Appendix D Natural Environment

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BACKGROUND REVIEW

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1.0 PROJECT STUDY AREA

The Project Study Area is comprised of two rectangular areas of land. The first section is oriented approximately north to south, and surrounds 6th Concession Road, between Cabana Road East to the north and North Talbot Road to the south. The second section is oriented approximately east to west, and surrounds North Talbot Road between Howard Avenue to the west and Highway 401 to the east. The boundaries of the Project Study Area Setback extend approximately 120 m from the edges of the 6th Concession Road and North Talbot Road. *Figure 1* provides a map of the Project Study Area and its surrounding boundaries.

2.0 INFORMATION SOURCES

Several sources formed the basis of this background review, to establish the possible presence of natural features, Species at Risk (SAR), Species of Conservation Concern (SOCC), and Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH), as well as potential land use restrictions, on or immediately adjacent to the Project Study Area. These sources are listed in *Table 1* below.

RECORD SOURCE		RECORDS REVIEWED				
ONTARIO MINISTRY (OF NATURAL RESOURCES	(MNR)				
District Office: Aylmer	^	Contact: Kathryn Markham, Species at Risk Biologist				
Date of Request:	Date of Data Receipt:					
November 19, 2013	Pending	Records relating to natural features and flora and fauna SAR.				
Manuals and Guidelin	es	 Natural Heritage Reference Manual, Second Edition, 2010 Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide, Appendices and Ecoregion Criteria Schedules Rare Vascular Plants of Ontario, Fourth Edition, 2009 				
Land Information		Interactive Online Mapping Tool				
requested/accessed N	lovember, 2013	Warehouse Data				
Natural Heritage Infor online data accessed 1 km squares: 17LG37 17LG60, 17LG68, 17LG	, 17LG58, 17LG59,	 Biodiversity Explorer; Rare species Rare plant communities Natural areas Invasive species Wildlife Concentration Areas Ontario Herptetofaunal Summary Atlas; and Ontario Odonata Atlas. 				
MNR Species at Risk in accessed November, 2		Accessed to determine status of wildlife species as Species of Conservation Concern or Species at Risk				
FEDERAL GOVERNME	NT					
Species at Risk Public November, 2013	Registry, accessed	Accessed to determine status of wildlife species as a Species of Conservation Concern or a Species at Risk				
COSEWIC, accessed N	ovember, 2013	Accessed to determine status of wildlife species as Species of Conservation Concern, Species at Risk, or priority candidate				

Table 1: Records and Resources Searched and Analyzed





RECORD SOURCE		RECORDS REVIEWED				
		species for COSWEIC review				
Fisheries and Oceans C	Canada (DFO)	Maps of the distribution of Fish and Mussel Species at Risk within				
		the Essex Region Conservation Authority watershed				
CONSERVATION AUTH						
Essex Region Conserva	tion Authority	Contact: Dan Lebedyk, Conservation Biologist				
Date of Request:	Date of Receipt:	Records relating to natural features and both wildlife and				
November 19, 2013	November 21, 2013	aquatic SAR.				
Manuals and data		 Essex Region Biodiversity Conservation Strategy; County of Essex Online GIS Database; Map of the Sub-watershed Boundaries of the ERCA; and Environmentally Significant Areas of the Essex Region. 				
MUNICIPALITY						
City of Windsor		Official Plan, Volume I, Schedule A				
Township of Sandwich	South	Official Plan, Schedule A-2				
OTHER RESOURCES						
Ontario Breeding Birds		Species occurrence records for OBBA square 17LG37 in Region				
data accessed Novemb		#1 Essex				
Soil Survey of Essex Co the Ontario Soil Survey	5	Soil Survey Map of Essex County				





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3.0 LAND USE AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT DESIGNATIONS

The Project Study Area is located entirely within the City of Windsor. According to the City's Official Plan, Schedule A, the majority of the Project Study Area is located within the Roseland planning district (*Appendix A*). The portion of the Project Study Area located north of the Canadian National Railway rail line running parallel to and southwest of Provincial Road is located within the Devonshire planning district (*Appendix A*). A small portion of the 120 m Project Study Area Setback falls within the Town of Tecumseh - Township of Sandwhich South - Oldcatsle Hamlet and Baseline Road Hamlet Urban Area. According to Schedule A-2 of the Township of Sandwich Official Plan, the land use within this area has been designated as Business Park (*Appendix A*). The Project Study Area does not contain lands that are part of the Ontario Greenbelt Plan Area, the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area, or any other provincial plan area.

Lands within the Project Study Area and associated setback fall within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Aylmer Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) District, as well as the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA).

4.0 NATURAL FEATURES

Based on review and analyses of the records and resources listed in *Table 1*, the presence of natural features is documented below, with determinations regarding natural features of relevance to the Project Study Area.

4.1 PROVINCIAL PARKS AND CONSERVATION AREAS

A search and analysis of the records and resources outlined in *Table 1* identified no provincial parks within the Project Study Area. A single Conservation Area, the Devonwood Conservation Area, administered by the ERCA, is located within 120 metres of the Project Study Area, north of Division Road. As a result, the Devonwood Conservation Area is subject to this background review.

