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Dear Britney Fricke, MCIP, ROO,

Reference: Information Request for Upper Quarry Natural Environment Report Received from Dougan & Associates March 31, 2022

The following provides responses to comments received from Steve Hill of Dougan & Associates regarding the Upper Quarry Natural Environment Technical Report prepared by Stantec in support of a proposed aggregate quarry (Stantec 2021).

Comment 1

Information/mapping regarding the zone of influence of dewatering.

Response 1

The zone of influence mapping is illustrated on Figures 24 and 26 of the technical water report prepared by WSP (WSP 2021), see **Attachment 1**. Figure 24 shows baseline conditions "available drawdown" in the bedrock, while Figure 26 shows the predicted available drawdown at full quarry development. The red/yellow area highlighted around the proposed quarry represents the full extent of dewatering conditions prior to quarry rehabilitation.

Comment 2

Information regarding seasonal trends that may be associated with under draining wetlands within the zone of influence (particularly the wetland north of the Fernwood subdivision).

Response 2

The details of the baseline seasonal water levels in the wetland north of Fernwood is provided in the WSP water resource report (WSP2021). These are visually shown on Figures 22A and 22B of the WSP Water Study Report, figures attached (Attachment 1). The figures summarize seasonal water levels for the wet year (2017) and dry year (2018). In summary, it is estimated that under full development conditions, groundwater recharge in the wetland will increase between 5mm/yr and 11mm/yr compared to baseline conditions. This represents between 2% and 4 % of the estimated average annual water surplus of the area of 309.4 mm/ yr and is therefore considered in the water study report as negligible.

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The hydroperiod of the wetland is supported by incident precipitation and other surface water and given the very low permeability of the subsurface matrix, negative impacts to the form and function of the wetland are not predicted.

Comment 3

With regard to the wetland areas W1A and W1C associated with groundwater discharge – were there any plant species of conservation concern or high fidelity (i.e. high CC scores) associated with this area?

Response 3

Native species are assigned a rank of 0 to 10, known as coefficient of Conservatism (cc) based on its degree of fidelity to a range of synecological parameters. Those plants with high degree of fidelity to a narrow range of synecological parameters are assigned cc values of 8 to 9 (Andreas and Lichvar, 1995). There are no plants recorded during the botanical inventories or other incidental observations with a cc of 9 or 10 at any location including the wetland areas W1A and W1C that are riparian features found along the watercourse on site.

Comment 4

Provide the correct legend for Figure 9 Ecological Land Classification.

Response 4

The legend for figure 9 has been corrected and the revised figure is attached (Attachment 2).

Comment 5

Provide an updated Appendix D as the species lists and summaries had formatting errors.

Response 5

Appendix D has been revised and formatted correctly. The appendix is attached (Attachment 3)

Comment 6

Any background information on fish and fish habitat for areas outside of the primary study area, which would provide context to the study area observations.

Response 6

Based on a review of Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) as well as Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) GIS platform mapping, there is a general lack of background fisheries data available, particularly Aquatic Resource Area Survey Points, in the general regional area beyond the Study Area. One of the closest watercourses with Aquatic Rescource Area Water Line Segment data is Beaverdams Creek. Segment data consist of a species list that includes Fantail Darter, Johnny Darter x Tesselated Darter, Longnose Dace, Northern Hog Sucker, Rainbow Darter, River Chub, Spottail Shiner, Stonecat and White Sucker. The capture location of theses species is not attributed to any specific Aquatic Resource Area survey point and the source of species list is unknown.

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Shriner's Creek is located to the north of Beaverdams Creek. Sparse fish data for Shriner's Creek includes two ARA survey points (Beechwood Road and Garner Road) that yielded Bluntnose Minnow and Largemouth Bass as species captured by DFO at both stations.

The lacustrine-like lower reaches of Shriner's Creek and Beaverdams Creek are connected to each other via a wide cut extending south to north along the west side of Davis Road (Highway 58) and would provide more substantial and permanent holding water than the many tributaries that feed into both creek systems. The general area features a number of smaller, shallow marshy channels or channel sections that comprise habitat conditions in the upper reaches of these systems or that discharge into either creek at various points along their lengths. The habitat productivity in these shallow marshy habitat systems may be limited by the flashiness of the flow regime that varies on annual basis depending on snow melt and spring precipitation and the onset of intermittent flow conditions. Shallow wetland habitat is available in abundance along the margins of the lower reaches of both Beaverdams and Shriner's Creeks and likely provides a more stable habitat environment on an annual basis given the backwater influence provided by the water levels in the Welland Canal.

Comment 7

Any incidental species records that were not included in the Natural Environment Report (e.g. as mentioned during the meeting, turtles were observed).

Response 7

All surveys completed on-site were used to observe and record signs and sightings of wildlife that may be using various habitats as part of the standard field study inventories, no additional observations of turtles were recorded.

Sincerely,

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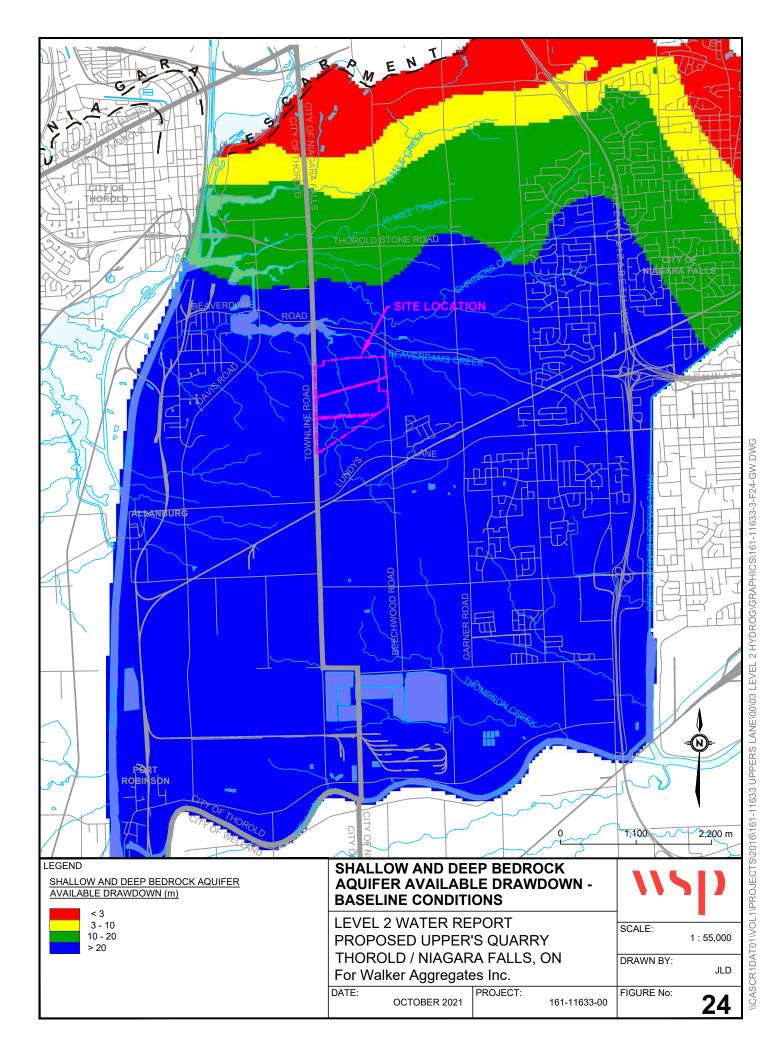
Attachment: 1 – WSP Figures

