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# **Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area B Comprehensive Environmental Impact Study and Management Plan**

**Part A: Existing Conditions and  
Characterization**

**Part B: Impact Assessment**

**Part C: Detailed Analysis and Implementation  
Environmental Impact Study (EIS)**

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Dear Mr. Filippo:

**Re: Comprehensive Environmental Impact Study and Management Plan (CEISMP) Part A, Part B and Part C Report, and Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area B, Bolton, Ontario**  
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Palmer Environmental Consulting Group Inc. (PECG) is pleased to submit this Comprehensive Environmental Impact Study and Management Plan (CEISMP) Part A, B and C Report, and Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area B in Bolton, Ontario (the Site). This combined report is intended to support both the proposed urban boundary expansion of the Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area B as well as support a submission to the Town of Caledon for Draft Plan of Subdivision. The Chickadee Lane site is approximately 10.08 hectares (ha) in area and is located outside of the current urban boundary. Lands northwest of the intersection of Chickadee Lane and Glasgow Road, as well as along the eastern property limits are located within the Greenbelt designated lands

The CEISMP reporting process to support the proposed urban boundary expansion is comprised of three (3) parts, all of which are included within this document:

- Part A Report: Existing Conditions and Gap Analysis;
- Part B Report: Impact Assessment; and,
- Part C Report: Detailed Analysis and Implementation.

The purpose of this report is to provide a complete and integrated assessment of the existing environmental conditions, potential effects from development, and the proposed mitigation and monitoring recommendations. The detail provided in this report is beyond what would typically be expected from a CEISMP Report, and it have been expanded to include a supporting effects assessment to support an EIS report submission.



The Draft Plan proposes to subdivide the site into 36 blocks and create four new public streets. This includes 25 street townhouse blocks, with a total of 140 units. The Plan also proposes to maintain two of the existing rural residential lots and add a new single detached dwelling. In addition to these residential uses, the Draft Plan provides for one park block, a Stormwater Management Pond block, three Open Space/Natural Heritage System Blocks, two Restoration Area Blocks and a road widening along Glasgow Road.

The CEISMP Report and EIS has shown that proposed development plan can be implemented while increasing the extent and diversity of the natural heritage system from that which exists pre-development. Through implementation of a variable setback compensation and restoration measures for both the ecological setbacks and the setback compensation lands, net ecological gain shall be achieved by increasing the net area of woodland and implementing related habitat enhancements.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments on this submission. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your team on this project.

Yours truly,

**Palmer Environmental Consulting Group Inc.**



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# 1. Introduction

Palmer Environmental Consulting Group Inc. (PECG) has been retained by Brookvalley Project Management Inc. (Brookvalley) on behalf of Zancor Homes Inc. (Zancor) to prepare a Comprehensive Environmental Impact Study and Management Plan (CEISMP) Report and Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the property referred to as the Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area B lands in Bolton, Ontario (the Site). This study supplies the necessary background information in support of a settlement area expansion as part of the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) process, as well as submission of a Draft Plan of Subdivision. This study has been prepared in accordance with the Bolton Residential Expansion Study Terms of Reference (TRCA, April 2012).

The CEISMP reporting process is comprised of three (3) parts, all of which are included within this document:

- Part A Report: Existing Conditions and Gap Analysis;
- Part B Report: Impact Assessment; and,
- Part C Report: Detailed Analysis and Implementation.

The Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area B lands are part of the Bolton Residential Expansion Lands (BRES) Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA 30). These lands comprise approximately 10.08 hectares (ha) and are located outside of the current urban boundary. Lands northwest of the intersection of Chickadee Lane and Glasgow Road, as well as along the eastern property limits are outside of the urban boundary and within the Greenbelt designated lands (**Figure 1**).

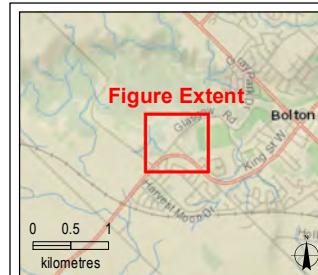
The Draft Plan proposes to subdivide the site into 36 blocks and create four new public streets. This includes 25 street townhouse blocks, containing a total 140 units, located in the south east and south west quadrants of the Subject Lands. The Plan also proposes to maintain two of the existing rural residential lots and add a new single detached dwelling. In addition to these residential uses, the draft plan provides for one park block, a SWM block, three Open Space/Natural Heritage System Blocks, two Restoration Area Blocks and a road widening along Glasgow Road.

## 1.1 Planning Context

On July 1, 2017, the new Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 came into effect. The update to the Growth Plan extended the planning horizon to 2041 and increased intensification and Greenfield density targets for the municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The updated Growth Plan also brought forth new policies pertaining to Settlement Area boundary expansions and to the MCR process, now only allowing upper or single tier municipalities to initiate the MCR process.

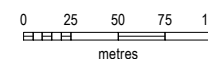
These studies will provide the Region with the necessary background information to bring the Chickadee Lane lands into the Settlement Area as part of their next MCR to implement the 2041 growth forecasts. This CEISMP Part A Report represents one of the various reports required to support the Chickadee Lane Settlement Area boundary expansion.





### Legend

- Study Area (10.08 ha)
- Limit of Greenbelt Protected Countryside



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**PROJECT:** Chickadee Lane Ecology

Site Location

**FIGURE 1**



## 1.2 Report Goals and Objectives

This CEISMP Part A report was prepared to build upon the approved Phase 3 Preliminary Natural Heritage System study undertaken by Dougan & Associates (2014) for the BRES Area. The Dougan report is included in **Appendix A** for reference.

In 2017, PECO initiated this study focusing on the Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area B lands, to update and build upon the work completed by Dougan & Associates up until 2014. The PECO study includes an initial characterization of the existing environmental conditions, an assessment of data gaps to be addressed in Part B, and most importantly, includes additional technical analysis and status updates to the Dougan & Associates 2014 report leading to detailed definition of the natural heritage constraints to development and opportunities for a Natural Heritage System (NHS) within the Chickadee Lane study area.

The PECO Part A report also provides updated results, where applicable, from the various technical disciplines related to the natural environment including: terrestrial ecology, fisheries, hydrogeology, hydrology, surface water quality, and geomorphology. The scope and extent of the updated results for each discipline reflects changes to agency approval requirements that occurred after 2014 and technical updates based on new information.

Ultimately, the findings of this report will form the basis for completion of a CEISMP Part B and Part C reports. These subsequent reports will bring together the existing natural environmental conditions and development constraints with the proposed development framework, to design a functional and sustainable system.

## 2. Environmental Policy

The Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area B lands are part of the Bolton Residential Expansion Lands (BRES) Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA 30) and include lands which are currently outside of the urban boundary and within Greenbelt Plan lands designated as Protected Countryside. Within the Greenbelt lands, there are areas on the west portion of the Site designated as part of the Natural Heritage System, associated with significant woodland and a series of small watercourse features. Based on work completed by Dougan & Associates, a significant woodland is also located adjacent to the Site to the east, which is also within the Protected Countryside designation. The Site is located within the Humber River Watershed, under the jurisdiction of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

### 2.1.1 Greenbelt Plan

The Site contains lands designated as part of the Greenbelt (**Map A**). Under the Greenbelt Plan, lands through the western and eastern corners of the property are designated as part of the Natural Heritage System of the Protected Countryside. Proposed development must demonstrate that there will be no negative impacts to key natural heritage features and key hydrologic features or their function as well as no negative impact on biodiversity or connectivity of the Natural Heritage System.

Under the policies of the Greenbelt Plan, a minimum vegetation protection zone is to be established to protect key natural heritage features and key hydrological features. For significant woodlands, fish habitat, and permanent and intermittent streams, the minimum vegetation protection zone shall be a minimum of 30 m measured from the outside boundary of the key natural heritage feature. Section 4.2.3 of the Greenbelt Plan provides policies for stormwater management infrastructure in the Protected Countryside.



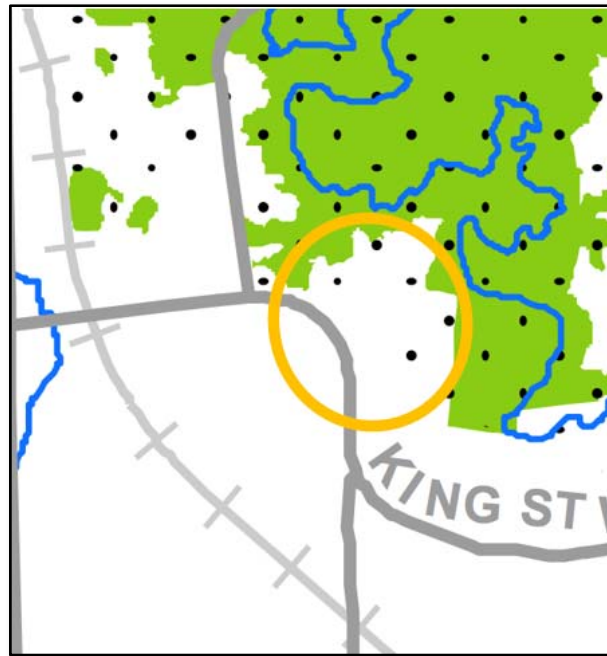
*Map A. Detailed Mapping of the Greenbelt Plan [Greenbelt shown in green]*

### **2.1.2 Region of Peel Official Plan**

The natural heritage features in the Region of Peel are protected by its Greenlands System. Schedule A of the Region of Peel's Official Plan (OP) identifies the northwestern portion of the Site within areas designated as Core Areas of the Regional Greenlands System (**Map B**).

The OP states that *Core Areas “represent provincially and regionally significant features and areas and are considered a sub-set of what would be significant under Section 2.1 of the PPS”*.

The Greenlands System in the Region of Peel consists of Core Areas, Natural Areas and Corridors, and Potential Natural Areas and Corridors. The System is intended to support the Region's vision for the protection of the environment. The Region of Peel provides direction to area municipalities to develop criteria and thresholds for woodlands identified as Natural Areas and Corridors and Potential Natural Areas and Corridors in accordance with criteria provided by the Region.

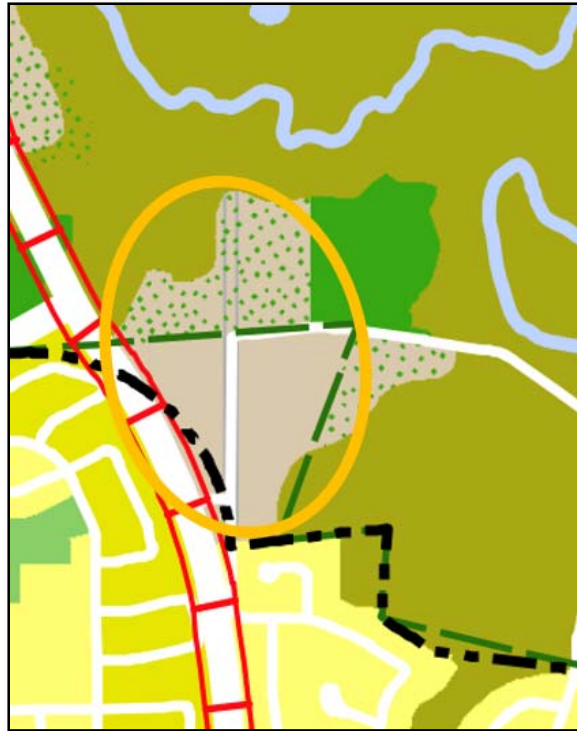


*Map B: Region of Peel Official Plan Schedule A [Core Areas of the Greenland System shown in green]*

### **2.1.3 Town of Caledon Official Plan**

Schedule C of the Town of Caledon Official Plan identifies designated Environmental Policy Area (EPA) through the western section and adjacent to the southeastern corner of the Site (**Map C**). These EPAs are within designated Protected Countryside under the Greenbelt Plan. On **Map C**, the EPA area is represented in olive green, Jack Garratt Soccer Park (Open Space Policy Area) as mid-green, while other lands within the Greenbelt area are represented by green polka dots.

Environmental Policy Area includes all Natural Core Areas and Natural Corridors. As stated in OP Section 5.7.3.1.1, new development is prohibited within areas designated EPA on the OP Land Use Schedules, with the exception of the specified permitted uses. Areas within the Greenbelt Protected Countryside designation, are subject to provisions of the Greenbelt Plan outlined in Sections 7.13.4.5 in the OP.