Devonwood Conservation Area

The Devonwood Conservation Area is a 44 ha forest. The dominant soil series of the Devonwood Conservation Area is the Brookston Clay Ioam, with poor natural drainage. Dominant tree species include Red and White Ash, White Elm, Red, Pin and Bur Oak, Shagbark Hickory and Silver Maple. Parts of the woodlot are managed for forestry by the ERCA. A picnic area and nature trails throughout the Devonwood Conservation Area's interior provide recreational opportunities for the public. The Devonwood Conservation Area is home to eight oak species; White Oak (*Quercus alba*), Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*), Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*), Chinquapin Oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*), Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*), Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*), Shumard Oak (*Quercus shumardii*) and Black Oak (*Quercus velutina*). The Devonwood Conservation Area is home to one SAR, Kentucky Coffee-tree (*Gymnocladus dioicus*) listed as *Threatened* within Ontario, and 12 SOCC (provincial S-Rank of S1 to S3). Refer to *Table 2* and *Section 5.9* for a complete list of SAR and SOCC.

4.2 ANSI, LIFE SCIENCE

A search and analysis of the records and resources outlined in *Table 1* identified no Life Science ANSI within the Project Study Area. However, the Devonwood Conservation Area located within the Project





Study Area Setback, is classified by the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) as a Life Science ANSI.

4.3 ANSI, EARTH SCIENCE

A search and analysis of the records and resources outlined in *Table 1* identified no Earth Science ANSI in close proximity to the Project Study Area.

4.4 VALLEYLANDS

A search and analysis of the records and resources outlined in *Table 1* identified no valleylands in close proximity to the Project Study Area.

4.5 WETLANDS

A search and analysis of the records and resources outlined in *Table 1* identified no wetlands within the Project Study Area.

4.6 WOODLANDS

A search and analysis of the records and resources outlined in *Table 1* identified a single woodland associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area, within 120 metres of the Project Study Area.

4.7 ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT AREAS

A search and analysis of the records and resources outlined in *Table 1* identified a single Environmentally Significant Area (ESA), the Devonwood Conservation Area, within 120 metres of the Project Study Area (*Figure 1*).

Devonwood Conservation Area

The Devonwood Conservation Area is considered an ESA as a result of its significant presence of eight Oak species.

4.8 WATERCOURSES AND WATERCOURSE CROSSINGS

The Project Study Area is located within two sub-watershed catchment areas of the ERCA watershed catchment area. The portion of the Project Study Area located to the east of 6th Concession Road and northeast of Dougall Parkway is within the Little River sub-watershed. The portion of the Project Study Area located west of 6th Concession Road and southwest of Dougall Parkway is within the Turkey Creek sub-watershed.

A search and analysis of the records and resources outlined in *Table 1* identified no watercourses or watercourse crossings within the Project Study Area.





4.9 SOILS AND SURROUNDING LANDSCAPE

The dominant soil series in the northeast portion of the Project Study Area, along 6th Concession Road is the Brookston Clay Loam series. This soil is characterized by dark clay loam over mottled, blue-grey gritty clay loam, with few stones. Topography is generally level, and natural drainage is generally poor (Richard *et al*, 1949).

The dominant soil series in the southwest portion of the Project Study Area, along North Talbot Road is the Brookston Clay Sand Spot Phase. It is characterized by mixed areas of shallow sand knolls less the one metre over clay intermixed with Brookston Clay and Brookston Clay Loam. Topography is generally level, and natural drainage is generally poor (Richard *et al*, 1949).

5.0 WILDLIFE SPECIES DIVERSITY

From review of secondary source databases and wildlife atlases outlined in *Table 1*, various plant and animal species were identified as potentially occurring in or in close proximity to the Project Study Area. These species are discussed below and are outlined in *Appendix B*. The applicability of these species will be determined during field studies.

5.1 PLANTS

From review of the NHIC database and information received from the MNR, 52 plant species were identified as potentially occurring within or adjacent to the Project Study Area. Of these 52 species, seven are listed as SAR (listed as *Endangered* and/or *Threatened* both within Ontario and nationally) and 41 are listed as SOCC (provincial S-Rank of S1 to S3) (*Table 2* and *Appendix B*). The species identified in *Table 2* are further discussed in *Section 5.9*.

5.2 BIRDS

From review of records in the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (OBBA) (Cadman et al., 2005; OBBA Mapping Square 17LG37), no avian species were identified as potentially occurring in the areas within or adjacent to the Project Study Area during migratory or breeding seasons. From review of records in the NHIC database, no avian SAR (*Endangered* and/or *Threatened* within Ontario), or SOCC (provincial S-Rank of S1 to S3) were identified as potentially occurring in the areas within or adjacent to the Project Study Area.

5.3 MAMMALS

From review of the NHIC database and the Ontario Mammals Atlas, 15 mammalian species have the potential to occur in the Project Study Area (*Appendix B*).

All mammal species that have the potential to occur in the Project Study Area are considered Secure (provincial S-Rank of S5) or Apparently Secure (provincial S-Rank of S4) in Ontario. Of the 15 species with the potential to occur in the Project Study Area, none are considered SAR (*Endangered* and/or *Threatened* within Ontario), and/or SOCC.





5.4 HERPETOZOA

From review of the Ontario Herpetofaunal Atlas (Oldham and Weller, 2000), the Ontario Nature Atlas, and the NHIC database, nine herpetozoa (reptile and amphibian) species have occurrence records within or near the Project Study Area (*Appendix B*).

