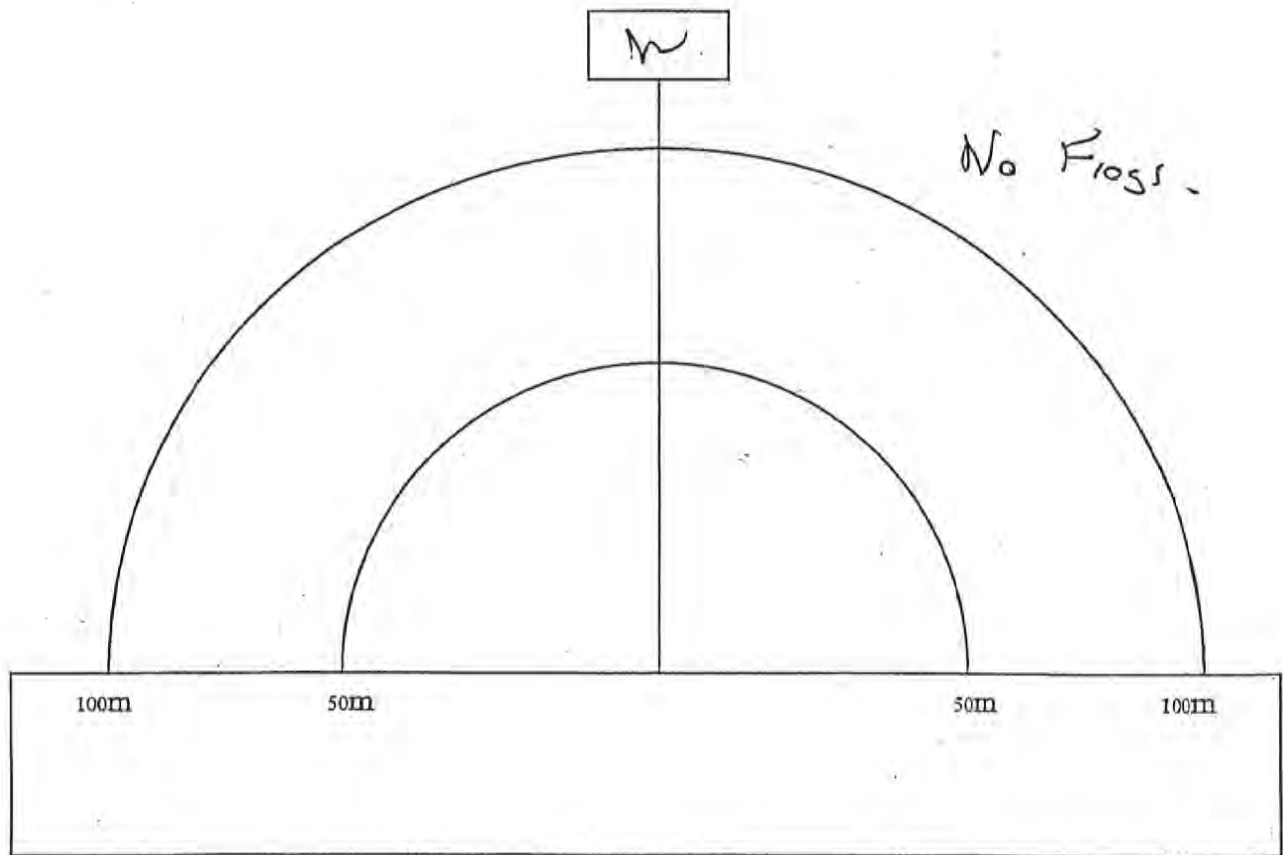
Observer: <u>Caleb + Norm</u>	Site: <u>North Burgess</u>	Date: <u>May 7<sup>th</sup></u>
Station ID: <u>4</u>	Visit #: <u>1</u>	Start Time (HH:MM): <u>9:20</u>
Beaufort Wind Scale: <u>0</u>	Cloud Cover (%): <u>50</u>	Finish Time (HH:MM): <u>9:23</u>
Precipitation: <u>0</u>	Visibility: <u>Ex</u>	Temperature (°C): <u>10</u>
Remarks:		
<u>Roads: 2e Woodland - Vernal Pools</u>		
<u>No Calls</u>		

Aerial Foragers		
Species	IN*	OUT**
AMTO		
BCFR		
BULL		
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**Legend**

- Roads
- - - Grassed Waterways
- Watercourse
- Average Annual High Water Mark
- 30m Setback From High Water Mark
- Project Site
- Study Area
- Parcels
- Unevaluated Wetland
- ▨ Unevaluated Wetland Noted During Site Investigation

**Project Components**

- ⊙ Connection Point With Existing Distribution Line
- Project Footprint Boundary
- - - Path Walked



- Notes:**
1. OGM and NRVIS data downloaded from L.I.O. with permission.
  2. Spatial referencing UTM NAD 83, August 2010.
  3. Satellite imagery from Google Earth Pro.

Figure 4.1  
 Northland Power Inc.  
 North Burgess Solar Project  
 Water Body and Project Boundaries **HATCH™**

1 May, 7th

North Baysess

Least B-Her - Call Back 8:15 am (No call)

Rat Snake - Transects 9:40 am

Temp 14°C, Sunny,

Red Tail Hawk observed - Large  
White - Pine - Nest protection  
Behaviour.

Transects Completed, 1:30 - No Snake  
Seen -

Raptor Call Backs Played.

4 Location See Map - No response

Red tail Nest Search - 2 old

Nests - Possibly under construction.

GPS would not work in Forest. See  
map for Nest locations

Amphibian See data  
Sheets

Owls Playback Some points  
as Raptors - 10:15 pm - 11:30 pm  
No Owl's Heard / Seen

Scale: 1 square =



North Barger  
Wood lot evaluation

12:05 pm Friday OCT 8th

5:45 pm Sat Temp 100° and 2 NW

Small Game trail existing

North east corner, clearing, 200'

Raccoon

Only one large white bird  
in canopy from  
corner photo taken

Turkey Vulture observed  
circling neighborhood

Small Game Trail  
middle of wood lot

Massive pile at neighbors

Long Row - Road kill porcupine  
Eyes Quicker

Small Deer Necessaries

100% Deer

at 100% Deer, Tambling Plover

8 white birds - Saw large American

Planted along road post. Stanley

Approx 20m of New Lock Rd  
Low lying pool - mosses  
Sensitive fern indicate  
majority of the year photo  
GPS - Pool

SOM esp NLR Forest  
composition esp. Hard  
Few mature trees  
scattered 12 inches. DBH

Abundant young Hard Maple  
saplings to 4 inches  
DBH

Sparse Yellow Birch

Less than 1% green  
100% leaf litter  
Yellow Birch

A lot of Browse Available  
None seen.