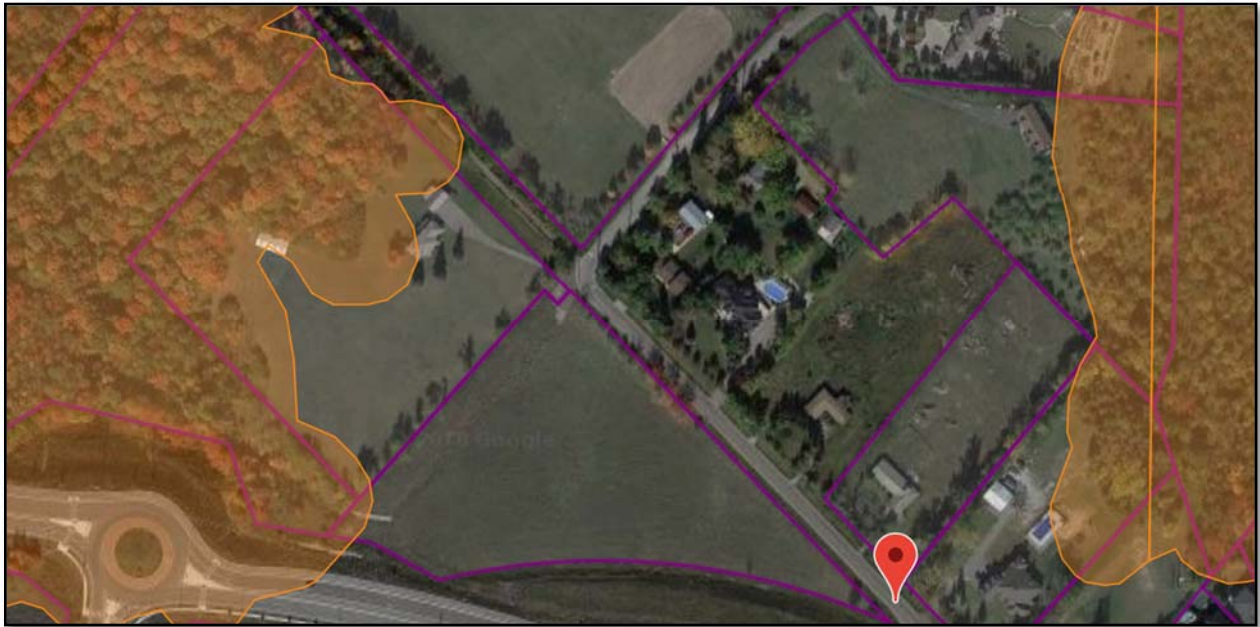
*Map C: Caledon Official Plan Schedule C [Environmental Policy Area shown in solid olive green]*

#### **2.1.4 TRCA Ont. Reg. 166/06 and the Living City Policies and Regulations**

Relevant TRCA regulations and policies for the Site include the following:

- Ontario Regulation 166/06 - *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses*. Through this regulation, TRCA regulates activities in natural and hazardous areas (e.g., areas in and near rivers, streams, floodplains, wetlands, and slopes and shorelines).
- *The Living City Policies* (TRCA 2014) and associated *Planning and Development Procedural Manual* (TRCA January 2008a). These documents present TRCA's planning and permit review practices and technical guidelines. Relevant policies will be discussed in applicable sections of this report.

Regulated Area lands exist within the limits of the Site, at the northwestern and southeastern corners, in association with a series of small watercourse features (**Map D**). The hydrological and ecological functions and importance of lands within the Regulated Areas will have to be identified and development within these areas will be subject to approvals and permitting from the TRCA.



*Map D. TRCA Regulated Areas (orange)*



# PART A – EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AND GAP ANALYSIS

## 3. Existing Environmental Conditions

### 3.1 Aquatic Ecosystems

#### 3.1.1 Background Conditions

The inventory of aquatic features by Dougan & Associates was completed to record the presence of water, instream habitat and flow conditions during the typically dry season of August 2013. The information collected was used to determine management recommendations for the watercourses in the Rounding Out Areas for incorporation into the preliminary Natural Heritage System (NHS). On October 15, 2013, Dougan & Associates electrofished all locations that held water on August 23, 2013, as well as other select locations using a Halltech Model HT 2000 backpack electrofisher. Dougan & Associates completed aquatic habitat assessments within the Rounding Out Areas, including the Chickadee Lane study area, in early December 2013.

Headwater Drainage Feature Assessments conducted as part of the Dougan & Associates Environmental Impact Study (June 2014), were completed in November for the larger BRES Expansion Area and are noted in the 2014 report as preliminary and requiring review and further field work at a later date.

Since the preparation of Phase 3 Preliminary Natural Heritage System study by Dougan & Associates (2014) (**Appendix A**), the Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area has been expanded. **Section 3.1.2** below identifies field work completed in 2018 by PEGC to confirm and augment existing aquatic feature and habitat information and to address areas not covered by previous surveys and reporting.

##### 3.1.1.1 Fish and Fish Habitat

To update and supplement the existing background information, PEGC obtained fisheries data from the TRCA online data portal on March 7, 2018. TRCA fish monitoring station HU029WM is located on the Humber River upstream of the Chickadee Lane Study Area. Fish species data from the station is summarized below from monitoring ranging from 2001 to 2016 (**Table 1**).

**Table 1. TRCA Fish Monitoring Station HU029WM Results 2001 - 2016**

Scientific Name	Common Name	G-Rank	S-Rank	COSEWIC	SARO
<i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>	Blacknose Dace	G5	S5	-	-
<i>Salmo trutta</i>	Brown Trout	G5	SNA	-	-
<i>Semotilus atromaculatus</i>	Creek Chub	G5	S5	-	-

Scientific Name	Common Name	G-Rank	S-Rank	COSEWIC	SARO
<i>Etheostoma flabellare</i>	Fantail Darter	G5	S5	-	-
<i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>	Golden Shiner	G5	S5	-	-
<i>Etheostoma nigrum</i>	Johnny Darter	G5	S5	-	-
<i>Catostomus commersonii</i>	White Sucker	G5	S5	-	-
<i>Luxilus cornutus</i>	Common Shiner	G5	S5	-	-
<i>Ichthyomyzon</i> sp.	Northern Lamprey sp.			-	-
<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>	Longnose Dace	G5	S5	-	-
<i>Hypentelium nigricans</i>	Northern Hog Sucker	G5	S4	-	-
<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>	Pumpkinseed	G5	S5	-	-
<i>Etheostoma caeruleum</i>	Rainbow Darter	G5	S4	-	-
<i>Noturus flavus</i>	Stonecat	G5	S4	-	-
<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>	Green Sunfish	G5	S4	NAR	NAR
<i>Notropis rubellus</i>	Rosyface Shiner	G5	S4	NAR	NAR
<i>Lethenteron appendix</i>	American Brook Lamprey	G4	S3		
<i>Pimephales notatus</i>	Bluntnose Minnow	G5	S5	NAR	NAR
<i>Catostomidae</i> sp.	Sucker sp.			-	-
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	Fathead Minnow	G5	S5	-	-
<i>Percina caprodes</i>	Logperch	G5	S5	-	-

#### Legend

SARO – Species at Risk in Ontario (MNRF 2018)

S-Rank – Provincial Rank (MNRF 2018)

G-Rank – Global Rank (NatureServe 2018)

COSEWIC – Committee for the Status on Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC 2018)

NAR – Not at Risk

### 3.1.2 PECG 2018 Field Investigations

To build upon the existing conditions data from Dougan & Associates, in August 2018 PECG undertook a field program to characterize aquatic features and functions that included a Headwater Drainage Feature (HDF) Assessment and aquatic habitat characterization.

#### 3.1.2.1 Headwater Drainage Feature Assessment

Review of TRCA mapping revealed a potential HDF in the northern portion of the Site. As this feature was previously undocumented, a HDF Assessment was conducted on August 16, 2018. The survey was completed in accordance with the *Evaluation, Classification and Management of Headwater Drainage*

*Features Guideline* (TRCA 2014). The following parameters were recorded for upstream and downstream during the assessment:

- Feature type;
- Riparian conditions;
- Flow conditions;
- Feature vegetation;
- Feature bankfull widths and depths;
- Sediment deposition/Transport;
- Flow measures;
- Longitudinal gradient;
- Site features; and
- Channel connectivity.

The HDF on the Site is located south of Glasgow Road and flows northeast in the ditch on the southern side of the road (**Photo 1, Figure 2**). The upstream and downstream sections of this feature are defined by the point where the feature becomes the Glasgow Road ditch. The upstream end of the feature is defined by cultural meadow with obligate species and the downstream end is a manicured lawn contained by a ditch and culverts for driveways along Glasgow Road. The upstream and downstream flow was dry during the assessment. There was no evidence of sediment transport or deposition observed. For the upstream feature, the feature and bankfull widths are approximately 4.8 m. For the downstream feature, the feature and bankfull widths are 3.1 m. The riparian vegetation upstream consists of meadow, and manicured lawns are found downstream. This feature is not entrenched into the floodplain and there is no channel connectivity present. The culvert observed downstream is buried under a driveway and conveys flows in the ditch adjacent to the road. The HDF is screened below in accordance with the TRCA protocol (**Table 2**). Based on the desktop screening, field assessment and application of the TRCA protocol, there is no management required for this HDF.

***Table 2. TRCA HDF Summary of Functional Classification and Management***

Drainage Feature	Step 1		Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Management Recommendation
	Hydrology	Modifiers	Riparian	Fish Habitat	Terrestrial Habitat	
HDF	Limited Function	No	Contributing	N/A	Limited functions	No Management Required





**Photo 1. Downstream view of HDF along Glasgow Road**

### 3.1.2.2 *Aquatic Habitat Characterization*

Aquatic assessments were conducted on the Chickadee Lane Study Area to document habitat quality of the surface water features. The survey was conducted on August 16, 2018 at two tributaries of the Humber River on and adjacent to the Chickadee Lane Site (shown on **Figure 2**), recording the following parameters:

- Identification of in-stream barriers to fish passage;
- Channel morphology measurements (water depth, pool depth, stream width, bankfull width, stream order, habitat structure, pools and riffles);
- Bank undercuts and instream cover;
- Point source impacts (e.g., outfalls, sources of pollution) and surrounding land uses;
- Baseflow, flow regime characteristics (e.g., flashy urban system);
- Water quality;
- Substrate type;
- Critical habitats (spawning, nursery or rearing grounds);
- Riparian cover and shading;
- Groundwater discharge and upwellings;

- Other measurements that indicate the quality of the habitat such as entrenchment, erosion, degradation; and
- Rehabilitation and enhancement opportunities.

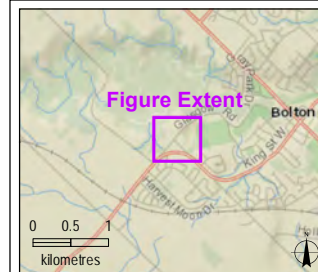
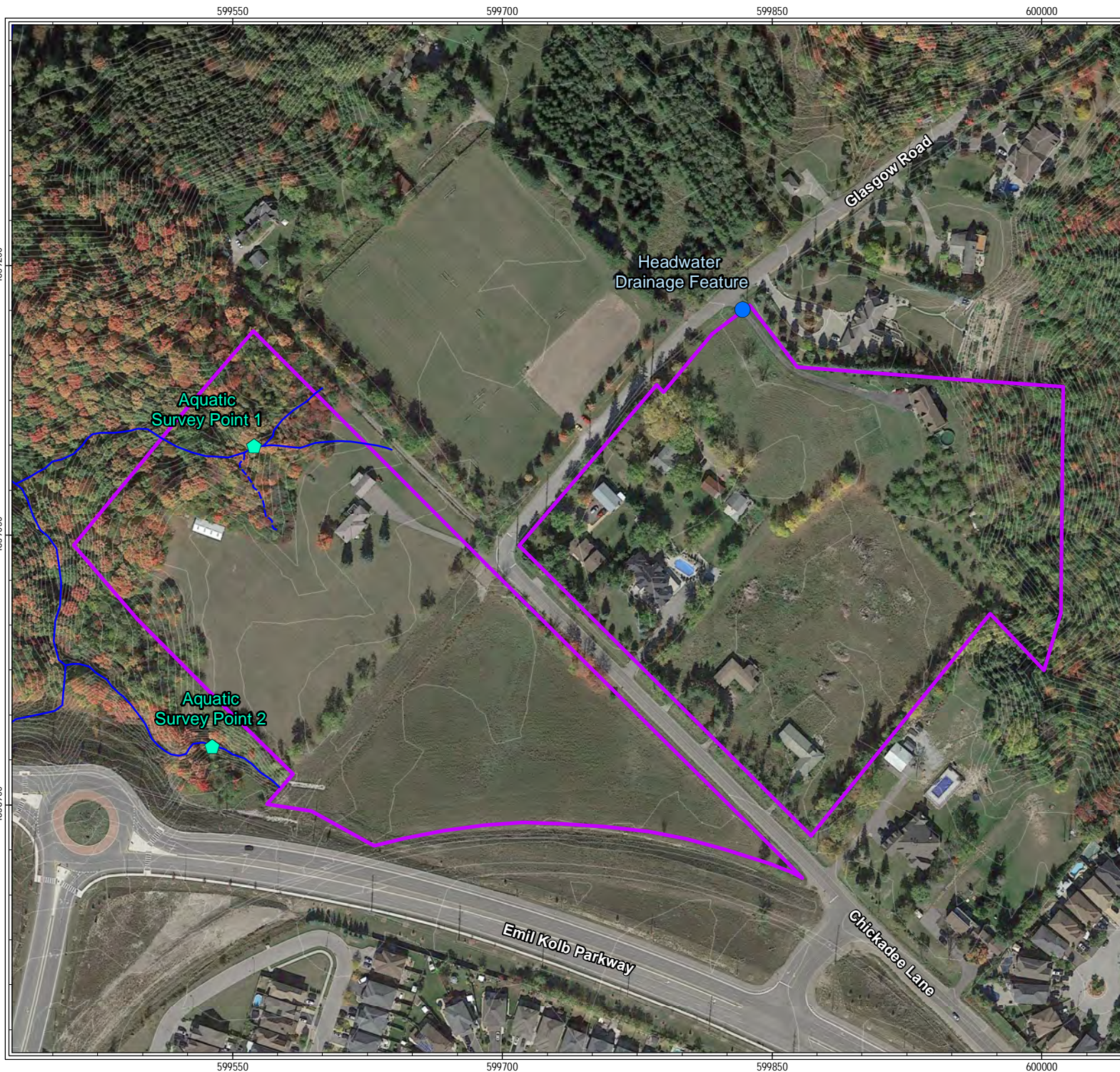
### **Aquatic Survey Point 1**

This feature is an ephemeral tributary of the Humber River located in a forested area at the northwest portion of the Site. This intermittent stream was dry during the time of the assessment and exhibits a sinuous pattern throughout the forest floor. There is a potential fish barrier at the upper reach consisting of a culvert and it has been casually hardened with stones, brick and broken tiles. There is a culvert that exits above the location of the assessment (**Photo 2**). Two merging channels were observed at this location. The channel widths range from 2.2 to 3 m in the primary channel. The average width in the secondary channel is 1.3 m. The substrate on the banks and channel consist of fines and cobbles. The left and right bank shape are vertical and the riparian vegetation is mature deciduous forest. The instream cover consists of abundant large woody debris and canopy cover (**Photo 3**). The habitat quality for fish ranges from poor to none, due to the lack of permanent water that restricts spawning, rearing and overwintering opportunities. Groundwater/ surface water assessment completed at this location (MP1 on **Figure 5**) show a strong downwards hydraulic gradient indicating that this channel loses water to the water table and is not supported by groundwater discharge. Monitoring data is presented on **Table 6**.