The majority of the herpetozoa species that have the potential to occur in the Project Study Area are considered Secure (provincial S-Rank of S5) or Apparently Secure (provincial S-Rank of S4) in Ontario. Of the nine species, three are listed as SAR (*Endangered* and/or *Threatened* both within Ontario and Nationally), while none are considered SOCC (*Table 2*). The species identified in *Table 2* are further discussed in *Section 5.9*.

5.5 Odonata

The Ontario Odonata Atlas (2005) and the MNR NHIC database were reviewed to determine the potential for odonata (dragonflies and damselflies) to occur in the Project Study Area (*Appendix B*). A total of 25 species had occurrence records within or near the Project Study Area.

The majority of the Odonata species that have the potential to occur in the Project Study Area are considered Secure (provincial S-Rank of S5) or Apparently Secure (provincial S-Rank of S4) in Ontario. Of the 25 species, none are listed as SAR, while three are SOCC (provincial S-Rank of S1 to S3) (Table 2). The species identified in *Table 2* are further discussed in Section 5.9.

5.6 AQUATIC SPECIES

From review of the records and resources listed in *Table 1*, no aquatic species were found to occur within the Project Study Area. Review of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) maps of the distribution of fish and SAR mussels within the ERCA watershed identified no species and/or critical habitat for aquatic species within the Project Study Area.

Scientific Name	Common Name	SARA	ESA 2007	SRank	Information Source
Plants					
Castanea dentata	American Chestnut	END	END	S3	MNR
Gentiana alba	White Prairie Gentian	END	END	S1	NHIC
Gymnocladus dioicus	Kentucky Coffee-tree	THR	THR	S2	ERCA
Liatris spicata	Dense Blazing Star	THR	THR	S3	MNR
Lipocarpha micrantha	Small-flowered	END	THR	S2	NHIC
	Lipocarpha				
Plantago cordata	Heart-leaved Plantain	END	END	S1	NHIC
Symphyotrichum praealtum	Willowleaf Aster	THR	THR	S2	MNR
Allium cernuum	Nodding Onion			S2	NHIC
Arisaema dracontium	Green Dragon	SC	SC	S3	NHIC

Table 2: SAR (listed as *Endangered* and/or *Threatened* in Ontario) and SOCC (provincial S-Rank of S1 to S3) with the Potential to Occur in the Project Study Area





Scientific Name	Common Name	SARA	ESA 2007	SRank	Information Source
Asclepias sullivantii	Prairie Milkweed			S3	NHIC
Asclepias viridiflora	Green Cornet Milkweed			S2	NHIC
Asterocampa celtis	Hackberry Emperor			S2	NHIC
Bidens trichosperma	Crowned Beggarticks			S2	NHIC
Campsis radicans	Trumpet Creeper			S2?	NHIC
Carex frankii	Frank's Sedge			S2	NHIC
Carex gracilescens	Slender Wood Sedge			S3	ERCA
Carex gravida	Heavy Sedge			S1	NHIC
Carex muskingumensis	Swamp Sedge			S3	NHIC
Carex squarrosa	Narrow-leaved Cattail Sedge			S2	NHIC
Carya laciniosa	Shellbark Hickory			S3	NHIC
Coreopsis tripteris	Tall Tickseed			S2	NHIC
Cuscuta campestris	Field Dodder			S2	NHIC
Cystopteris protrusa	Lowland Brittle Fern			S2	NHIC
Desmodium canescens	Hoary Tick-trefoil			S2	NHIC
Dichanthelium	Commons' Panicgrass			S1	NHIC
commonsianum					
Euonymus atropurpureus	Burning Bush			S3	NHIC
Euphorbia spathulata	Blunt-leaved Spurge			S1	NHIC
Heuchera americana	American Alumroot			S2	NHIC
Iris lacustris	Dwarf Lake Iris	SC	SC	S3	NHIC
Linum virginianum	Woodland Flax			S2	NHIC
Lycopus rubellus	Taper-leaved Bugleweed			S3	NHIC
Mertensia virginica	Virginia Lungwort			S3	NHIC
Nuphar advena	Large Yellow Pond-lily			S3	NHIC
Oenothera gaura	Biennial Gaura			S3	NHIC
Oxypolis rigidior	Stiff Cowbane			S2	NHIC
Phyla lanceolata	Northern Fogfruit			S2	NHIC
Quercus palustris	Pin Oak			S3	ERCA
Quercus shumardii	Shumard Oak	SC	SC	S3	NHIC
Rosa setigera	Climbing Prairie Rose	SC	SC	S3	ERCA
Silphium perfoliatum	Cup Plant			S2	NHIC
Silphium terebinthinaceum	Prairie Rosinweed			S1	NHIC
Smilax ecirrhata	Upright Carrion Flower			S3	ERCA
Smilax illinoensis	Illinois Carrion Flower			S2	ERCA