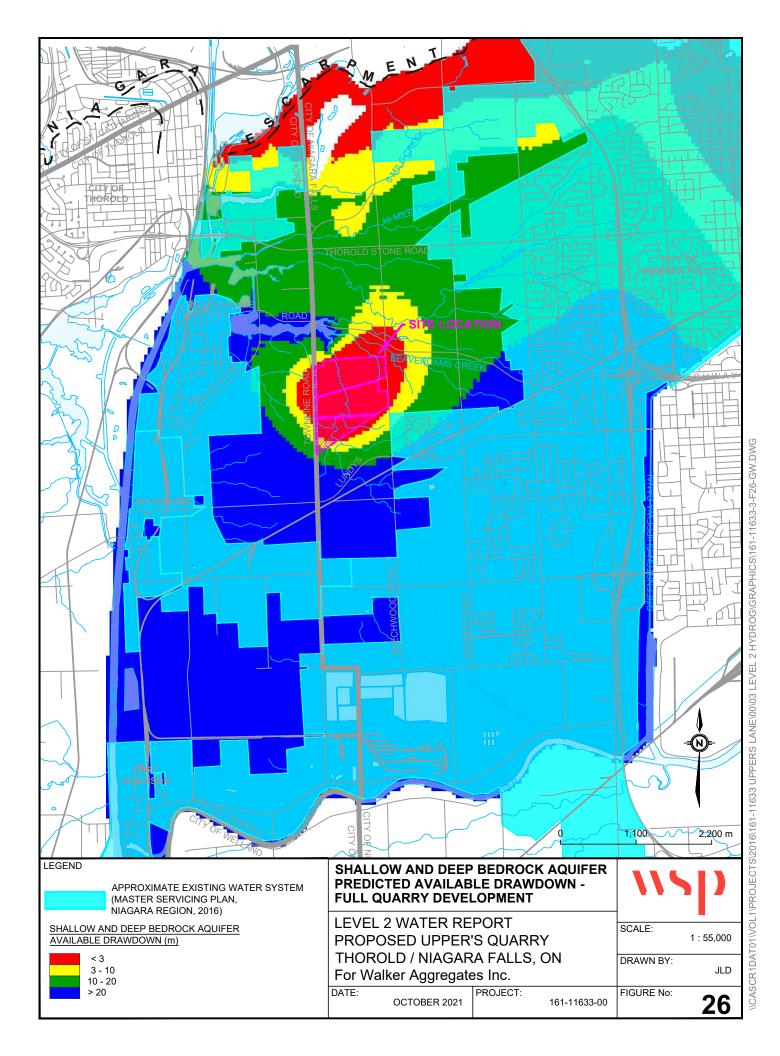
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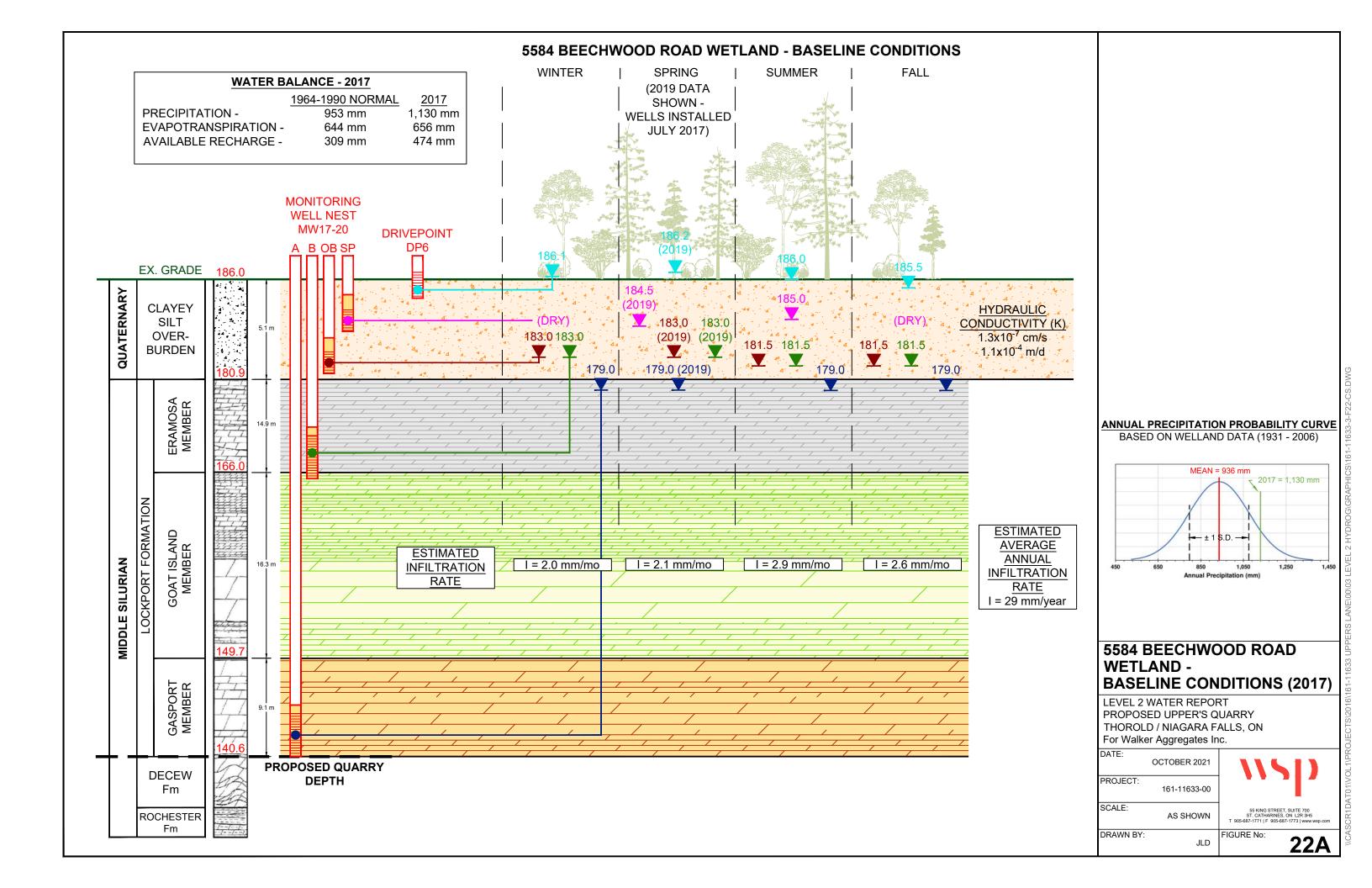
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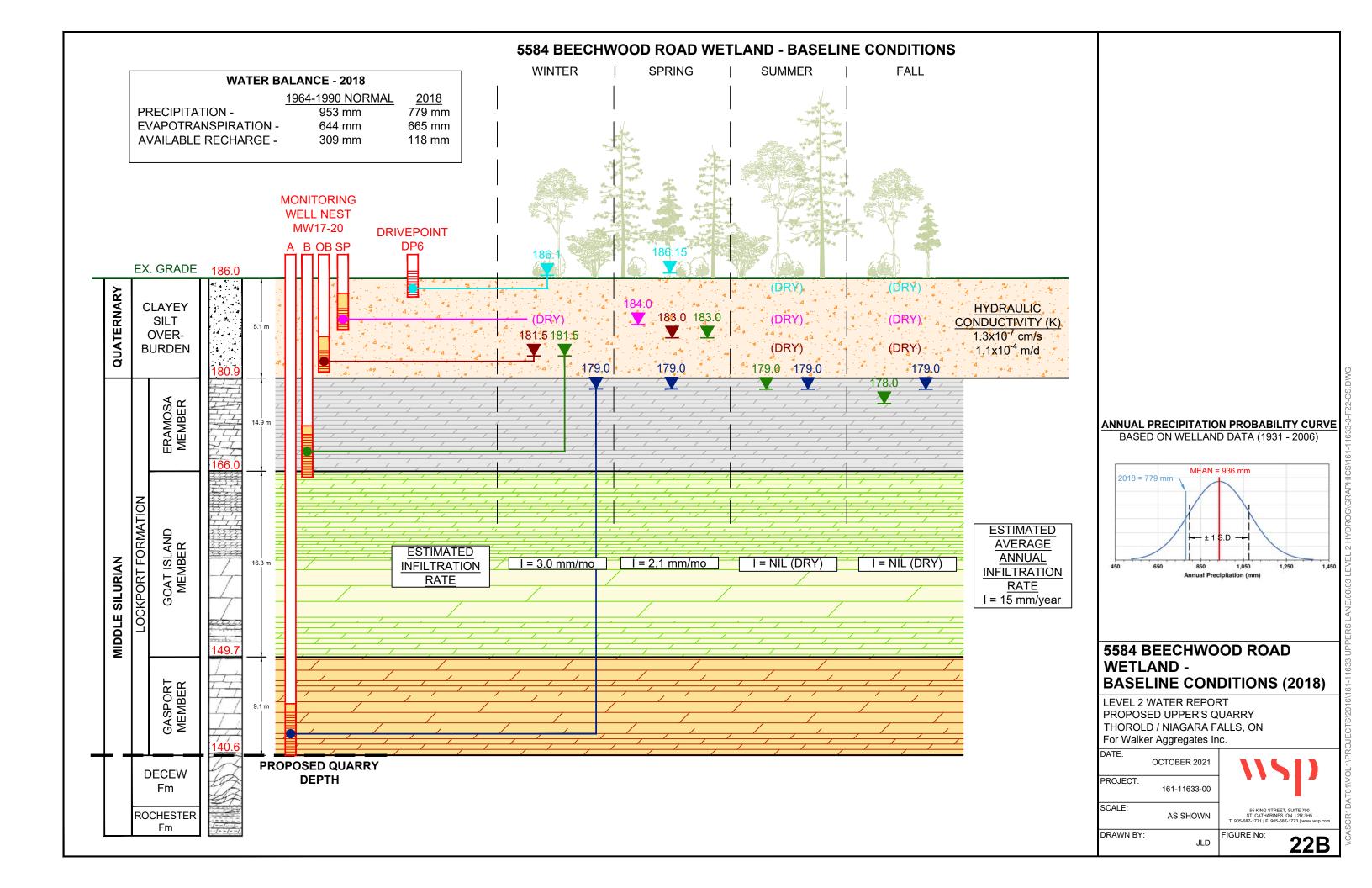
