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**Appendix B**  
**Agency Correspondence**



RE: raptor surveys at Northland Power windfarm  
Boos, John (MNR)  
to:  
Sarah Mainguy  
03/14/2012 03:39 PM  
Cc:  
"Tricia Radburn"  
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Sarah,

I would call the surveys complete as you didn't have enough species diversity and abundance to call a site Significant. You wouldn't have been able to go beyond early March as migration starts by mid March. In future surveys, they should start in December and go through to late February, you covered off a portion of this time frame and if species had of been present you would have seen them. Therefore as part of the EOS for these projects you can state the CSWH is not Significant.

Regards,

John Boos  
Renewable Energy Field Advisor - Biologist  
705-755-1748

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**From:** Sarah Mainguy [<mailto:smainguy@nsenvironmental.com>]  
**Sent:** March 14, 2012 3:20 PM  
**To:** Boos, John (MNR)  
**Cc:** Tricia Radburn  
**Subject:** raptor surveys at Northland Power windfarm

Dear John,

We have completed four raptor surveys (not including the preliminary reconnaissance for site investigation) within candidate SWH areas outlined in our last report, on January 26, February 7, February 15 and March 2. One area, which had been included in error but where there was not enough area of cultural habitat to be considered candidate SWH, was excluded after the first two surveys. The only target species noted in any of these areas were a maximum of 2 Red-tailed Hawks, though a few other species were noted in other areas along the transmission lines (e.g. Rough-legged Hawk, Cooper's Hawk).

We noted in the previous report, we propose to end the surveys for raptors within the candidate SWH sites. I would like to ask for your approval for this approach.

Sarah

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RE: Northland Grand Bend- Protocols for Spring Work

Boos, John (MNR)

to:

Christine Lamoureux

03/06/2012 08:49 AM

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Christine,

I will try and outline what the generic survey protocols for these species are, typically many of the species you outline can be surveyed during protocols for types of SWH, this can be clearly outlined within an NHA if there is potential for these species within the project area. The details for most bird protocols can be derived from app. B of the Bird and Bird habitat guideline for Wind Power Projects.

- common nighthawk - Point count surveys at Dusk.
- red-headed woodpecker - The habitat for this species is pretty much all woodland edge habitats, therefore if woodland edge is common and the habitat is pretty much unaffected by the project then we aren't requiring surveys for this species. If a lot of woodland is going to be directly effected by the project, then point count surveys within woodland edge habitats would be the protocol.
- short-eared owl - included with Raptor Winter surveys, can also be surveyed with point count surveys within open country grassland breeding bird habitats.
- yellow-breasted chat – point count surveys as part of Shrubland Breeding habitat
- bald eagle – After a nest is identified – Observational/Behavioural watch survey to determine habitat used, perching and roosting habitat, feeding habitat, flight corridors, fledging habitat and alternate nest sites.
- barn owl - This is a E&T SAR, contact MNR SAR branch
- eastern meadowlark - This is a E&T SAR, contact MNR SAR Branch
- barn swallow – This is a E&T SAR, contact MNR SAR Branch.
- least bittern – Point Count Surveys within wetland habitats during breeding season.

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**From:** Christine Lamoureux [<mailto:clamoureux@activaenviro.ca>]

**Sent:** March 5, 2012 4:18 PM

**To:** Boos, John (MNR)

**Cc:** Tricia Radburn

**Subject:** RE: Northland Grand Bend- Protocols for Spring Work

Hello John,

Based on discussions with MNR and review of our existing data, some bird survey work is still required in the Grand Bend study area. We're currently preparing our methodology for site investigation and getting ready for surveys to start in April. I have the following protocols in hand:

- bobolink (MNR survey protocol, updated 04/07/2011)
- chimney swift (Bird Studies Canada Protocol, March 2009)
- whip-poor-will (Bird Studies Canada Protocol, May 2011)

I'm still looking for the following species at risk survey protocols:

- common nighthawk
- red-headed woodpecker
- short-eared owl
- yellow-breasted chat
- bald eagle
- barn owl
- eastern meadowlark
- barn swallow
- least bittern

Could you please confirm that there are specific protocols to use for each of these species? If so, could you please provide the missing protocols or indicate where they would be available?

Thanks for your help,

Christine

**Christine Lamoureux**

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RE: Grand Bend Wind Farm- questions re: species of conservation concern  
Boos, John (MNR)  
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Tricia Radburn  
02/17/2012 01:51 PM  
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Tricia,

The best way for you to do this is to look at each species individually and determine if there is a habitat it fits into from the SWHTG. Species of CC are considered for habitats that have an important component of their life cycle to consider. For example Milk Snake, liberally uses all sorts of habitats for feeding and that it generally lives in, however an important life cycle habitat is Snake Hibernacula, this is identified in the SWHTG and outlined in app. D and table 16, therefore this species is covered. Where there isn't a habitat identifiable from the SWHTG, example Monarch Butterfly feeding/breeding habitat (this habitat will be old field with lots of nectar producing plants (milkweed)). When habitat such as this is identified, you need to talk to us to during Site Investigation to see where it fits. Based on the infrastructure in the 120m set-back we will make a determination if it can be treated as Generalized SWH or will require proper EOS studies, sometimes we will need to go to one of our MNR experts for a guild or species to make these determinations. Having said this I don't have an answer for every species right now.

It is best through RR and early in site Investigation (prior to field visits) to make a determination for each species important life cycle habitat component and determine if this habitat component links with an existing SWHTG habitat. If it doesn't, then determine what the habitat features are needed to map and describe this habitat and how through SI the habitat features will be assessed. Basically you are determining the habitat criteria for these species, some description can be found in app. G of the SWHTG for some species. You may want to ask us when you get to these species if your habitat assessment criteria are acceptable. You will find for some species such as the Red-headed Woodpecker that there is no specific life cycle feature that can be determined as they will use almost any type and size of woodland edge. For these species when there is no specific life cycle component to assess and map, this can be discussed early in the SI and outlined that there is no specific life cycle component to map since they have such ubiquitous/general habitat requirements. This way it is demonstrated that it was considered and why it doesn't have a specific habitat consideration.

I hope this helps, much of what I describe doing is a desk top assessment and fitting these wildlife species into habitats, the same should also be done for plants so that we have a clear understanding of what mapping and criteria assessment you are undergoing during Site Investigation, I believe it is clear in App. D for plants when EOS studies are necessary.

I hope this helps,

John Boos  
Renewable Energy Field Advisor - Biologist  
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**From:** Tricia Radburn [<mailto:Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com>]  
**Sent:** February 16, 2012 2:48 PM  
**To:** Boos, John (MNR)

**Cc:** Cameron, Amy (MNR)  
**Subject:** Grand Bend Wind Farm- questions re: species of conservation concern

John, one more question...

The table in Appendix D of the NHA guide indicates that for species of conservation concern (other than plants) we should consult with MNR to determine which species can be identified as Generalized Candidate SWH.

I have attached a list of the Special Concern and provincially rare species potentially present at our location. Could you please tell me which ones can be treated as Generalized SWH and for which project components?

Thanks so much.

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RE: Grand Bend Wind Farm- Raptor Winter Feeding areas survey protocol for review  
Boos, John (MNR)  
to:  
Tricia Radburn  
02/13/2012 10:55 AM  
Cc:  
"Cameron, Amy (MNR)"  
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2 Attachments



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Tricia,

I have reviewed your protocol and the method you provide is fairly standard. See my questions and comments within using tracked changes.

If you have questions, contact me at the number below.

John Boos  
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**From:** Tricia Radburn [mailto:Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com]  
**Sent:** February 7, 2012 4:55 PM  
**To:** Boos, John (MNR)  
**Cc:** Cameron, Amy (MNR)  
**Subject:** Grand Bend Wind Farm- Raptor Winter Feeding areas survey protocol for review

John,

Please find attached our proposed protocol for surveying winter raptor feeding areas associated with the Grand Bend Wind Farm. I believe you have had some correspondence with respect to this protocol from Sarah Mainguy of North-South Environmental who will be carrying out the work.

We apologize for the late submission of this protocol. Due to timing, surveys have already commenced. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

Thanks so much.

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**WINTER RAPTOR SURVEY: PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT AND  
PROPOSED PROTOCOLS**

**Northland Wind Farm, Grand Bend, Ontario**

**6 February 2012**

***Prepared For:***  
*Neegan Burnside*

***Prepared By:***  
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

North-South Environmental was retained by Neegan-Burnside Limited in January 2012 to conduct surveys for winter habitat for raptors, a category of Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) within a proposed wind farm site near Grand Bend, Ontario. The following provides a protocol proposed for the winter raptor studies. This protocol was initially developed using the draft guidelines that support the Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide (MNR working draft 2009), and with initial advice from John Boos (Tricia Radburn 2012, pers. comm). The protocol was then refined through further discussions with MNR (John Boos 2012, pers. comm) on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Comment [jdb1]:** I prefer if you refer to MNR as the source of advice and not me specifically, most of what information I provide comes directly from the SWHTG.

## 2.0 SELECTION OF SITES FOR MONITORING

Monitoring sites were selected using the draft Significant Wildlife Habitat identification guidelines that support the Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide (SWHTG) (MNR working draft 2009). The Guide recommends that potential areas for monitoring should be at least 20 ha, and should include a combination of forest and successional community types.

**Comment [jdb2]:** Following the NHA this is identification of Candidate SWH and also identification of sites that will have Evaluation of Significance completed.

Candidate sites were initially selected through interpretation of vegetation communities mapped in 2011 by Neegan Burnside. The maps were scrutinized to determine where successional areas and hayfields were juxtaposed with forest. Potential areas (areas where adjoining cultural communities and hayfield were greater than 20 ha) were outlined for further scrutiny. Boos (2012, pers.com) noted that candidate areas should include only contiguous blocks of habitat where forest and successional areas are juxtaposed and not separated by roads and other unsuitable habitat. In addition, though hayfields are noted within the SWHTG to be capable of supporting wintering raptors, Boos (2012 pers. comm) noted that hayfields should be included only if they are minimally harvested, so that they support a thatch (matted grasses) that provides cover for prey species. Intensively used hayfields, where there is evidence of numerous cuts per year, are not likely to support wintering raptors.

**Comment [jdb3]:** The 20 ha minimum for habitat should be a minimum of 15 ha open field habitat, page 101 of SWHTG

## 3.0 RECONNAISSANCE SURVEYS OF PARTICIPATING PROPERTIES

A reconnaissance survey of these mapped areas, within the turbine properties and along the two proposed transmission lines, was conducted on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in order to determine whether potential areas potentially supported suitable habitat for further surveys. A follow-up survey was subsequently conducted on January 27<sup>th</sup> (the next available date with good weather), as the first survey was conducted in very windy weather with snow squalls.

**Comment [jdb4]:** The SWHTG for this habitat states that large sites, least disturbed sites, and sites with better habitat are more significant (App. Q page 346-7). Use the SWHTG as a reference and not me specifically. Also page 121 SWHTG outlines undisturbed fields as being important

**Comment [jdb5]:** Please read page 72, sec. 8.3.8 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph of SWHTG, note that landuse that remains unchanged for several years are preferred, such as cattle pasture. Refer to SWHTG as reference for relatively undisturbed open field habitats.

**Comment [jdb6]:** Is this the Physical Site Investigation for NHA?

The initial reconnaissance was focused on the hayfields and cultural meadows within participating properties, with area searches within the edges of the adjacent forest community, on the basis of behaviour of target species of wintering raptors (Short-eared Owl, Rough-legged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Northern Harrier, American Kestrel and Snowy Owl). Generally, target species noted by the Guidelines are birds that use open grasslands in winter for foraging

routes was scrutinized prior to the reconnaissance (ELC mapping had not been completed for transmission lines prior to the survey). All areas where meadow and forest appeared to be juxtaposed, and where either habitat came within 120 m of the proposed transmission line corridor, were highlighted. Both sides of the southern transmission corridor, along Sararas and Dashwood Road, were also investigated through the use of Google Street View, as the habitat along the entire route was visible through this medium.

#### 4.1 Selection of Sites for Further Monitoring

There was very little potential habitat present along either of the transmission lines. Four areas along the transmission lines are proposed to be included in follow-up surveys because they met the criteria for SWH. These included:

- South transmission line: three areas within the large mosaic of forest, swamp, pasture and a Christmas tree farm near Ausable Line
- North Transmission Line: in an area of cultural meadow (4.9 ha) adjacent to FOD (15.1 ha) that follows the line from the edge of T-18 to the point where Rodgerville Road turns north,
- North transmission line: area where 1 Red-tailed Hawk was noted on January 19<sup>th</sup>: west of Babylon Line
- North transmission line: area where two Red-tailed Hawks were noted on January 19<sup>th</sup> east of London Road
- North transmission line: area where one Cooper's Hawk was seen on January 27<sup>th</sup>, south and west of 17<sup>th</sup> Line/Oak Line at a bend on north transmission line

**Comment [jdb8]:** This does not meet the minimum 15ha criteria.

**Comment [jdb9]:** Do these three sites meet the habitat criteria? It is irrelevant when determining Cand. SWH if hawks are visible or not?

#### 5.0 PROPOSED SURVEY METHODS

Based on the guidance provided by the MNR, NSE proposes to conduct surveys approximately every 10 days. Visits will be conducted in weather without precipitation and with little wind. The first field surveys of candidate areas have already taken place, on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Three more visits to these areas are scheduled, totalling 5 visits: 2 visits in January and 3 visits in February. Approximate timing of the visits is tentatively scheduled for January February 7, 16 and 28. These dates may be shifted slightly depending on weather conditions. In the event that a survey cannot be completed as planned, all attempts will be made to re-schedule this trip as quickly as possible.

Where access is granted, we will conduct searches along the woodland edge as well as area searches within the woodland itself. Exact time spent at each habitat will largely be dependent on site access, length of woodland edge, amount of woodland area that needs to be searched (based on permission), and number of birds observed, however all surveys will occur during daylight hours, between 0900-1600hrs, when raptors are expected to be most visible at potential perching locations.

**Comment [jdb10]:** Each trail /transect followed should be GPS' d and the exact routes followed on each subsequent visit.

**Comment [jdb11]:** Outline what equipment will be used, binoculars/spotting scopes?

Where access is not granted (as along the transmission lines), the surveys will be conducted from the roadside, adjacent property, or other suitable vantage point. Surveys from roadsides will allow enough time to thoroughly scan the woodland edge and field for indication of raptor

**Comment [jdb12]:** Will spotting scopes be used?

## 7.0 REFERENCES

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Re: Grand Bend Wind Farm whippoorwill surveys  
Cameron, Amy (MNR)  
to:  
Tricia.Radburn, Sanders, Erin (MNR), Webb, Jason (MNR)  
07/06/2012 04:47 PM  
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Provided the surveys were done at the appropriate time of year (breeding season) and the first 2 surveys show negative results I would not request a 3rd survey to be done.

The 3rd survey is more important when one survey date detects the species but the other did not, then a 3rd survey would be required to verify the significance of the habitat.

Enjoy your weekend!

Amy

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**From:** Tricia Radburn <Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com>  
**To:** Cameron, Amy (MNR)  
**Sent:** Fri Jul 06 15:20:16 2012  
**Subject:** Re: Grand Bend Wind Farm whippoorwill surveys

Thanks Amy. I also just put in a call to Erin Sanders and I think she was going to contact you with another question we had.

We have done 2 surveys for Brewer's Blackbird and have not found any evidence of the species in the area. Do we need to complete a third survey?