Scientific Name	Common Name	SARA	ESA 2007	SRank	Information Source
Solidago rigida spp. rigida	Still-leaved Goldenrod			S3	ERCA
Spergularia salina	Saltmarsh Sand-			S1	NHIC
	spurrey				
Verbesina alternifolia	Wingstem			S3	NHIC
Vernonia gigantean	Ironweed			S3	ERCA
Viola striata	Striped Cream Violet			S3	NHIC
Herpetazoa					
Elaphe gloydi	Eastern Fox Snake				OHA
	(Carolinian Population)	END	END	S2	
Sistrurus catenatus	Eastern Massasauga	THR	THR	S3	OHA
Thamnophis butleri	Butler's Gartersnake	THR	THR	S2	OHA
Odonata					
Argia tibialis	Blue-tipped Dancer			S3	OOA
Macromia taeniolata	Royal River Cruiser			S1	OOA
Stylurus notatus	Elusive Clubtail			S2	OOA

*Information sources include: NHIC = Natural Heritage Information Centre; MNR = Ministry of Natural Resources; OHA = Ontario Herptofaunal Atlas; OOA = Ontario Odonata Atlas; ERCA = Essex Region Conservation Authority; --- denotes no information or not applicable.

5.7 SIGNIFICANT WILDLIFE HABITAT

A review of wildlife habitat in the Project Study Area was completed using readily available secondary source information. Based on this information, existing records of wildlife habitat and applicable species potentially occurring within the Project Study Area are discussed in the sections below. Other potential candidate wildlife habitat related to this Ecoregion will be reviewed during field studies. The wildlife habitat that has been identified within and/or adjacent to the Project Study Area (i.e., within 1 km) is discussed below and displayed on *Figure 1*, where applicable.

Seasonal Concentration Areas

A search and analysis of the records and resources outlined in *Table 1* did not identify any Seasonal Concentration Areas within or in close proximity to the Project Study Area.

Rare Vegetation Communities

A search and analysis of the records and resources outlined in *Table 1* did not identify any Rare Vegetation Communities within or in close proximity to the Project Study Area.

Specialised Wildlife Habitat

A search and analysis of the records and resources outlined in *Table 1* did not identify any Specialized Wildlife Habitat within or in close proximity to the Project Study Area.





Habitat of Species of Conservation Concern

A search and analysis of the records and resources outlined in Table 1 identified several SOCC (provincial S-Rank of S1 to S3) with the potential to occur in the Project Study Area. These species are further discussed in Section 5.9 and outlined in detail with respect to their status in Appendix B. Many of the SOCC with the potential to occur within the Project Study Area are associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area, located within the 120 metre Project Study Area Setback.

Animal Movement Corridors

A search and analysis of the records and resources outlined in Table 1 did not identify any Animal Movement Corridors in or in close proximity to the Project Study Area.

5.8 **FISH HABITAT**

A search and analysis of the records and resources outlined in *Table 1* did not identify any fish habitat within or in close proximity to the Project Study Area.

5.9 SPECIES AT RISK AND SPECIES OF CONSERVATION CONCERN

In Ontario, the Endangered Species Act (ESA), 2007 was developed to protect wildlife species in the province. The ESA provides two types of habitat protection: "general" and "regulated". When a species is newly listed as Endangered or Threatened on the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) list, its habitat is also protected under the ESA. Further, effective June 30, 2013, an additional 65 species in Ontario now receive general habitat protection. These species previously only had species protection and a permit was typically not required through abiding by timing windows. Development within this protected habitat may now require a permit.

The area of habitat protected is based on a general habitat definition found in the Act. The definition of general habitat applies to areas that a species currently depends on. This protection remains in place until a species-specific habitat regulation is created. When a species is added to the SARO list, the process of identifying species-specific (or regulated) habitat begins. A habitat regulation provides greater certainty of what is meant by a species habitat. It may describe features of the area or geographic boundaries. The description may include areas where the species is found, has been found in the past, as well as areas that may be important to a species' recovery. A species-specific habitat regulation is the legal description of a species habitat. Once a species-specific habitat regulation is created, it replaces the general habitat described above.

The evaluation of the Project Study Area for suitability as habitat for SAR and SOCC is discussed in Table 3. Information provided within this table relating to existing conditions within the Project Study Area will be refined as information is collected during field studies. The final determination of species relevant to the Project Study Area will be completed in consultation with the MNR and the ERCA.





Table 3: SAR (listed as *Endangered* and/or *Threatened in Ontario*) and SOCC (provincial S-Rank of S1 to S3) with Potential to be observed within the Project Study Area Based on their Habitat Requirements.

Scientific Name	Common Name	SARA Status	ESA 2007 Status	S-Rank	Information Source	Habitat Requirement	Potential Habitat in the Project Study Area and/or 120 m Setback (Yes/No)	Rationale
Plants								
Species at Risk						1	1	
Castanea dentata	American Chestnut	END	END	S3	MNR	Dry upland deciduous forests with sandy soils.	No	This species has not been observed within the Devonwood Conservation Area.
Gentiana alba	White Prairie Gentian	END	END	S1	NHIC	Dry to mesic oak savannah on silty- loam soil.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Gymnocladus dioicus	Kentucky Coffee-tree	THR	THR	S2	ERCA	Floodplains, edges of marshes and shallow soil over limestone.	Yes	This species has been identified within the Devonwood Conservation Area.
Liatris spicata	Dense Blazing Star	THR	THR	\$3	MNR	Moist prairies, grassland savannahs, wet areas between sand dunes, and abandoned fields.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Lipocarpha micrantha	Small-flowered Lipocarpha	END	THR	S2	NHIC	Moist sandy shores.	No	Required habitat not within the Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Plantago cordata	Heart-leaved	END	END	S1	NHIC	Moist woods,	Yes	The habitat associated with