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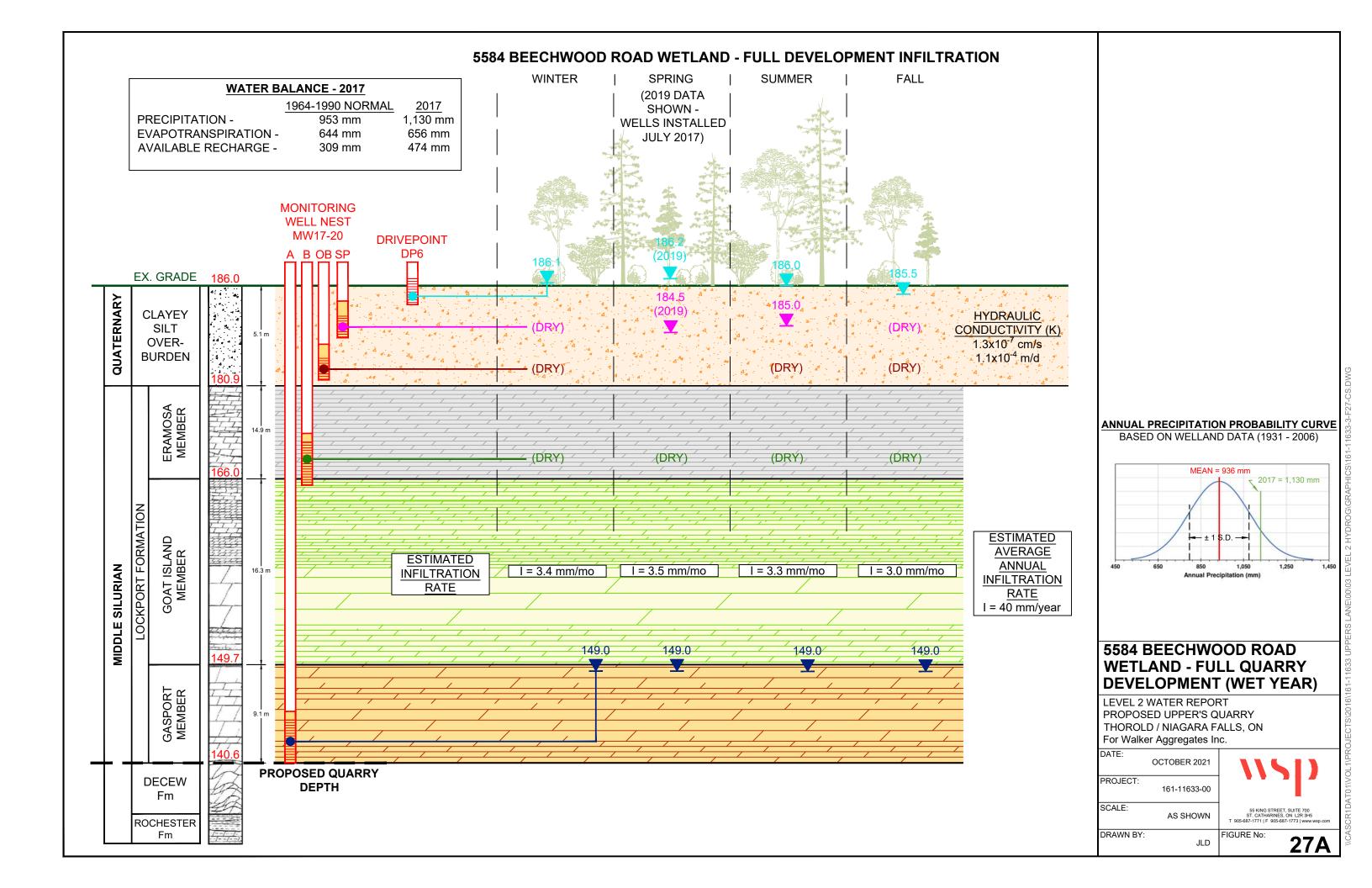
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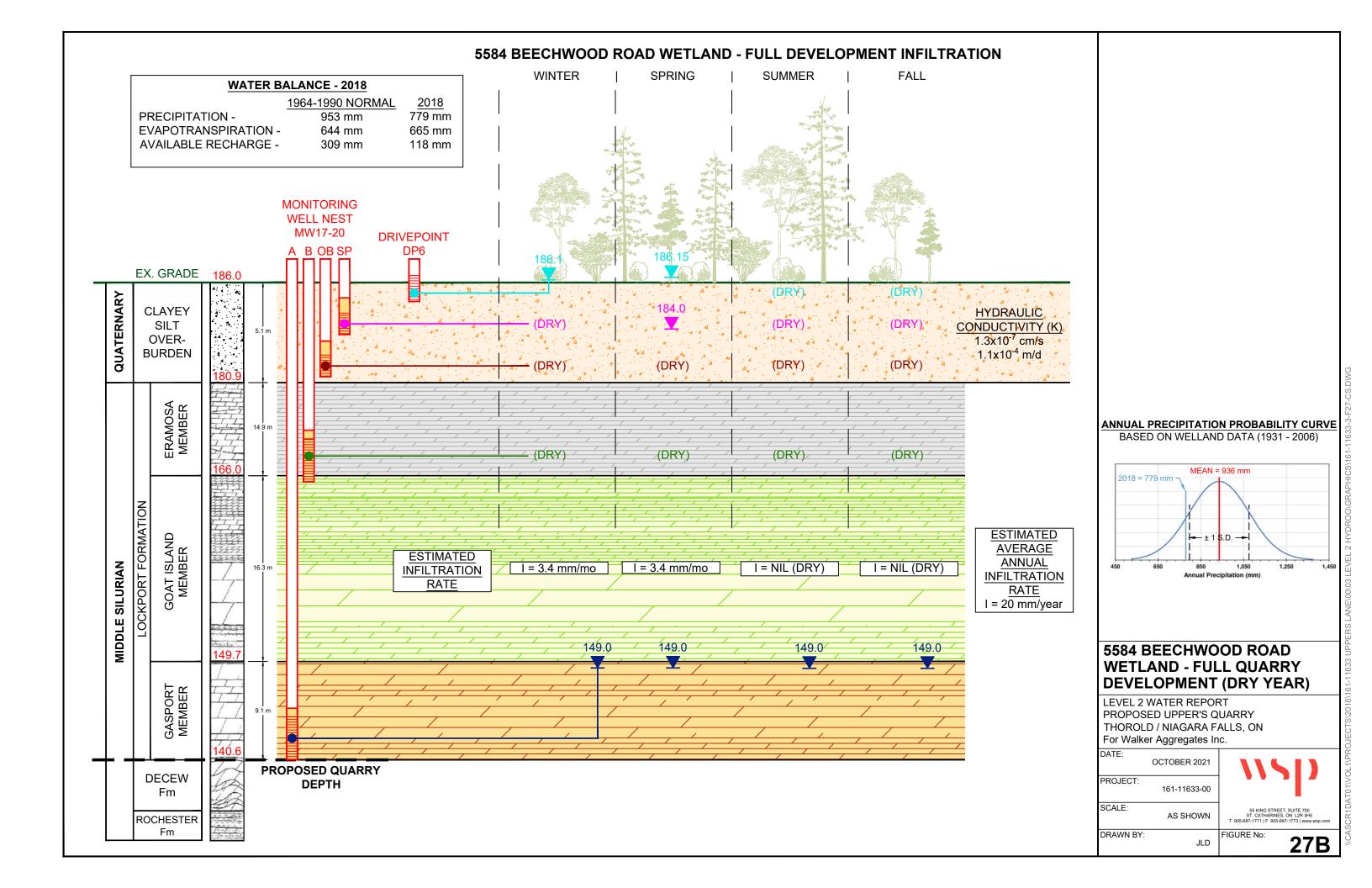