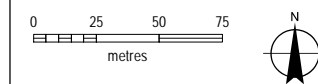
**Photo 2 and 3. Aquatic Survey Point 1**





### Legend

- Headwater Drainage Feature
- ◆ Aquatic Survey Point
- Watercourse
- Secondary Channel
- Contour (1 m)
- Study Area



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**FIGURE 2**



### **Aquatic Survey Point 2**

This section of the Humber River is located in a forested area southwest of the Site. This intermittent stream was dry in some areas at the time of assessment and exhibits an irregular wandering to sinuous pattern throughout the forest floor (**Photo 4**). There were no fish barriers observed during the assessment. The average width in the channel is 5.2 m. The wetted width ranges from 15 to 30 cm. The bankfull depth ranges from 0.5 to 5 cm. The substrate on the banks and channel is dominated by clay with scattered boulders. The left and right bank shape are vertical and the riparian vegetation consists of a young forest with shrubs and deciduous trees. The instream cover consists of trace amounts of woody debris, vascular plants, overhanging vegetation and boulders. There was garbage and debris observed in the channel during the aquatic assessment. The habitat quality for fish ranges from poor to none, due to the lack of permanent water that restricts spawning, rearing and overwintering opportunities.



**Photo 4. Aquatic Survey Point 2**

## 3.2 Terrestrial and Wetland Ecosystems

### 3.2.1 Background Conditions

In November and December 2013, Dougan & Associates collected Ecological Land Classification (ELC) data for the Rounding Out Areas, including the Chickadee Land Study Area. All properties with potential significant natural heritage features were visited. Additionally, adjacent lands to 120 m beyond the boundaries of the study area were assessed.

Additional visits were made by Dougan & Associates to screen for seasonal indicators of Significant Wildlife Habitat in October and November 2013, with particular attention paid to open country Species at Risk (SAR) birds, for which potential suitable habitats are presumed to exist on many sites within the overall BRES study area, including Barn Swallow, Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark. Other key wildlife habitat, including Significant Wildlife Habitat and habitats for other potentially occurring SAR, such as Chimney Swift and Monarch were also assessed. The Dougan & Associates report identifies the need for further field investigations in subsequent phases of study to support the identification/confirmation of SWH within the Site. To support this, Dougan & Associates conducted preliminary roadside breeding bird surveys in early July 2013.

Field-collected data was used by Dougan & Associates to develop a preliminary NHS for the Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area (**Appendix A**). The NHS includes the identification of Significant Woodlands through the eastern and western sections of the Site. The NHS identifies an enhancement/restoration area based on ELC communities (e.g. successional habitats or cultural woodlands) within the southeastern corner of the current Chickadee Lane Study Area. No wetland communities were identified within or adjacent to the Chickadee Lane Site.

As previously noted, since the preparation of Phase 3 Preliminary Natural Heritage System study by Dougan & Associates (2014), the Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area has been expanded. Data collected as part of the 2014 reporting has been reviewed and incorporated as applicable. Section 3.2.2 below identifies field work completed in 2018 by PECO to confirm and augment existing terrestrial feature and habitat information and to address areas not covered by previous surveys and reporting.

### 3.2.2 PECO 2018 Field Investigations

To characterize terrestrial natural heritage features and functions and to determine the potential limits of development, PECO undertook a field program in June and August 2018 that included breeding bird surveys, ELC, assessment of significant natural heritage features, a preliminary assessment of significant wildlife habitat and Species at Risk habitat, and a staking of the vegetation dripline.

#### 3.2.2.1 Breeding Birds

Breeding bird surveys were conducted at the Site to document the bird communities in the following habitats: wooded upland, meadow and residential anthropogenic areas. Two surveys were completed seven or more days apart within the regional breeding season following Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas Protocols (Bird Studies Canada 2001). The two surveys were carried out on June 1 and June 26, 2018

between 06:45 and 09:00 to coincide with the dawn chorus. Weather conditions during the surveys were 25-60% overcast, with light breezes, no precipitation and temperatures of 15°C and 19°C, respectively.

A total of 21 bird species were documented on the property, including one Species of Conservation Concern. Specifically, an Eastern Wood Pewee (*Contopus virens*) was heard singing in the forested area in the western corner of the Site on both site visits. This indicates that this species was on an established territory and probably breeding on the Site. The species is listed as Special Concern both provincially and federally. Most of the birds recorded on the property are considered common (**Appendix B**). The most common species found on the Site included birds characteristic of open areas, such as Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*), American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*) and Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*).

Area-sensitive species require large areas of continuous habitat for breeding and foraging. The specific habitat requirements vary by species. One area-sensitive species was observed within the Site: White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*). This species was recorded on two visits, both on the edge of the forest community through the western corner of the Site and near the houses, just south of Glasgow Road. The White-breasted Nuthatch uses natural cavities in trees with a diameter at breast height (DBH) greater than 30 cm and requires at least 10 hectares of continuous forest. Based on the locations of the observations and the habitat preferences of this species, it is inferred that the woodland west of the Site is considered its established territory. While considered an area-sensitive species, White-breasted Nuthatch is not an indicator of Woodland Area-sensitive Bird Breeding Habitat SWH, for which the indicator species typically require greater than 30 ha.

### 3.2.2.2 Vegetation Communities

A field survey was conducted on August 16, 2018 to document the vegetation communities, natural features, and general site conditions on the Chickadee Lane properties, and to confirm and update the Natural Heritage System developed by Dougan & Associates (2014). Vegetation communities were mapped and described according to the Ecological Land Classification (ELC) system for southern Ontario (Lee et al., 1998) and 2008 update tables. Existing environmental conditions are shown on **Figure 3** with a summary of communities provided below. Representative photos of vegetation communities are also provided (**Photos 5 to 13**). A plant species list is provided in **Appendix C**.

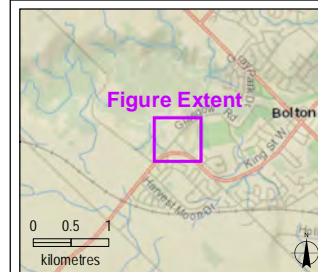
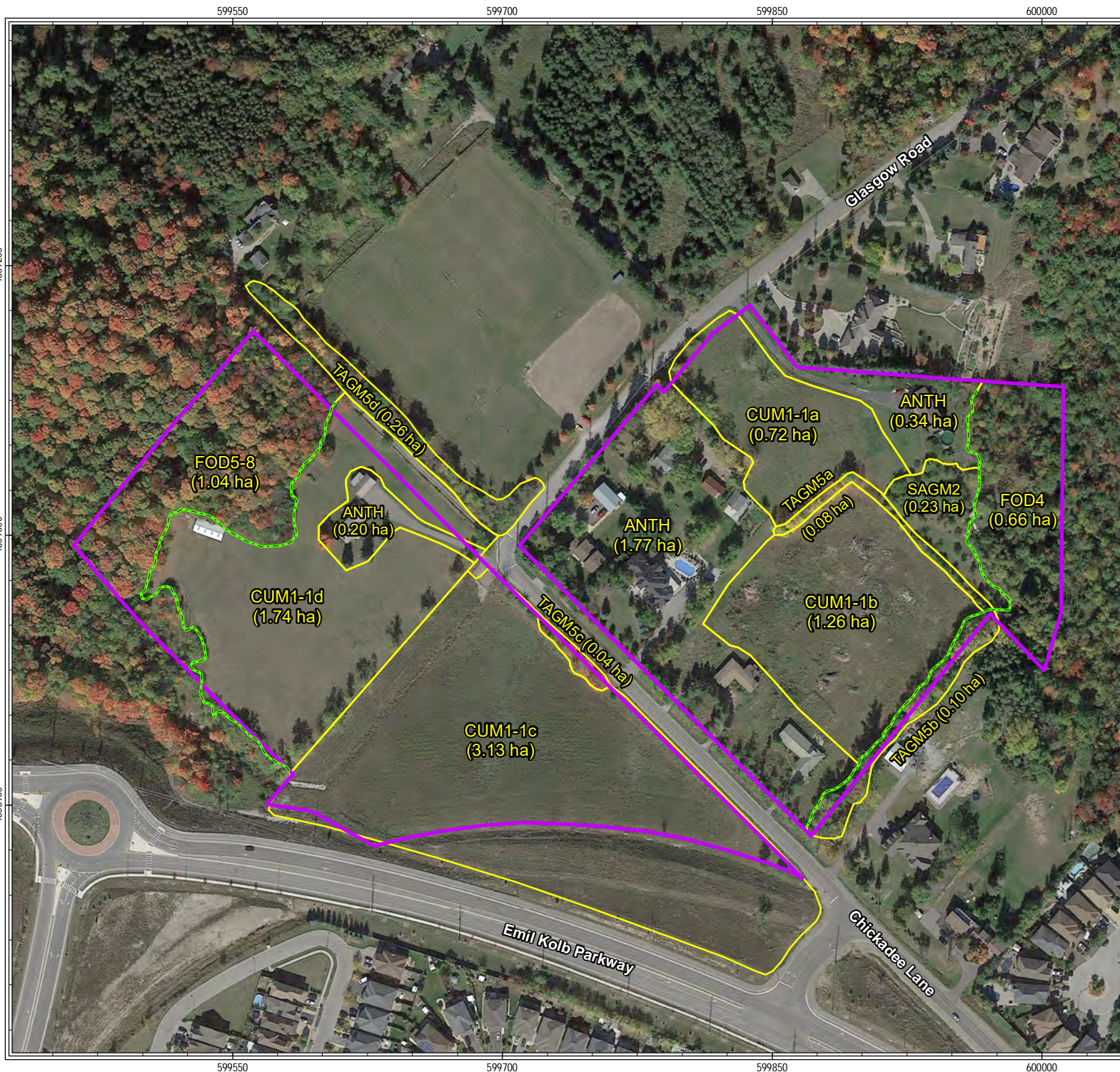
Most of the site is tablelands characterized by cultural meadow (Dry-Moist Old Field Meadow (CUM1-1)) and there are forested valleys located along the eastern and western site boundaries. An orchard is located on a former rural residential property at the east corner of the site. In the anthropogenic portion of the site, it is understood that the homes have been demolished subsequent to fieldwork; however, fencerows remain that outline many of the former individual properties.

### **Cultural (CU)**

#### *Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow (CUM1-1a)*

This cultural meadow has a canopy consisting of scattered Manitoba Maple (*Acer negundo*), providing 0 to 10% cover at a height of 10 to 25 m (**Photo 5**). There is no subcanopy or understorey present in this community. The ground layer is dominated by non-native Smooth Brome (*Bromus inermis*). This area is





### Legend

- PECC Staked Dripline (August 16 2018)
- ELC Community
- Study Area (10.08 ha)

### Vegetation Communities

- Cultural (CU)**  
Dry - Moist Old Field Meadow (CUM1-1)
- Forest (FO)**  
Dry- Fresh Deciduous Forest (FOD4)  
Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - White Ash  
Deciduous Forest (FOD5-8)
- Shrub Agriculture (SAG)**  
Orchard (SAGM2)
- Treed Agricultural (TAG)**  
Fencerow (TAGM5)
- Anthropogenic (ANTH)



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**FIGURE 3**



relatively level and somewhat low lying (containing the HDF) and forms the front yard of a former rural residence.

#### *Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow (CUM1-1b)*

This cultural meadow is dominated by Bentgrass (*Agrostis* sp.) with Canada Goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*), Queen Anne's Lace (*Daucus carota*) and other common cultural meadow species (**Photo 7**). There is a random distribution of White Poplar (*Populus alba*) and Manitoba Maple throughout the meadow. There is a large pile of dead trees located in the centre of the community.

#### *Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow (CUM1-1c)*

This large cultural meadow is dominated by Bentgrass and Canada Goldenrod with Creeping Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Queen Anne's Lace and other typical cultural meadow species (**Photo 8**). There is a patch of Broad-leaved Cattail (*Typha latifolia*) along Chickadee Lane. This area is very level and it is suspected that the area was graded at some point for agriculture or in relation to the construction of Emil Klob Parkway.

#### *Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow (CUM1-1d)*

This large cultural meadow is the yard of a former rural residence, and is dominated by Kentucky Bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*), Canada Goldenrod, Queen Anne's Lace and Smooth Wild Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*) (**Photo 9**). There are nine to ten large Silver Maples (*Acer saccharinum*) located along the southern property line of the former rural home. There are also three large White Spruce (*Picea glauca*), one Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*), and several landscape shrubs surrounding the home. The terrain of this area is somewhat rolling, with a gradual grade towards the forest found in the northwest corner of the Site.