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Scientific Name	Common Name Plantain	SARA Status	ESA 2007 Status	S-Rank	Information Source	Habitat Requirement streams, swamps	Potential Habitat in the Project Study Area and/or 120 m Setback (Yes/No)	Rationale the Devonwood Conservation
						and wet ditches.		Area may support this species.
Symphyotrichum praealtum	Willowleaf Aster	THR	THR	S2	MNR	Openings of oak savannahs, railways, roadsides and abandoned farm fields.	Yes	This species has the potential to be observed along the 6 th Concession road right-of-way (RoW).
Species of Conservation	on Concern							
Allium cernuum	Nodding Onion			S2	NHIC	Dry woods, rocky banks and prairies.	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area may support this species.
Arisaema dracontium	Green Dragon	SC	SC	S3	NHIC	Wet bottomlands along rivers and creeks.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Asclepias sullivantii	Prairie Milkweed			S3	NHIC	Wet meadows and prairies, and adventive along roadsides.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Asclepias viridiflora	Green Cornet Milkweed			S2	NHIC	Open sandy woods and sand dunes, savannah and alvar.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Asterocampa celtis	Hackberry			S2	NHIC	Deciduous woods	Yes	The habitat associated with





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	Emperor					with hostplant, Hackberry (<i>Celtis</i>)		the Devonwood Conservation Area may support this species.
Bidens trichosperma	Crowned Beggarticks			S2	NHIC	Sun; wet; swamps, marshes, along shores, wet fields.	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area may support this species.
Campsis radicans	Trumpet Creeper			S2?	NHIC	Open, deciduous woods and hedgerows.	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation may support this species.
Carex frankii	Frank's Sedge			S2	NHIC	Moist habitats.	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area may support this species.
Carex gracilescens	Slender Wood Sedge			\$3	ERCA	Wet-mesic hardwood forest	Yes	This species has been identified within the Devonwood Conservation Area.
Carex gravida	Heavy Sedge			S1	NHIC	Dry open ground, prairie.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Carex muskingumensis	Muskingum Sedge			S3	NHIC	Wet-mesic hardwood forest.	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area may support this species.
Carex squarrosa	Squarrose Sedge			S2	NHIC	Mesic to wet hardwood forests,	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation





Scientific Name	Common Name	SARA Status	ESA 2007 Status	S-Rank	Information Source	Habitat Requirement often on	Potential Habitat in the Project Study Area and/or 120 m Setback (Yes/No)	Rationale Area may support this
						floodplains.		species.
Carya laciniosa	Shellbark Hickory			\$3	NHIC	Wet or wet-mesic deciduous forests.	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area may support this species.
Coreopsis tripteris	Tall Tickseed			S2	NHIC	Damp prairies, thickets, open woods.	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area may support this species.
Cuscuta campestris	Field Dodder			S2	NHIC	Marsh, creek banks and pond margins; also cultivated fields – parasitic on Ambrosia, Aster, Bidens, Circaea, Daucus, Linum, Malva, Medicago, Melilotus, Polygonum and Trifolium.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Cystopteris protrusa	Lowland Brittle Fern			S2	NHIC	Open deciduous woodlands on sandy loam; alluvial river terraces and hillsides that border streams or rivers.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing
Desmodium canescens	Hoary Tick- trefoil			S2	NHIC	Sandy woods and thickets and open	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The





Scientific Name	Common Name	SARA Status	ESA 2007 Status	S-Rank	Information Source	Habitat Requirement	Potential Habitat in the Project Study Area and/or 120 m Setback (Yes/No)	Rationale
						river banks.		Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Dichanthelium commonsianum	Commons' Panicgrass			S1	NHIC	Dry, sandy habitat, sandy barrens; dry pine-oak woods with moderate disturbance.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Euonymus atropurpureus	Burning Bush			\$3	NHIC	Dry to moist thickets and woods.	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area may support this species.
Euphorbia spathulata	Blunt-leaved Spurge			S1	NHIC	Disturbed slopes.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Heuchera americana	American Alumroot			S2	NHIC	Dry locations, rocky open woodlands, along ledges, in crevices of bluffs.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Iris lacustris	Dwarf Lake Iris	SC	SC	S3	NHIC	Dunes, sandy woods and shallow soil over limestone.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Linum virginianum	Woodland Flax			S2	NHIC	Dry, open woods and adjacent fields.	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area may support this





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Scientific Name	Common Name	SARA Status	ESA 2007 Status	S-Rank	Information Source	Habitat Requirement	Habitat in the Project Study Area and/or 120 m Setback (Yes/No)	Rationale	
								species.	
Lycopus rubellus	Taper-leaved Bugleweed			\$3	NHIC	Swampy thickets, woodlands and forests.	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area may support this species.	
Mertensia virginica	Virginia Lungwort			\$3	NHIC	Wet to mesic woodlands, semi- shaded floodplain along rivers, bluffs.	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area may support this species.	
Nuphar advena	Large Yellow Pond-lily			\$3	NHIC	Shallow wetlands with approximately 1-5' of water and muddy bottom.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.	
Oenothera gaura	Biennial Gaura			\$3	NHIC	Sandy soil, dry prairies and roadsides.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.	
Oxypolis rigidior	Stiff Cowbane			S2	NHIC	Moist, sandy-clay prairies; rich wet to mesix hardwood forests; sandy swampy woodlands, thickets and meadows; open, sandy fields.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.	
Phyla lanceolata	Northern Fogfruit			S2	NHIC	Roadside ditches and wet places.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The	