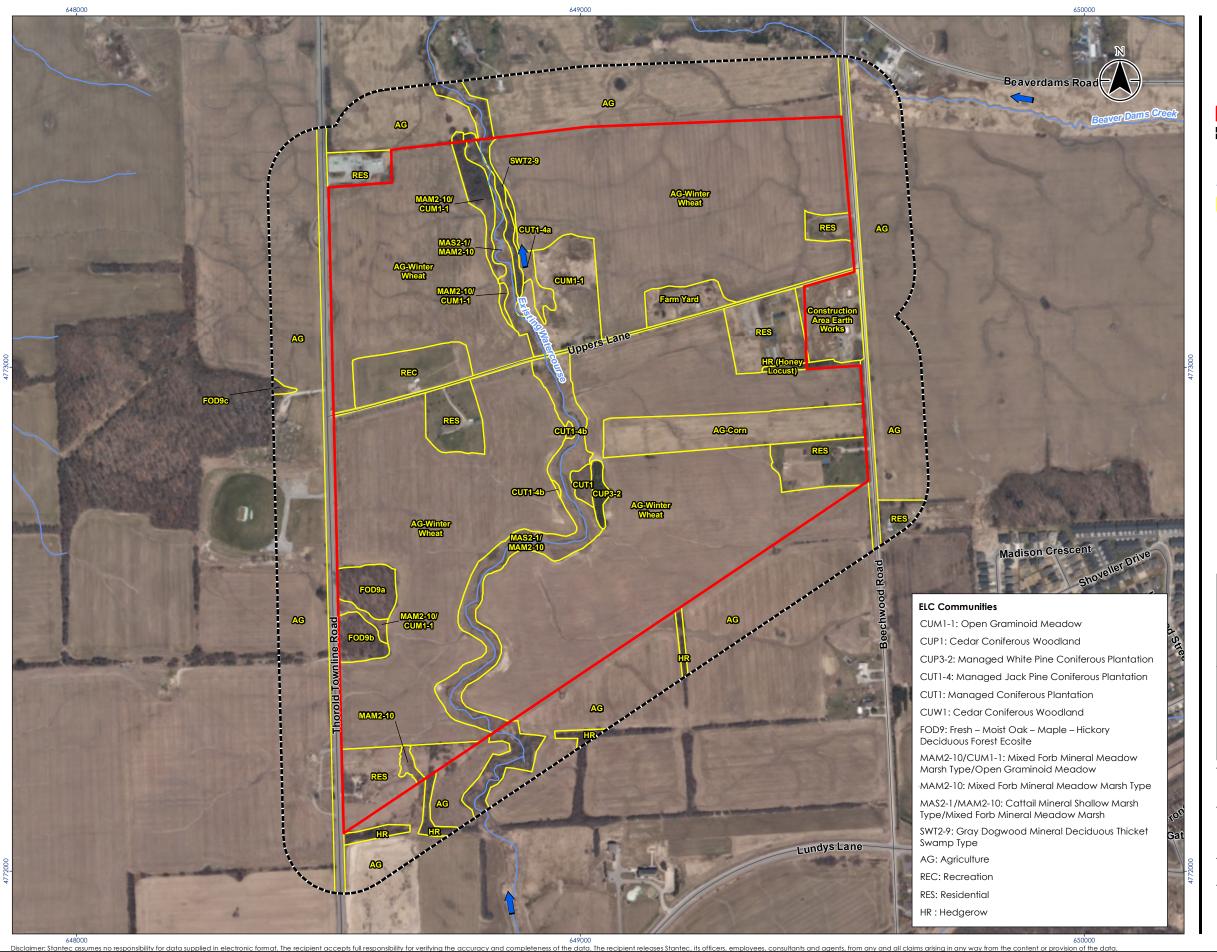








Attachment 2 Stantec Figures





Legend

Subject Property



Study Area (120 m Zone of Investigation)