### **Forest (FO)**

#### *Dry – Fresh Sugar Maple – White Ash Deciduous Forest (FOD5-8)*

This forest community has a canopy cover dominated by Sugar Maple with Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*) and Ironwood (*Ostrya virginiana*), providing 25 to 60% cover at a height >25 m (**Photo 10**). The subcanopy is composed of scattered Sugar Maple, Green Ash and Ironwood, providing 0 to 10% cover at a height of 2 to 10 m. The understorey is composed of scattered Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*), providing 0 to 10% cover at a height of 1 to 2 m. The ground layer is dominated by Small Enchanter's Nightshade (*Circaea alpina*), providing 10 to 25% cover at a height less than 0.2 m. This forest commences at the end of the tablelands of the Site and is found on steeper slopes associated with drainage features (Section 5.3.2.2). The forest dripline (**Figure 3**) is relatively analogous with the Top of Slope of this forested valley feature.

#### *Dry – Fresh Deciduous Forest (FOD4)*

This forest community has a canopy dominated by American Basswood (*Tilia americana*), providing 0 to 10% cover at a height greater than 25 m (**Photo 6**). The subcanopy is also dominated by American Basswood with Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), providing 25 to 60% cover at a height of 2 to 10 m. The understorey is composed of non-native European Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), providing 10 to 25% cover at a height of 1 to 2 m. The ground layer is composed of European Buckthorn and Canada



Goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*), providing 10 to 25% cover at a height of 0.5 to 1 m. The topography of this feature is also relatively steep, with the dripline here also analogous to the Top of Slope within the Site.

### **Shrub Agriculture (SAG)**

#### *Orchard (SAGM2)*

This orchard contains a variety of Apple (*Malus* sp.), Mulberry (*Morus* sp.), Pear (*Pyrus* sp.) and Cherry (*Prunus* sp.) trees (**Photo 11**). The ground cover is dominated by Common Teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*) and Quackgrass (*Elymus repens*), relatively similar to the CUM1-1a area found immediately to the west. The orchard is separated from the FOD4 forest to the east by a break in canopy prior to the Top of Slope and the change in species composition from the FOD4 slope, which is dominated by American Basswood.

### **Treed Agricultural (TAG)**

#### *Fencerow (TAGM5a)*

This fencerow is located at the northeast corner of the property adjacent to a cultural meadow (CUM1-1a). The canopy is composed of mainly Green Ash with Freeman's Maple (*Acer freemanii*), Eastern White Pine (*Pinus strobus*), Apple, Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*), and Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*) (**Photo 12**). The understorey is composed of Cranberry Viburnum (*Viburnum opulus*) and Tartarian Honeysuckle (*Lonicera tatarica*).

#### *Fencerow (TAGM5b)*

This fencerow located is located along the eastern property boundary. The canopy is composed of Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*) with Eastern Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), White Spruce, American Elm (*Ulmus americana*), American Basswood and Silver Maple. The understorey is occupied by Manitoba Maple, American Basswood and American Elm with some Silver Maple and White Spruce.

#### *Fencerow (TAGM5c)*

This small fencerow is located along Chickadee Lane. The canopy is composed of four Sugar Maple and one Green Ash in the canopy. The understorey is composed of European Buckthorn, Black Walnut and American Basswood.

#### *Fencerow (TAGM5d)*

This fencerow is located along the northeastern boundary of the former rural residence and is adjacent to the Jack Garratt Soccer Park. The canopy is composed of Ash (*Fraxinus* sp.) and Manitoba Maple (**Photo 13**). There is a large White Willow (*Salix alba*) at the northern end of the fencerow.



**Photo 5. Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow (CUM1-1a)**



**Photo 6. Dry- Fresh Deciduous Forest (FOD4)**





**Photo 7. Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow (CUM1-1b)**



**Photo 8. Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow (CUM1-1c)**





**Photo 9. Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow (CUM1-1d)**



**Photo 10. Dry – Fresh Sugar Maple – White Ash Deciduous Forest (FOD5-8)**





**Photo 11. Orchard (SAGM2)**



**Photo 12. Fencerow (TAGM5a)**



**Photo 13. Fencerow (TAGM5d)**

### 3.2.2.3 *Species at Risk*

Consultation with MNR has been ongoing with respect to Species at Risk (SAR) within the broader Bolton Residential Expansion Study Area. A request for natural heritage features and element occurrences for the Chickadee Land Study Area was submitted to the MNR as part of the preparation of this Part A Report.

No SAR specific surveys were conducted as part of the Dougan & Associates 2014 study for the Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area. Dougan & Associates identified the need for field studies to confirm the status of SAR within the study area, during subsequent phases of study.

For the purposes of this report, SAR include species listed as Endangered, Threatened or Special Concern under Ontario's ESA. The protection provisions for species and their habitat within the ESA apply only to those species listed as Endangered or Threatened on the SARO list. Special Concern species may be afforded protection through policy instruments respecting significant wildlife habitat as defined by the Province or other relevant authority, or other protections contained in OP policies.

PECG sent a data request to the Aurora District MNR and received a letter response including records of Species at Risk for the Chickadee Land Study Area on July 5, 2018. The following Species at Risk were recorded as occurring on or adjacent to the Site:

- Butternut (Endangered)



- Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) (Threatened)
- Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*) (Threatened)
- Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) (Threatened)
- Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*) (Special Concern)
- Snapping Turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*) (Special Concern)
- Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*) (Special Concern)

The following species have the potential to occur in the vicinity of the Site according to the MNR:

- Eastern small-footed myotis (*Myotis leibii*) (Endangered)
- Little brown myotis (*Myotis lucifugus*) (Endangered)
- Northern myotis (*Myotis septentrionalis*) (Endangered)
- Tri-coloured bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*) (Endangered)

Based on a query of the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC), there are records of Butternut and Snapping Turtle in vicinity of the Site.

**Table 3. Habitat Screening for MNR and NHIC SAR Records**

Species	Habitat Requirement Overview	Habitat Suitability
Butternut (tree)	Butternut grows best on rich, moist, well-drained loams often found on stream bank sites but may be found on well-drained gravelly sites, especially those of limestone origin.	Potential
Eastern Wood Pewee	The Eastern Wood-pewee is mostly associated with the mid-canopy layer of forest clearings and edges of deciduous and mixed forests. It is most abundant in forest stands of intermediate age and in mature stands with little understory vegetation.	Present (within Significant Woodland)
Barn Swallow	Prefers farmland; lake/river shorelines; wooded clearings; urban populated areas; rocky cliffs; and wetlands. They nest inside or outside buildings; under bridges and in road culverts; on rock faces and in caves etc.	Absent
Wood Thrush	The Wood Thrush is found in moist, deciduous hardwood or mixed stands, often previously disturbed (e.g., small-scale logging and ice storm damage), with a dense deciduous undergrowth and with tall trees for singing perches.	Potential
Snapping Turtle	Snapping turtles spend most of their lives in water. They prefer shallow waters so they can hide under the soft mud and leaf litter, with only their	Absent

Species	Habitat Requirement Overview	Habitat Suitability
	noses exposed to the surface to breathe.	
Eastern Meadowlark	Generally, prefers grassy pastures, meadows and hay fields. Nests are always on the ground and usually hidden in or under grass clumps.	Potential
Bobolink	Generally, prefers open grasslands and hay fields. In migration and in winter uses freshwater marshes and grasslands	Present
Eastern Small-footed Myotis (bat)	Eastern Small-footed Myotis will roost in a variety of habitats, including in or under rocks, in rock outcrops, in buildings, under bridges or in caves, mines or hollow trees.	Potential
Little Brown Myotis (bat)	Little Brown Myotis often select attics, abandoned buildings and barns for summer colonies where they can raise their young.	Potential
Northern Myotis (bat)	Northern Myotis bats are associated with a range of forests, choosing to roost under loose bark and in the cavities of trees (SARO website). They may also roost in anthropogenic structures.	Potential
Tri-coloured Bat	Tri-colored Bat is found in a variety of forested habitats during the summer. It forms day roosts and maternity colonies in older forest and occasionally in barns or other structures. It forages over water and along streams in forests.	Potential

The results from the PEGC breeding bird survey in June 2018 determined that there is one confirmed Special Concern species, Eastern Wood Pewee, present on the Site observed in the Dry – Fresh Sugar Maple – White Ash Deciduous Forest (FOD5-8) community. While the 2018 field program did not include SAR specific field investigations, candidate habitat was recorded during field surveys within the study area. As the cultural meadows on Site have not been maintained in sometime, there is a limited potential for use by grassland bird species, including Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark; however, it is considered of low quality due to size and adjacent anthropogenic uses. Potential SAR bat habitat was identified in the FOD5-8 woodland, due to the mature trees with potential cavities present. There were no Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*) trees observed during field surveys. It is understood that the abandoned homes on Site have been demolished since fieldwork took place, removing those as potential habitats for Barn Swallow.



Therefore, based on field surveys and the habitat screening provided in **Table 3**, the following SAR have suitable habitat present on the Site:

- Eastern Wood Pewee
- Bobolink

The following SAR have potential suitable habitat on the Site:

- Butternut
- Wood Thrush
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Eastern small-footed myotis
- Little brown myotis
- Northern myotis
- Tri-coloured bat

#### 3.2.2.4 *Valleylands*

Valleylands, as defined by the PPS, are natural areas that occur in a valley or depression in the land that have standing or flowing water for some period of the year (Ministry of Municipal Housing and Affairs, 2014). Important ecological functions are performed by valleyland features including the provision of diverse habitats due to microclimate variations and the connection of natural areas, providing important migration and dispersal corridors for terrestrial, aquatic and avian species.

Valleylands occur to the west and east of the Site and are associated with tributaries of the Humber River. These “apparent” valleylands are distinguished by an identifiable Top of Slope, which were staked by the TRCA on February 23, 2016. The driplines for the forested corridors through these areas were plotted in the field during 2018 field investigations and are found to be roughly analogous to the staked Top of Slopes. The assessment of slope stability is provided in Section 4.5.2.4. Refer to Section 4.1 for further discussion and mapping of the staked Top of Slope and forest driplines in the context of constraint limits as part of the proposed NHS.

### 3.3 Natural Heritage Features

A Natural Heritage System (NHS) was proposed by Dougan & Associates (2014) for the Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area (**Appendix A**). This NHS was used as a starting point for the ecological field program conducted in 2018 by PECO and for assessments of feature significance as part of this report (Section 3.3.1).

Lands within the Site are predominately cultural meadow, with some existing residential homes. A large deciduous forest community extends into the western portion of the property, within the designated Natural Heritage System of Greenbelt Protected Countryside. This community is classified, according to the TRCA, as a Dry – Fresh Sugar Maple – White Ash Deciduous Forest (FOD5-8), providing a dense

canopy cover of greater than 60% (**Figure 3**). This forest community has been identified as a significant woodland and included as part of the NHS as determined by Dougan & Associates (2014).

Along the eastern limit of the Site is a Fresh – Moist White Elm Lowland Deciduous Forest (FOD7-1) and Cultural Thicket (CUT1-A2) as classified and mapped by the TRCA, which provided a dense canopy cover of greater than 60%. The CUT1-A2 area was reclassified by PECO in 2018 as the FOD4 area, as it was found to be dominated by American Basswood of moderate height, though some degree of cultural influence is evident via the presence of invasive European Buckthorn. These forest communities have been identified as a significant woodland and included as part of the Natural Heritage System identified by Dougan & Associates (2014).

The NHS delineated by Dougan & Associates identified an area for restoration within the 30 m buffer setback of the NHS within the Greenbelt Plan Boundary. The CEISMP Part B Report will address this area and provide recommendations for restoration and enhancement opportunities for the Chickadee Lane Site.

### **3.3.1 Natural Heritage Feature Significance**

Based on the guiding legislation and policies, significant natural heritage features within the Chickadee Lane Site are listed below. The natural heritage features and functions used to delineate the NHS are included in this section.

#### **3.3.1.1 Significant Wildlife Habitat**

Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) is considered a significant feature in Provincial, Regional, and Municipal (Town of Caledon) policies. The Region of Peel and Town of Caledon have significant wildlife habitat (SWH) policies in conformity with the PPS, although to date there is no Town, MNRF or TRCA data or mapping of SWH features within the Site. Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) is defined by the MNRF in the Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide (OMNR 2000) and includes the following broad categories:

- seasonal concentration areas;
- rare vegetation communities or specialised habitats for wildlife;
- habitats of species of conservation concern, excluding the habitats of endangered and threatened species; and
- animal movement corridors.

Criteria for the identification of these features are provided in the Significant Wildlife Habitat Criteria Schedules for Ecoregion 7E (MNRF 2015). These criteria were used to screen wildlife habitat within the Site for potentially significant wildlife habitat.

A preliminary assessment by Dougan & Associates in October and November 2013 did identify some candidate SWH areas. In general, SWH is usually aligned with specialized habitats such as wetlands, larger forested areas, extensive successional cover, or vegetated valleylands and, as such, each of these areas are included within the proposed NHS (Dougan & Associates, 2014).

Considering the Dougan & Associates NHS, the 2018 PECG field assessment determined a moderate potential for specific SWH types within the Site boundary. The Site is predominately cultural meadow with some existing residential homes. Large and contiguous natural heritage features predominately occur adjacent to the Site, with the exception of the forested area that extends into the Site's western and eastern corners. **Table 4** presents potential SWH that has been identified for the Chickadee Lane Site.