American Beach

Canopy ☒ ☒

Sub Canopy ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒

85m of E/WK Stand increase  
~~100m~~ in age a few dead trees  
Wood nymphs - most looked  
Dying - excellent condition  
Trembling photo - GPS coordinates

Black Cherry Canopy  
☐ ☐

Sub Canopy

Pool + Trees include Personality  
and Green Ash photo  
Yellow Birch photo - 100m

No sign of a vertical  
Burr  
Bear use

40m West of Pool 2

Transition Area more open  
Have rock to the north  
45m of Bushings  
Space Hard made

No evidence of Disturbance

South side Conifer bedding  
into Red Pine plantation  
Side of Road

Cops - Trans  
Photos East - West

On South  
East side of meadow  
Bush - behind Spruce - Yew  
plantation

Reserve  
Space Iron Wood

Flashing Tape - Pines Preparing  
liner White Spruce plantation  
become Red Pine photos  
GPS WS-RP

North West of Backin  
occasional patches of Beech  
but plant mostly young  
trees less than 4m DBH  
too many to count. Maximum  
of ~~50~~ approximately 75  
visible from one location  
Only 3 would be in canopy

Beech falling on Pacific ridge  
changes to only include  
~~possibilities~~ possible mast fruit

Beech mast present  
at 23 + Li

Mowing with a brush cutter  
Resumes back to maple with  
Spruce Iron wood.

Red Pine Plantation, Approx 40 years  
Resemblance of old fence line  
Stone Piles -

GPS OLD Fence - RP  
Red cherries campy 4

West Side of RR  
old Stone Piles  
GPS - Stone fence  
- photo's

Western side of fence  
- Buckthorn  
- Yellow maple

Red Pine Plantation  
White Spruce plantation  
towards southern property  
boundary

GPS - RP - WS  
photo's

No  
5

~~Eastern chipmunk~~ - Very few **7**

- Wild turkey
- No tracks in plowed field
- No tracks on road

EIC - Red Pine ~~Forest~~ CUP3-1

- Has some FODS
- with small pockets of FODS-2

White Spruce Cup 2-8

UP VAD 2 BVS

Jhu = 1  
SVA 08:00  
Enj 09:30

44-81400  
P3-B4

WFC } water  
RWR }  
BWA } Shrub  
OVEN }  
BWA }  
COP - Shrub

OVEN nest

Green wings calling in nest → ~5

Walked

V.P. 44-81584  
→ 76-30323

BWA  
OVEN |||  
COP  
BWA ||  
SWP |||  
AMCR |  
RELT |||  
BLWA  
MAWA

edge of spruce E  
44-81449  
→ 76-30262

S edge of pine  
Lat. 44-81391  
Long → 76-3059

edge of spruce W  
44-81408  
→ 76-30388



## Appendix B

### Natural Resource Solutions Inc. Wetlands Site Investigation



# NATURAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS INC.

Aquatic, Terrestrial and Wetland Biologists

## Memo

Project No. 1142

**To: Sean Male**  
**From: David Stephenson**  
**Date: June 21, 2011**  
**Re: North Burgess Solar Project Wetland Evaluation**

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The wetlands in the vicinity of the proposed North Burgess Solar Project lands are unevaluated at this time. The new Natural Heritage Assessment Guide (NHAG) for Renewable Energy Projects (OMNR 2010) allows for the evaluation of these wetlands using Appendix C.

Our assessment of the unevaluated wetland complex, within the catchment area provided on the attached Catchment Area map in accordance with the appropriate sections of the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System for Northern Ontario (MNR 2002), is attached as Table 1. It is our understanding that this table will be used by Hatch to identify potential negative environmental effects and mitigations as required for preparation of an EIS as per the NHAG.

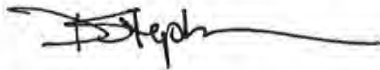
The field study approach taken by NRSI during the August 11 and 12, 2010 site visit included:

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

As part of Appendix C of the NHAG, we have completed an interspersion map covering the wetlands in the catchment area, and have attached the interspersion map with this memo.

I trust that this information is adequate. If any further information or clarification is needed please contact me.

Yours Sincerely,  
Natural Resource Solutions Inc.

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

David Stephenson, M.Sc.,  
Senior Biologist

Work Cited

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**Appendix C**  
**Natural Heritage Assessment Guide**  
**Completed Analysis**

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**Table 1 Wetland Characteristics and Ecological Functions Assessment for Renewable Energy Projects, Wetland Complex**

Characteristic/ Ecological Function	Evaluation Results	Scoring
<p><b>Actual Wetland Size (ha)</b></p>	<p><b>Wetland 1:</b> = 0.31ha Reed canary grass marsh (neM<sub>1</sub>)</p> <p><b>Wetland 2:</b> = 0.66ha Graminoid meadow marsh (neM<sub>2</sub>)</p> <p><b>Wetland 3:</b> = 13.13ha Willow thicket swamp (tsS<sub>1</sub>) Black ash swamp (hS<sub>2</sub>)</p> <p><b>Wetland 4:</b> = 27.34ha Meadow marsh (reM<sub>3</sub>) Speckled alder thicket swamp (tsS<sub>3</sub>) Slender willow thicket swamp (tsS<sub>4</sub>) Mixed graminoid meadow marsh (neM<sub>4</sub>) Cattail marsh (reM<sub>5</sub>) Cattail marsh (reM<sub>6</sub>) Mixed graminoid meadow marsh (neM<sub>7</sub>) Reed canary grass marsh (neM<sub>8</sub>) Broad-leaved sedge marsh (neM<sub>9</sub>) Slender willow thicket swamp (tsS<sub>5</sub>) Giant manna grass marsh (neM<sub>10</sub>) Meadowsweet Thicket Swamp (tsS<sub>6</sub>) Black ash swamp (hS<sub>7</sub>) Black ash swamp (tsS<sub>8</sub>) Graminoid marsh (neM<sub>11</sub>) Reed canary grass marsh (neM<sub>12</sub>) Cattail marsh (reM<sub>20</sub>) Mixed graminoid meadow marsh (neM<sub>21</sub>)</p> <p><b>Wetland 5:</b> = 4.73ha Slender willow thicket swamp (tsS<sub>9</sub>) Reed canary grass marsh (neM<sub>13</sub>) Reed canary grass marsh (neM<sub>14</sub>) Cattail marsh (reM<sub>15</sub>) Floating-leaved aquatic ecosite (fM<sub>19</sub>)</p> <p><b>Wetland 6:</b> = 4.60ha Slender willow thicket swamp (tsS<sub>10</sub>)</p>	

	<p>Slender willow thicket swamp (tsS<sub>11</sub>)</p> <p><b>Wetland 7:</b>          = 3.17ha          Mixed willow thicket swamp (tsS<sub>12</sub>)          Speckled alder thicket swamp (tsS<sub>13</sub>)          Reed canary grass marsh (neM<sub>17</sub>)          Mixed meadow marsh (neM<sub>18</sub>)</p> <p><b>Wetland 8:</b>          = 2.89ha          Mixed shallow aquatic ecosite (suM<sub>16</sub>)          Black ash swamp (hS<sub>24</sub>)</p> <p><b>Total : 56.52ha</b></p>																					
<b>Wetland Type</b>	<p>WETLAND (Fractional Area = area of wetland type/total wetland area)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>1.1.2 TYPE</th> <th>Fractional Area</th> <th></th> <th>Score</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bog</td> <td>_____</td> <td>x 3</td> <td><u>0.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fen</td> <td>_____</td> <td>x 6</td> <td><u>0.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swamp</td> <td><u>0.57</u></td> <td>x 8</td> <td><u>4.56</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marsh</td> <td><u>0.43</u></td> <td>x 15</td> <td><u>6.45</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Wetland type score (maximum 15 points)</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">11</span></p> <p><b>Fractional Area of Wetland Types:</b>  <b>Swamp:</b>  <i>Swamp (ha)</i>          Total ha = 32.22          FA=32.22/56.52          =0.57</p> <p><b>Marsh:</b>  <i>Marsh (ha)</i>          Total ha = 24.30          FA =24.30/56.52          =0.43</p>	1.1.2 TYPE	Fractional Area		Score	Bog	_____	x 3	<u>0.00</u>	Fen	_____	x 6	<u>0.00</u>	Swamp	<u>0.57</u>	x 8	<u>4.56</u>	Marsh	<u>0.43</u>	x 15	<u>6.45</u>	<b>11</b>
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<b>Vegetation Communities</b>	<p>Number of communities with 1-3 forms:          30 = 17.5 pts          Number of communities with 4-5 forms:          4 = 6.5</p>	<b>24</b>																				