Flow Direction



Watercourse





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1. Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 17N

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Project Location Regional Municipality of Niagara

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Client/Project
WALKER AGGREGATES INC.
UPPERS QUARRY LEVEL 1 AND LEVEL 2 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT TECHNICAL REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY



Ecological Land Classification

Attachment 3 Appendix D

LATIN NAME		COMMON NAME	COEFFICIENT OF CONSERVATISM	WETNESS INDEX	WEEDINESS INDEX	PROVINCIAL STATUS	OMNR STATUS	COSEWIC STATUS	GLOBAL STATUS	LOCAL STATUS NIAG
			CONSLINATION	INDEX	INDEX	314103	SIAIUS	SIAIUS	SIATUS	INIAG
PTERIDOPHYTES Fauricate and a		FERNS & ALLIES								
Equisetaceae		Horsetail Family				0-			0-	.,
Equisetum	arvense	Field Horsetail	0	0		S5			G5	Х
GYMNOSPERMS		CONIFERS								
Thuja	occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar	4	-3		S5			G5	Х
Pinaceae		Pine Family								
Picea	abies	Norway Spruce		5	-1	SE3			G?	I
Picea	pungens	Colorado Spruce				SE1			G5	
Pinus	nigra	Austrian Pine		-5	-1	SE2			G?	
Pinus	strobus	Eastern White Pine	4	3		S5			G5	Х
DICOTYLEDONS		DICOTS								
Amaranthaceae		Amaranth Family								
Amaranthus	retroflexus	Green Amaranth		2	-1	SE5			G?	I
Chenopodium	album var. album	Lamb's Quarters		1	-1	SE5			G5T5	I
Chenopodium	glaucum ssp. glaucum	Oak-leaved Goosefoot		-3	-1	SE5			G5T?	ı
Anacardiaceae		Sumac or Cashew Family								
Rhus	typhina	Staghorn Sumac	1	5		S5			G5	Х
Toxicodendron	radicans var. radicans	Eastern Poison-ivy	5	-1		S5			G5T	Х
Toxicodendron	radicans var. rydbergii	Western Poison-ivy	0	0		S5			G5T	Х
Apiaceae		Carrot or Parsley Family								
Cicuta	maculata	Spotted Water-hemlock	6	-5		S5			G5	Х
Daucus	carota	Wild Carrot		5	-2	SE5			G?	I
Apocynaceae		Dogbane Family								
Apocynum	cannabinum var. cannabinum	Indian Hemp		1		S5			G5T	Х
Asclepias	incarnata ssp. incarnata	Swamp Milkweed	6	-5		S5			G5T5	Х
Asclepias	syriaca	Common Milkweed	0	5		S5			G5	Х



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Asteraceae		Composite or Aster Family								
Achillea	millefolium	Common Yarrow		3	-1	SE?			G5T?	I
Ambrosia	artemisiifolia	Common Ragweed	0	3		S 5			G5	Х
Ambrosia	trifida	Giant Ragweed	0	-1		S 5			G5	Х
Bidens	vulgata	Tall Beggar-ticks	5	-3		S 5			G5	Х
Carduus	nutans ssp. nutans	Musk Thistle		5	-1	SE?			G?T?	ı
Centaurea	sp.	Knapweed		5	-1	SE5			G?	I
Cichorium	intybus	Chicory		5	-1	SE5			G?	I
Cirsium	arvense	Canada Thistle		3	-1	SE5			G?	I
Erigeron	canadensis	Horseweed	0	1		S5			G5	Х
Erigeron	annuus	Annual Fleabane	0	1		S 5			G5	
Erigeron	strigosus	Daisy Fleabane	0	1		S5			G5	R
Eupatorium	perfoliatum	Perfoliate Thoroughwort	2	-4		S 5			G5	Х
Euthamia	graminifolia	Flat-topped Bushy Goldenrod	2	-2		S5			G5	Х
Inula	helenium	Elecampane		5	-2	SE5			G?	I
Lactuca	serriola	Prickly Lettuce		0	-1	SE5			G?	I
Leucanthemum	vulgare	Ox-eye Daisy		5	-1	SE5			G?	I
Solidago	altissima ssp. altissima	Tall Goldenrod	1	3		S5				Х
Solidago	juncea	Early Goldenrod	3	5		S5			G5	Х
Sonchus	arvensis ssp. arvensis	Field Sow-thistle				SE5			G?T?	ı
Sonchus	asper ssp. asper	Spiny-leaved Sow-thistle		0	-1	SE5			G?T?	I
Symphyotrichum	lanceolatum ssp. lanceolatum	White Panicled Aster	3	-3		S5			G5T5	
Symphyotrichum	lateriflorum var. lateriflorum	Calico Aster	3	-2		S5			G5T5	х
Symphyotrichum	novae-angliae	New England Aster	2	-3		S 5			G5	Х
Symphyotrichum	pilosum var. pilosum	Hairy Aster	4	2		S5			G5T5	Х
Taraxacum	officinale	Common Dandelion		3	-2	SE5			G5	I



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Tragopogon	dubius	Doubtful Goat's-beard		5	-1	SE5			G?	I
Xanthium	strumarium	Tumor-curing Cocklebur	2	0		S5			G?	Х
Balsaminaceae		Touch-me-not Family								
Impatiens	capensis	Spotted Touch-me-not	4	-3		S5			G5	Х
Betulaceae		Birch Family								
Carpinus	caroliniana ssp. virginiana	Blue Beech	6	0		S5			G5T	Х
Ostrya	virginiana	Hop Hornbeam	4	4		S5			G5	Х
Boraginaceae		Borage Family								
Myosotis	laxa	Smaller Forget-me-not	6	-5		S 5			G5	Х
Brassicaceae		Mustard Family								
Alliaria	petiolata	Garlic Mustard		0	-3	SE5			G5	I
Caprifoliaceae		Honeysuckle Family								
Lonicera	dioica	Glaucous Honeysuckle	5	3		S5			G5	Х
Celastraceae		Staff-tree Family								
Euonymus	obovata	Running Strawberry-bush	6	5		S 5			G5	Х
Convolvulaceae		Morning-glory Family								
Calystegia	sepium ssp. angulatum	Hedge Bindweed				SU			G4G5T?	
Cornaceae		Dogwood Family								
Cornus	racemosa	Gray Dogwood	2	-2		S5			G5?	Х
Cornus	stolonifera	Red-osier Dogwood	2	-3		S5			G5	Х
Dipsacaceae		Teasel Family								
Dipsacus	fullonum ssp. sylvestris	Wild Teasel		5	-1	SE5			G?T?	I
Euphorbiaceae		Spurge Family								
Acalypha	virginica var. rhomboidea	Three-seeded Mercury	0	3		S 5			G5T5	Х
Fabaceae		Pea Family								
Gleditsia	triacanthos	Honey Locust	3	0		S2			G5	R
Lotus	corniculatus	Bird's-foot Trefoil		1	-2	SE5			G?	I
Medicago	lupulina	Black Medick		1	-1	SE5			G?	I
Melilotus	alba	White Sweet-clover		3	-3	SE5			G?	1