Thanks.  
Tricia

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From: "Cameron, Amy (MNR)" <Amy.Cameron@ontario.ca>  
To: <Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com>, "Gryck, Emily (MNR)" <emily.gryck@ontario.ca>  
Date: 07/06/2012 02:04 PM  
Subject: Re: Grand Bend Wind Farm whippoorwill surveys

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I've asked Emily Gryck to follow up on this ASAP for you. She is trying to get u a response from the SAR bio in Guelph District.

Amy

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**From:** Tricia Radburn <Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com>  
**To:** Cameron, Amy (MNR)  
**Sent:** Fri Jul 06 13:54:19 2012

**Subject:** Fw: Grand Bend Wind Farm whippoorwill surveys

Amy,

Would you be able to answer our question below regarding the need for additional whippoorwill surveys? We have had correspondence with Erin but she is away at the moment and we have not received an answer. The second round of surveys would need to be conducted in the next few days if they are required.

Thanks.

Tricia

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From: "Sarah Mainguy" <smainguy@nsenvironmental.com>  
To: "Tricia Radburn" <Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com>, <erin.cotnam@ontario.ca>  
Date: 07/04/2012 02:56 PM  
Subject: RE: Grand Bend Wind Farm whippoorwill surveys

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Hi Erin,

We were uncertain whether there was any Whippoorwill or Common Nighthawk habitat in the study area -we didn't see any suitable habitat (openings in dry forest) in the ELC surveys. However, there were three areas of forest that were large enough to provide interior habitat for area-sensitive species (as Whippoorwill is), that seemed to be very diverse based on the portions we saw on the participating properties. We had to do Common Nighthawk surveys on the participating properties in any case so we decided to combine surveys for both species where we had permission, adjacent to the largest forest blocks.

Much of these large forests extended off the participating properties so we couldn't determine whether there was suitable habitat and we wanted to cover our bases. Therefore we did 10 minute point counts adjacent to these large forest blocks just to make sure we hadn't missed Whippoorwill or Common Nighthawk.

I don't have the exact date as I'm not in the office but we did the surveys on a clear night when the moon was near full in late May or early June, in low wind conditions. We didn't hear Whippoorwill or Common Nighthawk. I just wondered whether we needed to go out again during this suitable moon period (before it waxes to the quarter)?

Thank you,

Sarah Mainguy

-----Original Message-----

From: Tricia Radburn [mailto:Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com]  
Sent: Mon 6/25/2012 4:33 PM  
To: Sarah Mainguy  
Subject: Fw: Grand Bend Wind Farm whippoorwill surveys

Sarah, could you answer Erin's question below regarding whippoorwill survey protocols and coordinate directly with her to determine if another survey is required?

Thanks.  
Tricia

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Date: 06/25/2012 04:12 PM  
Subject: FW: Grand Bend Wind Farm whippoorwill surveys

Hi Tricia,

I am the Project Manager for all APRD related inquiries for projects in the Guelph district so will work with you and the SAR bio in Guelph on your request. Are you able to quickly provide me the methods for the WPWi surveys done to date? I understand these were discussed with Graham in the Guelph office.

Thanks,

Erin

From: Cameron, Amy (MNR)  
Sent: June 25, 2012 2:54 PM  
To: Cotnam, Erin (MNR)  
Subject: FW: Grand Bend Wind Farm whippoorwill surveys  
Importance: High



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From: Tricia Radburn [<mailto:Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com>]  
Sent: June 25, 2012 9:17 AM  
To: Cameron, Amy (MNR)  
Subject: Grand Bend Wind Farm whippoorwill surveys

Amy,

Could you please advise as to whether two surveys should be conducted for whippoorwill or if one is sufficient? We did complete one survey and no whippoorwills were identified.

Thanks.  
Tricia

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Date: 06/24/2012 10:52 AM  
Subject: whippoorwill surveys

Hi Tricia,

Could you find out from John Boos whether we need to conduct two Whippoorwill surveys (early and late)? We conducted one round of surveys at the Northland site but a second window is coming up where the moon phase will be appropriate and I wondered if we have to do another survey then.

Thanks,

Sarah

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**Re: GRAND BEND WIND FARM - MNR COMMENTS FOR RECORDS REVIEW**

Cameron, Amy (MNR) to: Tricia.Radburn

06/04/2012 11:20 PM

Cc: "Reed, Kerry (MNR)", "Holloran, Joseph (MNR)", "Sanders, Erin (MNR)"

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Tricia - it is suppose to be 4ha. Sorry for the confusion.

Amy

PS we are hoping to have comments fr your proposed survey protocols by the end of the week.

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From: Tricia Radburn <Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com>

To: Cameron, Amy (MNR)

Sent: Mon Jun 04 16:49:09 2012

Subject: Re: GRAND BEND WIND FARM - MNR COMMENTS FOR RECORDS REVIEW

Yes we are in 6E

Tricia

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From: "Cameron, Amy (MNR)" [Amy.Cameron@ontario.ca]

Sent: 06/04/2012 04:47 PM AST

To: Tricia Radburn

Subject: Re: GRAND BEND WIND FARM - MNR COMMENTS FOR RECORDS REVIEW

Just want to clarify that you are in 6E, which I'm sure you are but I'm on the road so don't have access to the reports.

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From: Tricia Radburn <Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com>

To: Cameron, Amy (MNR)

Sent: Mon Jun 04 14:33:22 2012

Subject: Fw: GRAND BEND WIND FARM - MNR COMMENTS FOR RECORDS REVIEW

Amy,

Just wanted to clarify the amount of interior forest required for forest area-sensitive birds. Your email below indicates 4ha is required. However, the recent edits that were made to our Records Review Report indicate 10ha is needed.

Could you please let us know which is correct?

Thanks.

Tricia

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From: "Cameron, Amy (MNR)" <Amy.Cameron@ontario.ca>  
To: "Tricia Radburn" <Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com>  
Date: 04/04/2012 01:23 PM  
Subject: RE: GRAND BEND WIND FARM - MNR COMMENTS FOR RECORDS REVIEW

Tricia - sorry about the confusion - this was an oversight on MNR's part in the draft 6E schedule. It used to be >10ha but was changed to >4ha. Please revise the records review report to include this information. The final 6E schedule will read >4ha.

Thanks for noticing!!!

Amy Cameron

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From: Tricia Radburn [mailto:Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com]  
Sent: Wed 04/04/2012 11:47 AM  
To: Cameron, Amy (MNR)  
Subject: Re: GRAND BEND WIND FARM - MNR COMMENTS FOR RECORDS REVIEW

Amy,

Thanks for getting back to us so quickly with comments on our Records Review. I just had one quick question regarding woodland area-sensitive bird breeding habitat.

The old criteria identified that there needed to be at least 10ha of interior forest. The new criteria only notes that the entire woodland needs to be at least 30ha but there is no amount of interior forest listed. Do we consider any woodland as a candidate habitat if it has any amount of interior forest (200m from an edge)?

Thanks.  
Tricia

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**Appendix C**  
**Qualification of Investigators**



**Profession**

Environmental Planner,  
Ecological Restoration Specialist

**Education**

M.Sc. (PI), University of Guelph,  
2010  
Diploma, Ecosystem Restoration,  
Niagara College, 2001  
B.Sc. (Env.), University of  
Guelph, 2000

**Certificates**

Ontario Wetland Evaluation for  
Southern Ontario, 2006  
Ecological Land Classification,  
2004  
Low Complexity Prescribed Burn  
Workers Course, 2004  
Electrofishing, 2001  
BioMAP, 2000

**Employment Record**

Environmental Planner, R.J.  
Burnside & Associates Limited  
(2006-Present)  
Generic Regulations Assistant,  
Upper Thames River  
Conservation Authority (2005-  
2006)  
Stewardship Assistant, Ontario  
Ministry of Natural Resources  
(2003-2004)  
Surface Water Monitoring Officer,  
Ontario Ministry of Natural  
Resources (2002-2003)  
Eco-Tourism Consultant, CIDA/  
Cerro Blanco Protected Forest,  
Ecuador (2001)

**Citizenship**

Canadian

**Languages**

English

**Tricia Radburn, M.Sc.(PI), MCIP, RPP**

Tricia is experienced in assessing and analyzing development impacts on environmental and natural heritage features. Certified in Ecological Land Classification and Wetland Evaluation, Tricia has conducted field studies and analyzed environmental conditions for Environmental Impact Studies under the *Planning Act*, Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Niagara Escarpment Plan and a variety of class environmental assessment processes. She is knowledgeable of a wide variety of permitting processes and has experience with approvals under the *Public Lands Act*, *Endangered Species Act*, *Species at Risk Act*, *Fisheries Act* and Conservation Authority regulations. Prior to working at Burnside, Tricia worked for the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority where she helped to incorporate *Ontario Regulation 97/04 – Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses* into UTRCA policies and guidelines.

She recently completed a Masters degree in First Nation Energy Planning under Ontario's new Green Energy Act, Renewable Energy Approval Regulation and various incentive programs.

**Energy Projects and Renewable Energy Approvals**

**Grand Bend Wind Farm 100 MW Renewable Energy Approval, Northland Power Inc., Grand Bend, Ontario (2011-Ongoing)**

Coordinated all fieldwork and prepared documentation for all components of the Natural Heritage Assessment portion of the Renewable Energy Approval as well as Endangered Species Act permitting. Worked closely with the Ministry of Natural Resources and coordinated changes in the work program to correspond with ongoing updates and amendments to the provincial guidelines as the project progressed. Attended Public Information Centres to answer questions about the project and its potential impacts on the environment with local landowners.

**Uxbridge Goodwood 20 MW Solar Farm Renewable Energy Approval, Pacific Power Inc., Uxbridge, Ontario (2011-Ongoing)**

Coordinated fieldwork associated with the Natural Heritage Assessment and identified preliminary environmental constraints which could affect the feasibility of the project.

**Aboriginal Renewable Energy Fund Pre-Feasibility Studies for Various First Nation Communities, Ontario (2011-Ongoing)**

Assisted in coordinating funding applications. Prepared a questionnaire for communities to address Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge and Interested Person portions of the pre-feasibility studies. Provided QA/QC for the pre-feasibility reports.



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#### **Festival Hydro Transformer Station Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities, Stratford, Ontario (2010-2011)**

Prepared a Class EA for a new transformer station in the City of Stratford. Conducted all required public notifications and assessments potential impacts associated with noise, construction and operation of the facility.

#### **Westerhout Class 2 Wind Facilities Renewable Energy Approval Applications, Huron County, Ontario (2009-2010)**

Consulted with agencies to confirm approval application requirements under the new Renewable Energy Approval Regulation, O. Reg. 359/09 for two wind facilities. In particular, discussions were held regarding the need for archaeological assessments. Different agencies interpreted the new regulations in different ways. Ensured that a consensus was achieved and all parties agreed to the same conclusion. Ensured that all consultation requirements with agencies and stakeholders were completed.

#### **Elgin Grovlea Class 2 Wind Facility Renewable Energy Approval Application, Elgin County, Ontario (2010)**

Prepared a Renewable Energy Approval Application under O. Reg. 359/09 for a Class 2 wind facility. Considered how the construction and operation of turbines could impact adjacent natural heritage features. Ensured that all neighbours, stakeholders and agencies were consulted as required under the regulation.

#### **Preliminary Wind Farm Planning, Wabaseemoong and Ginoogaming First Nations, Whitedog and Longlac, Ontario (2009-Present)**

Conducted a preliminary assessment of environmental constraints associated with proposed wind farms in the Ginoogaming and Wabaseemoong First Nations. Conducted initial interviews with community leaders to identify concerns, resources and areas of importance within the communities that will require additional study and discussion as the projects progress.

#### **South River Wind Farms Environmental and Regulatory Constraints Screening, Nipissing and Parry Sound Districts, Ontario (2007)**

Four proposed wind farm sites were assessed for environmental and regulatory constraints that could limit energy development. Sites spanned organized and unorganized municipalities which included Crown and private lands. Results allowed the client to make an informed decision about whether to proceed with wind farm development on the sites.

#### **Honeywood Wind Power Constraints Analysis and Environmental Assessment, Mulmur Township, Ontario (2006-2008)**

The first stage of this project was to prepare preliminary environmental constraints analysis, including a compilation of all relevant municipal, provincial and federal policies in effect in the study area. A search of background data sources was conducted to identify potential environmental constraints and list all the necessary approvals required for the project. Based on this review, the project moved forward into the Environmental Assessment process. Conducted fieldwork and data reviews to document natural heritage features to support the EA and requirements of the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

#### **East Garafraxa and Marsville Wind Farm Environmental and Regulatory Constraints Screening, East Garafraxa, Ontario (2006-2007)**

Environmental and regulatory constraints were assessed for two potential wind farm sites. Natural heritage features were identified through a desktop review and consultation with applicable agencies. The report was used by the client to assist in making a decision about whether to proceed with the project.

#### **Captus Energy Wind Farm Environmental Assessment, Huron County, Ontario (2006)**

Initiated preparation of a natural heritage report to supplement the Environmental Assessment. Identified natural heritage features and described preliminary protection measures to minimize impacts. Project did not move forward due to constraints in transmission line capacity.

#### **Advisory Services**

##### **Peer Review of the Duntroon Quarry Natural Environment Report, Clearview Township, Ontario (2006-Present)**

Reviewed the Natural Environment Report prepared in support of the proposed Duntroon Quarry expansion on behalf of the Township of Clearview. Consulted the PPS, Township of Clearview, County of Simcoe and Niagara Escarpment Plan to determine if a proposed quarry expansion conformed to all applicable natural heritage and aggregate resources policies. Advised the Township on how to proceed with the application and requirements for additional information and detailed studies.





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#### **Peer Review of the Sargeant-Waverley Pits #1 and 2 Natural Environment Report, Tiny Township, Ontario (2006)**

Reviewed the Natural Environment Report relative to the policies of the PPS, Aggregate Resources Act, Township of Tiny and County of Simcoe Official Plans to determine if two new proposed aggregate extraction pits, one involving below water table extraction, met natural heritage and aggregate resource policies.

#### **Peer Review of Amaranth Estates Environmental Impact Assessment, Amaranth Township, Ontario (2006)**

Provided advisory services to the Township of Amaranth with respect to an Environmental Impact Assessment for a proposed subdivision. Recommended an approach to appropriately resolve concerns with a wetland on the property that had inadvertently been left off Greenlands mapping in a recent update to the Township's Official Plan.

### **First Nations Planning and Advisory Services**

#### **Sheshatshiu Innu Community Commercial Zoning and CEAA Screening, North West River, Labrador (2010-Ongoing)**

The community is interested in designating a portion of its reserve lands for leasing to non-First Nation commercial development. I prepared materials for, and assisted in organizing and facilitating a community workshop to help the community identify where commercial development should be located. The workshop was used to help community members consider types of existing development are compatible or incompatible with the proposed commercial development. Reviewed Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's land use policies to understand the process for designating reserve lands and writing a Head Lease to allow reserve lands to be leased to non-First Nation developers and business owners. Coordinated with land surveyors and land appraisers and staff associated with a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment.

#### **Cape Croker Recreational and Cultural Master Plan, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, ON (2010-2012)**

Undertook consultation with the community to identify a "wish list" for improvements to community recreational and cultural facilities. Lead focus groups with representative sample of community groups and segments, including youth, Elders, parents, participants in cultural arts and recreation programs. Managed a local youth who was hired to assist with community consultation. Summarized findings from focus groups, comment cards and long questionnaires. Identified community priorities and recommended measures for implementation.