<b>Proximity to other Wetlands</b>	Hydrologically connected by surface water to other wetlands (same dominant wetland type), within 0.5 km	8
<b>Interspersion</b>	See Appended Interspersion Map. Total vertical: 37 Total horizontal: 38 Total = 75	12
<b>Open Water Types</b>	Open water occupies 5-25% of the wetland area, occurring in ponds of various sizes; vegetation occurs in dense patches or diffuse open stands. (Type 3).	14
<b>Flood Attenuation (total)</b>	Details of Flood Attenuation calculations are provided below in Table 1.	100
<b>Water Quality Improvement (Total)</b>	Details of water quality improvement calculations are provided below Table 1.	
<b>Shoreline Erosion Control</b>	<b>Step 1:</b> If any part of the wetland is riverine or lacustrine (proceed to Step 2) = Yes, therefore go to step 2 <b>Step 2:</b> Choose the one characteristic that best describes the shoreline vegetation = Emergent vegetation	8
<b>Groundwater Recharge (Total)</b>	Details of Groundwater Recharge calculations are provided below in Table 1.	5
<b>Species Rarity(Total)</b>	No rare species noted during 2010 surveys within the wetland. <b>Section</b> 4.1.2.1 Breeding Habitat for Endangered or Threatened Species = none 4.1.2.2 Traditional Migration or Feeding Areas for an Endangered or Threatened Species = none 4.1.2.3 and 4.1.2.4 Provincially Significant Plant and Animal Species = none 4.1.2.5 Regionally Significant Species = none 4.1.2.6 Locally Significant Species = none 4.1.2.7 Species of Special Status = none	0
<b>Significant Features and Habitats (Total)</b>	<b>Section:</b> 4.2.1 Colonial Waterbirds = none 4.2.2 Winter Cover for Wildlife = none 4.2.3 Waterfowl Staging and/or Molting Area = none 4.2.4 Waterfowl Breeding = none	0
<b>Fish Habitat (Total)</b>	No information regarding the fish community of the unnamed tributaries of Grants Creek that run through the subject property was found during the records review. A visual aquatic habitat survey of the tributaries was conducted on June 23, 2010. The main tributary on the property runs through several wooded areas and a large open wetland immediately adjacent to the western subject property boundary. It enters a wooded	

area on the subject property and flows for approximately 300m before emerging into an open wetland with a large online pond created by a beaver dam across the tributary. The pond is approximately 20m wide by 60m long. It is surrounded by a hummocky meadow marsh comprised of a variety of grasses (e.g. Canada blue-joint, *Calamagrostis canadensis*), sedges and forbs. There is dense submergent and floating leaved vegetation throughout much of the open water area. The tributary then drains into Grants Creek, northwest of the subject property. This tributary, most notably within the wetland pond areas, likely provides seasonal fish habitat (e.g. wetland spawning, nursery and/or foraging functions) for the fish community of Grants Creek, and may provide permanent fish habitat for a resident fish community if it stays wet year round and sufficient flow is present to avoid stagnation. The wetland also provides some hydrology and water quality regulation for Grants Creek, which does provide permanent fish habitat for the resident fish community.

The smaller tributaries of this main tributary include wetland habitats which may provide similar seasonal and/or permanent fish habitat functions.

## Flood Attenuation Calculations:

### HYDROLOGICAL 3.0 COMPONENT

#### FLOOD 3.1 ATTENUATION

If the wetland is a complex including isolated wetlands, apportion the 100 points according to area. For example if 10 ha of a 100 ha complex is isolated, the isolated portion receives the maximum proportional score of 10. The remainder of the wetland is then evaluated out of 90.

**Step 1:** Determination of Maximum Score

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

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

(a)	Wetland area (ha)	56.62
(b)	Total area (ha) of upstream detention areas (include the wetland itself)	56.62
(c)	Ratio of (a):(b)	1.00
(d)	Upstream detention factor: (c) x 2 = <u>2.00</u> (maximum allowable factor = 1)	1.00

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

(a)	Wetland area (ha)	56.62
(b)	Size of catchment basin (ha) upstream of wetland (include wetland itself in catchment area)	56.62
(c)	Ratio of (a):(b)	1.00
(d)	Wetland attenuation factor: (c) x 10 = <u>10.0</u> (maximum allowable factor = 1)	1.00

**Step 4:**

Calculation of final score

(a)	Wetlands on large lakes or major rivers		0
(b)	Wetland entirely isolated		100
(b)	All other wetlands --calculate as follows:		
	* Complex Formula - Isolated		
(c)	portion	<u>100.0</u>	1
	Initial Score		100 *
	Upstream detention factor (DF) (Step 2)		<u>1.00</u>
	Wetland attenuation factor (AF) (Step 3)		<u>1.00</u>
	Final score: $[(DF + AF)/2] \times$ Initial score		
	=		<u>100.00</u>
	* Final		$99.7 + 0.4 =$
(c)	score:=	<u>100.0</u>	100
	*Unless wetland is a complex with isolated portions (see above).		

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

100

## Water Quality Improvement Calculations:

### 3.2 WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

#### 3.2.1 SHORT TERM WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

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

Wetland on one of the 5 defined large lakes or 5 major rivers (Go to Step 5a)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

All other wetlands (Go through Steps 2, 3, 4, and 5b)

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

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

(FA= area of site type/total area of wetland)

Fractional Area

FA of isolated wetland	0.000	x	0.5	=	0.000
FA of riverine wetland	0.675	x	1	=	0.675
FA of palustrine wetland with no inflow	0.325	x	0.7	=	0.228
FA of palustrine wetland with inflows		x	1	=	0.000
FA of lacustrine on lake shoreline		x	0.2	=	0.000
FA of lacustrine at lake inflow or outflow		x	1	=	0.000
			Sub Total:		0.902

**Sum (WIF cannot exceed 1.0)**

0.90

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

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

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

**LUF (maximum 1.0)**

0.80

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

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

	Fractional Area			
FA of wetland with live trees, shrubs, herbs or mosses (c,h,ts,ls,gc,m)	<u>0.57</u>	x	0.75	= <u>0.43</u>
FA of wetland with emergent, submergent or floating vegetation (re,be,ne,su,f,ff)	<u>0.43</u>	x	1	= <u>0.43</u>
FA of wetland with little or no vegetation (u)	<u>          </u>	x	0.5	= <u>0.00</u>