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Melilotus	officinalis	Yellow Sweet-clover		3	-1	SE5			G?	I
Robinia	pseudo-acacia	Black Locust		4	-3	SE5			G5	I
Trifolium	hybridum ssp. elegans	Alsike Clover		1	-1	SE5				I
Trifolium	repens	White Clover		2	-1	SE5			G?	I
Vicia	cracca	Tufted Vetch		5	-1	SE5			G?	I
Fagaceae		Beech Family								
Fagus	grandifolia	American Beech	6	3		S5			G5	Х
Quercus	palustris	Pin Oak	9	-3		S4			G5	Х
Quercus	rubra	Red Oak	6	3		S5			G5	Х
Geraniaceae		Geranium Family								
Geranium	robertianum	Herb-robert		5	-2	SE5			G5	I
Guttiferae		St. John's-wort Family								
Hypericum	perforatum	Common St. John's-wort		5	-3	SE5			G?	I
Juglandaceae		Walnut Family								
Carya	ovata var. ovata	Shagbark Hickory	6	3		S 5			G5	Х
Lamiaceae		Mint Family								
Glechoma	hederacea	Creeping Charlie		5	-2	SE5			G?	I
Hedeoma	pulegioides	American Pennyroyal	6	5		S4			G5	Х
Lycopus	americanus	Cut-leaved Water- horehound	4	-5		S5			G5	Х
Lycopus	americanus	Cut-leaved Water- horehound	4	-5		S5			G5	Х
Mentha	arvensis ssp. borealis	American Wild Mint	3	-3		S5				Х
Nepeta	cataria	Catnip		1	-2	SE5			G?	I
Prunella	vulgaris ssp. lanceolata	Heal-all	5	5		S5			G5T?	Х
Lythraceae		Loosestrife Family								
Lythrum	salicaria	Purple Loosestrife		-5	-3	SE5			G5	Х
Malvaceae		Mallow Family								
Abutilon	theophrasti	Velvet-leaf		4	-1	SE5			G?	I
Oleaceae		Olive Family								



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Fraxinus	americana	White Ash	4	3		S5			G5	Х
Fraxinus	pennsylvanica	Red Ash	3	-3		S5			G5	Х
Ligustrum	vulgare	Common Privet		1	-2	SE5			G?	I
Syringa	vulgaris	Common Lilac		5	-2	SE5			G?	I
Onagraceae		Evening-primrose Family								
Circaea	lutetiana ssp. canadensis	Yellowish Enchanter's Nightshade	3	3		S 5			G5T5	Х
Epilobium	coloratum	Purple-veined Willow- herb	3	-5		S 5			G5	Х
Oenothera	biennis	Common Evening- primrose	0	3		S 5			G5	Х
Oxalidaceae		Wood Sorrel Family								
Oxalis	stricta	Upright Yellow Wood- sorrel	0	3		S5			G5	
Plantaginaceae		Plantain Family								
Plantago	lanceolata	Ribgrass		0	-1	SE5			G5	I
Plantago	major	Common Plantain		-1	-1	SE5			G5	I
Polygonaceae		Smartweed Family								
Persicaria	pensylvanica	Pennsylvania Smartweed	3	-4		S5			G5	Х
Persicaria	virginiana	Virginia Knotweed	6	0		S4			G5	X
Polygonum	aviculare ssp. aviculare	Prostrate Knotweed		1	-1	SE5			GNR	X
Rumex	crispus	Curly-leaf Dock		-1	-2	SE5			G?	I
Ranunculaceae		Buttercup Family								
Ranunculus	sceleratus var. sceleratus	Cursed Buttercup	2	-5		S5			G5T5	Х
Rhamnaceae		Buckthorn Family								
Rhamnus	cathartica	Common Buckthorn		3	-3	SE5			G?	I
Rhamnus	frangula	Glossy Buckthorn		-1	-3	SE5			G?	I
Rosaceae		Rose Family								
Agrimonia	gryposepala	Tall Hairy Agrimony	2	2		S5			G5	Х
Crataegus	species	Hawthorn species								
Crataegus	macrosperma	Variable Thorn	4	5		S5			G5	Х



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Fragaria	virginiana ssp. virginiana	Scarlet Strawberry	2	1		SU			G5T?	Х
Geum	canadense	White Avens	3	0		S5			G5	Х
Geum	laciniatum	Rough Avens		-3		S4			G5	Х
Malus	pumila	Common Crabapple		5	-1	SE5			G5	I
Potentilla	norvegica	Rough Cinquefoil	0	0		SU			G5T?	
Potentilla	recta	Rough-fruited Cinquefoil		5	-2	SE5			G?	I
Potentilla	simplex	Old-field Cinquefoil	3	4		S5			G5	Х
Prunus	avium	Sweet Cherry		5	-2	SE4			G?	I
Prunus	serotina	Black Cherry	3	3		S5			G5	Х
Pyrus	communis	Common Pear		5	-1	SE4			G5	I
Rosa	multiflora	Multiflora Rose		3	-3	SE4			G?	ı
Rosa	palustris	Marsh Rose	7	-5		S5			G5	Х
Rubus	allegheniensis	Alleghany Blackberry	2	2		S5			G5	Х
Rubus	idaeus ssp. idaeus	Red Raspberry				SE1			G5T5	Х
Galium	aparine	Cleavers	4	3		S5			G5	Х
Salicaceae		Willow Family								
Populus	deltoides ssp. deltoides	Eastern Cottonwood	4	-1		SU			G5T5	Х
Salix	bebbiana	Long-beaked Willow	4	-4		S5			G5	Х
Salix	nigra	Black Willow	6	-5		S4?			G5	Х
Sapindaceae		Maple Family								
Acer	negundo	Manitoba Maple	0	-2		S5			G5	Х
Acer	platanoides	Norway Maple		5	-3	SE5			G?	ı
Acer	saccharum	Sugar Maple	4	3		S5			G5T?	Х
Acer X	freemanii	Freeman's Maple								Х
Penthorum	sedoides	Ditch Stonecrop	4	-5		S5			G5	Х
Scrophulariaceae		Figwort Family								
Linaria	vulgaris	Butter-and-eggs		5	-1	SE5			G?	ı
Penstemon	digitalis	Foxglove Beard-tongue	6	1		S4S5			G5	U
Penstemon	hirsutus	Hairy Beard-tongue	7	5		S4			G4	Х