**Table 4. Potential Significant Wildlife Habitat**

Potential/Candidate SWH	Location	Comment
Candidate SWH for Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Area (Terrestrial) (per Ecoregion 7E criteria) for ducks	In association with the Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow (CUM1-1)	This is unlikely, as the concentrations of waterfowl required to confirm the SWH type (100 or more individuals) would be a noted occurrence in the area.
Reptile Hibernaculum	In woody debris piles at Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow (CUM1-1b)	Review of historical GoogleEarth imagery shows that these piles were not present prior to 2016, and the development of hibernacula habitat in the subsequent years is unlikely, as time for the debris to settle and develop pockets below the frost line is improbable.
Raptor Wintering Area	In the Dry – Fresh Sugar Maple – White Ash Deciduous Forest (FOD5-8)	Turkey Vultures ( <i>Cathartes aura</i> ) were observed in flyovers of the nearby Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow (CUM1-1b). Due to the expected preservation and protection of the Significant Woodland, none of this habitat is likely to be impacted.
Old Growth Forest	In Dry – Fresh Sugar Maple – White Ash Deciduous Forest (FOD5-8).	Only a small portion of the potential Old Growth Forest in this community is on the Site. Due to the expected preservation and protection of the Significant Woodland, none of this habitat is likely to be impacted.
Bat Maternity Roost Habitat	May be present within the Dry – Fresh Sugar Maple – White Ash Deciduous Forest (FOD5-8).	As the Significant Woodland is expected to be preserved and protected, no loss of bat maternity roost habitat is expected, and no further studies are likely to be necessary.

The determination of whether significant wildlife habitat is present within the Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area B lands may require more detailed study. Additional field data, focused on identifying/confirming SWH during subsequent phases of study (Part B) will confirm and refine this information, as required.

#### 3.3.1.2 *Species at Risk*

The results from the PECO breeding bird survey in June 2018 determined that there is one confirmed Special Concern species, Eastern Wood Pewee, present on the Site observed in the Dry – Fresh Sugar Maple – White Ash Deciduous Forest (FOD5-8) community. Potential SAR bat habitat was also identified in the FOD5-8, due to the mature trees with potential cavities present. There were no Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*) trees observed during field surveys.

Field investigations to be conducted as part of subsequent study phases (Part B) will further assess the potential presence of SAR within the Site based on the SAR records provided by MNRF and on the SAR habitat screening presented in Section 3.2.2.3. SAR field investigations to be conducted as part of subsequent study phases (Part B) are described in Section 4.2.1 below.

#### 3.3.1.3 *Wetlands*

No provincially significant wetlands (PSW), evaluated non-PSW, or unevaluated wetlands have been identified within the Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area B lands or within adjacent lands (within 120 m of the Site boundary). No further study of wetlands is considered necessary for this project.

#### 3.3.1.4 *Significant Woodlands*

Criteria for determining woodland significance are provided in the Region of Peel Official Plan and in the Natural Heritage Reference Manual (NHRM) (OMNR 2010). The deciduous forest (FOD5-8) through the western portion of the Site, qualify as Core Woodland (as mapped in the Peel Official Plan, Schedule A) and is therefore considered significant. The woodlands to the east of the Site are designated as Environmental Policy Area within the Town of Caledon OP, and should also be treated as significant.

#### 3.3.1.5 *Significant Valleylands*

The Region of Peel has significant valleyland policies in conformity with the PPS. Significant valleylands are represented in the vicinity of the Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area B lands by ravines of the main branch and major tributaries of the Humber River. Valleylands have been included where appropriate within the proposed NHS. Where valley features are evident, the Top of Slope is used to determine appropriate setbacks/buffers relevant to applicable policies.

#### 3.3.1.6 *Fish and Fish Habitat*

One headwater drainage feature was assessed following TRCA protocol as part of 2018 field investigations (**Figure 2**). Based on this assessment, no management is required for this HDF. The HDF was determined to not hold opportunities for fish habitat.

The aquatic features within and adjacent to the site fall within the FOD5-8 woodland. The habitat quality of these features for fish ranges from poor to none, due to the lack of permanent water that restricts spawning, rearing and overwintering opportunities. These aquatic features are afforded protection within the significant woodland features and its setbacks and buffers.

## 4. Natural Heritage System

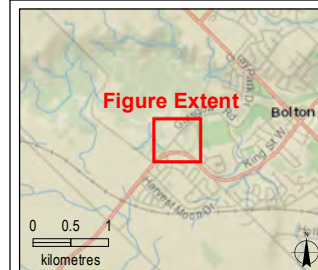
Using the background information reviewed and consolidated as part of this Part A report, as well as recent 2018 field investigations, natural heritage planning policy and agency consultation, an updated natural heritage system has been developed for the Site (**Figure 4**). This figure depicts significant natural heritage features which require protection and setback widths informed by relevant policy and regulation. A refined assessment of natural heritage features and functions and the establishment of the development limits is addressed in greater detail in the Part B report (**Sections 8 and 9**) based on the results of this Part A study and the details of the proposed development at the Site (**Section 7**).

### 4.1 Environmental Constraint Analysis

Natural heritage constraints have been determined through field investigations, assessment of significance and agency consultation. The following are constraints that require avoidance or mitigation with respect to the proposed development:

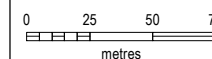
- The western portion of the Site is designated as part of the NHS of the Greenbelt Plan Protected Countryside. Development and site alteration are prohibited within key natural heritage features (i.e. significant woodland), key hydrological features (i.e. permanent and intermittent streams), and their minimum vegetation protection zone (30 m).
- The eastern corner of the Site is designated as part of the NHS of the Greenbelt Plan Protected Countryside. Development and site alteration are prohibited within key natural heritage features (significant woodland) and its minimum vegetation protection zone (30 m)
- The top of slope and natural features limit line was staked by the TRCA (February 2016) through the eastern portion of the property. A 10 m setback has been applied to this line as the vegetation protection zone required under Ontario Regulation 166/06.
- The fencerow extending from the eastern corner of the Site to the south, the trees are located on the adjacent property. Tree protection fencing should be erected during construction beyond the dripline as per Town of Caledon Landscape Standard No. 707.
- Though of limited potential, the watercourses in the forested western corner contain contributing fish habitat. It is anticipated that a 30 m setback may be recommended for these features by environmental approval and review agencies; yet these setbacks would be contained within the overall significant woodland setback, as demonstrated on **Figure 4**.
- Note that the combination of the 30 m minimum vegetation protection zone and the 10 m TRCA setback would define the limits of the natural features, and in combination with the Erosion Hazard Limit would define the development limit, whichever is the greater of the three.
- A small drainage feature occurs through the northern corner of the Site, just south of Glasgow Road. According to the results from the 2018 PECG survey and assessment following TRCA HDF guidelines (TRCA, 2014), this feature can be removed with no management recommendations required.





## Legend

- Approximate TRCA Generic Regulation Line
- TRCA Top of Bank and Natural Features Staked Line (23/02/16)
- TRCA O. Reg. 166/06 Setback Line
- ▨ Significant Woodland Boundary (PECG staked dripline - August 2018)
- Drainage Feature
- Tree Protection Zone as per Standard No. 707
- Watercourse
- Watercourse Buffer (30 m)
- ▨ Greenbelt VPZ
- ▨ Greenbelt Protected Countryside
- Study Area



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**Preliminary  
Constraints and  
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**FIGURE 4**



#### **4.1.1 Species at Risk**

Based on the SAR records provided by MNRF and on the SAR habitat screening presented in Section 3.2.2.3, the potential habitats on Site for certain SAR were considered either of marginal quality or would not be impacted by the proposed development due to adequate setbacks. Specifically:

- 1) There are several open meadow areas on the Site that may provide habitat for open country birds, including Eastern Meadowlark and Bobolink. As the quality of the habitat is somewhat variable and generally of low quality, the necessity for species-specific surveys was discussed with the MNRF.
- 2) There is potential for bat maternity roost habitats in the wooded portions of the site. Should the proposed Site Plan consider encroachment into the 30 m vegetation protection zones of these features, the necessity for SAR bat surveys was discussed with the MNRF.

As part of the on-going consultation with MNRF, MNRF reviewed the proposed development plan and recommended avoidance and mitigation measures. MNRF concluded, based on this review, that no additional SAR surveys are required and that they had no concerns with the proposed development plan (MNRF Correspondence, March 7, 2019 – **Appendix K**).

#### **4.1.2 Significant Wildlife Habitat**

Similar to potential SAR habitats, certain potential SWH types on site were considered marginal and warranted discussion with the MNRF:

- 1) While the open meadow habitats are not considered to hold SWH types for the reasons described in Section 3.3.1.1, spring surveys may be required to confirm these assumptions. The need for confirmatory surveys to assess the potential for the meadows to hold sheet water for waterfowl use (Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Area (Terrestrial) SWH) and closer inspections of the woody debris piles (Reptile Hibernaculum) was discussed with MNRF.

As part of the on-going agency consultation, MNRF reviewed the proposed development plan and recommended avoidance and mitigation measures. MNRF concluded, based on this review, that no additional SWH surveys are required and that they had no concerns with the proposed development plan (MNRF Correspondence, March 7, 2019 – **Appendix K**).

## **4.2 Development Opportunities**

The remainder of the site as shown on **Figure 4** is potentially unconstrained from a natural heritage perspective. The development constraint lines shown on **Figure 4** were used in the development of the proposed development plan to ensure consideration of natural heritage and hydrologic features.

## 5. Hydrogeology

The purpose of the hydrogeological investigation is to determine the existing hydrogeological conditions and identify the relationship between groundwater and the natural environmental features. For a more detailed discussion of the hydrogeological characteristics of the site, methods, and data collected, refer to PEGCs 2018 report, “Hydrogeological Investigation – Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area B”.

### 5.1 Regional Existing Conditions

#### 5.1.1 *Physiography and Regional Geology*

The site is located within the South Slope physiographic region, which is situated south of the Oak Ridges Moraine and north of the Peel Plain (Chapman and Putman, 1984). The topography of the region is characterised as flat to moderately undulating and is marked with drumlins.

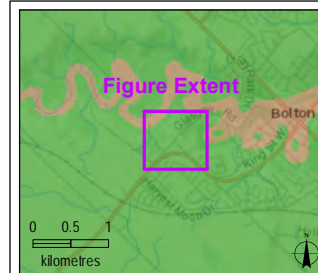
The surficial geology of the site, as described by Ontario Geological Survey (OGS) mapping, is characterized as Halton Till. This unit is generally comprised of clayey to silt-textured sediments derived from glaciolacustrine deposits or shale (**Figure 5**). The Halton Till overlies the Newmarket Till, and where present, these tills are separated by the sandy deposits of the Oak Ridges Moraine aquifer. No ORM aquifer materials were encountered during borehole drilling at the site (PECG, 2018).

Paleozoic bedrock at the site is characterized as shale and limestone of the Georgian Bay Formation. Though bedrock was not encountered during the most recent borehole drilling, which occurred to depths of between 6.1 meters below ground surface (mbgs) to 32.0 mbgs, the depth to bedrock in this area can be approximated using data available from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Upon review of the water well database information, this formation is expected to be encountered at approximately 156 m below ground surface, or at approximately 100 meters above sea level (masl) at the site location.

#### 5.1.2 *Hydrostratigraphy*

Hydrostratigraphic units can be classified into two distinct groups based on their capacity for permitting groundwater movement: an aquifer or an aquitard. An aquifer is generally defined as a layer of soil permeable enough to conduct a usable supply of water, while an aquitard is a layer of soil that inhibits groundwater movement due to low permeability. The major regional hydrostratigraphic units that control shallow groundwater at the site are described below.



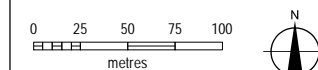


### Legend

- Mini Piezometer
- Monitoring Well
- Watercourse
- Contour (1 m)
- Study Area

### Surficial Geology

- Halton Till:**  
brown loam to silt loam till
- Modern Alluvium:**  
silt, sand, gravel



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## Surficial Geology

# FIGURE 5



The **Halton Till** and underlying **Newmarket Till** have similar hydrostratigraphic properties, and are therefore often grouped together. These units act as a significant regional aquitard due to low permeability which limits groundwater recharge and contaminant migration, however the presence of sand and gravel within the tills can also act as confined aquifers on a local scale. The bulk hydraulic conductivity (K) of these units ranges from approximately  $5 \times 10^{-6}$  m/sec to  $5 \times 10^{-8}$  m/sec (CAMC-YPDT, 2006). Groundwater flow within these units is typically downwards towards more permeable units. Within the study area, Halton Till sediments are approximately 20 m to 40 m thick, making it the dominant aquitard unit.

The **Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM)** acts as a major aquifer and recharge complex within the region. Near the study area it is expected that the ORM is between approximately 1 m and 15 m in thickness and is confined by the lower permeability Halton Till and Newmarket Till aquitards. No ORM deposits were encountered at the site.

### 5.1.3 MECP Water Well Records

Based on a search of the MECP water well database, 18 water wells were identified within a 500 m radius of the site. Of these wells, 9 are used for domestic water supply, and the remaining 9 wells are either abandoned or used as observation wells. As Bolton is serviced with municipal water supply, it is not expected that any of the wells identified as private supply wells are currently active.

## 5.2 Local Existing Conditions

### 5.2.1 Site Geology

Borehole drilling for the Hydrogeological Investigation was conducted concurrently with the Geotechnical Investigation completed by Soil Engineers Ltd. (Soil Eng.). Borehole drilling was completed between February 23 to February 29, 2018, under the supervision of Soil Eng. Staff, and consisted of fourteen (14) boreholes drilled to depths ranging from 6.10 mbgs to 32.0 mbgs. Six of the boreholes were completed as 51 mm diameter schedule 40 PVC pipe monitoring wells with 1.5 m long screens (MW2-S/N, MW2-D, MW5, MW6, MW12-S/N, and MW12-D). MW2-S/D and MW12-S/D were installed as nested wells, with S and D indicating a shallow or deep well, respectively. The location of each monitoring well is shown on **Figure 5** and well details are provided in **Table 5**. Borehole logs are presented in **Appendix D**. The remaining geotechnical borehole locations are shown in **Appendix G**.