**Sum (PUT cannot exceed 1.0)**

**0.86**

### Ground Water Discharge Calculations:

#### 3.2.3 GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE

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

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

(Scores are cumulative maximum score 30 points)

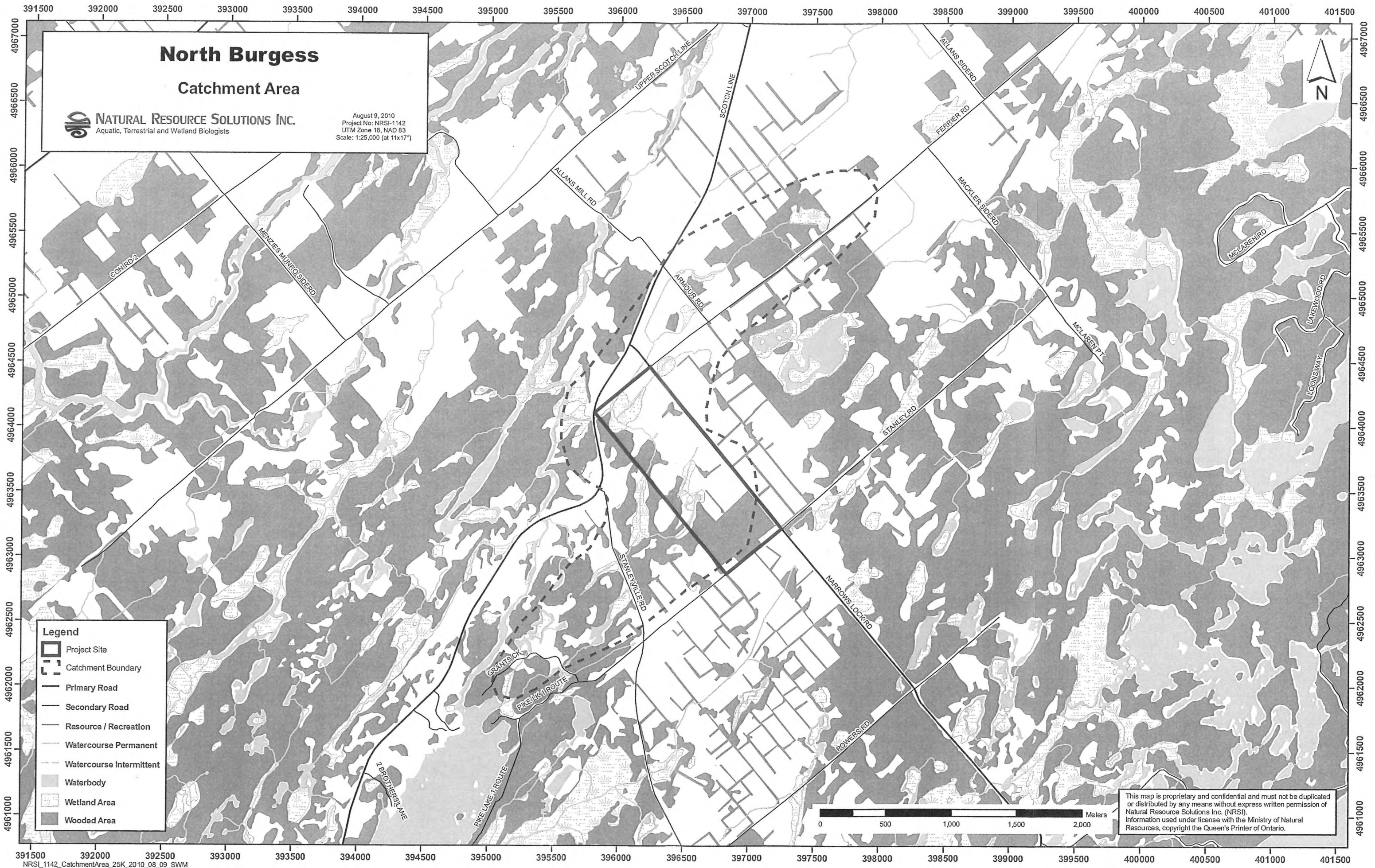
**Groundwater Discharge Score (maximum 30 points)**

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**Catchment Area Map**

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Interspersion Map



**Project Team**

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**Project Team:**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Qualifications</b>	<b>Role</b>
David Stephenson, M.Sc	Certified Wetland Evaluator Certified ELC Certified Arborist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project Management</li><li>• Field Survey</li><li>• Data Analysis, Evaluation, Reporting</li><li>• Natural Heritage Assessment Guide Appendix C – for revised catchment area (air photo interpretation, interspersed mapping, and evaluation)</li></ul>
Barry Moss B.E.S.	Certified ELC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Field Survey</li><li>• Data Analysis</li><li>• Evaluation</li></ul>
Megan Anevich B.E.S.	Field Biologist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Field Survey</li></ul>
Cheryl-Anne Payette B.Sc FWT	Field Biologist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data Analysis</li><li>• Evaluation</li></ul>
Shawn MacDonald, B.A.	GIS Mapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mapping</li></ul>





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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAN, MA

Date: AUG 12/2010 Time (24h): 10:30

Field #: 53 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21

Map Code: N57 Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 60

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

% Open Water: 0 ELC Code: SWDNZ-1

Photos: = 0188, 0189

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species present species)
(h) 35%	black ash green ash
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 15%	
ts 20%	black ash gray dogwood
ls 30%	narrow leaved spire gray dogwood
gc 20%	purple loosestrife marsh fern wild mint
(ne) 70%	<del>carex lasiocarpa calamagrostis canadensis</del>
be 0	
re 0	
ff 0	
f 0	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

GSHE, NLER

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

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

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



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## Wetland Vegetation Communities

Project Name: NORTH

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAN, MA

Date: AUG 12/2010 Time (24h): 10:45

Field #: 54 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21

Map Code: N57 Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 60

Wetland Type: M Site Type: R Dominant Form: ne

% Open Water: 40 ELC Code: NASH1

Photos: = 0190, 0191, 0192

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 2%	
ts 2%	spotted noddy
ls 0	
gc 10%	purple loosestrife jewelweed
(ne) 50%	reed canopy grass carex lasiocarpa carex lasiocarpa
be 2%	common bogwort
re 10%	cat tail soft stemmed bulrush dark green bulrush
ff 0	
f 20%	nymphoides peltata
(su) 20%	nymphoides peltata
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

WBNV, SOSP  
RUBY THROATED HUMMINGBIRD  
PAINTED TURTLE

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

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



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAN, MA

Date: AUG 12/2010 Time (24h): 10:00

Field #: 51 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21

Map Code: 1s5b Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 60

Wetland Type: S Site Type: R Dominant Form: 1s

% Open Water: 0 ELC Code: S1NTH3-7

Photos: # 0184, 0185

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc,dh,ds 0	
ts 5%	bladder willow
1s 50%	narrow leaved spirea, bladder willow, red river dogwood
gc 20%	purple loosestrife, (grey) knotweed, marsh fern
ne 30%	<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i> , <i>Carex lasiocarpa</i> , <i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>
be 0	
re 2%	sa-sa
ff 0	
f 0	
su 0	
m 10%	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

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

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



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## Wetland Vegetation Communities

Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAN, MA

Date: AUG 12/2010 Time (24h): 10:15

Field #: 52 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21

Map Code: 1s5b Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 60

Wetland Type: S Site Type: R Dominant Form: 1s

% Open Water: 0 ELC Code: SW1N2-1

Photos: # 0186, 0187

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 15%	black ash, green ash, burr oak
c 0	
dc,dh,ds 20%	
1s 70%	black ash, green ash, grey dogwood
1s 30%	grey dogwood, green leaved spirea, black ash
gc 5%	purple loosestrife, marsh fern
ne 60%	<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i> , <i>Carex lasiocarpa</i> , <i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>
be 0	
re 0	
ff 0	
f 0	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

PIWO

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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS Project #: 1142  
 Observer(s): BAM, NA  
 Date: AUG 11/2010 Time (24h): 8:30  
 Field #: 27 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 30  
 Map Code: rH3 Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5  
 Wetland Type: M Site Type: R Dominant Form: re  
 % Open Water: 5% ELC Code: H4443-1  
 Photos: #0138, 0139, 0142

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 1%	
ts 0	
ls 10% red oak dominant, narrow white spotted alder	
gc 30% purple loosestrife, coarse grasses, re wood	
ne 25% Fox sedge, tall grasses, narrow white spotted alder	
be 1% common arrowweed	
re 35% dark green bulrush, re-1	
ff 0	
f 1% narrow leaf sedges	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial): NONE	Wildlife Notes: AM GO, YENA BROWN WATER SWALE NLER
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Forms: h=deciduous trees; c=coniferous trees; dh, dc, ds=dead trees/shrubs; ts=tall shrubs; ls=low shrubs; gc=ground cover; ne=narrow emergents; be=broad emergents; f=floating plants; ff=free-floating plants; su=submerged plants; m=mosses

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

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



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## Wetland Vegetation Communities

Project Name: NORTH BURGESS Project #: 1142  
 Observer(s): BAM, NA  
 Date: AUG 11/2010 Time (24h): 8:50  
 Field #: 28 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 30  
 Map Code: +SS Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5  
 Wetland Type: S Site Type: R Dominant Form: +s  
 % Open Water: 0 ELC Code: SWTH1-1  
 Photos: #0140, 0141

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 2%	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 0	
ts 80% slender white spotted alder, narrow white spotted alder	
ls 15% slender white spotted alder	
gc 5% purple loosestrife	
ne 10% reed canopy grass, fox sedge	
be 0	
re 5% dark green bulrush	
ff 0	
f 0	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial): NONE	Wildlife Notes: AM GO, BLJA
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Forms: h=deciduous trees; c=coniferous trees; dh, dc, ds=dead trees/shrubs; ts=tall shrubs; ls=low shrubs; gc=ground cover; ne=narrow emergents; be=broad emergents; f=floating plants; ff=free-floating plants; su=submerged plants; m=mosses

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

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



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Project Name: NORTH SURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAM, MA

Date: AUG 11/2010 Time (24h): 9:10

Field #: 29 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 30

Map Code: -854 Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

Wetland Type: S Site Type: P Dominant Form: 23

% Open Water: 0 ELC Code: SWTMS-3

Photos: # 0143

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 10%	deciduous trees
c 0	coniferous trees
dc, dh, ds 0	dead trees/shrubs
(s) 70%	deciduous shrubs
ls 20%	low shrubs
(gc) 30%	ground cover
(ne) 30%	narrow emergents
be 0	broad emergents
re 15%	free-floating plants
ff 0	free-floating plants
f 0	floating plants
su 0	submerged plants
m 0	mosses

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

NO FL, BCCN

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

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

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



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Project Name: NORTH SURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAM, MA

Date: AUG 11/2010 Time (24h): 9:30

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

Map Code: NC42 Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

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

% Open Water: 0 ELC Code: MANN1

Photos: # 0144, 0145

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	deciduous trees
c 0	coniferous trees
dc, dh, ds 0	dead trees/shrubs
ts 0	tall shrubs
ls 0	low shrubs
(gc) 30%	ground cover
(ne) 60%	narrow emergents
be 0	broad emergents
(re) 25%	free-floating plants
ff 0	free-floating plants
f 0	floating plants
su 0	submerged plants
m 0	mosses

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

\* heavily grazed by  
cattle

Wildlife Notes:

SSSP

SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.

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

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

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



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## Wetland Vegetation Communities

Project Name: NORTH BURGESS Project #: 1142  
 Observer(s): BAH, MA  
 Date: AUG 12 / 2010 Time (24h): 11:30  
 Field #: 57 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21  
 Map Code: NEN13 Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 60  
 Wetland Type: M Site Type: R Dominant Form: ne  
 % Open Water: 10% ELC Code: MASHN-14  
 Photos: = 0198

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 11% green ash	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 0	
ts 0	
ls 10% slender viviparous	
gc 20% purple loosestrife, field horsetail	
<u>ne</u> 80% reed canopy grass for edge, Carex diandra	
be 0	
re 5% dark green bullrush	
ff	
f 2% a. sparganoides cordata	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):  NONE	Wildlife Notes:
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SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.  
 Forms: h=deciduous trees; c=coniferous trees; dh, dc, ds=dead trees/shrubs; ts=tall shrubs; ls=low shrubs; gc=ground cover; ne=narrow emergents; be=broad emergents; f=floating plants; ff=free-floating plants; su=submerged plants; m=mosses  
 Wetland Type: S=swamp; M=marsh; B=bog; F=fen  
 Site Type: L=lacustrine; P=palustrine; R=riverine; IS=isolated



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## Wetland Vegetation Communities

Project Name: NORTH BURGESS Project #: 1142  
 Observer(s): BAH, MA  
 Date: AUG 12 / 2010 Time (24h): 11:45  
 Field #: 58 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21  
 Map Code: NEN14 Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 60  
 Wetland Type: M Site Type: R Dominant Form: ne  
 % Open Water: 0 ELC Code: MASHN-14  
 Photos: = 0199

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 0	
ts 5% speckled alder green ash	
ls 10% gray dogwood, green ash narrow leaved spirea	
gc 10% purple loosestrife, northern bigwaved yellow-wort	
<u>ne</u> 70% reed canopy grass for edge	
be 2% bulb-bearing water hemlock	
re 10% reed	
ff 0	
f 5%	
su 5%	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):	Wildlife Notes:
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SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.  
 Forms: h=deciduous trees; c=coniferous trees; dh, dc, ds=dead trees/shrubs; ts=tall shrubs; ls=low shrubs; gc=ground cover; ne=narrow emergents; be=broad emergents; f=floating plants; ff=free-floating plants; su=submerged plants; m=mosses  
 Wetland Type: S=swamp; M=marsh; B=bog; F=fen  
 Site Type: L=lacustrine; P=palustrine; R=riverine; IS=isolated



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAH, MA

Date: AUG 12 / 2010 Time (24h): 11:00

Field #: 55 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21

Map Code: NCM12 Wind Speed & Direction: L-W Cloud %: 60

Wetland Type: M Site Type: R Dominant Form: hc

% Open Water: 0 ELC Code: MASH-14

Photos: # 0193

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 2%	white elm
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 0	
ts 0	
ls 0	
gc 5%	purple loosestrife, yellowed, tufted vetch
ne 95%	reed canopy grass
be 0	
re 2%	dark green bulrush
ff 0	
f 0	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):	Wildlife Notes:
NONE	

SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.