#### **Territorial Planning Concepts, Grand Council Treaty #3, Kenora, Ontario (2010).**

The overall goal of the project was to initiate discussions that may eventually lead to a consultation agreement between the Grand Council Treaty #3 ("GCT3"), Ministry of Natural Resources and Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forests that will clarify how the GCT3 wishes to be consulted on land use and resource management applications and how the GCT3 may use consultation opportunities to create new economic partnerships and economic development opportunities. Summarized legislation associated with land use and resource management in Northern Ontario. Identified policies in the Public Lands Act, Mining Act, Crown Forest Sustainability Act that allow for participation of the Grand Council Treaty #3 ("GCT3") and its member communities in land use planning decisions. The Proposed Growth Plan for Northern Ontario was also reviewed for strategies and objectives that could provide new economic opportunities for the GCT3. Surveyed member communities by phone to understand community concerns with their relationship with the MNR and MNDMF. Prepared materials for, organized and assisted in delivering a presentation and community workshop to further understand the GCT3's interests in land use planning. Suggestions were made to resolve misunderstandings and challenges that were limiting the current relationship between all parties.

#### **Land Use Planning Guide for Northern Ontario for the Métis Nation of Ontario (2010)**

Created a planning guide for the Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO"). The guide included summaries of planning legislation and policies including the Planning Act, Public Lands Act and Crown Forests Sustainability Act among others. Particular attention was paid to new or recently updated legislation such as the Mining Act, Proposed Growth Plan for Northern Ontario and Bill 191, draft Far North Act. Recommendations were then made to increase the MNO's involvement in planning and resource management in Northern Ontario.

#### **Review of Amendments to the Township of Pelee Official Plan on behalf of the Walpole Island First Nation (2010)**

Reviewed draft updates to the Township of Pelee Official Plan. Identified which were relevant to the rights and interests of the Walpole Island First Nation ("WIFN"), including policies for the identification and protection of natural and cultural resources. It



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was found that the Official Plan did not appropriately identify the WIFN's existing land claim to portions of the Township or known WIFN archaeological sites on Pelee Island. Recommended appropriate responses for the WIFN to ensure that their rights and interests are considered and incorporated.

#### **Review of Amendments to the Bruce County Official Plan on behalf of the Saugeen Ojibway First Nations, Wiarton, Ontario (2009-Present)**

Reviewed major amendments proposed to the Bruce County Official Plan. Identified which were relevant to the rights and interests of the Saugeen Ojibway First Nation ("SON"), including policies for the identification and protection of cultural resources, policies for shoreline areas with the potential to affect water quality and fisheries resources as well as policies for large scale wind power developments and boundary mapping of significant natural heritage features. Recommended appropriate responses for the SON to ensure that their rights and interests are considered and incorporated into planning documents.

#### **Review of Coast Guard Proposal to Store Dredged Material from the St. Clair River at the Walpole Island High Banks Pit Site, Walpole Island First Nation, Ontario (2007)**

Provided review and analysis of existing documentation, inventories and previous studies documenting the significance and sensitivity of natural heritage features on, and adjacent to, the Walpole Island High Banks lands. Prepared a community questionnaire to identify the cultural uses of plants, recreational opportunities and cultural significance of the property. Assisted with organization of a Public Information Centre to provide information and collect community opinion on the project. Provided advise to the community regarding the suitability of the borrow pit to store the dredged material. Identify the permitting requirements needed to proceed with the project ie. Environmental Assessment, Fisheries Act authorization and Species at Risk Act permits.

#### **Matawa First Nation Winter Road Realignment Preliminary Environmental Assessment (2007)**

Prepared a preliminary INAC CEAA Screening to identify opportunities and constraints related to the realignment and potential upgrading to all-season roads for the winter road system servicing five First Nation communities in northern Ontario.

### **Species at Risk Surveys and Permitting**

#### **Species at Risk Project Biologist, XTEC, Former Camp Ipperwash, Ipperwash, Ontario (2007-2009)**

Worked in conjunction with the unexploded ordnance clearing team and the Stony and Kettle Point First Nation on the Former Camp Ipperwash, Military Training Center. Ensured adherence to the Canadian Wildlife Services ("CWS") Species at Risk Permit required for vegetation clearing. Worked with the local community for several months over two field seasons to identify and avoid Federal and Provincial Species at Risk and culturally important species and sites during site operations. Attended an Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training sessions presented by the Stony and Kettle Point First Nation.

#### **Detroit River International Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment and Endangered Species Act Permit Review, Windsor, Ontario (2008-Present)**

Reviewed Natural Heritage background reports, Environmental Assessment documents, *Endangered Species Act* permits and Management Plans for Rare Species on behalf of the Walpole Island First Nation ("WIFN") to determine if Aboriginal interests and rights associated with traditional use of the area were appropriately addressed. WIFN's primary interests related to rare tallgrass prairie habitat and species, given the presence of similar habitats on Walpole Island.

#### **Species at Risk Act and Endangered Species Act Permitting, Moose Deer Point First Nation, Mactier, Ontario (2009)**

Prepared and coordinated permit applications under provincial and federal species at risk legislation in association with construction of a new water treatment and distribution system in proximity to the habitat of several protected reptiles and amphibians. Developed mitigation and monitoring plans to ensure potential impacts were minimized.

### **Environmental Impact Studies**

#### **Winifred Woods Trail Environmental Impact Study, City of Kitchener, Ontario (2011-2012)**

Coordinated Ecological Land Classification, breeding bird surveys and wetland delineations for an Environmental Impact Study of a proposed trail joining the Pioneer Park subdivision with the Walter Bean Trail through the Winifred Woods Environmentally



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Sensitive Policy Area. The trail traversed lands owned by the City of Kitchener and Grand River Conservation Authority ("GRCA") and included a number of Significant Wildlife Habitats and natural hazard lands. Various trail routes and trail designs were assessed. Undertook negotiations with the GRCA regarding portions of the trail on their lands.

**Lake Simcoe Aeropark Environmental Impact Study, Oro-Medonte, Ontario (2008-Present)**

Identified impacts to natural heritage features associated with a proposed industrial subdivision located adjacent to the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport. Work involved staking boundaries of natural features with the local Conservation Authority and coordinating a number of sub consultants to conduct detailed vegetation and wildlife inventories, including a study of bird hazards to aviation safety at the airport in relation to habitat areas on the subject lands.

**Preliminary Environmental Constraints Analysis of the Proposed YMCA Cedar Glen Camp Expansion and Redevelopment, King Township, Ontario (2010- Ongoing)**

The YMCA was interested in preparing a Master Plan for the Cedar Glen camp to plan future expansion and redevelopment of the site. Met with the client to clarify their needs and the scope of work required. Identified all applicable natural heritage policies and identified potential development constraints associated with the Natural Heritage System of the Greenbelt Plan and Natural Linkage policies of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. Identified and recommended future study and work requirements in order to move the development forward.

**Environmental Impact Study of the Balzer Creek Trail, Kitchener, Ontario (2009-2010)**

An Environmental Impact Study was prepared at the request of the Grand River Conservation Authority ("GRCA") because the proposed trail was located within the GRCA's regulation limit. The EIS considered how the trail would be constructed, where it was to be located and how it would be used in order to assess potential impacts on the adjacent Balzer Creek. During the EIS several Butternut trees, and endangered species, were identified in close proximity to the trail. Discussions were held with the Ministry of Natural Resources to determine how to proceed, including the process under the Endangered Species Act. Negotiations were successful in avoiding the need for a permit based on trail routing.

**Humber College Orangeville Campus Environmental Impact Study, Town of Orangeville, Ontario (2006-2008)**

Identified natural heritage features, analyzed potential impacts and recommended mitigation measures for the proposed Humber College Orangeville Campus in the Town of Orangeville. Field studies including Ecological Land Classification and amphibian monitoring were conducted in order to determine the significance and sensitivity of environmental features. The analysis included implications of the development on wildlife corridors, valleylands, wetlands and a coldwater stream.

**Veteran's Way Residential Subdivision Environmental Impact Study, Town of Orangeville, Ontario (2006-2008)**

Identified natural heritage features, analyzed potential impacts and recommended mitigation measures for a proposed residential subdivision and commercial development in the Town of Orangeville. Field studies including Ecological Land Classification and amphibian monitoring were conducted in order to determine the significance and sensitivity of environmental features. The analysis included implications of the development and stormwater management proposal.

**Secondary and Master Servicing Plans**

**Community of Colgan Master Servicing Plan, Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, County of Simcoe, Ontario (2008-Present)**

Identified land use and natural heritage policies of relevance to infrastructure planning and recommended measures to incorporate natural heritage protection into the Master Servicing Plan.

**Churchville Planning and Heritage Study, City of Brampton, Ontario (2007)**

Inventoried existing natural heritage and natural hazard conditions and reviewed land use policies in the City and Regional Official Plans, PPS, Secondary Plan and Subwatershed Study. Developed comprehensive land use guidelines for the Churchville planning area to protect natural heritage features and provide clarity with respect to natural hazard lands.

**North West Fergus Secondary Plan Environmental Impact Assessment, Fergus, Ontario (2007)**

Identified all natural heritage and hazard land constraints, recommended lands for protection, recreation and trail development as part of the West Fergus Secondary Plan.



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### Environmental Assessments

#### **Rumble Pond Stormwater Management Pond Retrofits, Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Town of Richmond Hill, Ontario (2010-2011)**

Completed an Environmental Assessment to evaluate a number of alternatives associated with upgrades to a stormwater management pond. The preferred alternative included measures to improve passage for Redside Dace, an Endangered species which are known to be present in the area.

#### **Creemore Drainage Project File Report, Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Clearview Township, Ontario (2009-2010)**

Prepared an Environmental Assessment to identify and assess alternative solutions to improve drainage and resolve ongoing flooding issues in the Creemore Village Core as well as on lands designated for future development. The preferred solution was identified based on environmental impacts, effectiveness in managing flooding, economics and its consistency with the Official Plan.

#### **GO Transit Hamilton to Niagara Rail Expansion Environmental Assessment, Ontario (2009-Ongoing)**

Reviewed Official Plan policies for all municipalities along the proposed rail line route. Identified environmental and land use constraints in areas proposed for new GO transit rail stations as part of the Environmental Assessment for the proposed expansion.

#### **Detroit River International Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment Review, Windsor, Ontario (2008-Ongoing)**

Reviewed Natural Heritage background reports and Environmental Assessment documents on behalf of the Walpole Island First Nation ("WIFN") to determine if their interests and rights associated with traditional use of the area were appropriately addressed.

#### **Dissette Street Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Bradford-West Gwillimbury, Ontario (2008-2010)**

Reviewed Official Plan policies and Conservation Authority policies with respect to their impact on wetland, floodplain and woodlots being affected by the proposed road widening of 8<sup>th</sup> Line and Dissette Street, Bradford. Consulted with the Conservation Authority and proposed a compensation strategy to deal with features lost, partially or entirely during construction. Attended a Public Information Centre, summarized public comments associated with land acquisitions, encroachment into a natural area and increased traffic and noise.

#### **GO Transit Georgetown to Kitchener Rail Expansion Environmental Assessment, Ontario (2008-2009)**

Reviewed Official Plan policies for all municipalities along the proposed rail line route. Identified environmental and land use constraints in areas proposed for new GO transit train stations and layover sites.

### Policy Planning and Strategy Development

#### **Comprehensive Review and Overhaul of Barbados' Groundwater Protection Zoning Policy and System, Barbados (2007-Present)**

Reviewed zoning bylaws, land use restrictions and incentive programs designed to protect groundwater resources in four jurisdictions including the Regional Municipality of Waterloo; Miami-Dade County, Florida; the US Virgin Islands; and the State of Western Australia. Analyzed policies for their relevance and applicability to environmental, economic and social conditions in Barbados. Recommended policies, including legal and incentive-based instruments that could be used by Barbados to protect groundwater resources.

#### **Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation Development, London, Ontario (2005-2006)**

Assisted with the incorporation of *Ontario Regulation 97/04 – Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses* into Upper Thames River Conservation Authority policies and guidelines. Included preparation of a submission for approval of the regulation by the Province of Ontario, public information documents and public consultation



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materials.

**Review and Updates to Ontario's Low Water Response Program, Peterborough, Ontario (2002-2003)**

Coordinated and facilitated a workshop to evaluate the success and challenges associated with the first version of Ontario's Low Water Response Program. Updated the program document to reflect new policies and clarify protocols. Coordinated posting of the program changes on Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights Registry.

**Eco-Tourism and Park Planning Strategy, Cerro Blanco Protected Forest, Guayaquil, Ecuador (2001)**

Developed a park planning strategy to increase tourism potential for a 6000 ha protected forest while protecting significant natural features and rare species. Identified locations for a new trail systems, butterfly garden, aviary and tourist accommodations as well as areas requiring environmental protection, restoration and enhancement.



**Profession**

Aquatic Resource Specialist

**Education**

Terrain and Water Resources Technologist, Sir Sandford Fleming College, School of Natural Resources, 1996

**Certificates**

CISEC-Certified Inspector for Sediment and Erosion Control, Aug 2011

MNR/TRCA Ontario Stream Assessment Protocol (OSAP), June 2010.

OBBN-Ontario Benthos Biomonitoring Network Certification, June 2010

DFO, Ontario Freshwater Mussel Identification Course, 2007

MTO/DFO/MNR Fisheries Protocol, Fisheries Assessment Specialist, Fisheries Contract Specialist (RAQs Certified), 2006

MNR Class 1 Electrofishing Certification and Trainer, 2006

ROM, Ontario Freshwater Fishes Identification Course, 2005

**Professional Societies**

Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT)

**Employment Record**

Aquatic Resource Specialist, R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited (2007-Present)

Aquatic Resources Technologist, AMEC Earth and Environmental, Mississauga, Ontario (2003-2006)

Environmental Technologist, AMEC Earth and Environmental, Vancouver, British Columbia (1998-2003)

**Citizenship**

Canadian

**Languages**

English

**Christopher Pfohl, C.E.T.**

Christopher has a broad range of experience in Canada and internationally, with 13 years of professional experience in Aquatic Resources including environmental assessment, existing condition studies, habitat restoration, environmental monitoring and protection, determination of fish habitat, Species at Risk, hydrology, hydrogeology and contaminated sites. He has extensive knowledge of the *Fisheries Act*, as it pertains to the protection of fish and fish habitat. Christopher is responsible for obtaining permits from various government agencies, environmental impact assessment, environmental and construction monitoring, developing and conducting sampling programs for fisheries and aquatic habitat inventories, and the preparation of technical reports based on project requirements. He has coordinated and conducted numerous sampling programs for fish, amphibians, invertebrates and sediment, surface and ground water. He is responsible for liaison with government agencies, First Nations, large corporations, and stakeholders.

Christopher has undertaken projects for a wide range of clients throughout the energy, development, transportation and mining sectors in local and remote areas of Canada and overseas. This requires the development and coordination of extensive aquatic investigations and includes the management of logistics, field staff and sub-consultants, data analysis, report and proposal preparation.

Christopher is also a former member of the Canadian Fly Fishing Team (2007 to 2010) and has competed in numerous events across North America and internationally.

**Biological Resources**

**Coves ESA Master Plan and Rehabilitation of the East Pond, City of London, London, Ontario (2011-Ongoing)**

Mr. Pfohl was subcontracted by North South Environmental to provide aquatic support for development of the Coves ESA Master Plan located in an urban environment. He was responsible for background review, confirmation of existing conditions and input to rehabilitation of the Coves ponds and watercourses as it pertains to aquatic resources. A rehabilitation matrix was developed by Mr. Pfohl to determine the best options for improvements to the aquatic conditions in the Coves ponds and watercourses. A rehabilitation concept and plan has been provided for funding approval.