A mini piezometer (MP1) was installed within the drainage feature present within the forest community in the northern portion of the site (Aquatic Survey Point 1) to measure the magnitude and direction of the hydraulic gradient within the tributary. The location of the MP is shown on **Figure 5** and water level monitoring data are provided in **Table 6**.

The surficial geology of the site was found to be generally consistent with regional OGS mapping (**Figure 5**). The overall lithology of the silty clay till unit is consistent with the Halton Till, as it contains trace gravel and occasional sand seams, cobbles and boulders, and the unit ranged in thickness from 16.4 m to 22.5 m. The sandy silt till of the Newmarket Till formation was encountered under the Halton Till, however the full thickness of the till was not observed during drilling. ORM aquifer materials were not encountered.

**Table 5. Monitoring Well Installation Details and Groundwater Levels**

MW ID	Approx. Surface Elevation (masl)	Stick Up (m)	Depth (mbgs)	Screened Interval (mbgs)	Screened Geology	Water Level (mbgs)							
						Mar 15, 2018	Mar 19, 2018	Apr 4, 2018	May 17, 2018	Jun 13, 2018	Jul 19, 2018	Aug 27, 2018	Oct 29, 2018
MW2-S	256	0.79	7.60	6.10 – 7.60	Silty Clay Till	0.85	0.97	0.12	0.95	2.62	3.87	4.72	6.09
MW2-D	256	0.73	19.80	18.30 – 19.80	Sandy Silt Till	11.94	11.88	11.98	11.35	11.81	12.72	13.70	14.72
MW5	261	0.64	5.98	4.60 – 6.10	Silty Clay Till	0.89	0.94	0.56	0.88	0.69	1.64	1.50	1.41
MW6	259	0.68	4.59	4.60 – 6.10	Silty Clay Till	0.47	1.80	0.48	0.47	1.05	1.83	1.26	3.29
MW12-S	256	0.71	9.16	6.10 – 7.60	Silty Clay Till	6.06	8.71	8.07	4.60	3.84	4.26	4.73	6.01
MW12-D	256	0.80	30.20	30.50 – 32.00	Sandy Silt Till	23.29	29.12	21.85	14.30	22.31	25.33	25.93	26.46

**Table 6. Mini Piezometer Installation Details, Water Levels, and Hydraulic Gradients**

MP ID	Surface Elevation (masl)	Stick Up (m)	Depth to Screen (m)	Water Level (mbgs)	Apr 4, 2018	May 17, 2018	Jun 13, 2018	Jul 19, 2018	Aug 27, 2018	Oct 29, 2018
MP1	243	1.00	0.85	In	0.50	0.11	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.21
				Out	-0.09	-0.06	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry
				Hydraulic Gradient	-0.69	-0.20	-	-	-	-

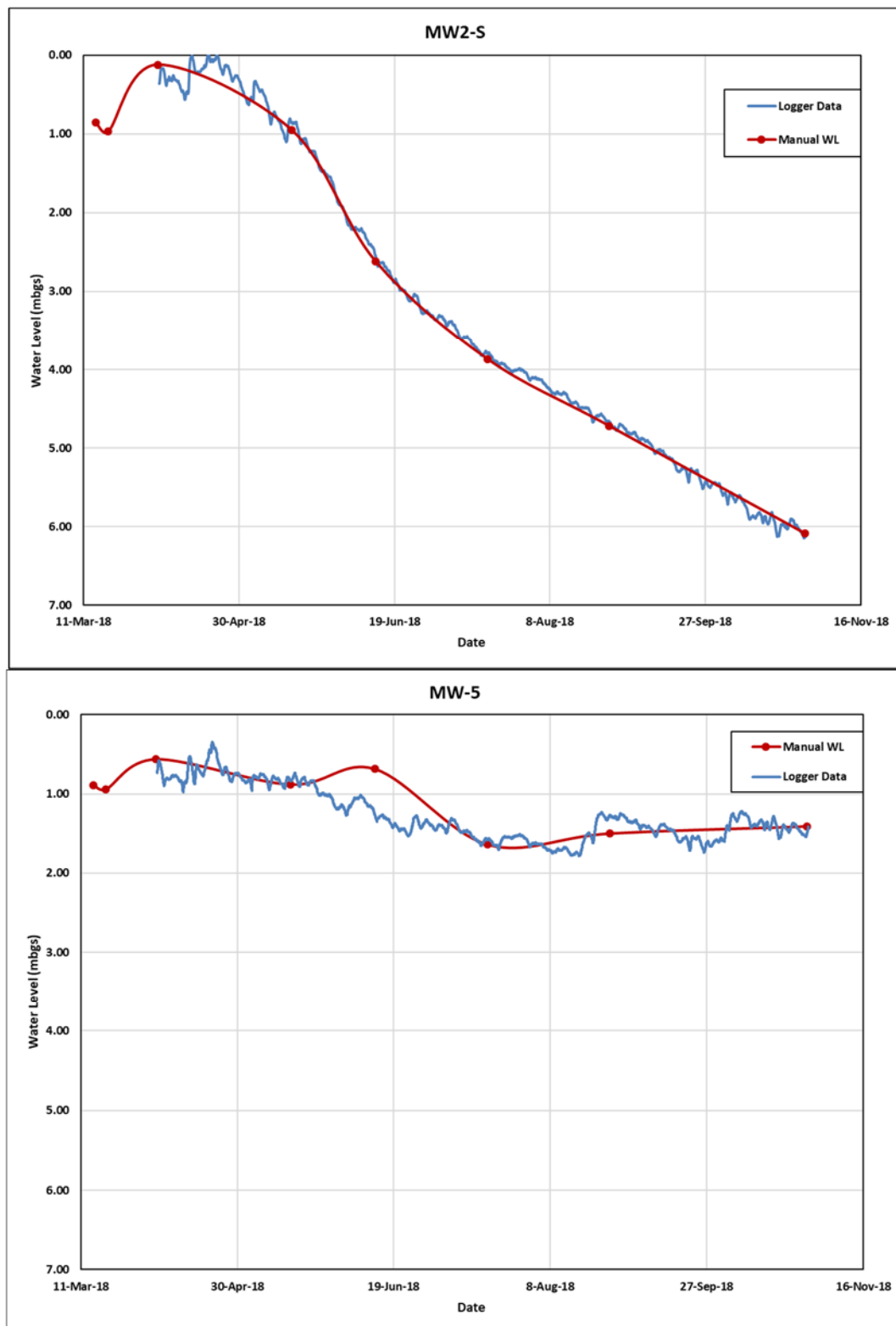
\* A negative water level indicates water level was measured above ground surface.

\* A negative hydraulic gradient indicates groundwater recharge conditions.

## 5.2.2 Groundwater Levels

Groundwater levels were measured on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, August 27<sup>th</sup>, and October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (**Table 5**). The shallow groundwater table ranged in depth from 0.12 mbgs (MW2-S on April 4, 2018) to 8.71 mbgs (MW12-S on March 19, 2018), and the deep groundwater table ranged from 11.35 mbgs (MW2-D on May 17, 2018) to 29.12 mbgs (MW12-D on March 19, 2018). Dataloggers were installed in MW-2S and MW5 to capture seasonal changes (**Figure 6**).

The shallow water levels measured in some wells indicate the presence of perched water table conditions. These conditions are common in areas with poor drainage, such as where the Halton Till aquitard is at surface, as there is slow downward percolation rates and an increased response of shallow soils to surface water inputs. The actual level of the long-term water table ranges from approximately 5 m to 8 mbgs across the site, indicated by a shift in soil colour from brown (oxidized) to grey (wet, low oxygen) in the borehole log records for MW2, MW6, and MW12-S/D (**Appendix D**).



*Figure 6. Recorded Groundwater Levels in MW-5 and MW-2S*



### 5.2.3 Groundwater Flow

Groundwater flow within the site generally follows topography, and is generally controlled by the presence of the Humber River valley and by a north-south groundwater divide located through the center of the site (**Figure 7**). Groundwater on the east side of the divide is directed to the northeast, and groundwater on the west side of the divide is directed northwest. A mean horizontal groundwater gradient of 0.02 m/m was observed towards both the northwest (MW2) and northeast (MW12) of the site area.

A strong downwards vertical hydraulic gradient was observed in the nested monitoring wells on the east (MW2 = -0.91 m/m) and west (MW12 = -1.15 m/m) margins of the site. This is expected due to the steep downwards topography of the Humber River Valley that is immediately adjacent to both well locations. The vertical hydraulic gradient is approximately 1.5 orders of magnitude greater than the horizontal hydraulic conductivity indicating that the dominant groundwater flow direction is downwards.

### 5.2.4 Hydraulic Conductivity

On March 19 and April 4, 2018, PEGC personnel conducted single well response tests (i.e., slug tests) at each of the monitoring well locations to determine the hydraulic conductivity (K) of the surrounding soils. Both rising head (RH) and falling head (FH) tests were conducted.

Hydraulic conductivity (K) values were calculated using the displacement-time data and were analysed using the Hvorslev (1951) method for confined aquifers, modelled using Aqtesolv™ software (**Appendix E**). Calculated K values ranged from  $3.5 \times 10^{-6}$  m/sec to  $4.4 \times 10^{-8}$  m/sec, with a site-wide geometric mean K of  $6.1 \times 10^{-7}$  m/sec. These values are within the expected range for the Halton Till Aquitard, which ranges from  $5 \times 10^{-6}$  m/sec to  $5 \times 10^{-8}$  m/sec (CAMC-YPDT, 2006).

The observed differences in K values across the site are likely due to spatial variations in soil horizons. For example, MW6 is screened within a sandier unit, resulting in higher K values ( $\sim 10^{-6}$  m/sec), while MW5 is within a silt and clay unit, thus resulting in a lower observed K value ( $\sim 10^{-8}$  m/sec).

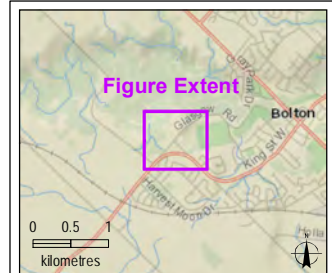
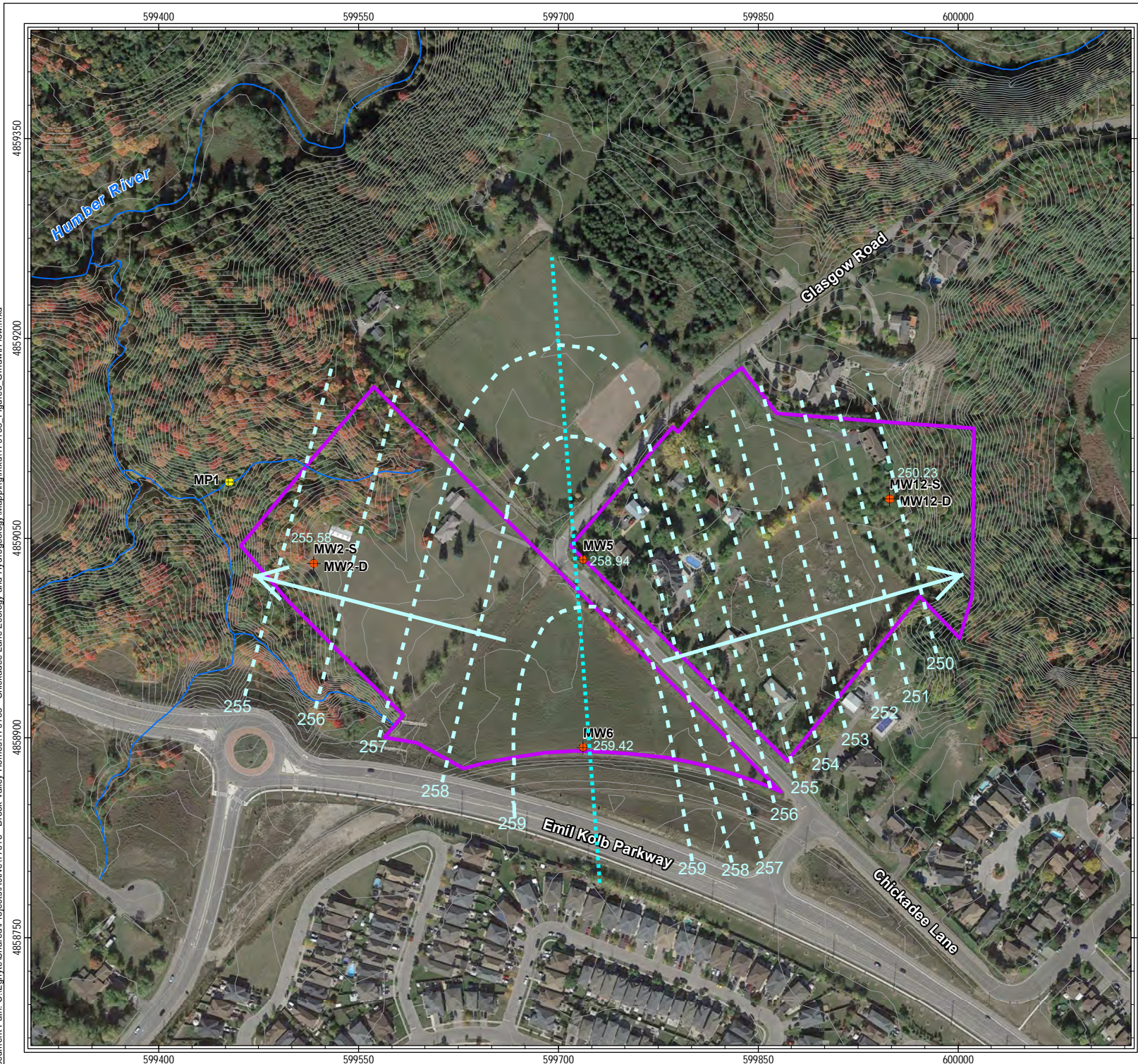
### 5.2.5 Groundwater / Surface Water Interactions

Groundwater and surface water levels were measured in the Humber River tributary using a mini-piezometer (MP1) (**Table 6**). The MP was installed in a section of the tributary within the forest community northwest of the site. Based on the results of monitoring at this MP, this tributary has a mean downward vertical hydraulic gradient of -0.45, indicating that the feature is predominately runoff supported, and is possibly ephemeral. Surface water flow was present within the feature on April 4<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and was dry on the others.