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								Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Quercus palustris	Pin Oak			\$3	ERCA	Open habitats or on edges of closed forests	Yes	This species has been identified within the Devonwood Conservation Area.
Quercus shumardii	Shumard Oak	SC	SC	S3	NHIC	Mesic and mesic- hydric sites on clay and clay-loam soils with poor drainage.	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area may support this species.
Rosa setigera	Prairie Rose			\$3	ERCA	Open woods and thickets	Yes	This species has been identified within the Devonwood Conservation Area.
Silphium perfoliatum	Cup Plant			S2	NHIC	Riverbanks, floodplains and moist fields.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Silphium terebinthinaceum	Prairie Rosinweed			S1	NHIC	Wet prairies, thickets and roadsides.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Smilax ecirrhata	Upright Carrion Flower			S3	ERCA	Rich woods.	Yes	This species has been identified within the Devonwood Conservation Area.





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Solidaog rigida	Stiff-leaved Goldenrod			S3	ERCA	Dry, sandy soil, prairies and waste places.	Yes	This species has been identified within the Devonwood Conservation Area.
Smilax illinoensis	Illinois Carrion Flower			S2	ERCA	Rich deciduous forests, thickets, floodplains, river banks and under oaks.	Yes	The Devonwood Conservation Area is deciduous forest and is home to eight oak species.
Spergularia salina	Saltmarsh Sand-spurrey			S1	NHIC	Coastal, freshwater-marsh.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Verbesina alternifolia	Wingstem			\$3	NHIC	Clay banks, sandy thickets, river banks and rich alluvial woods.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Vernonia gigantea	Ironweed			\$3	NHIC	Mesic prairies, thickets, moist woods, roadsides and grassy meadows.	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area may support this species.
Viola striata Herpetozoa	Striped Cream Violet			S3	NHIC	Rich, floodplain forests and low, wet woods.	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area may support this species.





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Species at Risk and Sp	ecies of Conservat	tion Conce	ern					
Thamnophis butleri	Butler's garter snake	THR	THR	S2	ОНА	Wet meadows, pastures, margins of marshes and streams, and open country	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Elaphe gloydi	Eastern fox snake (Carolinian Population)	END	END	S2	OHA	Shrub swamps and bogs; deciduous forest containing openings with shrubs and saplings; prefer woodland- marsh edges for hunting, breeding; in Lake Erie area, often seen near or adjacent to large marshes	Yes	The habitat associated with the Devonwood Conservation Area may support this species.
Sistrurus catenatus	Eastern massasauga	THR	THR	S3	OHA	Upland, old field in summer; marsh, shrub swamp or bog; rivers and streams that provide sedge or low vegetative growth; in fall and winter; hibernate underground in	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.





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Scientific Name	Common Name	SARA Status	ESA 2007 Status	S-Rank	Information Source	Habitat Requirement	Potential Habitat in the Project Study Area and/or 120 m Setback (Yes/No)	Rationale
						mammal burrows, under rotting stumps, in rock crevices		
Odonata								
Species of Conservation	on Concern							
Argia tibialis	Blue-tipped Dancer			S3	OOA	Streams, rivers, sloughs; usually perches on the ground	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Stylurus notatus	Elusive Clubtail			S2	OOA	Large rivers and large lakes with sandy bottoms, sometimes also with silt and gravel.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.
Macromia taeniolata	Royal River Cruiser			S1	OOA	Clean rivers, streams, and lakes.	No	Required habitat not within the Project Study Area. The Project Study Area is dominated by residential housing.

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6.0 CONCLUSION

This preliminary background review was completed to identify natural features that have the potential to occur in the Project Study Area. Additional details regarding the natural features, including their boundaries, significance and their potential to be affected by the project will be updated as additional information is collected through consultation with the MNR and the ERCA, and as habitat within the Project Study Area is determined through field studies.