**Bronte Creek Rehabilitation and Natural Channel Design, Trout Unlimited, Lowville, Ontario (2011)**

Aquatic Resources Specialist responsible for natural channel design options and prescriptions for areas that have been impacted by erosion, heavy pedestrian use, and areas of channel widening. Christopher conducted spawning surveys for rainbow trout (steelhead) and Chinook salmon to determine critical habitat areas to be protected during construction. Habitat prescriptions included spawning areas, riffle sections, boulder clusters, large



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woody debris, pool creation, juvenile habitat and retrofit of existing riffle structures. He conducted swim-up counts for steelhead fry and determination of prescription success based on the contractor's rehabilitation works. Trout Unlimited has been overwhelmed with the positive feedback on the construction and design.

**Barrier Mitigation for Redside Dace, Don Head West, Town of Richmond Hill, Ontario (2011-Ongoing)**

Aquatic Resource Specialist responsible for collection of Endangered Species (Redside dace) based on the conditions of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) permit. Mr. Pfohl provided support during the application for the ESA permit along with the appropriate animal care protocols. He was required to salvage all aquatic life from a work area planned for barrier mitigation under the conditions set-out in the ESA permit. A "rocky ramp" was constructed to mitigate the impassable barrier for fish movement. A Scientific Collectors Report has been submitted to MNR on behalf of the client and the conditions of the ESA permit. Ongoing monitoring for habitat success is required during 2012.

**Siloam Pond Natural Channel Design, Mill Run Golf and Country Club, Uxbridge, Ontario (2010-Ongoing)**

Mr. Pfohl provided aquatic resource input into the final design of more than 350m of brook trout habitat in Uxbridge, Ontario. The Siloam Pond was taken off-line to reduce thermal impacts to a cold water fishery and provide a constant water source for the golf club. Christopher provided suitable habitat designs for large woody debris, riffle sections and over-wintering habitat in strategic locations along the channel and as part of the compensation required for the DFO Authorization. He was also responsible for obtaining the Scientific Collectors Permit from MNR, fish salvage, construction monitoring, and submission of fish collection records as part of the condition of the MNR permit. Mr. Pfohl will be monitoring the new channel for habitat use, substrate movement and naturalization of the riparian corridor as part of the permit conditions provided in the DFO Authorization.

**Colgan Well, Determination of Surface Water Impacts, Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, Colgan, Ontario (2011-Ongoing)**

Aquatic Resources Specialist responsible for determination of groundwater areas that may be impacted from a production well located in Colgan, Ontario. Groundwater upwelling and seepage areas were documented to determine potential impacts to receiving watercourses from groundwater extraction and potential effects to the fishery.

**Endangered Species Act Approval, King Street Reconstruction, Region of Peel, Bolton, Ontario (2011)**

Mr. Pfohl was responsible for acquiring approval from MNR for an outlet to Cold Creek, a tributary of the Humber River. Cold Creek is designated as potential Redside dace habitat and a Letter of Advice (LOA) was obtained from MNR for the construction works associated with an outlet structure to the watercourse. The LOA was provided by MNR based using approved Best Management Practices and Mitigation measures associated with the construction works.

**Erosion and Aquatic Assessment, Upper Rouge River and Beaver Creek, Town of Richmond Hill, Ontario (2010-2011)**

Aquatic Resources Specialist responsible for erosion and aquatic conditions assessment for 18km of the Upper Rouge River, and Beaver Creek, a tributary of the Rouge River, Richmond Hill. Required to identify areas of erosion that may cause impacts to municipal infrastructure, public and private land. Aquatic conditions were assessed in conjunction with erosion areas that may be improved during future works. Collected information was used to determine a level of potential hazard.

**GO Transit Class Environmental Assessment, Group B for the Proposed Rail Expansion from Toronto to Milton, GO Transit, Ontario (2011-Ongoing)**

Aquatic Resource Specialist responsible for coordinating existing conditions surveys for all watercourse crossings from Union west to Milton Station. Efforts included site visits to watercourses to document existing and critical fish habitat and determination for potential Fisheries Act Authorizations. Responsible for reporting information under the requirements for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Projects for the preparation of the Environmental Study Report (ESR).

**Environmental Monitoring, Richmond Hill Community Environmental Center, Region of Peel, Richmond Hill, Ontario (2010-2011)**

Environmental Monitor responsible for inspecting erosion and sediment controls required for the construction of the Richmond Hill Community Environmental Center. Receiving waters from the site connect to protect Redside dace habitat that is highly sensitive. Stringent monitoring was required during construction along with weekly reporting.

**Species at Risk Monitor, Water Treatment and Distribution System, Moose Deer Point First Nations Reserve, MacTier, Ontario (2009-2011)**

Species at Risk and Environmental monitor for construction of a water treatment and distribution system along the eastern shore of Georgian Bay. Protected Species at Risk include endangered and threatened turtles and snakes. Required to



facilitate and conduct Species at Risk training for First Nations and construction workers based on mandatory requirements from the Environment Canada, Species at Risk permit.

**GO Transit Class Environmental Assessment, Group B for the Proposed Rail Expansion from Hamilton to Niagara Falls, GO Transit, Ontario (2010)**

Aquatic Resource Specialist responsible for coordinating existing conditions surveys for all watercourse crossings in the Hamilton to Niagara region. Efforts included site visits to watercourses to document existing and critical fish habitat and determination for potential Fisheries Act Authorizations. Responsible for reporting information under the requirements for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Projects for the preparation of the Environmental Study Report (ESR).

**Erosion and Aquatic Assessment, German Mills Creek, Town of Richmond Hill, Ontario (2009-2010)**

Aquatic Resources Specialist responsible for erosion and aquatic conditions assessment for 10km of German Mills Creek, a tributary of the East Don River, Richmond Hill. Required to identify areas of erosion that may cause impacts to municipal infrastructure, public and private land. Aquatic conditions were assessed in conjunction with erosion areas that may be improved during future works. Collected information was used to determine a level of potential hazard.

**Stream Realignment, Upper Nottawasaga River, Township of Mono, Ontario (2009-2010)**

Project Coordinator responsible for stream realignment of 105 linear metres of coldwater habitat in the Upper Nottawasaga River watershed. Project required coordination of contractors, reporting to the Township of Mono and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and liaison with landowners. Realignment involved creation of suitable habitat for coldwater species (brook trout and migratory rainbow trout) including riffle structures, large woody debris placement, native substrate loading, vegetative mats for undercut and riparian plantings. Responsible for salvage efforts and compliance with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) authorization for the "Harmful alteration, disruption or destruction" (HADD) of fish habitat and future monitoring requirements.

**Ribb Dam Supplemental EA, World Bank, Ethiopia (2008-2009)**

Project Coordinator/Aquatic Resource Specialist on a World Bank funded project to undertake a series of studies to update the existing EA in compliance with World Bank guidelines. Assisted in the development of Habitat Suitability Curves for Physical Habitat Simulation (PHABSIM) model to determine potential impacts to habitat for African barb, Nile tilapia, and African catfish of the Ribb River. Studies focused primarily on aquatic and wetland baseline information, potential hydrological effects, and impacts and mitigation measures related to the construction of a large water supply dam.

**GO Transit Class Environmental Assessment, Group B for the Proposed Rail Expansion from Georgetown to Kitchener, GO Transit, Ontario (2008-2009)**

Aquatic Resource Specialist responsible for coordinating existing conditions surveys for over 50 watercourse crossings in the Credit Valley and Grand River watersheds. Efforts included site visits to watercourses to document existing and critical fish habitat and determination for potential Fisheries Act Authorizations. Responsible for reporting information under the requirements for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Projects for the preparation of the Environmental Study Report (ESR).

**Unexploded Ordnance Clearing, Species at Risk Biologist, XTEC, Former Camp Ipperwash, Ipperwash, Ontario (2007-2009)**

Biologist Team member responsible for adherence to the Environment Canada (EC) Species at Risk Permit required for vegetation clearing on the Former Camp Ipperwash, Military Training Center. EC issued a permit under the Species at Risk Act to protect threatened and endangered species known to exist on site based on previous observations during biological inventories required under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. Vegetation clearing was required to conduct electromagnetic (EM) surveys to determine unexploded ordnance locations. The Biologist Team was responsible for identification and avoidance of Federal and Provincial Species at Risk during site operations.

**Fixed Link Project CEAA Screening, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Sutton West, Ontario (2007-2008)**

Responsible for the preparation of an aquatic existing conditions report for the study area and made recommendations on a preferred alternative route based on potential effects to the aquatic environment. Information prepared was included in the Preliminary Evaluation of Engineering and Environmental Alternatives Study and CEAA Screening Report for the proposed Fixed Link. The proposed Fixed Link is to be a reliable all-weather transportation (vehicle and passenger) link from Georgina Island to the mainland.





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**Water Intake Repair, CEAA Screening, Six Nations, Ontario (2007-2008)**

Preparation of a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) for work within hazard lands to repair a communal water intake structure. The intake structure, which is built into the bank of the Grand River, is experiencing erosion around the sheet pile facing walls, as well as movement of the sheet pile walls. The repair must alleviate the sheet pile movement, and erosion around the structure.

**Natural Gas Pipeline Construction, Senior Environmental Monitor, Union Gas, Strathroy, Ontario (2007)**

Lead Environmental Monitor reporting to Union Gas for the construction of an 18km, 48" Natural Gas pipeline loop from Strathroy to Lobo Station. Responsible for all environmental aspects of the project including; protection of Cultural resource sites, fish and wildlife, sediment and erosion control, spill clean-up, and selection of discharge sites for dewatering applications. Also responsible for maintaining adherence to Water Take Permits (MOE), Protection of Fish and Fish Habitat (DFO), Flood/Fill Regulation for St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority (SCRCA), and the reporting requirements based on the conditions of each permit. A total of seven watercourse crossings were completed in the dry, following proper mitigation measures required for sediment and erosion control and fish and wildlife salvage. Also responsible for bank stabilization, riparian area planting, and pipeline cover project on the adjacent 28" pipeline, including associated meetings with DFO and SCRCA.

**Peer Review of MAQ Quarry Natural Environment Report, Township of Grey Highlands, Ontario (June 2008-Ongoing)**

Mr. Pfohl provided a peer review of aquatic existing conditions report to determine if potential impacts to aquatic life was determined and appropriately addressed. He provided a review of the field program for suitable sampling methods and determination of fish habitat. Significant environmental resources were present on, and adjacent to, the proposed below- water table quarry, including a provincially significant wetland, habitat of endangered species and other provincially-rare species. Proponents challenged the identification of Significant Wildlife Habitat and Significant Woodlands on the site. The proposal also created debate over the protection of environmental resources and whether the provision of a supply of aggregate material close to markets should take precedence. Proponents have yet to address outstanding comments.

**Fish Habitat Assessments, Road Crossings, Various Clients across Ontario (2007-Ongoing)**

Responsible for collecting and mapping fish habitat information for over 70 various road crossing and highway twinning projects in Ontario. Habitat Assessments (MTO Protocol 2006) were completed as part of the information requirements based on the Environmental Assessment Act. Information has been presented at Public Information Centers, in Environmental Study Reports and various Environmental Assessment documents for regulatory review.

**Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Schedule C for the Dissette Street Widening, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Ontario (2007-2010)**

Aquatic Resource Specialist responsible for coordinating the aquatic existing conditions survey to determine potential for fish habitat as defined under the Fisheries Act for future road widening. Consultation with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) to develop a program which included sampling of local watercourses, habitat mapping (MTO Protocol 2006) and background review for reporting EA requirements. Submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI) to LSRCA to provide watercourse improvements in conjunction with mitigation and monitoring efforts to avoid a HADD to fish habitat was facilitated.

**Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Brook Trout Spawning Surveys, Credit River, Orangeville Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion, Town of Orangeville, Ontario (2007-Ongoing)**

Aquatic Resources Specialist responsible for conducting Brook trout spawning surveys with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC) on the upper Credit River. Spawning Surveys were required to determine presence/absence of critical habitat for Brook trout in sections of the Credit River downstream from the Orangeville Waste Water Treatment Plant. Concerns from CVC on the proposed expansion of the plant triggered more intense investigations of the Credit River immediately downstream of the outfall.

**Various Wind Energy Projects, Amphibian Monitoring, Confidential Clients, Southern Ontario (2007-Ongoing)**

Responsible for developing and conducting Amphibian Monitoring programs for spring breeding surveys. Breeding surveys were developed based on the Marsh Monitoring program for Ontario. Survey results were reported for each study area and included in the Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment documents.

**Victor Diamond EIA/Baseline Study, Annual Fisheries Surveys, DeBeers Canada, Attawapiskat, Ontario (2004-2006)**

Field project manager responsible for baseline studies and annual fisheries surveys to quantify Whitefish and Brook trout abundance in potential groundwater drawdown areas for a proposed diamond mine in northern Ontario. Required to obtain



Fish and Wildlife Act "Scientific Collection Permits" and Public Lands Act "Work Permits" from Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to conduct annual surveys. Construction of a full span fish fence to determine fall migratory species and abundance in the Nayshkootayow River. Trained First Nations field staff to monitor water quality and fish abundance in potential groundwater drawdown areas. Obtained "Permit to Take Water" from MOE for waterway crossings and provided environmental monitoring during construction. Collection of tissue samples analyzed for the "Sportfish Eating Guide of Ontario" and future reference for Brook trout DNA. Collection of aging structures (otolith and scale) for Lake whitefish, Lake ciscoe and Brook trout. Initiated the first round of benthic collections and water sampling for the Environmental Effects Monitoring (EEM) program based on specific discharge locations. Information collected from baseline studies was included in the EIA and the Comprehensive Study Report for Government Agencies, Public, and First Nations review.

**Aquatic Baseline Study, Howell's River, Lab Mag Services, Schefferville, Quebec (2006)**

Field project manager responsible for baseline aquatic studies pertaining to the construction of an iron ore mine in northern Labrador. Responsible for locating last remaining stocks of *Ounaniche* (land locked Atlantic salmon) on the Howell's River system for a satellite based telemetry program. Conducted morphometrics, anaesthesia and surgical placement of transmitters in adult *Ounaniche*. Responsible for field crew logistics, aquatic data collection, health and safety in remote locations, and client liaison.

**Redhill Creek By-Pass, Environmental Monitor, UMA and Dufferin Construction, City of Hamilton, Ontario (2006)**

Environmental Monitor responsible for compliance to the Environmental Protection and Sediment and Erosion Control Plan related to highway construction works. Required to submit daily environmental monitoring reports to determine non-compliance issues related to contractor performance. Protection of significant habitat adjacent to project construction limits. MTO project number.

**Goreway Road Expansion, Fisheries Assessment, Brampton, Ontario (2006)**

Responsible for collecting field data for fish habitat assessments of approximately 7 water crossings along the proposed ROW using the new MTO/DFO/MNR protocol for future expansion of Goreway Road.

**Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act (LRIA), Permit Application for Dam Construction, Confidential Client, Uxbridge Township, Ontario (2006)**

Project coordinator responsible for the submission of a LRIA permit application to construct a dam on a tributary of Duffins creek. Required to coordinate and fulfill the information requirements set out in the LRIA guidelines for MNR permit applications.

**Hwy 410 Extension, Fisheries Assessment, Brampton, Ontario (2005)**

Responsible for conducting fish habitat assessments and fish inventories for a section of Etobicoke Creek for the Hwy 410 extension. The aquatic ecosystems inventory and assessment was carried out to meet the established criteria set forth by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), "*Environmental Reference for Highway Design*", November 2002 (ERD).

**Hwy 5 West of Hwy 6 and East of Hwy 8, Preliminary Design, Hamilton, Ontario (2005)**

Aquatic ecosystem and existing conditions assessment for watercourses along Hwy 5, West of Hwy 6 and East of Hwy 8. The aquatic ecosystems inventory and assessment was carried out to meet the established criteria set forth by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), "*Environmental Reference for Highway Design*", November 2002 (ERD).