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

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

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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAH, MA

Date: AUG 12 / 2010 Time (24h): 11:15

Field #: 56 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21

Map Code: #559 Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 60

Wetland Type: S Site Type: P Dominant Form: +s

% Open Water: 50% ELC Code: SWTN3-3

Photos: # 0194, 0195, 0196, 0197

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 5%	
(s) 40%	slender willow
(s) 25%	slender willow, narrow leaved spirea
gc 5%	purple loosestrife, fenoscene fern, northern bog-wort
(ne) 25%	Carex crinita, reed canopy grass, Carex diandra
be 0	
re 5%	Cattail
ff 0	
f 30%	Najas sp. cordata
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):	Wildlife Notes:
NONE	RWB L, YENA, SUSD

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

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



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAN, MA

Date: AUG 12/2010

Time (24h): 8:50

Field #: 47

Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21

Map Code: ncm9

Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 60

Wetland Type: M

Site Type: R Dominant Form: nc

% Open Water: 40

ELC Code: NASH1-5

Photos: # 0176, 0177

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 0	
ts 0	
ls 0	
gc 2%	purple loosestrife, arrowweed
ne 45%	Carex lasiocarpa, Carex laxa, red meadow grass
be 15%	Common sparganium, bull thorn water lily, <sup>swamp</sup> <del>beagrace</del>
re 10%	cutt <sup>stemmed</sup> bulrush
ff 5%	duckweed
f 25%	Nymphaeoides cornuta
SU 25%	Nymphaeoides cordata, corn-tail
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

AMERICAN BITTERN  
GBHE, GRFR, TRES, ANGO

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

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

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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAN, MA

Date: AUG 12/2010

Time (24h): 9:10

Field #: 48

Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21

Map Code: +SS5

Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 60

Wetland Type: S

Site Type: R Dominant Form: ts

% Open Water: 0

ELC Code: SWTH3-3

Photos: # 0178, 0180

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 1%	green ash, white elm
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 0	
ts 60%	slender willow, speckled alder, gray dogwood
ls 20%	slender willow, narrow leaved spirea, gray dogwood
gc 10%	purple loosestrife, jar pig weed
ne 40%	Carex lasiocarpa, red meadow grass, <del>beagrace</del>
be 0	
re 2%	cutt
ff 0	
f 0	
SU 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

RED TAILED HAWK  
ANGO  
BARN SWALLOW

SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.

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

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



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAH, MA

Date: AUG 12/2010

Time (24h): 9:30

Field #: 49

Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21

Map Code: R20

Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 60

Wetland Type: M

Site Type: R Dominant Form: R

% Open Water: 2%

ELC Code: MACH1-1

Photos: # 0179, 0181

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h <input type="checkbox"/>	
c <input type="checkbox"/>	
dc, dh, ds <input type="checkbox"/>	
ts <input type="checkbox"/>	
ls <input type="checkbox"/>	
gc 10%	purple loosestrife, marshy reeds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> re 40%	carex lacustris, reed, sedge, grass
be 10%	common reed, water hemlock, horsetail
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fe 70%	water hyacinth
ff <input type="checkbox"/>	
f <input type="checkbox"/>	
su 1%	Najas cordata
m <input type="checkbox"/>	

h

c

dc, dh, ds

ts

ls

gc 10% purple loosestrife, marshy reeds

re 40% carex lacustris, reed, sedge, grass

be 10% common reed, water hemlock, horsetail

fe 70% water hyacinth

ff

f

su 1% Najas cordata

m

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

MUSKRAT, EWSL

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

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

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## Wetland Vegetation Communities

Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAH, MA

Date: AUG 12/2010

Time (24h): 9:45

Field #: 50

Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21

Map Code: R20

Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 60

Wetland Type: M

Site Type: R Dominant Form: R

% Open Water: 2%

ELC Code: MACH1-15

Photos: # 0182, 0185

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h <input type="checkbox"/>	
c <input type="checkbox"/>	
dc, dh, ds <input type="checkbox"/>	
ts <input type="checkbox"/>	
ls <input type="checkbox"/>	
gc 5%	swamp milkweed, purple loosestrife, yellow reed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> re 95%	tall marsh grass, carex lacustris, reed, sedge, grass
be 1%	nodding smartweed
re 2%	water hyacinth
ff 1%	duckweed
f <input type="checkbox"/>	
su <input type="checkbox"/>	
m <input type="checkbox"/>	

h

c

dc, dh, ds

ts

ls

gc 5% swamp milkweed, purple loosestrife, yellow reed

re 95% tall marsh grass, carex lacustris, reed, sedge, grass

be 1% nodding smartweed

re 2% water hyacinth

ff 1% duckweed

f

su

m

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

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

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

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



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAN, MA

Date: AUG 11/2010 Time (24h): 14:00

Field #: 45 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 30

Map Code: NCH7 Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

Wetland Type: M Site Type: R Dominant Form: nc

% Open Water: 0 ELC Code: HANMI-16

Photos: # 0173

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h <input type="checkbox"/>	
c <input type="checkbox"/>	
dc, dh, ds <input type="checkbox"/>	
ts <input type="checkbox"/>	
ls <input type="checkbox"/>	
gc <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 25%	jar pug weed, purple loosestrife, field horsetail
ne <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75%	carex lasiocarpa, reed, marsh grass
be <input type="checkbox"/>	
re <input type="checkbox"/>	
ff <input type="checkbox"/>	
f <input type="checkbox"/>	
su <input type="checkbox"/>	
m <input type="checkbox"/>	

h

c

dc, dh, ds

ts

ls

gc  25% jar pug weed, purple loosestrife, field horsetail

ne  75% carex lasiocarpa, reed, marsh grass

be

re

ff

f

su

m

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

AMG0, clouded sulphur

SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.

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

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

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



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAN, MA

Date: AUG 12/2010 Time (24h): 8:30

Field #: 46 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21

Map Code: NCH8 Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 60

Wetland Type: M Site Type: R Dominant Form: nc

% Open Water: 0 ELC Code: HANMI-14

Photos: # 0174, 0175

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h <input type="checkbox"/>	
c <input type="checkbox"/>	
dc, dh, ds <input type="checkbox"/>	
ts <input type="checkbox"/>	
ls <input type="checkbox"/>	
gc <input type="checkbox"/> 10%	red river dogwood
gc <input type="checkbox"/> 10%	purple loosestrife, marsh knotweed
ne <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 80%	reed, marsh grass, carex lasiocarpa
be <input type="checkbox"/>	
re <input type="checkbox"/>	
ff <input type="checkbox"/>	
f <input type="checkbox"/>	
su <input type="checkbox"/>	
m <input type="checkbox"/>	

h

c

dc, dh, ds

ts

ls

gc  10% red river dogwood

gc  10% purple loosestrife, marsh knotweed

ne  80% reed, marsh grass, carex lasiocarpa

be

re

ff

f

su

m

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

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

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



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAN, HA

Date: AUG 11/2010 Time (24h): 13:40

Field #: 43 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 30

Map Code: KS24 Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

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

% Open Water: 5% ELC Code: SWDM2-1

Photos: # 0169, 0170

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
(h) 80%	white elm, black ash, green ash
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 0	
(ts) 40%	white elm, black ash, spiced alder
ls 10%	white elm
(gc) 50%	yellowweed, sensitive fern, marsh fern
ne 0	
be 0	
re 0	
ff 0	
f 0	
su 0	
m 15%	maieccae sp.