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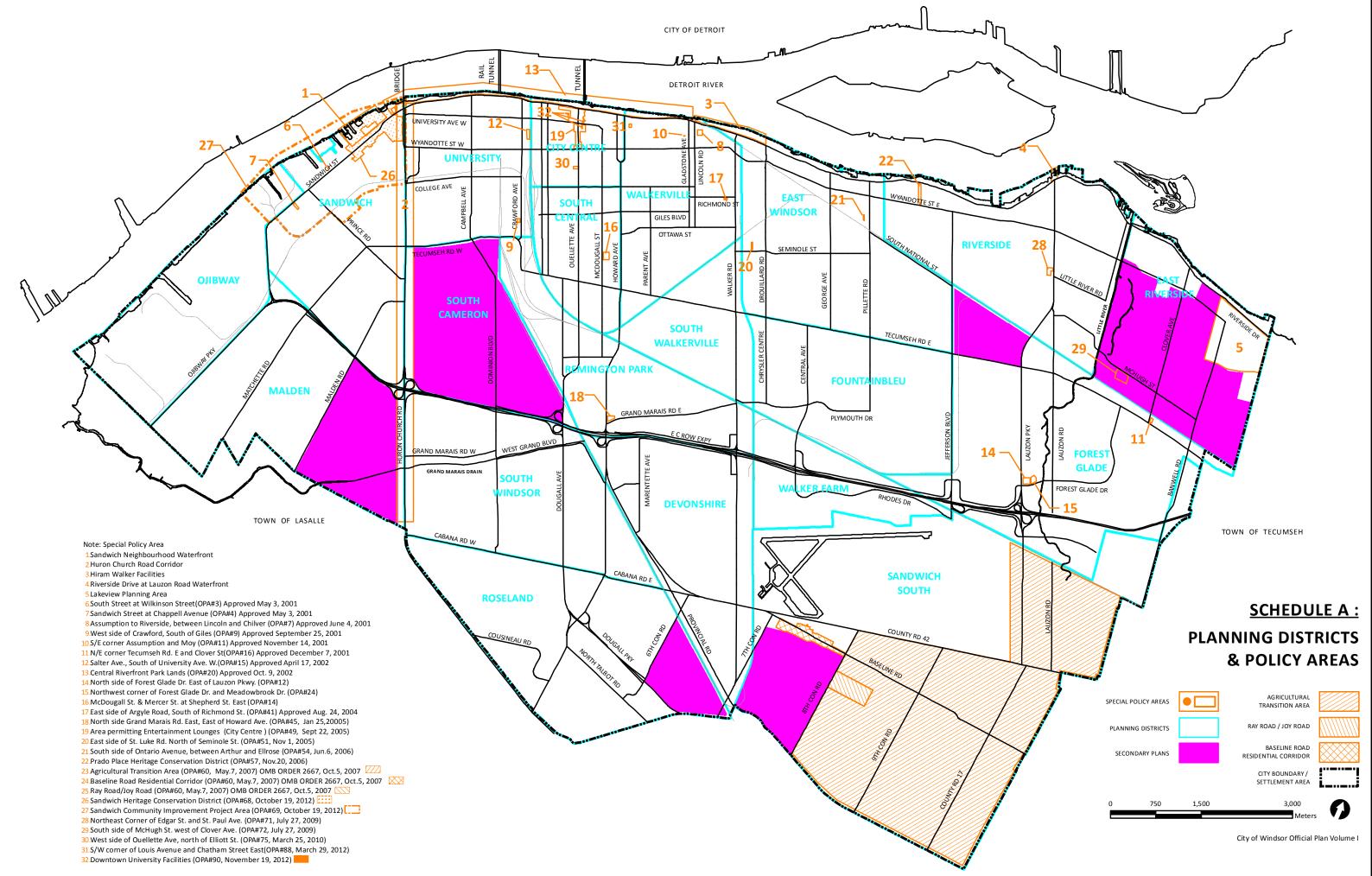
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APPENDIX A SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION







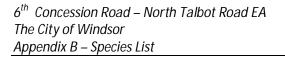
APPENDIX B SPECIES LIST



Table B: Species Identified as Potentially Occurring in the Project	Study Area
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Scientific Name	Common Name	SARA Status	ESA 2007 Status	SRank	Informatio n Source
Plants					
Castanea dentata	American Chestnut	END	END	S3	MNR
Gentiana alba	White Prairie Gentian	END	END	S1	NHIC
Gymnocladus dioicus	Kentucky Coffee-tree	THR	THR	S2	ERCA
Liatris spicata	Dense Blazing Star	THR	THR	S3	MNR
Lipocarpha micrantha	Small-flowered Lipocarpha	END	THR	S2	NHIC
Plantago cordata	Heart-leaved Plantain	END	END	S1	NHIC
Symphyotrichum praealtum	Willowleaf Aster	THR	THR	S2	MNR
Allium cernuum	Nodding Onion			S2	NHIC
Arisaema dracontium	Green Dragon	SC	SC	S3	NHIC
Asclepias sullivantii	Prairie Milkweed			S3	NHIC
Asclepias viridiflora	Green Cornet Milkweed			S2	NHIC
Asterocampa celtis	Hackberry Emperor			S2	NHIC
Bidens trichosperma	Crowned Beggarticks			S2	NHIC
Campsis radicans	Trumpet Creeper			S2?	NHIC
Carex frankii	Frank's Sedge			S2	NHIC
Carex gracilescens	Slender Wood Sedge			S3	ERCA
Carex gravida	Heavy Sedge			S1	NHIC
Carex muskingumensis	Swamp Sedge			S3	NHIC
Carex squarrosa	Narrow-leaved Cattail Sedge			S2	NHIC
Carya laciniosa	Shellbark Hickory			S3	NHIC
Coreopsis tripteris	Tall Tickseed			S2	NHIC
Cuscuta campestris	Field Dodder			S2	NHIC
Cystopteris protrusa	Lowland Brittle Fern			S2	NHIC
Desmodium canescens	Hoary Tick-trefoil			S2	NHIC
Desmodium sessilifolium	Sessile-leaved Tick- trefoil			SX	NHIC
Dichanthelium commonsianum	Commons' Panicgrass			S1	NHIC
Euonymus atropurpureus	Burning Bush			S3	NHIC
Euphorbia spathulata	Blunt-leaved Spurge			S1	NHIC
Gillenia trifoliata	Bowman's-root			SX	NHIC
Heuchera americana	American Alumroot			S2	NHIC
Iris lacustris	Dwarf Lake Iris	SC	SC	S3	NHIC
Lechea minor	Thyme-leaved Pinweed			SX	NHIC
Linum virginianum	Woodland Flax			S2	NHIC
Lycopus rubellus	Taper-leaved Bugleweed			S3	NHIC
Mertensia virginica	Virginia Lungwort			S3	NHIC