**GO Transit Rail Line Expansion, URS Corporation, Hamilton to Burlington, Ontario (2005)**

Responsible for determining all waterway crossings and potential impacts to fish habitat associated with the expansion of an existing rail line from Hamilton to Burlington.

**Parry Sound Power Generation, Seguin River Water Management Plan, Fisheries Impacts Associated with Historical Dam Manipulation, Parry Sound, Ontario (2005)**

Responsible for determining potential fisheries habitat impacts for the Seguin River System based on historical information on dam manipulation provided by Parry Sound Power Generation.

**Environmental/Construction Monitoring, Montcalm Mine, Falcon Bridge, Timmins, Ontario (2005)**

Environmental monitor responsible for environmental and construction monitoring for the installation of a pipeline diffuser in the Groundhog river, Timmins, ON. Responsible for contractor supervision, fish and wildlife monitoring, water quality monitoring and the implementation of the Sediment and Erosion Control Plan.



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**Walleye Spawning Survey, Parry Sound Power Generation, Parry Sound, Ontario (2005)**

Responsible for enumeration of spawning Walleye (*Sander vitreus vitreus*) in the Seguin River downstream of the Parry Sound Power Generation, Hydroelectric Dam in Parry Sound. Information collected was presented to stakeholders and public interest groups in conjunction with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).

**Habitat Suitability for Walleye, Three Nations Lake, Pamour Mine Expansion Project, Porcupine Joint Venture, Timmins, Ontario (2004)**

Conducted an extensive literature review of Suitable Habitat for Walleye (*Sander vitreus vitreus*). The information was used to determine suitable habitat, substrate, depths, and spawning shoal design for a compensation plan for Three Nations Lake. The lake was dyked to provide access to subsurface gold deposits and a new section of the lake was flooded to provide a "no net loss" of fish habitat.

**Site Reconnaissance of the Pembina Pipeline Oil Spill, Pine River, District of Chetwynd, British Columbia (2000-2003)**

Field project manager responsible for coordinating and conducting the 2000-2002 site reconnaissance of the Pine River Oil Spill, the largest oil spill to a fresh water environment in North America which occurred on August 1, 2000. Responsible for coordinating and conducting a fingerprinting program with BC Research to determine the original source of hydrocarbons present in the Pine River. Accessed depositional areas along the river using a canoe, and video documented sampling locations for future legal evidence. Reviewed analytical data for report preparation and submission to regulatory agencies. Information regarding observations, sampling techniques, and analytical data were presented to the District council members, residents of Chetwynd, and Government Officials at public information sessions.

**Kokanee Stranding Assessment, BC Hydro, Duncan River, Nelson, British Columbia (2003)**

Field team member responsible for a Kokanee stranding assessment during a reduction in water flows at a BC Hydro generating dam on the Duncan River in Nelson, BC. Stranded fish were captured using electro-fishing methods for identification and enumeration. Data collected will be used to determine effects on fish during future flow reductions.

**Environmental Monitoring and Fish Salvage, Stanley Park Seawall Undermining Repair, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, Vancouver, British Columbia (2003)**

Environmental monitor required to inspect construction activities including shotcrete applications in a marine environment for the Stanley Park Seawall. Responsible for obtaining specific fish collection permits and approval of work permit extensions from the DFO on behalf of the client. Selected tidal pools were bailed and marine life collected and transported to the Burrard Inlet for release prior to the preparation of undermined locations. An environmental monitoring report including fish collection details was submitted to the DFO for review.

**Environmental Protection Plan, Stanley Park Seawall Undermining Repair, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, Vancouver, British Columbia (2003)**

Responsible for the preparation of an Environmental Protection Plan that was reviewed by DFO prior to gaining approval for the repair works along the Stanley Park Seawall.

**Environmental Monitoring, BC Hydro Substation Construction, Alltec Corporation, Langley, British Columbia (2003)**

Environmental monitor responsible for environmental and construction monitoring for a BC Hydro Substation adjacent to a Restrictive Covenant zone. Responsible for water quality testing and sampling, client liaison, and reporting any infractions to the provincial regulations. A final monitoring report was sent to the Ministry of Water Land and Air Protection, Habitat Protection Branch for final review.

**Fisheries Habitat Overview, Aurora South, Syncrude, Fort MacMurray, Alberta (2003)**

Responsible for conducting a reach break analysis for the Regional Study Area (RSA) selected for future Oil Sands mining in north-eastern Alberta. Potential fisheries and wildlife values have been determined and documented using background information and an aerial photography of the RSA. Information gathered was used for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for future development.

**Natural Gas Well Feasibility Study, Rosetta Exploration, Hudson's Hope, British Columbia (2002)**

Project manager and coordinator required to determine the feasibility of an exploration well for natural gas. Site investigations were conducted in a remote location in north-eastern BC to determine if previous occupants have impacted an area used for previous oil and gas exploration. Information collected was used to determine future impacts on the local ecology. Information



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presented to the client was reviewed by the Oil and Gas Commission prior to gaining permits for future exploration.

#### **Environmental Effects Monitoring, Equity Mine, Placer Dome, Houston, British Columbia (2002)**

Responsible for conducting and coordinating fieldwork and an Environmental Effects Monitoring (EEM) program for Silver mine in northern BC. A release of tailings effluent into the local watershed from previous spring runoff was investigated using biological indicators and water and sediment quality. Installation of periphyton blocks and invertebrate baskets used were used to monitor downstream conditions. A sediment-sampling program in a lake near the mine was also incorporated into the effects monitoring program to determine concentrations and toxicity to invertebrates from possible metals contamination.

#### **Environmental Protection Plan/Environmental Monitoring for a Culvert Removal and Habitat Restoration, Innovative Housing, Surrey, British Columbia (2002)**

Responsible for final submission of the Environmental Protection Plan to the Ministry of Water Land and Air Protection, Habitat Protection Section, for review and approval for "Working in and about a stream". Christopher was the on-site Environmental monitor for the construction work related to the removal of a culvert to daylight an existing creek and substrate placement to provide habitat restoration. Responsible for documenting construction activities, water quality monitoring, client liaison and final reporting required by Ministry of Water Land and Air Protection.

#### **2000 Follow-up Studies to the Stewart Creek Oil Spill, Confidential Client, Stewart Creek, British Columbia (2000)**

Responsible for conducting sediment and benthic invertebrate sampling program at seven sites in the fall of 2000, five years after a crude oil spill in the Stewart Creek watershed. The project involved comparisons of the hydrocarbon and benthic invertebrate data collected in 1995, 1997, and 2000.

#### **Fish Collection and Sediment Sampling, Translink, Richmond, British Columbia (2000)**

Conducted fish collection and sediment sampling to determine and compare Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) in fish tissue and sediment samples. Analytical results of the sediment were compared to the fish tissue and the consumption levels presented in the "Guide to Eating Sportfish, 2001", Ministry of Environment, Ontario.

#### **Biological Inventory**

Christopher has been certified by MNR/TRCA under the Ontario Stream Assessment Protocol (OSAP) with addition certification by the Ontario Benthos Biomonitoring Network (OBBN). He has completed the Ontario Fishes Identification Course presented by the Royal Ontario Museum, and is certified by MNR as a Class 1 Electrofishing Crew Leader and trainer. Christopher has been certified under the MTO/DFO/MNR Fisheries Protocol, Fisheries Assessment Specialist, Fisheries Contract Specialist presented by MTO/DFO/MNR in November 2006, and is RAQS certified by MTO. Christopher has completed the Ontario Freshwater Mussel Identification Workshop (DFO), the Marsh Monitoring protocol for Amphibian Breeding surveys and egg mass surveys for breeding salamanders (Species at Risk). He has conducted numerous aquatic inventories in Ontario, Labrador and British Columbia, in local watersheds to very remote areas in northern climates.

#### **Health and Safety**

Christopher has been a Health and Safety Committee member and employee representative for the last 6 years and has completed numerous Health and Safety Plans for a variety of projects.



**Profession**

Environmental Technologist

**Education**

Forestry Technician, Sir Sandford Fleming College, School of Natural Resources, 2000

Environmental Technologist, Sir Sandford Fleming College, School of Natural Resources, 2002

**Certificates**

Ecological Land Classification for Southern Ontario, 2011

Ontario Wetland Evaluation System, 2011

Butternut Health Assessor, 2010

MNR Class 2 Electrofishing Certification (Backpack Crew Leader), 2010

**Employment Record**

Environmental Technologist, R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited (2009-Present)

Environmental Technologist, AMEC Earth and Environmental, Mississauga, Ontario (2003-2009)

Environmental Specialist (Secondment), Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada, Cambridge, Ontario (2000-2003)

Forestry Technician, Grand River Conservation Authority, Cambridge, Ontario (1999-2002)

**Citizenship**

Canadian

**Languages**

English

**Dominique Evans**

Dominique Evans has been responsible for the collection, management and analysis of a broad range of environmental data associated with various project assignments. These projects have included infrastructure development in municipal, mining, industrial, power, transportation and municipal sectors as well as natural resource based studies. Undertakings have involved technical support with and application of: the Forest Ecosystems Classification (FEC) and Ecological Land Classification (ELC) as well as, air photo interpretation and, database management and maintenance. Ms. Evans has also been involved with the coordination of public awareness meetings, Rural Water Quality Programs and land owner liaison, forest inventory, planting survival census, and tree planting restoration programs

Dominique has been involved in various aspects of natural resource inventory over the past ten years. This has principally included the inventory of forest resources through the application of the Ecological Land Classification. Responsibilities included the air photo interpretation of vegetation units, the assessment of units including field identification of vegetation communities, stand delineation, field inventory records, database management, and mapping. She is also conversant with the Ecological Land Classification, providing support to senior ecologists in field inventory programs and management of resulting databases.

Ms. Evans has been involved in the critical aspects of database management. Her responsibilities have included the organization of field data, the creation of appropriate databases, management and maintenance of the databases and quality assurance/quality control. The database management has also involved the integration with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in order to efficiently apply the inventory data for assessment and graphic representation. Dominique is familiar with ArcView for such GIS applications.

**Environmental Assessment and Database Management / Geographic Information Systems**

**Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Schedule B) for Mono Sideroad #7 culvert replacement, Town of Mono, Orangeville, Ontario (Ongoing)**

Assisted with the completion of the environmental, and approvals and permitting processes associated with the design and construction of the Mono Sideroad #7 culvert replacement.

**Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Addendum (Schedule C) for County Road 90 Improvements, County of Simcoe, Midhurst, Ontario (2011-2012)**

Aided the Environmental Assessment co-coordinator with the preparation of the EA Addendum report. Ms. Evans completed the Ecological Land Classification for the proposed improvements.

**GO Transit Class Environmental Assessment, Group B for the Proposed Rail Expansion from Hamilton to Niagara Region, GO Transit, Ontario (2009-2011)**

EA Coordinator responsible for managing EA efforts including public consultation,



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inventories of the existing natural, social and economic environmental conditions within the study area, and studies by environmental sub consultants.

**Erosion and Aquatic Assessment, Upper Rouge River and Beaver Creek, Town of Richmond Hill, Ontario (2010-2011)**

Preparation of mapping of site and baseline study data using ArcView GIS. Involved in mapping various levels of watershed delineation, aquatic erosion areas and field survey data,

**Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Schedule B) for South Arterial Road, County of Dufferin, Ontario (2010-2011)**

Aided the Environmental Assessment co-coordinator with the preparation of the Project file Report (MEA 2000, as amended 2007) for the proposed extension of the South Arterial Road.

**Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Schedule B) for 27<sup>th</sup> Sideroad Structure, Town of Halton Hills, Ontario (2009-2011)**

Assisted the Environmental Assessment co-coordinator with the finalization of the Project File Report for the proposed improvements to the 27<sup>th</sup> Sideroad Structure.

**Master Servicing Plan, Town of Beeton, Ontario (2009-2011)**

Assisted the Project Manager in the completion of the Master Servicing Plan (MSP) for water, wastewater, transportation and storm water management.

**Master Servicing Study for Planned Service Area, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Ontario (2009-2011)**

Assisted the Project coordinator with the Bradford West Gwillimbury Master Servicing Study (MSS) for water distribution and sewage collection. Serviced lands will require appropriate connection to the Town's existing sanitary sewer and water supply system (the Town is considering the optimal design and location for these facilities).

**Walter Bean Trail and Pedestrian Footbridge Design and Approvals, City of Kitchener, Ontario (2009-2011)**

Assisted with the completion of the environmental, and approvals and permitting processes associated with the design and construction of the Walter Bean Trail and Pedestrian Footbridge over the Grand River in Kitchener. Facilitated and organized public consultation regarding the construction of the Project. Responsible for coordinating the agency consultation and completing the Public Information Centre Summary Report for the project.

**Erosion and Aquatic Assessment, German Mills Creek, Town of Richmond Hill, Ontario (2009-2010)**

Assisted the Aquatic Resources with the erosion and aquatic conditions assessment for 10km of German Mills Creek. Assisted in identifying areas of erosion that may cause impacts to municipal infrastructure, public and private land. Collected information was used to determine a level of potential hazard.

**GO Transit Class Environmental Assessment, Group B for the Proposed Rail Expansion from Georgetown to Kitchener, GO Transit, Ontario (2009-2010)**

Environmental Assessment Support - Assisted with the Public Information Centres (PIC), and finalization of reporting.

**Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Schedule B for the Creemore Sewage Treatment Plant Equalization Tank, Clearview Township, Ontario (2009-2010)**

Assisted the EA Coordinator, while being responsible for the public consultation program, communications with stakeholders, and coordination of sub-consultants.

**Victor Diamond EA/Baseline Study, DeBeers Canada, Attawapiskat, Ontario (2003-2009)**

Preparation of mapping of site and baseline study data using ArcView GIS. Utilized GIS for radio collared caribou tracking and monitoring. Involved with mapping of Important Bird Areas for the James Bay Region, muskeg monitoring well location mapping, noise monitoring mapping, site plan analysis and various levels of watershed delineation. Also provided support for environmental permits and approval applications with appropriate graphics.

**Young-Davidson Project, Northgate Minerals Corp., Matachewan, Ontario (2007-2009)**

Preparation of mapping of site and baseline study data using ArcView GIS. Involved in mapping various levels of watershed delineation, aquatic and terrestrial field survey data, and FEC classifications.



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**Hollinger Project, Porcupine Joint Venture (PJV), Timmins, Ontario (2007-2009)**

Preparation of mapping, using ArcView GIS, for the baseline study data. Includes mapping of vegetation units, bedrock outcrops, and potential waste rock storage sites.

**PJV Pamour Pit Expansion, Timmins, Ontario (2006-2009)**

Assisted in the transfer of data from vegetation field studies to graphic plans for the purpose of existing conditions reporting and environmental effects assessment.

**Detour Gold, Detour Lake Project, Northern Ontario (2007-2009)**

Preparation of graphics and delineation mapping of baseline study data using ArcView GIS. Involved with well location mapping, noise monitoring mapping, site plan analysis and various levels of watershed delineation. Also provided support for environmental permits and approval applications with appropriate graphics.

**PhosCan Chemical Corp., Martison Site, Hearst, Ontario (2008-2009)**

Preparation of site mapping and baseline study data using ArcView GIS. Involved in mapping various levels of watershed delineation, aquatic and terrestrial field survey data, and site plan analysis.

**Competitive Power Ventures Inc., Multiple Projects within Ontario (2006-2009)**

Assisted in the mapping of data from vegetation and aquatic field studies for the purpose of existing conditions reporting and environmental effects assessment. Ms. Evans also prepared all relevant materials for a number of public consultations and public notices.

**Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada, Cambridge, Ontario (2004-2009)**

Assisted with the collection and processing of data for the National Pollutant Release Inventory. This included the acquisition of the data, data entry, spreadsheet creation, linking data from Excel and Access and summarizing the final tabulations for entry into the official NPRI online database. This is the fifth year Ms. Evans has been involved with the NPRI process.