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

GRFR, BCCH

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

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

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



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAN, HA

Date: AUG 11/2010 Time (24h): 13:50

Field #: 44 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 30

Map Code: +S S12 Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

Wetland Type: S Site Type: R Dominant Form: +s

% Open Water: 15% ELC Code: SWTH1-1

Photos: # 0171, 0172

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 5%	
(s) 50%	spiced alder, sauk herbivora, white elm
(S) 30%	spiced alder, narrow leaved spiced
(gc) 30%	purple hairgrass, marsh fern, jar pig weed
(ne) 40%	fox sedge, reed canopy grass
be 2%	common arrowweed, blue flag iris
re 5%	nettle
ff 0	
f 10%	amphicarpal sarracenia
su 2%	hypochaeris cordata
m	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

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

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

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





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## Wetland Vegetation Communities

Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAN, HA

Date: AUG 11 / 2010 Time (24h): 12:20

Field #: 39 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 30

Map Code: +8S12 Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

Wetland Type: S Site Type: R Dominant Form: +s

% Open Water: 50% ELC Code: SWTMS-6

Photos: 0162, 0163

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 2%	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 2%	
ts 30%	soix herbifera, spoked oak, soix discolor
ls 10%	spoked oak, soix herbifera, slender willow
gc 0	
ne 0	
be 10%	soix herbifera, soix discolor
e 25%	oat
ff 0	
f 2%	floating arrowweed
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

GRZR  
WOOD DUCK

SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.

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

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

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



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAN, HA

Date: AUG 11 / 2010 Time (24h): 12:40

Field #: 40 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 30

Map Code: NCH18 Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

Wetland Type: M Site Type: R Dominant Form: re

% Open Water: 0 ELC Code: HAMUS-1

Photos: 0164, 0165

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 2%	
ts 5%	spoked oak
ls 5%	spoked oak
gc 30%	jar pig weed, jar wood, purple loosestrife
ne 40%	reed, narrow grass
be 0	
e 30%	oat
ff 0	
f 0	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

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

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

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



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAH, MA

Date: AUG 11 / 2010 Time (24h): 13:00

Field #: 41 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 30

Map Code: NCH17 Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

Wetland Type: M Site Type: R Dominant Form: ne

% Open Water: 35% ELC Code: UASU1-14

Photos: # 0166

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 2% white pine	
dc, dh, ds 1%	
ts 15% slender willow	
ls 5% slender willow, spoked alder	
gc 10% yellowed, purple loosestrife, buttercup, nightshade	
<u>ne</u> 50% reed, many grass, rice cut grass	
be 2% water plantain	
re 0	
ff 1% duckweed	
f 3% nymphoides cordata	
su 20% nymphoides cordata	
m 0	

h 0

c 2% white pine

dc, dh, ds 1%

ts 15% slender willow

ls 5% slender willow, spoked alder

gc 10% yellowed, purple loosestrife, buttercup, nightshade

ne 50% reed, many grass, rice cut grass

be 2% water plantain

re 0

ff 1% duckweed

f 3% nymphoides cordata

su 20% nymphoides cordata

m 0

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

GRFR, NLF, R  
GRAY TREE FROG

SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.

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

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

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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAH, MA

Date: AUG 11 / 2010 Time (24h): 13:20

Field #: 42 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 30

Map Code: SU116 Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

Wetland Type: M Site Type: R Dominant Form: su

% Open Water: 70% ELC Code: SAH-1

Photos: # 0167, 0168

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 1% red maple	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 2%	
ts 2% Canada alder, hony, black oak	
ls 5% red alder, dogwood, narrow leaved sp. oak	
gc 5% yellowed, purple loosestrife	
ne 10% rice cut grass, reed, many grass	
be 10% common arrowhead, water plantain, water penny	
re 20% reed, soft stemmed, bluish green, affinis	
ff 0	
f 10% nymphoides cordata, lily-podunk	
<u>SU</u> 40% nymphoides cordata, corn-tail	
m 0	

h 1% red maple

c 0

dc, dh, ds 2%

ts 2% Canada alder, hony, black oak

ls 5% red alder, dogwood, narrow leaved sp. oak

gc 5% yellowed, purple loosestrife

ne 10% rice cut grass, reed, many grass

be 10% common arrowhead, water plantain, water penny

re 20% reed, soft stemmed, bluish green, affinis

ff 0

f 10% nymphoides cordata, lily-podunk

SU 40% nymphoides cordata, corn-tail

m 0

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

PAINTED TURTLE  
RED SQUIRREL  
GRFR  
ENPE

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

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



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAH, MA

Date: AUG 11 / 2010

Time (24h): 9:50

Field #: 31

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

Map Code: ncM1

Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

Wetland Type: M

Site Type: R Dominant Form: nc

% Open Water: 0

ELC Code: NEMM1-S

Photos: # 0146, 0147

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 0	
ts 0	
ls 0	
gc 15% purple loosestrife, Canada goldenrod	
(ne) 70% reed, narrow grass	
be 0	
(re) 25% cattail, dark green bulrush	
ff 0	
f 0	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

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NONE

Wildlife Notes:

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

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

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



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAH, MA

Date: AUG 11 / 2010

Time (24h): 10:15

Field #: 32

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

Map Code: hS2

Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

Wetland Type: S

Site Type: P Dominant Form: h

% Open Water: 0

ELC Code: SWDN2-1

Photos: 0148, 0149

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
(h) 70% black ash green ash white ash	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 5%	
(ts) 40% common buckthorn black ash	
(ls) 30% common buckthorn red ash dogwood black ash	
(gc) 60% sensitive fern hog peanut field horsetail	
ne 5% fox sedge	
be 0	
re 0	
ff 0	
f 0	
su 0	
m 50% Malva sp.	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.

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

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

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



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAH, MA

Date: AUG 11 / 2010

Time (24h): 10:35

Field #: 33

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

Map Code: rcmh

Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

Wetland Type: 1A

Site Type: R Dominant Form: re

% Open Water: 30

ELC Code: MASH1-1

Photos: # 0150, 0151, 0152, 0153

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 5%	black ash
c 2%	white cedar
dc, dh, ds 2%	
ts 10%	spaced alder, white ash
ls 10%	spaced alder, white cedar
gc 15%	purple loosestrife, narrow milkweed
ne 25%	reed canopy grass, fox sedge, Carex lasiocarpa
be 10%	skunk cabbage, common arrowweed, common bur-reed
re 35%	dark green bulrush, salt stemmed bulrush
ff 5%	duckweed
f 15%	white water lily, Nymphaea odorata
su >	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

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SAR observations must also include a specific UTM location.