### 5.2.6 Groundwater Chemistry

Groundwater chemistry samples were collected from MW6 on March 15, 2018 and analyzed for a suite of water quality parameters such as turbidity, total suspended solids (TSS), pH, nutrients and metals. The Certificate of Analysis is provided in **Appendix F**. Results were compared against Ontario Provincial Water Quality Objectives (PWQO) and indicate that the sample exceeds PWQO criteria for total aluminum (Al) and total iron (Fe), most likely as a result of high TSS in the collected sample.

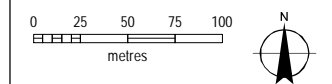




### Legend

- Mini Piezometer
- Monitoring Well
- Watercourse
- Contour (1 m)
- Study Area
- Potentiometric Surface (masl)
- Groundwater Flow Direction
- Local Groundwater Divide

\*Manual Water Levels: April 4, 2018



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## Groundwater Flow

# FIGURE 7



## 5.2.7 Water Balance

### Methodology

A pre-development water balance was completed for the site using a monthly soil-moisture balance approach (Thornthwaite and Mather, 1957). Water balance calculations use factors such as monthly precipitation, temperature, and latitude to estimate site conditions such as the average annual evapotranspiration (ET). Long-term climate data (30-year duration, 1981 to 2010) were obtained from the nearest meteorological station to the site, the Toronto Pearson International Airport (43°40' N, 79°37' W).

The site was divided according to the pre-development land use components: forested cover and agricultural/rural residential. The mean annual water surplus (water available for infiltration and runoff processes) for each area was calculated by subtracting the mean annual evapotranspiration from the mean annual precipitation. Soil moisture storage values of 250 mm and 400 mm were used to represent the agricultural/rural residential and forested areas, respectively, overlying silty clay till.

The calculated mean annual water surplus was then partitioned using infiltration factors dependent on three properties: soil type (**Figure 5**), topography and slope (**Figure 8**), and land use (**Figure 9**) (MOEE, 1995). Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping was used to divide each layer into discrete sections and assign respective infiltration factors. The total average annual infiltration was then determined by multiplying the appropriate water surplus value by the sum of the three individual factors.

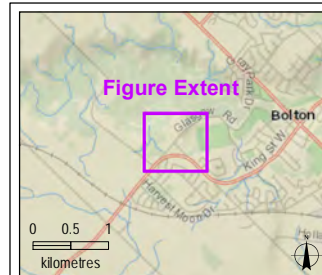
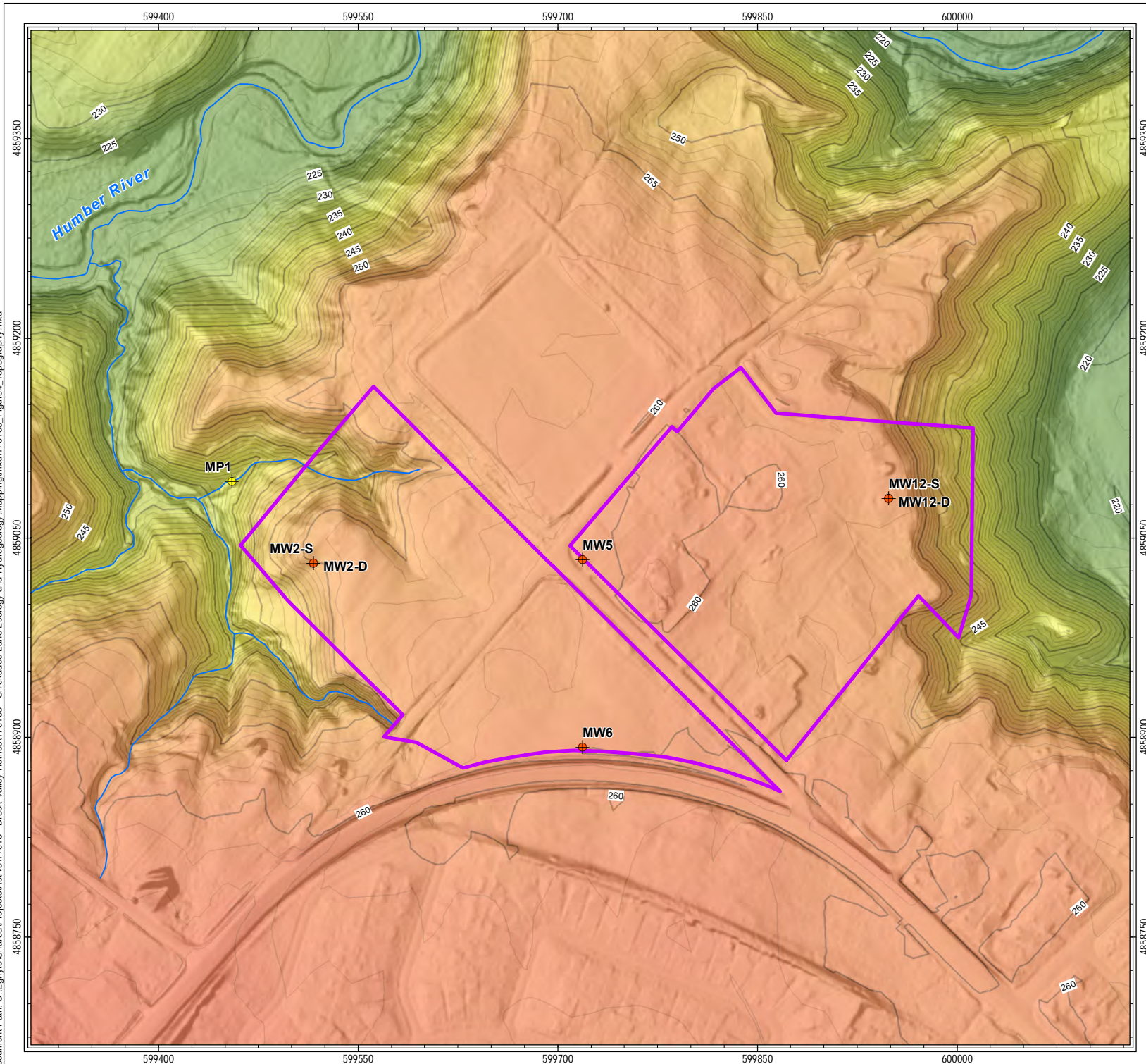
### Pre-Development Water Balance Results

Based on 30-year climate normals, the total annual precipitation at the site is approximately 786 mm/yr. This precipitation will either infiltrate the soils where it falls, contribute to local wetlands or streams as runoff, or evaporate through ET. Actual ET (AET) is calculated based on potential evapotranspiration (PET) and soil-moisture storage withdrawal. Based on the Thornthwaite and Mather (1957) model, calculated AET for the Agricultural/Rural Residential and Forested land use areas is 499 mm/yr and 502 mm/yr respectively. These results are consistent with those reported by TRCA (2008b) for the Humber River Watershed, which indicates a mean AET value of 525 mm/yr.

Monthly PET is defined as water loss through evaporation or transpiration from a homogeneous vegetated area that does not lack water (Thornthwaite, 1948; Mather, 1978). Calculated PET for the total site area is 629 mm/yr (approximately 80% of total precipitation), while the soil moisture deficit is between 127 mm/yr (Forested) and 130 mm/yr (Agricultural/Rural Residential).

Estimated water surplus within the site ranges from approximately 284 mm/yr (Forested; 36% of total precipitation) to 287 mm/yr (Agricultural; 37% of total precipitation) and is divided into two components: infiltration and runoff. Using the method outlined in the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) Storm Water Management (SWM) manual and MOEE (1995), approximately 70% (401.77 mm/yr of the surplus runs off, while the remaining 30% (169.23 mm/yr) infiltrates. Over the entire site area (100,800 m<sup>2</sup>), this translates to approximately 9,363 m<sup>3</sup>/yr of infiltration, and approximately 19,719 m<sup>3</sup>/yr of runoff (**Figures 10 & 11**). These values are consistent with the reported low permeability of the Halton Till combined with the very steep terrain bordering the northwest and northeast sections of the study area.

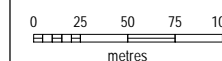
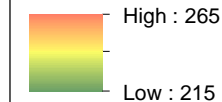




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- Monitoring Well
- Watercourse
- Contour (1 m)
- Study Area

### Elevation



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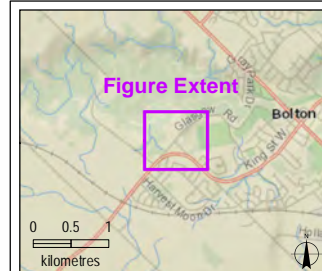
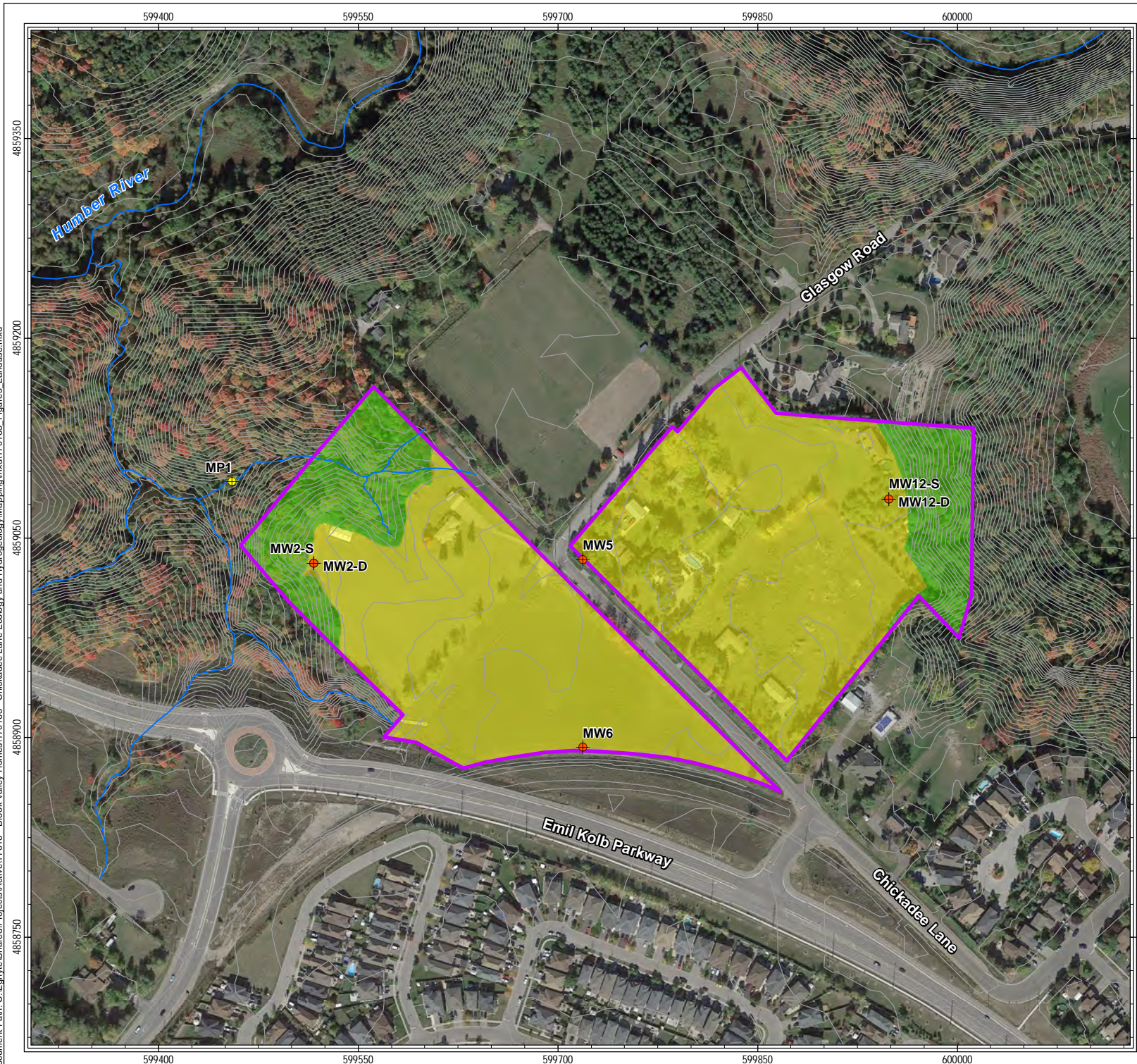
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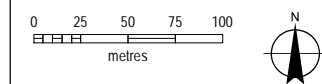


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### Land Cover

- Agriculture (8.23 ha)
- Forest (1.85 ha)