**Atomic Energy Canada Limited (AECL), Low Level Radio Active Waste Management Office Port Hope Area Initiative: Terrestrial Assessment Study, Port Hope and Port Granby, Ontario (2003-2006)**

Using aerial photography Ms. Evans assisted in the delineation of vegetation units for preliminary reporting and field program development. Once completed the data was summarized as per ELC methodology, transposed for GIS application and queried using ArcView Spatial Analyst.

Ms. Evans assisted in the preparation and execution of two terrestrial environmental baseline characterization studies and confirmatory vegetation unit mapping based on Ecological Land Classification data.

**Energy Projects and Renewable Energy Approvals (for Renewable Energy**

**Northland Power, Grand Bend Wind Farm, Grand Bend, Ontario (2011-Present)**

Using aerial photography, Ontario Base mapping and other publicly available data Ms. Evans assisted in the delineation of vegetation units for preliminary reporting and field program development. Once Ms. Evans completed the field observations, the data was summarized as per ELC methodology, transposed for GIS application and queried using ArcView Spatial Analyst.

**Festival Hydro Transformer Station Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities, Stratford, Ontario (2010-2011)**

Assisted in the preparation a Class EA for a new transformer station in the City of Stratford. Conducted all required public notifications and assessments potential impacts associated with noise, construction and operation of the facility.

## **LEAH E. LEFLER, B.Sc., M.E.S.**

### **PERSONAL DATA**

Citizenship: Canadian  
Language: English

### **EDUCATION**

B.Sc. Dalhousie University (2003). Bachelor of Science, Honours Biology.  
M.E.S. University of Waterloo (2006). Master of Environmental Studies.

### **CERTIFICATION**

Ecological Land Classification training (2008). Ministry of Natural Resources.  
Ontario Wetland Evaluation System training (2009). Ministry of Natural Resources.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Field Botanists of Ontario (member and volunteer)  
Global Restoration Network (member and volunteer)  
Guelph Field Naturalists (member)  
Waterloo Wellington Wildflower Society (member)

### **CAREER SUMMARY**

#### **North - South Environmental Inc. (January 2009-present) – Ecologist**

Responsible for project management, field studies, client liaison, evaluation of findings and preparation of final reports.

#### **Credit Valley Conservation (May 2007-December 2008) – Natural Heritage Technician**

Responsible for species of conservation concern ranking, field protocol development, natural heritage fieldwork, report writing and database queries.

#### **University of Guelph, Environmental Biology Department, Global Ecological Change Group (January 2007-May 2007) – Ecological Research Technician**

Responsible for data management and analysis, lichen identification and research related to responses in vegetation to ecological change.

#### **University of Waterloo (September 2004-April 2006) – Teaching Assistant**

Responsible for assisting in the delivery of numerous university courses, grading assignments, leading tutorials and holding office hours.

#### **City of Kitchener, Parks Operations, Forestry Section (January-April 2006) – Research Assistant**

Responsible for preparing an Urban Natural Area Management Plan, management templates and guidelines for the City of Kitchener.

#### **Parks Research Forum of Ontario, University of Waterloo (May-August 2005) – Editor and Administrative Assistant**

Responsible for coordinating and editing conference proceedings from Parks Research Forum of Ontario's 2005 Annual General Meeting.

#### **Dalhousie University, Canadian Environmental Literacy Project (May-August 2003) – Project Developer**

Responsible for developing an environmental literacy project, writing environmental education modules and compiling resources.

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### **Credit Valley Conservation Sub-watershed 19 NHS Study**

This study involved testing and refining a draft Natural Heritage System developed by CVC staff, and developing recommendations for implementation of the NHS. As the majority of the NHS falls within privately owned lands, much of the implementation will be through stewardship and outreach programs. The project tasks included collecting all existing mapped natural heritage data to confirm/refine NHS boundaries; reviewing existing municipal policies to determine the extent of the NHS currently recognized in protective designations; reviewing a range of existing stewardship programs to identify opportunities for implementation; identifying restoration and remediation opportunities to improve NHS function; extensive consultation with CVC staff; and identifying high priority areas in the NHS to target limited stewardship resources.

### **Credit River Parks Strategy**

NSE's role on this project focused on collecting and evaluating natural heritage data to determine sensitive and/or significant features within the Credit River valley in the City of Mississauga. A sensitivity map was produced that categorized all areas within the valley in one of three categories, each with different ecological sensitivities, and thus varying opportunities and constraints for use within a parks system. The sensitivity mapping will inform a Master Plan for the valley which is being developed by Schollen & Company Inc.

### **Fostering Collaboration in Sustainable Landscape Planning Discussion Paper**

This discussion paper, prepared for the Stewardship Network of Ontario, synthesized existing information on the topic of sustainable landscape planning with the view to improve collaboration and social-learning among stakeholder groups in the southern Ontario context. A number of different discussion topics were reviewed as they relate to sustainable landscape planning, such as the use of targets and thresholds in sustainable landscape planning, agriculture as part of the rural landscape, rural communities, stewardship approaches and planning considerations. Targets and thresholds literature was reviewed, as well as selected ecological and agricultural initiatives. Lastly, summarize of six case studies that highlight collaborative approaches to stewardship across southern Ontario were provided.

### **Stavebank Tree Survey and Restoration Strategy**

A tree inventory and hazard tree assessment was completed at a property in Mississauga in preparation for conveying a portion of natural area to the City. A scoped Environmental Impact Study (EIS) was completed for the property, which included an assessment of natural features on site. A detailed restoration strategy, including the removal of invasive species present on site as well as a list of recommended species for planting, was prepared. A tree preservation plan was also prepared to determine potential tree loss and preservation opportunities within the developable portion of the property. Impacts were reviewed and mitigation measures were recommended.

### **City of Toronto ESA and ANSI Updates**

These projects involved updating information pertaining to the Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) and Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) within the City of Toronto. Field tasks for this project included checking ESA and ANSI boundaries, searching for seepage areas and other significant wildlife habitat, significant species, as well as a general inventory of flora and fauna at each site. The Ecological Land Classification System was used to classify vegetation communities within each natural area.

## **LEAH E. LEFLER, B.Sc., M.E.S.**

### **Township of Wainfleet Official Plan Review**

This project is currently ongoing. NSE is a sub-consultant, working with Sorensen Gravely Lowes, Planning Associates to refine and update the Township of Wainfleet's Official Plan. For this project, we relied on existing information and limited field-truthing to identify natural heritage features in the Township. Background data were collected from Niagara Region, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, the local District MNR Office and the Natural Heritage Information Centre. This information was used to prepare an Issues and Opportunities report which will eventually be used to refine the Niagara Regional natural heritage system (NHS), develop a local NHS for the Township, and develop Official Plan policies to protect natural heritage features in conformity with Provincial and Regional policy documents.

### **Survey and Habitat Assessment of Branched *Bartonia* in The Massasauga Provincial Park**

Potentially suitable habitat for branched *Bartonia* (*Bartonia paniculata* ssp. *paniculata*) was initially identified and sites worth searching were prioritized using aerial photographs and a set of criteria. A total of 29 wetlands were identified as potential sites for branched *Bartonia* to be searched within the park. Fieldwork was completed within prioritized wetlands. Flora inventories, incidental wildlife observations and habitat assessment were completed. A report was prepared summarizing the findings of the fieldwork and recommendations were made for future search efforts.

### **Credit River Watershed Species of Conservation Concern Project**

This project provides an assessment of the local conservation status of the natural species found in the Credit River Watershed. Rarity rankings were assigned to the species found in the Credit River Watershed using various criteria. A ranking system and inventory method was developed for taxa groups inventoried on a regular basis (i.e., plants, birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles and fish). Protocols were developed for mapping and tracking species of conservation concern for the purposes of updating rarity ranks based on spatial and quantitative data and for maintaining a record of locations of rare species in the watershed. Species of Conservation Concern lists are updated on a continual basis based on information collected in the field to reflect continual changes in what is known about rare species in the area. The purpose of this project was to provide a local context to rare species protection and management.

### **Plant Ecology of Industrially-Damaged Forests**

Vegetation surveys were completed in the vicinity of decommissioned smokestacks in Sudbury, Ontario to determine the recovery rate of plant and lichen communities at varying distances from sources of air-borne pollution. Unknown lichen specimens were identified in a laboratory setting using taxonomic keys and required reagents. A large data set comprised of 5 years worth of data was organized for the purpose of statistical analysis and modeling ecological change. This work was part of an ongoing research program at the University of Guelph in the Global Ecological Change Research Group. Data continues to be collected and added to the analysis to determine long-term trends and changes in the response of vegetation to varying levels of disturbance.

## **LEAH E. LEFLER, B.Sc., M.E.S.**

### **Urban Natural Areas Management Plan for City of Kitchener**

Current issues in urban ecology, urban park management and urban park planning were reviewed to inform the development of an Urban Natural Areas Management Plan for the City of Kitchener. This work was completed in correspondence with the University of Waterloo and Forestry Section of Parks Operations at the City of Kitchener. Management templates and guidelines for specific classifications of urban natural areas were created to guide park planning and management decisions. The Urban Natural Areas Management Plan was summarized into a working document to guide the overall management of the City of Kitchener's urban natural areas.

### **Assessment of Forest Restoration Outcomes in the Region of Waterloo, Southern Ontario**

As part of a Masters research thesis, this project examined the progress of early-stage forest restoration projects within the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Southern Ontario to determine the variables that affect early successional trajectories and provide a method for evaluating the progress of early-stage forest restoration projects. The responses of (1) herbaceous vegetation; (2) regenerating woody vegetation; and (3) mature trees at 7 forest restoration sites were measured. Site location, restoration technique and restoration transect all appeared to significantly affect restoration progress for some structural metrics. Results showed that 4 out of 7 restoration sites were moving towards a predetermined restoration goal. The remaining 3 restoration sites may recover over time, but likely require additional restoration measures to achieve a desirable long-term outcome. Management recommendations were prepared for sites that showed poor signs of recovery.

### **Environmental Inspections**

Environmental Inspections are carried out on a number of residential development sites within the City of Guelph. These inspections are completed to ensure that the developments are complying with recommendations made in the environmental impact reports and to ensure that proper sediment erosion control measures are maintained. Reports are completed monthly and submitted to the City of Guelph for review.

## **Sal P. Spitale, B.Sc., M.E.S.**

### **PERSONAL DATA**

Citizenship: Canadian

Language: English

### **EDUCATION**

B.Sc., Honours, Biology. University of Western Ontario (2006). Bachelor of Science  
M.E.S., University of Waterloo (2011). Master of Environmental Studies.

### **CERTIFICATION**

Ecological Land Classification training (2009). Ministry of Natural Resources.

Ontario Wetland Evaluation System Training (2012). Ministry of Natural Resources.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Society for Ecological Restoration, Ontario Chapter (Chair)

Bruce Trail Conservancy (member and volunteer)

Field Botanists of Ontario (member)

### **CAREER SUMMARY**

#### **North - South Environmental Inc. (July 2010-present) – Ecologist**

Responsible for field studies, report writing, peer review, client liaison, data input and analysis, evaluation of findings and input into final reports.

#### **Ecological Consultant (September 2005-2010) – Ecologist**

Responsible for field studies, writing and implementing restoration plans, writing land stewardship reports, monitoring and implementing control measures for invasive species.

#### **University of Waterloo (September 2008-September 2009) – Teaching Assistant**

Responsible for assisting in the delivery of numerous university courses, grading assignments, leading tutorials and holding office hours.

#### **University of Western Ontario (May 2007-September 2007) – Field Technician**

Responsible for collecting lake water samples and determining gas efflux from soils in central Ontario.

#### **Bruce Trail Conservancy (April - September 2006) – Ecologist Intern**

Responsible for field studies, writing land stewardship reports, and assisting with writing a baseline data report for conifer plantation restoration on the Bruce Trail.

#### **Environment Canada, Centre for Inland Waters (October 2005 -March 2006) – Intern**

Responsible for coordinating the science writers conference and maintaining the Environment Canada, Centre for Inland Waters website.

A SHORT SELECTION OF PROJECT EXPERIENCE IS PROVIDED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

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### **Environmental Impact Studies**

Environmental impact studies (*e.g.* Environmental Impact Statements/Assessments) have been completed for several municipalities including the Municipality of Clarington, City of Guelph, City of Mississauga, City of St. Catharines, City of Hamilton, Township of Stone Mills, and the Town of Aurora. These studies were completed in order to evaluate the potential impact of proposed developments on natural features and their functions. Ecological Land Classification was completed and the features and ecological functions were described in order to report on possible impacts from proposed developments. Wildlife surveys (*e.g.* birds, amphibians, reptiles, mammals) were completed and significant wildlife habitat was assessed. Further, policies related to conservation authorities and provincial and municipal governments were reviewed and applied. Consultation with stakeholder groups was conducted in order to ensure all aspects of the natural environment and the development were considered.

### **Natural Heritage Evaluations**

Proposed developable lands were evaluated in order to assess the natural heritage features and the applicable policies restricting the development of the land within the Oak Ridges Moraine Planning Area. Environmental data was collected including vegetation from field inventories, ELC mapping, and surrounding land use in order to apply the specific policies from the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. These reports provided recommendations for minimizing impact and utilizing specific development practices that could retain surface water infiltration.

### **Peer Review of Environmental Reports**

A thorough review of environmental reports (*e.g.* environmental impact statements) submitted in support of development in the Alcona planning area was conducted. This review included field reconnaissance of natural areas in order to evaluate any deficiencies in data and reporting. Relevant environmental policies were screened at the provincial and municipal level to ensure conformity. On going consultation with the landowners, consultants, and the Town of Innisfil were required to produce a report highlighting candidate natural areas excluded from alteration and significant natural areas excluded from the developable lands.

### **Species at Risk and Significant Wildlife Surveys**

Species at Risk and significant wildlife surveys were conducted in the Township of Melancthon, and in the Grand Bend area in order to assess the impact of proposed windfarms on wildlife and their habitat. Breeding bird surveys were completed for grassland species at risk in addition to surveys of natural features in order to identify potential significant wildlife habitat (*e.g.* bat and snake hibernacula, wildlife concentration areas).

### **Ecological Land Classification**

Ecological Land Classification (ELC) of natural features has been completed for numerous projects. These surveys include recording all vegetation and mapping the communities within the specified study area, and assessing soils using the methods described in the Ontario Institute of Pedology (1985) soils manual.

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### **Amphibian Survey**

Evening amphibian surveys and egg mass surveys were conducted in the Township of Melancthon in order to assess the impact of a proposed windfarm. Roadside frog surveys were completed in the evening following the Marsh Monitoring Protocol. Egg mass surveys were completed in order to identify breeding habitat for frogs and salamanders

### **Rouge Park Trails Environmental Areas Sensitivity Analysis**

The Rouge Park was analyzed to determine areas potentially sensitive to disturbance. The analysis was based on a number of criteria including rare flora and fauna, area sensitive and ground-nesting bird species, interior forest habitat, and sensitive habitat features (e.g., wetlands). These criteria were used to identify highly and moderately sensitive areas that may inform trail types and usage in order to prevent negative impacts and preserve the ecological integrity of the natural areas. The final product was used to assist develop a master trail plan for the Rouge Park.

### **Natural Heritage Evaluation**

Proposed developable lands were evaluated in order to assess the natural heritage features and the applicable policies restricting the development of the land. Environmental data were collected including vegetation from field inventories, ELC mapping, and surrounding land use in order to apply the specific policies from the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. The report provided recommendations for minimizing impact and utilizing specific development practices that could retain surface water infiltration.