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

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

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



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAH, MA

Date: AUG 11 / 2010

Time (24h): 10:50

Field #: 34

Weather: Precipitation: Temp (°C):

Map Code: rcmh1

Wind Speed & Direction: Cloud %:

Wetland Type: M

Site Type: R Dominant Form: ne

% Open Water: 0

ELC Code: MASH1-16

Photos: 0154

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 0	
ts 0	
ls 0	
gc 30%	burser loosestrife, Canada goldenrod, common milkweed
ne 60%	reed canopy grass, timothy grass, white ash
be 0	
re 10%	dark green bulrush
ff 0	
f 0	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

MONARCH

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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAH, MA

Date: AUG 11/2010

Time (24h): 11:10

Field #: 35

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

Map Code: NEM5

Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

Wetland Type: H

Site Type: P Dominant Form: re

% Open Water: 5

ELC Code: MASHI-1

Photos: 0155

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 0	
ts 0	
ls 0	
gc 5% purple loosestrife, javelina	
<u>ne</u> 25% fox sedge, reed, meadow grass	
be 2% water primrose	
<u>re</u> 90% cattail	
ff 0	
f 0	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

RWBL, AMGO

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Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAH, MA

Date: AUG 11/2010

Time (24h): 11:30

Field #: 36

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

Map Code: NEM4

Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

Wetland Type: H

Site Type: P Dominant Form: nc

% Open Water: 0

ELC Code: MASHI-16

Photos: 0156

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 0	
ts 0	
ls 0	
gc 35% purple loosestrife, common horsetail, Canada goldenrod	
<u>ne</u> 60% fox sedge, patch grass	
be 0	
re 40% dark green bullrush, cattail	
ff 0	
f 0	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

NLFR

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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAM, MA

Date: AUG 11/2010

Time (24h): 11:50

Field #: 37

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

Map Code: +S511

Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

Wetland Type: S

Site Type: P Dominant Form: -S

% Open Water: 0

ELC Code: SWTM3-3

Photos: 0157, 0158, 0159

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 10%	
(ts) 35%	slender willow, tall reed, red alder, dogwood
ls 10%	orange willow, narrow leaved birch, red alder, dogwood
(gc) 10%	purple loosestrife, common horsetail, jewelweed
ne 5%	reed canopy grass
be 0	
re 55%	reed
ff 0	
f 0	
su 0	
m 0	



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAM, MA

Date: AUG 11/2010

Time (24h): 12:00

Field #: 38

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

Map Code: +S510

Wind Speed & Direction: 1-W Cloud %: 5

Wetland Type: S

Site Type: P Dominant Form: +S

% Open Water: 10

ELC Code: SWTM3-3

Photos: # 0160, 0161

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 0	
(ts) 60%	slender willow, s. iv. herbaceous
(ls) 25%	slender willow, s. herbaceous narrow leaved spurge
(gc) 40%	purple loosestrife, jewelweed, swamp boggy ticks
(ne) 25%	reed canopy grass, rice cut grass, B. tall reed
be 5%	common arrowhead, water primrose, bulb bearing water lily
re 5%	small, dark green bulrush soft stemmed bulrush
ff 0	
f 0	
su 0	
m 0	



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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAM, MA

Date: AUG 12/2010 Time (24h): 12:00

Field #: 59 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21

Map Code: rc415 Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 60

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

% Open Water: 30 ELC Code: NASH1-1

Photos: # 0200, 0202

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 2%	black ash
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 0	
ts 0	
ls 0	
gc 5%	purple loosestrife, marsh bedstraw
ne 25%	carex spirocha, carex lasiocarpa
be 15%	common arrowweed, bulb-bearing water hyacinth swamp, sagittaria
fe 50%	marsh soft stemmed bulrush
ff 2%	duckweed
f 10%	Najas-like cordate
su 25%	Najas-like cordate
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

GBHE, GRFR  
AM60, EADH

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Project Name: NORTH BURGESS Project #: 1142

Observer(s): BAM, MA

Date: AUG 12/2010 Time (24h): 12:15

Field #: 60 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21

Map Code: F419 Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 60

Wetland Type: M Site Type: R Dominant Form: f

% Open Water: 80% ELC Code: SAF-1

Photos: # 201, 202

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 15%	white cedar
dc, dh, ds 30%	white cedar, black ash
ts 5%	gray dogwood, white pine, black ash
ls 0	
gc 2%	purple loosestrife, marsh bedstraw
ne 5%	carex spirocha, carex lasiocarpa, reed, common grass
be 5%	common arrowweed, swamp sagittaria, bulb-bearing water hyacinth
re 5%	cat-tail
ff 5%	duckweed
f 40%	Najas-like cordate
su 30%	Najas-like cordate, cat-tail
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

NLFR

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Project Name: UERTH BURGESS

Project #: 1142

Observer(s): SAM, MA

Date: AUG 12/2010 Time (24h): 11:30:00

Field #: 61 Weather: Precipitation: NONE Temp (°C): 21

Map Code: +S.S.1 Wind Speed & Direction: 2-W Cloud %: 60

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

% Open Water: 0 ELC Code: SWTH 3

### Photos:

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h 0	
c 0	
dc, dh, ds 10%	
ts 60%	SAWYER
ls 25%	SAWYER
gc 0	
ne 0	
be 0	
re 0	
ff 0	
f 0	
su 0	
m 0	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

NONE

Wildlife Notes:

NONE

\* wetland not visible from road

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Project Name:

Project #:

Observer(s):

Date: Time (24h):

Field #: Weather: Precipitation: Temp (°C):

Map Code: Wind Speed & Direction: Cloud %:

Wetland Type: Site Type: Dominant Form:

% Open Water: ELC Code:

### Photos:

Forms % (Circle those >25%)	Species (dominant species, secondary species, present species)
h	
c	
dc, dh, ds	
ts	
ls	
gc	
ne	
be	
re	
ff	
f	
su	
m	

Rare Species (Local, Regional, Provincial):

Wildlife Notes:

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KSJ, MP

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May 13, 2011

Weather = Sunny, 85% cloud, 25°C,  
Wind 3

### Incidentals

East. Chipmunk (6)

Gray tree frog (call)

White-tailed deer (vo)

Gray squirrel (Black morph)

Red squirrel (vo)

Porcupine (vo)

Coyote (scat)

Am. Crow

Tennessee Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Blue Jay

Golden-winged Warbler (3 <sup>5:20</sup> <sub>12:23</sub>)

Field Sparrow (5)

Grouse

Pileated Woodpecker

Turkey Vulture

Baltimore Oriole

Am. Goldfinch

Blackburnian Warbler

Wild Turkey

Mallard

11:45 -

Green frog (call)

Beaver (dash)

Leopard frog (vo)

Barn Swallow

Savannah Sparrow

Eastern Phoebe

Song Sparrow

Chipping Sparrow

Killdeer

RW Blackbird

Yellow Warbler

Am. Robin

Red-tailed Hawk

E. Meadowlark (5)

Ovenbird

Black-and-white Warbler

Am. Redstart

Red-eyed Vireo

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Downy Woodpecker

B-C Chickadee

Wood Thrush

Ruby-T Hummingbird

P 2/2

Walking Snake Transects  
S/Western Woodlot 1145-1330

- along eastern edge = old fence line of  
piled rocks (no deep cracks)  
photo 101-0006  
UTM 187 0396853, 4963380

Western Forest patches, edges 1330-1410

Rocky hill with some cracks/holes - none  
look easily deep enough, but hard to  
tell  
Photos  
UTM 0396080, 4963447

Eastern open areas 1410-1433

No Snakes observed,

More incidentals

Can. Goose (Pair)

Tree Swallow

Golden-wing warblers

UTM 187 396744, 4963338  
187 396204, 4963514

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