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Verbascum	thapsus	Common Mullein		5	-2	SE5			G?	I
Veronica	officinalis	Common Speedwell		5	-2	SE5			G5	I
Veronica	serpyllifolia ssp. serpyllifolia	Thyme-leaved Speedwell				SE5			G?T?	I
Solanaceae		Nightshade Family								
Solanum	dulcamara	Bitter Nightshade		0	-2	SE5			G?	I
Tiliaceae		Linden Family								
Tilia	americana	American Basswood	4	3		S5			G5	Х
Ulmaceae		Elm Family								
Ulmus	americana	White Elm	3	-2		S5			G5?	Х
Verbenaceae		Vervain Family								
Verbena	hastata	Blue Vervain	4	-4		S5			G5	Х
Vitaceae		Grape Family								
Parthenocissus	inserta	Inserted Virginia-creeper	3	3		S5			G5	Х
Vitis	riparia	Riverbank Grape	0	-2		S5			G5	Х
MONOCOTYLEDONS		MONOCOTS								
Alismataceae		Water-plantain Family								
Alisma	plantago- aquatica	Common Water-plantain	3	-5		S 5			G5	Х
Cyperaceae		Sedge Family								
Carex	species	Sedge species								
Carex	crinita	Fringed Sedge	6	-4		S5			G5	Х
Carex	cristatella	Crested Sedge	3	-4		S5			G5	Х
Carex	laxiflora	Loose-flowered Sedge	5	0		S5			G5	Х
Carex	lupulina	Hop Sedge	6	-5		S5			G5	Х
Carex	pensylvanica	Pennsylvania Sedge	5	5		S5			G5	Х
Carex	tribuloides var. tribuloides	Blunt Broom Sedge	5	-4		S4S5			G5	Х
Carex	vulpinoidea	Fox Sedge	3	-5		S 5			G5	Х
Cyperus	strigosus	Straw-colored Umbrella Sedge	5	-3		S5			G5	Х
Schoenoplectus	pungens var. pungens	Common Three-square	6	-5		S 5			G5	R



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Schoenoplectus	tabernaemontani	Soft-stemmed Bulrush	5	-5		S 5			G5	Х
Scirpus	atrovirens	Dark-green Bulrush	3	-5		S5			G5?	Х
Iridaceae		Iris Family								
Iris	versicolor	Multi-coloured Blue-flag	5	-5		S5			G5	Х
Sisyrinchium	angustifolium	Pointed Blue-eyed-grass	6	-2		S4			G4?	Х
Juncaceae		Rush Family								
Juncus	effusus ssp. solutus	Soft Rush	4	-5		S5			G5T?	Х
Lemnaceae		Duckweed Family								
Lemna	minor	Lesser Duckweed	2	-5		S 5			G5	Х
Liliaceae		Lily Family								
Asparagus	officinalis	Garden Asparagus		3	-1	SE5			G5?	I
Hemerocallis	fulva	Orange Day-lily		5	-3	SE5			G?	I
Poaceae		Grass Family								
Agrostis	gigantea	Red-top		0	-2	SE5			G4G5	I
Agrostis	stolonifera	Redtop		-3		S5			G5	Х
Bromus	inermis ssp. inermis	Awnless Brome		5	-3	SE5			G4G5T?	ı
Bromus	secalinus	Cheat Chess		5	-1	SE4				I
Dactylis	glomerata	Orchard Grass		3	-1	SE5			G?	I
Elymus	repens	Quack Grass		3	-3	SE5			GNR	I
Elymus	virginicus var. virginicus	Virginia Wild Rye	5	-2		S 5			G5T5	Х
Glyceria	striata	Fowl Meadow Grass	3	-5		S4S5			G5T5	Х
Leersia	oryzoides	Rice Cut Grass	3	-5		S5			G5	Х
Panicum	capillare ssp. capillare	Witch Grass	0	0		S5			G5	Х
Panicum	dichotomiflorum	Fall Panicum		-2	-1	SE5			G5	Х
Phalaris	arundinacea	Reed Canary Grass	0	-4		S5			G5	Х
Phleum	pratense ssp. pratense	Timothy		3	-1	SE5			G?	I
Phragmites	australis ssp. australis	European Reed				SNR			GNR	



LATIN NAME		COMMON NAME	COEFFICIENT OF CONSERVATISM	WETNESS INDEX	WEEDINESS INDEX	PROVINCIAL STATUS	OMNR STATUS	COSEWIC STATUS	GLOBAL STATUS	LOCAL STATUS NIAG
Poa	compressa	Canada Blue Grass		2		SE			GNR	I
Poa	palustris	Fowl Meadow Grass	5	-4		S 5			G5	Х
Poa	pratensis ssp. pratensis	Kentucky Bluegrass	0	1		S5			G5T5	Х
Schedonorus	pratensis	Meadow Fescue		4	-1	SE5			G5	I
Setaria	faberi	Giant Foxtail		2	-1	SE4			G?	
Setaria	faberi	Giant Foxtail		2	-1	SE4			G?	
Setaria	pumila ssp. pumila	Yellow Foxtail		0	-1	SE5			G?	I
Typhaceae		Cattail Family								
Typha	angustifolia	Narrow-leaved Cattail	3	-5		S5			G5	Х
Typha	latifolia	Broad-leaved Cattail	3	-5		S5			G5	Х
Typha X	glauca	Glaucous Cattail	3	-5		S5			HYB	Х



Species Diversity			
Total Species:		175	
Native Species:		105	60%
Exotic Species		70	40%
Regionally Significant Species		4	
Locally Significant Species			
S1-S3 Species		1	1%
S4 Species		10	10%
S5 Species		90	89%
Co-efficient of Conservatism and Floristic Quality Index			
Co-efficient of Conservatism (CC) (average)		3.8	
CC 0 to 3	lowest sensitivity	53	52%
CC 4 to 6	moderate sensitivity	45	45%
CC 7 to 8	high sensitivity	2	2%
CC 9 to 10	highest sensitivity	1	1%
Floristic Quality Index (FQI)		38	
Presence of Weedy & Invasive Species			
mean weediness		-1.8	
weediness = -1	low potential invasiveness	36	56%
weediness = -2	moderate potential invasiveness	16	25%
weediness = -3	high potential invasiveness	12	19%
Presence of Wetland Species			
average wetness value		1.8	
upland		34	20%
facultative upland		41	24%
facultative		37	22%
facultative wetland		31	18%
obligate wetland		26	15%



COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ONTARIO STATUS	GLOBAL STATUS	SARO	SARA	AREA SENSITIVITY (ha)
ODONATA						
Common Speadwing	Lestes disjunctus	S5	G5			
Slender Spreadwing	Lestes rectangularis	S5	G5			
Familiar Bluet	Enallagma civile	S5	G5			
Eastern Forktail	Ischnura verticalis	S5	G5			
Lance-Tipped Darner	Aeshna constricta	S5	G5			
Common Green Darner	Anax junius	S5	G5			
Common Baskettail	Epitheca cynosura	S5	G5			
Eastern Pondhawk	Erythemis simplicicollis	S5	G5			
Dot-tailed Whiteface	Leucorrhinia intacta	S5	G5			
Widow Skimmer	Libellula luctuosa	S5	G5			
Twelve-Spotted Skimmer	Libellula pulchella	S5	G5			
Blue Dasher	Pachydiplax longipennis	S5	G5			
Wandering Glider	Pantala flavescens	S4	G5			
Common Whitetail	Plathemis lydia	S5	G5			
White-faced Meadowhawk	Sympetrum obtrusum	S5	G5			
Black Saddlebags	Tramea lacerata	S4	G5			
BUTTERFLIES						
Silver Spotted Skipper	Epargyreus clarus	S4	G5			
Wild Indigo Duskywing	Erynnis baptisiae	S4	G5			
Least Skipper	Ancyloxypha numitor	S5	G5			
European Skipper	Thymelicus lineola	SNA	G5			
Delaware Skipper	Anatrytone logan	S4	G5			
Dun Skipper	Euphyes vestris	S5	G5			
Black Swallowtail	Papilio polyxenes	S5	G5			
Giant Swallowtail	Papilio cresphontes	S3	G5			
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Papilio glaucus	S5	G5			
Cabbage White	Pieris rapae	SNA	G5			
Clouded Sulphur	Colias philodice	S5	G5			



COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ONTARIO STATUS	GLOBAL STATUS	SARO	SARA	AREA SENSITIVITY (ha)
Orange Sulphur	Colias eurytheme	S5	G5			
Bronze Copper	Lycaena hyllus	S5	G5			
Eastern Tailed Blue	Everes comyntas	S5	G5			
Spring Azure	Celastrina ladon	S5	G5			
Eastern Comma	Polygonia comma	S5	G5			
Mourning Cloak	Nymphalis antiopa	S5	G5			
American Painted Lady	Vanessa virginiensis	S5	G5			
Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta	S5	G5			
Red-spotted Purple	Limenitis arthemis astyanax	S5	G5T5			
Viceroy	Limenitis archippus	S5	G5			
Northern Pearly Eye	Enodia anthedon	S5	G5			
Common Ringlet	Coenonympha tullia	S5	G5			
Monarch	Danaus plexippus	S4B, S2N	G5	SC	SC	
AMPHIBIANS						
American Toad	Anaxyrus americanus	S5	G5			
Northern Green Frog	Lithobates clamitans	S5	G5			
Wood Frog	Lithobates sylvatica	S5	G5			
Northern Leopard Frog	Lithobates pipiens	S5	G5	NAR	NAR	
REPTILES						
Eastern Gartersnake	Thamnophis sirtalis	S5	G5			
BIRDS						
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	S5	G5			
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	S5	G5			
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus	S5B, S5N	G5			
Upland Sandpiper	Bartramia longicauda	S4B	G5			25
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis	S5B,S4N	G5			
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	S5B,S5N	G5			
Double-crested Cormorant	Phalacrocorax auritus	S5B	G5	NAR	NAR	20
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	S5	G5			



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Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	S5B	G5			
Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	S5	G5	NAR	NAR	
Downy Woodpecker	Dryobates pubescens	S5	G5			
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	S4B	G5			
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Contopus virens	S4B	G5	SC	SC	
Willow Flycatcher	Empidonax traillii	S5B	G5			
Eastern Phoebe	Sayornis phoebe	S5B	G5			
Eastern Kingbird	Tyrannus tyrannus	S4B	G5			
Warbling Vireo	Vireo gilvus	S5B	G5			
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	S5	G5			
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	S5B	G5			
Horned Lark	Eremophila alpestris	S5B	G5			
Purple Martin	Progne subis	S4B	G5			
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	S4B	G5			
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	S4B	G5	THR	THR	
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	S5	G5			
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	S5B	G5			
Gray Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	S4B	G5			
Northern Mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos	S4	G5			
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	SNA	G5			
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	S5B	G5			
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	SNA	G5			
House Finch	Haemorhous mexicanus	SNA	G5			
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristis	S5B	G5			
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina	S5B	G5			
Vesper Sparrow	Pooecetes gramineus	S4B	G5			
Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis	S4B	G5			
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	S5B	G5			
Swamp Sparrow	Melospiza georgiana	S5B	G5			



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Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	S4B	G5	THR	THR	10
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	S4B	G5	THR	THR	
Baltimore Oriole	Icterus galbula	S4B	G5			
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	S4	G5			
Brown-headed Cowbird	Molothrus ater	S4B	G5			
Common Grackle	Quiscalus quiscula	S5B	G5			
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	S5B	G5			
Yellow Warbler	Setophaga petechia	S5B	G5			
Northern Cardinal	Cardinalis cardinalis	S5	G5			
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Pheucticus Iudovicianus	S4B	G5			

SUMMARY

16
24
4
1
47
0

SIGNIFICANT SPECIES

Global:	0
National:	5
Provincial:	5



Explanation of Status and Acronyms

COSSARO: Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario

COSEWIC: Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada

REGION: Rare in a Site Region

S1: Critically Imperiled—Critically imperiled in the province (often 5 or fewer occurrences)

S2: Imperiled—Imperiled in the province, very few populations (often 20 or fewer),

S3: Vulnerable—Vulnerable in the province, relatively few populations (often 80 or fewer)

S4: Apparently Secure—Uncommon but not rare

S5: Secure—Common, widespread, and abundant in the province

SX: Presumed extirpated

SH: Possibly Extirpated (Historical)

SNR: Unranked

SU: Unrankable—Currently unrankable due to lack of information

SNA: Not applicable—A conservation status rank is not applicable because the species is not a suitable target for conservation activities.

S#S#: Range Rank—A numeric range rank (e.g., S2S3) is used to indicate any range of uncertainty about the status of the species

S#B- Breeding status rank

S#N- Non Breeding status rank

?: Indicates uncertainty in the assigned rank

G1: Extremely rare globally; usually fewer than 5 occurrences in the overall range

G1G2: Extremely rare to very rare globally

G2: Very rare globally; usually between 5-10 occurrences in the overall range

G2G3: Very rare to uncommon globally

G3: Rare to uncommon globally; usually between 20-100 occurrences

G3G4: Rare to common globally

G4: Common globally; usually more than 100 occurrences in the overall range

G4G5: Common to very common globally

G5: Very common globally; demonstrably secure



GU: Status uncertain, often because of low search effort or cryptic nature of the species; more data needed.

GNR: Unranked—Global rank not yet assessed.

T: Denotes that the rank applies to a subspecies or variety

Q: Denotes that the taxonomic status of the species, subspecies, or variety is questionable.

END: Endangered

THR: Threatened

SC: Special Concern

2, 3 or NS after a COSEWIC ranking indicates the species is either on Schedule 2, Schedule 3 or No Schedule of the Species At Risk Act (SARA)

NAR: Not At Risk

IND: Indeterminant, insufficient information to assign status

DD: Data Deficient

6: Rare in Site Region 6

7: Rare in Site Region 7

Area: Minimum patch size for area-sensitive species (ha)

H- highly significant in Hamilton Region (i.e. rare)

m- moderately significant in Hamilton Region (i.e. uncommon)

L1- extremely rare locally (Toronto Region)

L2- very rare locally (Toronto Region)

L3- rare to uncommon locally (Toronto Region)

HR- rare in Halton Region, highly significant

HU- uncommon in Halton Region, moderately significant

* The Pileated Woodpecker will incorporate smaller woodlots into its homerange, therefore it may not be a true area-sensitive species (Naylor et al. 1996)



LATEST STATUS UPDATE

Odonata: Jan 2018 Butterflies: Jan 2018

Bumble Bees: June 2016

Other Arthropods: May 2018

Terrestrial Molluscs: May 2018

Amphibans: Jan 2018

Reptiles: Jan 2018

Birds: August 2018

Mammals: May 2018

S and G ranks and explanations: December 2011

NOTE

All rankings for birds refer to breeding birds unless the ranking is followed by N

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