### **Land Stewardship Plans**

Land Stewardship reports were written for the Bruce Trail Conservancy through the Natural Spaces Land Acquisition and Stewardship program. This involved liaising with the Bruce Trail and volunteers about property management and trail issue, conducting seasonal site flora and fauna inventories, mapping features using GIS software, and producing a report to be used by the land stewards and the Bruce trail for property management.

### **Simcoe County Red Pine Plantation Ecological Study**

Red pine plantations were examined in Simcoe County. The investigation included identifying vegetation, measuring understory tree recruitment and growth, measuring light penetration, and collecting soil samples for nutrient, chemical, and biological analysis. The results from the investigation can be used by forest managers to make more informed decisions about forest health and diversity.

### **Huron Natural Area Conifer Plantation Understory Plant Inventory**

The understory vegetation was examined in the Huron Natural Area in Kitchener, Ontario. The methods included examining the vegetation in evenly spaced quadrats located along transects through the conifer plantations in the natural area. The results of the survey are to be used by the City ecologist in order to improve the ecological integrity of the plantations and identify the locations of invasive species.

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### **Environmental Inspections**

Environmental Inspections are carried out on a number of residential development sites within the City of Guelph and Town of Aurora. These inspections are completed to ensure that the developments are complying with recommendations made in the environmental impact reports and to ensure that proper sediment erosion control measures are maintained. Reports are completed monthly and submitted to the Municipality for review and to ensure conformity with development conditions.

### **Tree Inventory**

Tree surveys have been completed as a component of several environmental studies including Environmental Impacts Statements and Environmental Assessments. These surveys include identifying trees in the study area, assessing their health and condition, and marking their location for mapping purposes. The locations of trees are assessed with respect to development proposals and impacts from development activities are reported and discussed.

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**EDUCATION**

M.Sc., Zoology, University of Guelph, 1982  
B.Sc., Honours Biology, Acadia University, 1978

**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Society for Conservation Biology  
Society of Wetlands Scientists  
Ontario Field Ornithologists  
Federation of Ontario Naturalists  
Bird Studies Canada  
Field Botanists of Ontario (Past President)

**CAREER SUMMARY**

**North - South Environmental Inc. (2000 to present) – Senior Ecologist**

Responsible for project management and completion including proposal writing, client liaison, project supervision, field studies, data analysis, evaluation of findings and production of final reports.

**University of Toronto: John H. Daniels School of Architecture, Landscape and Design (2010) -  
Sessional Lecturer**

Integrated Ecological Studies, Master of Landscape Architecture program

**Gore and Storrie Limited /CH2MHill Limited. (1990 to 2000) - Environmental Scientist**

Biologist providing consulting services for a complete range of environmental projects, particularly Class Environmental Assessment projects.

**The Landplan Collaborative Ltd. (1988 to 1992) - Environmental Biologist**

Conducted environmental studies and provided input into landscape planning and design projects.

**University of Guelph, Ontario Veterinary College (1983-1988) - Research Technician, Research Assistant**

Primarily responsible for laboratory studies of stress and hormone synthesis in pigs, in live cultures and *in situ*.

**University of Guelph Master's Thesis Research (1980-1982)**

Conducted research in physiology of egg-laying and incubation, comparing fat and protein use in urban and non-urban subspecies of Canada Geese.

**Canadian Crossroads International (May-December 1979) - Volunteer Service**

Volunteered as a cultural exchange student in Lochinvar National Park, Zambia, Central Africa, re-designing educational materials and assisting with scientific projects on parasite loads in ungulates.

**Canadian Wildlife Service and Acadia University (1977-1979) - Field Assistant and Honours Thesis**

Seasonal field assistant on a variety of projects: banding shorebirds on the James Bay coast, Ontario; studying behaviour of great blue herons in the Bay of Fundy; studying behaviour of wintering bald eagles in the Gaspereau Valley of Nova Scotia; banding and recording white-throated sparrow songs to study effects of spruce budworm spraying along the Miramichi River, New Brunswick.



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### **Additional Training**

- 5-Day southern Ontario Ecological Land Classification Training Course, Ministry of Natural Resources and Gartner-Lee Limited, May 13-17, 2002
- The Ontario 5-Day Wetland Evaluation System Training Course (combined northern and southern courses), Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, 1996
- OSHA 40-Hour Hazardous Site Worker training, DAS Environmental, Waterloo, Ontario, 2000.
- Short course on phytoremediation technology, CH2MHill Limited, 1999.
- Training seminar for Ecological Land Classification protocol, Ministry of Natural Resources, Guelph, Ontario; 1998
- Training session for the use of Natural Heritage Training Manual (and other manuals) in developing Impact Assessment and otherwise implementing the Provincial Policy Statement, 1997
- The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Training Session, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, 1995
- Training workshop on the Revised Class Environmental Assessment, Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy, 1993
- Taxonomy of Seed Plants, University of Guelph, 1990

### **Representative Projects**

#### *Species at Risk*

- Field researcher, project manager and report author for a project mapping significant habitat for Eastern Massasauga (rattlesnake) and other reptile Species at Risk in O'Donnell Point Provincial Nature Reserve, Ontario.
- Field researcher, project manager and report co-author for designing and implementing a monitoring program for Branched Bartonia (a flora Species at Risk) at O'Donnell Point Provincial Nature Reserve, Ontario.
- Senior biologist identifying Species at Risk, and providing supervision and reporting of biological constraints, during surveys for unexploded ordnance at Ipperwash Former Army Base, Ontario.
- Field researcher, report author and project manager for a study identifying significant plant communities and Species at Risk on Middle Island, part of Point Pelee-Middle Island National Park in Lake Erie. GPS locations of flora Species at Risk were obtained by a team of botanists, and detailed mapping was produced showing each species' distribution.
- Researcher and principal report author for a study of impacts on plant Species at Risk related to white-tailed deer in Point Pelee National Park, Ontario.
- Researcher and principal report author for a literature review following COSEWIC format of the status and distribution of the West Virginia White butterfly (*Pieris virginiensis*), formerly considered an endangered species, in Ontario. The recommendation to downlist this species, to a status of Special Concern, was adopted by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.
- Field biologist and principal report author for a two-year field study to confirm the downlisted status of the West Virginia White butterfly, formerly considered an endangered species, in Ontario.
- Researcher and principal report author for a review of methods to control deer populations that were threatening Species at Risk at Point Pelee National Park of Canada, Ontario.

#### *Evaluation of Significant Vegetation and Wildlife Habitat*

- Project manager, field researcher and report author for review of candidate and existing Environmentally Significant Areas, Provincially Significant Wetlands and Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest in the City of Toronto, Ontario.
- Project manager, field researcher and report author for a Significant Species/ Significant Habitat audit in support of silvicultural activities, Skunks Misery Forest Tracts, Middlesex, Ontario

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- Task manager and field researcher for projects evaluating potential significant wildlife habitat and habitat for Species at Risk at proposed wind and solar power sites in Ontario.
- Task manager, field researcher and report author for a project providing Natural Heritage System mapping, delineation of core habitat and a Comprehensive Environmental Impact Study, in the 80 km<sup>2</sup> Alder and Upper Strasburg Creek watersheds, Region of Waterloo.
- Project manager, field researcher and report author responsible for classification, mapping and discussion of significant species, vegetation classification, mapping of habitat for significant wildlife and plant species and management recommendations for the Limehouse Conservation Area in Halton Region.
- Field researcher and report co-author for studies of significant plant and wildlife communities (according to ELC protocols), delineation of habitat for significant species and trail management in Hungry Hollow, near Georgetown, Region of Halton.
- Field researcher, report author and project manager for a study documenting wildlife and vegetation features (using ELC protocols) at the Mississauga Garden-Park site on the Credit River in Mississauga.
- Field biologist, report author and project manager for a study of wildlife and habitat in the Credit Valley, for the City of Mississauga. The study entailed extensive wildlife inventories throughout the valley and use of indicator species to map priority wildlife habitats for protection.
- Field biologist (botany and wildlife) and principal report author for an Environmental Impact Summary of the Victoria Road residential development in Guelph, Ontario.
- Biologist responsible for plant community classification, botany and wildlife inventories of a wide area proposed for residential development in Holland Landing, Ontario. Tasks included assessment of opportunities and constraints, delineation of significant features and assistance with public consultation.
- Wildlife biologist, botanist and principal report author for botanical and faunal inventory and vegetation classification and mapping of a 10-km<sup>2</sup> area of riparian woodlands, wetlands and agricultural land proposed for residential development near Bolton, Ontario. Floristic quality analysis was used to compare vegetation quality in areas along Cold Creek and in isolated wetlands west of Cold Creek, in the area of the Oak Ridges Moraine. Also included was determination of the use of ephemeral pools on agricultural land by pond-spawning frogs and recommendations for conservation.
- Biologist and report co-author for wildlife inventories of natural areas and development of priorities to conserve important natural features for the Town of Richmond Hill's natural areas inventory in the North Urban Area.
- Biologist for wildlife inventories of natural areas within the Sawmill Creek watershed in the Region of Ottawa-Carleton and developing a master drainage plan aimed at conserving important natural features.
- Field biologist and report co-author for an inventory and analysis of wildlife populations for the Markham Natural Features Study and development of priorities for the conservation of important natural features.
- Field biologist and report co-author for a detailed breeding bird inventory using modified point counts to determine numbers and densities of breeding birds and the potential effects of a condominium development proposing to recreate habitat for wildlife in Victoria Point, Orillia.
- Field biologist and report co-author for a detailed breeding bird inventory and evaluation of runway and development options for the Lester B. Pearson International Airport Redevelopment.
- Field biologist and report co-author for faunal and botanical inventories and discussion of significant features associated with a development adjacent to a variety of watercourses and wetland features. Locations have included Kingston, Kitchener, Brantford, Peterborough, and Belleville.

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- Co-author on studies for all-bird conservation plans for Canadian Wildlife Service of Environment Canada: including evaluation of threats to priority bird species in the Hudson Bay Lowlands and Lower Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Plain regions, preparation of threat reports for these regions, preparation of Conservation Framework report for the Hudson Bay Lowlands region.
- Co-author of a study on the threats to the Métis Way of life in the Hudson Bay Lowlands.
- Co-author of a literature study on the state of the environment of the Great Slave Lake aquatic ecosystem. The report assessed a diverse range of topics related to both the aquatic ecosystem and the land-water interface of Great Slave Lake.
- Author of a review of the benefits of upland buffers to tidal marshes on the Delaware River in New Jersey and Delaware. Topics reviewed included the function of various types and widths of buffers for attenuation of excess nutrients, storage of flood waters, provision of adjunct habitat for marsh species, provision of corridors and improvement of natural cover in the landscape, and provision of habitat for terrestrial species.
- Biologist for collecting and summarizing information on natural features, fisheries, and benthic invertebrates for creeks in the City of Mississauga, as part of a stormwater quality control study.

### *Ontario Provincial Park Evaluation of Life Science Features*

- Project manager, field team leader and report author for a detailed life science inventory of Lower Madawaska River Provincial Park, Ontario.
- Project manager, field team leader and principal author for a study of the Grand River and Whiteman's Creek Candidate ANSI in Brant County, Ontario. Comprehensive inventories of flora and fauna were conducted to obtain information that could be compared to the criteria used for ANSI designation. Provincially significant species and Species at Risk were located with a GPS receiver and mapped. Prairie and savannah indicators were also mapped.
- Project manager, field team leader and principal author for Life Science Inventory of Wasaga Beach Provincial Park. The park was evaluated in terms of representation, condition, diversity, ecological functions and special features. Provincially significant plant communities and species were identified and mapped throughout the park. Recommendations promoted active management of these disturbance-dependent communities with fire.
- Project manager, field team leader, biologist and principal author for life science inventories of the Killarney Signature Site, recently proposed in Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy. Over 60,000 ha of wetland, forest and rock barren were initially scoped with the aid of aerial photographs, and then over 170 sample inventories were conducted in order to determine representation and significance of wetlands, forests and rock barrens. Findings and recommendations from this report will be used as the initial step in park management planning.
- Field team leader and principal report author for Life Science Evaluation of the Lingham Lake, Mount Moriah and Elzevir Peatland Conservation Reserves and intervening lands near Madoc, Ontario, proposed for Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy. Over 100 inventories were conducted in polygons throughout the three areas.
- Project manager, field team leader, biologist and principal author for life science inventories of the Algoma Headwaters and Spanish River Signature Sites, two protected areas recently proposed in Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy. Over 150 sample inventories were conducted in 110,000 ha of wetland, forest and rock barren to determine significant features, in order to evaluate representation and recommend protection.
- Wildlife biologist and principal report author for a study identifying and summarizing life science features in the Nipigon Basin, determining their significance and representation and principal stressors, and recommending further studies.
- Wildlife biologist and report co-author for a reconnaissance life and earth science inventory of the Nipigon River, which involved wildlife surveys and the assessment of important habitat.

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- Researcher and principal report author for a study of impacts of white-tailed deer on rare plants, specialty crop farming and vehicle collisions, and recommendations for control of deer, at the Pinery Provincial Park, Ontario.

### *Contaminated Site Assessment*

- Field biologist and report author for botanical and wildlife inventories and mapping of communities around an abandoned gold mine and arsenic treatment plant owned by the Ministry of the Environment in Deloro, Ontario, as part of planning for remediation at the site. Floristic quality analysis was used to compare plant communities affected by mine tailings or leachate with uncontaminated areas, and to provide a baseline for future monitoring and restoration following remediation. Sarah provided expert witness testimony at a provincial court case involving site remediation, which contributed to a decision in favour of the Ministry of the Environment.
- Biologist for botanical and wildlife inventory of a contaminated site in Ohio; responsible for determining potential pathways for contaminants to enter significant natural systems.
- Report writer, editor and reviewer for a series of quarterly and final monitoring reports on the movement and characterization of contaminated groundwater at three plasticiser plants in Ontario and Quebec.

### *Evaluation of Mine Sites*

- Field researcher, team leader and report author for a baseline inventory of flora and fauna in the vicinity of the Victor Mine Site in the James Bay Lowlands, Ontario.
- Field researcher, team leader and report author for an evaluation of vegetation and wildlife for the powerline expansion from Kapuskasing to Hearst, Ontario, in support of the Environmental Assessment for the Victor Mine Site in the James Bay Lowlands.
- Field researcher, team leader and report author for an evaluation of vegetation and wildlife for the expansion of the Northgate Mine Site in Matachewan, Ontario
- Principal field researcher for an evaluation of vegetation and wildlife for an expansion of the Black Fox Mine Site in Matheson, Ontario

### *Sewer and Water Class Environmental Assessment Projects*

- Task manager, field biologist and report author for evaluation of natural features and significance of habitat for breeding waterfowl and passerines at a sewage lagoon in Muskoka District, for a class EA evaluating alternatives for improved sewage treatment. The site is renowned throughout Ontario for its value for bird watching, and the report included recommendations for ways to mitigate loss of sewage lagoon area.
- Botanist and wildlife biologist for the Devil's Creek Enhancement and Restoration Study. A route for a sanitary trunk sewer was proposed through a Provincially Significant Wetland, as there were no feasible alternatives. Initial inventories of the mosaic of fen, marsh, swamp, and woodland west of Cambridge included determining their foundations in groundwater discharge and surface water patterns. Floristic quality analysis was used to compare vegetation quality in wetlands of different origin. These analyses were used to develop a comprehensive plan for the conservation and restoration of vegetation and wildlife along the route. Impacts of sewer construction were evaluated, and recommendations for mitigation of impacts, construction supervision, restoration and post-construction monitoring of restoration conducted after installation was complete.
- Wildlife biologist, botanist and report co-author for three years of inventory and evaluation of impacts from residential and sanitary sewer route development that potentially affected a Provincially Significant Wetland and Environmentally Sensitive Area in Ajax, Ontario. Responsibilities included determining impacts from alternative sewer construction techniques (directional drilling and open cut) and alternative routes through the wetland.