Scientific Name	Common Name	SARA Status	ESA 2007 Status	SRank	Informatio n Source
Nuphar advena	Large Yellow Pond-lily			S3	NHIC
Oenothera gaura	Biennial Gaura			S3	NHIC
Oxypolis rigidior	Stiff Cowbane			S2	NHIC
Phyla lanceolata	Northern Fogfruit			S2	NHIC
Polygala cruciata	Cross-leaved Milkwort			SX	NHIC
Quercus palustris	Pin Oak			S3	ERCA
Quercus shumardii	Shumard Oak	SC	SC	S3	NHIC
Rosa setigera	Prairie Rose			S3	ERCA
Silphium perfoliatum	Cup Plant			S2	NHIC
Silphium terebinthinaceum	Prairie Rosinweed			S1	NHIC
Smilax ecirrhata	Upright Carrion Flower			S3	ERCA
Smilax illinoensis	Illinois Carrion Flower			S2	ERCA
Solidago rigida	Stiff-leaved Goldenrod			S3	ERCA
Spergularia salina	Saltmarsh Sand- spurrey			S1	NHIC
Verbesina alternifolia	Wingstem			S3	NHIC
Vernonia gigantea	Ironweed			S3	NHIC
Viola striata	Striped Cream Violet			S3	NHIC
Mammals					
Blarina brevicauda	Northern Short-tailed				
	Shrew			S5	NHIC
Canis latrans	Coyote			S5	NHIC
Didelphis virginiana	Virginia Opossum			S4	NHIC
Lasionycteris noctivagans	Silver Haired Bat			S4	NHIC
Lasiurus borealis	Eastern Red Bat			S4	NHIC
Marmota monax	Woodchuck			S5	NHIC
Mephitis mephitis	Striped Skunk			S5	NHIC
Microtus pennsylvanicus	Meadow Vole			S5	NHIC
Mustela vison	Mink			S5	NHIC
Ondatra zibethicus	Muskrat			S5	NHIC
Procyon lotor	Raccoon			S5	NHIC
Sciurus carolinensis	Gray Squirrel			S5	NHIC
Sylvilagus floridanus	Eastern Cottontail			S5	NHIC
Tamiasciurus hudsonicus	Red Squirrel			S5	NHIC
Vulpes vulpes	Red Fox			S5	NHIC
Herpetazoa					
Elaphe gloydi	Eastern Fox Snake (Carolinian Population)	END	END	S2	ОНА
Sistrurus catenatus	Eastern Massasauga	THR	THR	S3	OHA
Thamnophis butleri	Butler's Gartersnake	THR	THR	S2	OHA
Bufo americanus	American Toad			S5	OHA
Pseudacris triseriata	Western Chorus Frog			S4	OHA
Rana clamitans	Green Frog			S5	OHA





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Rana sylvatica	Wood Frog			S5	OHA
Storeria dekayi	Brown Snake			S5	OHA
Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis	Eastern Garter Snake			S5	OHA
Odonata					
Aeshna constricta	Lance-tipped Darner			S5	OOA
Aeshna umbrosa	Shadow Darner			S5	OOA
Anax junius	Common Green Darner			S5	OOA
Argia tibialis	Blue-tipped Dancer			S3	OOA
Calopteryx maculata	Ebony Jewelwing			S5	OOA
Enallagma antennatum	Rainbow Bluet			S4	OOA
Enallagma civile	Familiar Bluet			S5	OOA
Enallagma exsulans	Stream Bluet			S5	OOA
Enallagma signatum	Orange Bluet			S4	OOA
Epitheca canis	Beaverpond Baskettail			S5	OOA
Erythemis simplicicollis	Eastern Pondhawk			S5	OOA
Ischnura verticalis	Eastern Forktail			S5	OOA
Lestes rectangularis	Slender Spreadwing			S5	OOA
Lestes unguiculatus	Lyre-tipped Spreadwing			S5	OOA
Libellula luctuosa	Widow Skimmer			S5	OOA
Libellula pulchella	Twelve-spotted Skimmer			S5	OOA
Macromia taeniolata	Royal River Cruiser			S1	OOA
Pachydiplax longipennis	Blue Dasher			S5	OOA
Pantala flavescens	Wandering Glider			S4	OOA
Pantala hymenaea	Spot-winged Glider			S4	OOA
Perithemis tenera	Eastern Amberwing			S4	OOA
Plathemis Lydia	Common Whitetail			S5	OOA
Stylurus notatus	Elusive Clubtail			S2	OOA
Sympetrum rubicundulum	Ruby Meadowhawk			S5	OOA
Tramea onusta	Red Saddlebags			SNA	OOA

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