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- Biologist and planner for an evaluation of alternatives for improving drinking water quality for residents of the village of Freelon, Ontario. Residents opted to build a water tower to provide safe drinking water and increased flow for fire control, instead of relying on private wells.
- Biologist responsible for evaluating environmental impacts related to alternatives for installation of a forcemain route (including directional drilling and open cut) near Sudbury, Ontario.
- Biologist responsible for evaluating alternatives for providing sewage treatment to residents of Azilda, Ontario.
- Biologist and report co-author assisting in assessing impacts and writing an environmental study report for the pipeline crossing of the Rideau River, Gloucester.
- Biologist for a study of the environmental setting of four sewage treatment plants, including the Main Treatment Plant, as part of an Environmental Assessment of treatment options for the City of Toronto.

### *Wetland Evaluation and Delineation*

- Review of Provincially Significant Wetlands (including review of criteria and verification of sites) in the City of Toronto.
- Botanist, Wildlife biologist, report co-author and project manager for two years of wetland evaluations (using Ministry of Natural Resources protocols), including comprehensive baseline wildlife, fisheries, and botanical inventories of nine wetlands and intervening uplands, in radioisotope-contaminated terrain at the Atomic Energy of Canada Limited Chalk River property. Findings included a Provincially Significant Wetland and several provincially significant upland plant species. Findings were used as the basis for ecological risk assessment by AECL.
- Botanist, wildlife biologist and report author for wetland evaluations (using Ministry of Natural Resources protocols) and Natural Heritage Ecosystem mapping and planning within the Upper Strasburg Creek watershed in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Ontario.
- Biologist for delineation of wetlands within a pipeline easement using U.S. Army Corps of Engineers protocols along a 300 mile pipeline route through northern Ohio and Pennsylvania.

### *Road Impact Assessment*

- Conducted an evaluation of vegetation and habitat features in the area of a proposed intersection improvement in Holland Landing, Simcoe County.
- Assisted in evaluating a highway re-route in central Illinois. Tasks included botanical inventories of both floodplains and uplands, floristic quality analysis and identification of state-listed Illinois Sand Prairie plant communities.
- Field biologist and principal report author for an impact assessment of a highway re-route near Detroit, Michigan.
- Responsible for developing a habitat matrix for Ontario wetland birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals and a set of scoring criteria for determining their vulnerability to road construction, for the Ministry of Transportation.

### *Impacts of Trail Development*

- Field biologist, report author and task manager for evaluation of several alternate routes along the Thames River in London, Ontario, to determine suitability as a recreational trail, based on floristic quality analysis of various plant communities and wildlife habitat value.

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### *Restoration*

- Field biologist and report co-author responsible for pre-construction inventories, restoration, and post-construction evaluation of restored vegetation quality (using FQI) and wildlife along a restored constructed sanitary sewer route through a provincially significant wetland and Environmentally Significant Area in Cambridge, Ontario.
- Biologist assisting in developing appropriate lists of native restoration materials for wetlands and uplands in Cambridge, Shelburne, and Ottawa, Ontario.
- Author for sections of two manuals of restoration guidelines for the Waterfront Regeneration Trust.

### *Ecological Evaluation of Solid Waste Sites*

- Conducted an evaluation of the vegetation in an area of proposed expansion for the Barrie Landfill.
- Botanist, wildlife biologist, principal report author and project manager for environmental studies of a municipal solid waste facility on Manitoulin Island. Constraints included wetlands and regionally significant wildlife. Studies conducted by other team members included noise and dust and visual analyses.
- Biologist for botanical and wildlife inventories in the vicinity of landfills or proposed landfill sites in Huron County, Welland, and Brockville. These studies included evaluation and recommendations for mitigation of impacts from proposed developments on surrounding ecological features, including provincially significant wetlands and plant species.
- Biologist for wildlife inventories for a proposed solid waste management area, which included an incinerator. Surveys included detection of amphibians and breeding birds and live-trapping snakes and mammals for Enviromax and the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk.

### *Natural Treatment Technology*

- Biologist responsible for ecological assessment of alternatives, including constructed wetlands, for providing stormwater treatment for flows on the west side of High Park, Toronto.
- Botanist and wildlife biologist for assessment of potential impacts to provincially significant vegetation from a proposed treatment wetland on Spring Creek in High Park, Toronto.
- Biologist for a project to develop a set of guidelines for evaluating significant features and functions in natural areas proposed for constructed treatment wetlands in Alberta. The guidelines were in the form of questionnaires that suggested habitat functions and values for both vegetation and wildlife to be evaluated before proceeding with treatment wetland construction. Extensive appendices included an annotated bibliography of government documents relating to wetlands and habitat, lists of significant plant and animal species and communities, and a table identifying potential direct and indirect impacts to natural features from effluent.
- Biologist for evaluation of potential impacts to a marl wetland in Peter Lougheed Provincial Park in Alberta from a proposed sewage outlet.
- Botanist and wildlife biologist for assessment of potential impacts to the Provincially Significant Presqu'île Wetland Complex from a proposed treatment wetland in Brighton, Ontario.
- Biologist and modeller assessing the feasibility of installing, and then implementing, poplar plantations for reducing infiltration (and consequent leachate production) on closed landfills in Muskoka and Simcoe.
- Biologist responsible for selection of appropriate plant material for dewatering and stabilization of lime sludge at ICI Canada, Sarnia, Ontario. A list of native calciphiles was prepared to help predict whether there were native plants that could thrive in the highly alkaline conditions of the sludge. Other options examined were hybrid poplar and other fast-growing, adaptable non-native species.

### *Nuisance Wildlife Evaluation*

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## **SARAH K. MAINGUY B.Sc. M.Sc.**

- Biologist for an evaluation of the Essex Stormwater Pond, a newly constructed stormwater retention facility/wildlife habitat area, for its potential to attract large numbers of waterfowl and gulls, which could become a hazard to the Windsor Airport. The report included recommendations for plantings that would reduce the use of the wetlands by gulls and geese.
- Biologist responsible for advising on methods to deter waterfowl and gulls from proposed stormwater treatment wetlands at Pearson International Airport.
- Biologist responsible for conducting inventories of species and number of gulls at a proposed landfill site expansion in Welland. Analysis included the evaluation of the potential for the expanded landfill to attract greater numbers of gulls, which could become a hazard at the Welland Airport.

### *Ecological Risk Assessment*

- Researcher, field biologist and principal report author for an ecological risk assessment of a PAH-contaminated property in Guelph, Ontario.
- Biologist responsible for review of risk assessment of an arsenic-contaminated wetland in Minden, Ontario.
- Researcher, field biologist and principal report author for an ecological risk assessment of a lead- and PAH- contaminated property in Ottawa, Ontario.
- Researcher, field biologist and principal report author for an ecological risk assessment of a TPH-contaminated property on the Industrial Lands on the Toronto, Ontario waterfront.
- Researcher, field biologist and principal report author for an ecological risk assessment of the potential effects of smoke on adjacent Environmentally Sensitive Areas from a fire-training facility proposed in Waterloo, Ontario.
- Field biologist, researcher and report co-author responsible for screening the potential for ecological risk associated with radionuclide-contaminated groundwater at Pickering Nuclear Generating Station.
- Researcher, field biologist, principal report author and project manager for a study of valued ecosystem components in the vicinity of Gentilly-2 Nuclear Generating Station, Quebec and Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station, New Brunswick.
- Biologist responsible for evaluating risk to vegetation and wildlife from contaminated groundwater near Brantford.

### **Selected Publications and Presentations**

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V.G. Thomas, Sarah Mainguy and P. Prevett. "Predicting Fat Content of Lesser Snow and Canada Geese from Abdominal Fat Depot Weights." *Journal of Wildlife Management*. 47(1983):1115-1119.

*Comparison of Body Reserve Build-up and Use in Several Groups of Canada Geese*. Guelph, Ontario. M.Sc. Thesis, University of Guelph Press. 1982.

Sarah Mainguy and V.G. Thomas. Pre-breeding fat and protein reserves in northern- and southern-nesting Canada Geese. Presented at 43rd Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, Wichita, Kansas, USA. 1981.

Sarah Mainguy and V.G. Thomas. Pre-breeding fat reserves of two races of Canada Geese. Presented at the Canadian Society for Zoologists 20th Annual Meeting, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario. 1981.



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## **SARAH E. PIETT, B.Sc.(Env)**

### **PERSONAL DATA**

Citizenship: Canadian  
Language: English

### **EDUCATION**

B.Sc.(Env) University of Guelph (2006). Bachelor of Environmental Science, Honours.

### **CERTIFICATION**

Ecological Land Classification certification (2004). Ministry of Natural Resources.  
Ontario Wetland Evaluation Training Course (2007). Ministry of Natural Resources.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Field Botanists of Ontario (member and former Newsletter Editor)

### **CAREER SUMMARY**

#### **North - South Environmental Inc. (2006 to present) - Ecologist**

Responsible for field studies, client liaison, data input and analysis, evaluation of findings and input into final reports.

#### **Natural Resource Solutions Inc. (September 2006) – Terrestrial Biologist**

Responsible for vegetation inventories, bat monitoring, raptor surveys, fall migration surveys, and bat mortality surveys.

#### **The Nature Conservancy of Canada (May-August 2005 and 2006) – Shell Conservation Intern, Summer Field Technician**

Primarily responsible for field studies, natural area stewardship, and the preparation of management plans. Involved in the management of volunteers during special events and stewardship activities. Implementing stewardship and restoration initiatives, as outlined in the management plan for the property. Aided in the completion of breeding bird surveys.

#### **Hamilton Conservation Authority (May-August 2004) – Ecological Land Classification Technician, Crew Leader**

Responsible for completing Ecological Land Classifications within the City of Hamilton. Organized and lead a team of technicians to perform this task. This position mainly involved inventorying the flora and fauna located in natural areas within the City of Hamilton municipal boundaries. This process required thorough flora and fauna identification skills, aerial photograph interpretation, as well as orientation, organization, and leadership skills.

#### **Hamilton Conservation Authority (May-August 2003) - Ecological Land Classification Technician**

Primarily responsible for completing Ecological Land Classifications within the City of Hamilton.

A SHORT SELECTION OF PROJECT EXPERIENCE IS PROVIDED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

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**Madawaska Provincial Park Life Science Inventory 2007**

The major tasks in providing a life science inventory in Madawaska Provincial Park were to provide an understanding of the habitat (landform/vegetation associations) represented in the protected area as well as the associated wildlife. During the field phase, an assessment of the overall character of the landform/vegetation associations was completed using the central Ontario Forest Ecosystem Classification (FEC) system. The southern Ontario Ecological Land Classification System was used for wetlands, rock barrens etc. where the FEC did not apply. Wildlife was inventoried wherever possible. Evening surveys to detect owls and other nocturnal wildlife were completed. Breeding evidence was collected for birds and amphibians according to vocalization and behaviour, using protocols recommended by Bird Studies Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Service Marsh Monitoring Program. Dragonflies and butterflies were identified whenever feasible. Small mammal traps were set out in various habitats in the evening and checked the following morning. After the field work was completed, vegetation communities and significant features were mapped using the aerial photography of the park. A database was created to manage the information collected. Stemming from these findings an analysis (and recommendations) for the best methods for management of these areas.

**O'Donnell Point Provincial Nature Reserve Reptile Survey 2007**

The purpose of this study was to identify significant habitat for reptile species at risk in O'Donnell Point Provincial Park, with a focus on Massasauga (*Sistrurus catenatus*). Before going into the field background research was completed to determine the most appropriate habitat for Massasaugas as well as other reptiles and amphibians. Following that, aerial photographs of the Park were used to map out potential habitat. The field component of the project was completed in two phases: one in August to search for appropriate snake gestation habitat and another visit in September to search for hibernaculum. After the field visits data was entered into a database, significant habitat was mapped, movement corridors were identified, and management implications were discussed in the report.

**Oak Ridges Moraine Conformity 2007**

A tree survey was completed to determine the effects of additional structures being added to a residential property located on the Oak Ridges Moraine. The development was thoroughly examined to ensure conformity with the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. Recommendations were made to decrease the amount of trees lost and mitigate negative impacts on the surrounding natural environment.

**Environmental Inspections - Ongoing**

Environmental Inspections are carried out on a number of residential development sites within the City of Guelph. These inspections are completed to ensure that the developments are complying with recommendations made in the environmental impact reports and to ensure that proper sediment erosion control measures are maintained. Reports are completed monthly and submitted to the City of Guelph for review.

**Toronto ESA and PSW Updates 2007**

This project involved updating information pertaining to the Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) and the Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSW) within the City of Toronto. Field tasks for this project included checking wetland boundaries, searching for seepage areas and significant species, as well as a general inventory of flora and fauna at each site. As well, the wetlands were evaluated according to the Wetland Evaluation System for Southern Ontario to determine the overall score for the wetland communities.

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**Sault Ste. Marie Wind Turbine Monitoring 2006**

Sarah has been involved in a variety of monitoring efforts to determine the effects or potential effects of wind turbine farms. This survey consisted of walking transects on the graded turbine pad and the surrounding forest, as required to reach the set radius from the base of the turbine. This radius was determined as the distance to which mortalities can be found around a turbine, as established through reviewing current literature on the subject. A trained dog was also used to search for bird and bat mortalities under the turbines. Searcher efficiency tests were performed to determine the probability of a technician locating a dead bird or bat within the specified search area. In addition, scavenger surveys were performed to determine the rate of predation on dead birds and bats under the turbines. Both the searcher efficiency test and the scavenger surveys were performed to determine the likelihood of finding mortalities, and the likelihood of mortalities being available to be found, respectively such that accuracy of results could be determined.

**Manitoulin Island Wind Turbine Environmental Impact Assessment 2006**

This purpose of this project was to determine the potential impacts of developing a wind turbine farm on a property on Manitoulin Island. Raptor surveys were performed in the Fall. During these raptor surveys, incidental bird observations were also recorded. In addition, radar and acoustic bat surveys were performed in the evening to monitor bat movement in the area.

**Nichol Drain Sub-watershed Study 2006**

This study involved inventorying natural areas within the Nichol Drain Sub-watershed. The flora and fauna were inventoried within the woodlots. Soil samples were taken and analyzed in the field to determine the soil structure and composition of each community. The communities were each classified according to the Ecological Land Classification system for Southern Ontario. Other notes pertaining to disturbance and anthropogenic effects were also noted in the field. A database was created and the data was analyzed to determine the quality of the flora and fauna identified in each community type. Recommendations were made pertaining to the maintenance, significance, or improvement of the natural areas.

**Northern Bruce Peninsula Natural Area Management Plan – Davis Property 2006.**

This study involved an inventory of a natural area to identify significant and sensitive features on a property owned by the Nature Conservancy of Canada. This information was used to identify conservation targets and threats, develop management recommendations that included permitted uses and environmental restoration priorities. This project included a public participation component where the public was involved in the stewardship of the property.

**Northern Bruce Peninsula Natural Area Management Plan – Corisande Bay Property 2006**

This study involved an inventory of a natural area to identify significant and sensitive features on a property owned by the Nature Conservancy of Canada. This information was used to identify conservation targets and threats, develop management recommendations that included permitted uses and environmental restoration priorities.

**City of Hamilton Natural Area Study 2003-2004.**

This project consisted primarily of classifying natural areas within the City of Hamilton using Ecological Land Classification methods. In addition, landowner contact and relations were an important component to this task.