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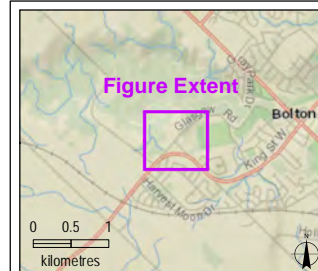
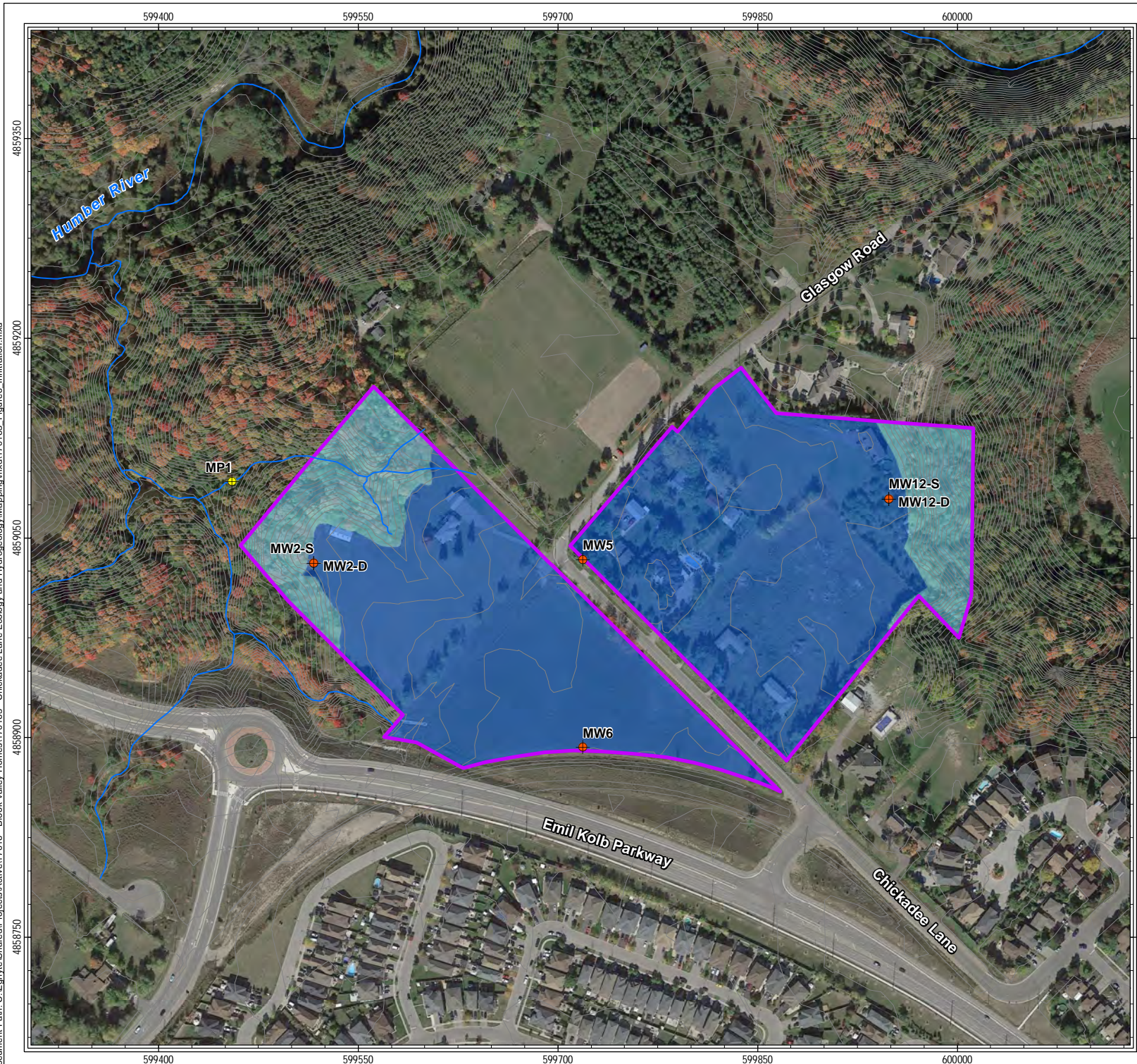
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**FIGURE 9**



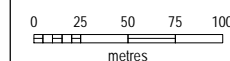


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### Infiltration by Land Cover Type

- Forest (73 mm/year)
- Agricultural (97 mm/year)



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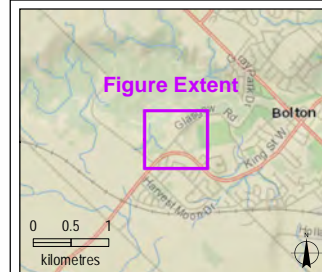
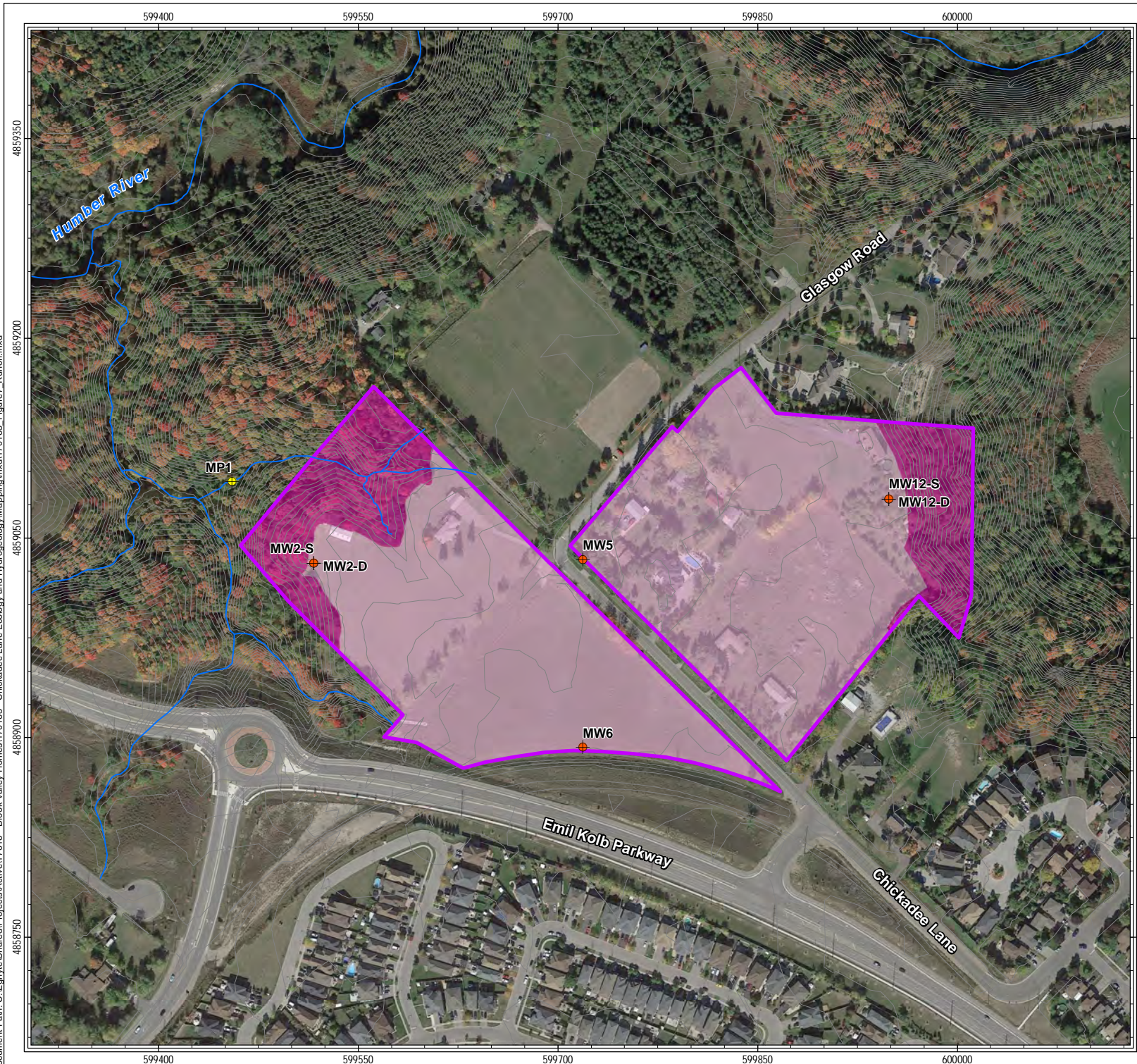
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**FIGURE 10**



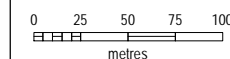


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- Mini Piezometer
- Monitoring Well
- Watercourse
- Contour (1 m)
- Study Area

### Runoff by Land Cover Type

- Agricultural (190 mm/year)
- Forest (211 mm/year)



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**FIGURE 11**



### 5.2.8 Source Water Protection

The Clean Water Act (2006) classifies the hydrogeological vulnerability of areas into categories such as Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas (SGRA), Highly Vulnerable Aquifer (HVA), and Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPA). Based on available Source Water Protection Information Mapping compiled by the MECP, the site is not considered to be within a HVA or WHPA. A small portion of the site area that corresponds with Lot 27 (Existing Residential) of the concept plan is characterized as a SGRA with a low vulnerability score of 2. Based on the 2017 Tables of Drinking Water Threats for Pathogens and Chemicals, no activities in these areas have been identified that could pose a threat to groundwater under various circumstances.

In addition, ecological studies completed by PEGG did not identify any groundwater supported natural features (i.e., groundwater supported wetlands and watercourses) on or within 120 m the site. It is expected that vertical groundwater movement is restricted at the site due to the presence of the thick silty clay Halton Till and Newmarket Till aquitard units (approximately 40 m thick). The low permeability of the till (geometric mean  $K = 6.1 \times 10^{-7}$  m/s) greatly limits groundwater recharge and potential contaminant migration.

## 6. Geotechnical

A Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation was completed by Soil Engineers Inc. (2018). to characterize the engineering properties of the soils for Site design and construction purposes. Since the Site is located in close proximity to a series of slopes of the Humber River valley, a slope stability study was also completed as part of the geotechnical investigation. A detailed slope stability assessment was completed by Soil Engineers to determine slope stability, which will be integrated with the natural environmental constraints (**Figure 4**) to define the limits of development for the Chickadee Lane Site.

This section summarizes the results of the Soil Engineers (2018) geotechnical investigation and integrates the findings with the overall CEISMP Part A Report.

### 6.1 Geotechnical Site Characterization

#### 6.1.1 Methodology

Twelve (12) boreholes were drilled by Soil Engineers Inc. between January 23 and 29, 2018 using a track-mounted continuous-flight power-auger equipped for soil sampling. The location of the boreholes is shown in **Appendix G** and the borehole logs are provided in **Appendix D**. Two of the boreholes (BH-2 and BH-12) were situated close to the top of slope and extended to a depth of 19.8 mbgs and 32 mbgs respectively. The remaining boreholes have depths of between 6.5 mbgs to 8.1 mbgs. Monitoring wells were installed at BH-5 and BH-6, and nested monitoring wells were installed at BH-2 and BH-12. PEGG completed groundwater level monitoring of the wells as part of the Hydrogeological Investigation.

### **6.1.2 Subsurface Conditions**

Based on the results of borehole drilling, the following subsurface stratigraphic profile (from Soil Engineers, 2018) was encountered:

#### Topsoil

Topsoil was identified in all boreholes and ranged in thickness from 16 cm and 46 cm, however thicker topsoil is expected to occur in places such as treed or low-lying drainage areas. The topsoil is dark brown in colour and contains roots and humus.

#### Earth Fill

A layer of earth fill consisting of brown and grey silty clay, with sand and gravel, and occasional rootlets, wood and brick fragments was identified in boreholes BH-4, BH-5, BH-7, and BH-11, extending to a depth of between 0.6 mbgs to 2.4 mbgs. Its presence is likely due to prior site grading when the road and existing houses were constructed.

The obtained “N” values ranged from 3 to 30, with a median of 6 blows per 30 cm of penetration, indicating the fill is non-uniform in compaction and is unsuitable to support any structures sensitive to movement. For structural uses, the existing earth fill must be subexcavated, sorted free to topsoil and any deleterious material, aerated, and properly compacted in layers.

#### Silty Clay Till

Silty clay till was identified in all boreholes. It is heterogeneous in structure and amorphous in places. Sand and clay seams were identified in some samples. The presence of cobbles and boulders was interpreted through intermittent hard resistance to augering.

The obtained “N” values ranged from 2 to 69 blows, with a median of 27 blows per 30 cm of penetration. This indicates that the consistency of the clay till is soft to hard, where the soft till was found in the upper weathered zone near ground surface only. The consistency of the clay till was generally very stiff. The water content of the samples ranged from 12% to 32%. The Atterberg Limit was determined on four representative samples, and results indicate a range in liquid limit from 36 – 42, and a range in plastic limit from 19 – 21.

Based on the Atterberg Limits and the water content values, the clay till is cohesive with medium plasticity. The natural water content values are mostly below the plastic limit, confirming the generally very stiff consistency of the clay determined from the “N” values. The high-water content samples that were obtained near ground surface may have been disturbed by weathering.

The engineering properties of the clay till pertaining to the project design are provided below:

- Highly frost susceptible and soil adfreezing potential;
- Low water erodibility;



- Very low in permeability, with an estimated coefficient of permeability of  $10^{-7}$  cm/sec and runoff coefficients of:
 

Slope	
0% - 2%	0.15
2% - 6%	0.20
6%+	0.28
- A cohesive-frictional soil, its shear strength is derived from consistency and is augmented by internal friction, thus being inversely moisture dependent and, to a lesser extent, dependent on soil density;
- In excavation, the clay till will be stable in relatively steep slopes; however, prolonged exposure will allow infiltrating precipitation to saturate the fissures and sand layers in the till, causing sloughing;
- A poor pavement-supportive material, with an estimated California Bearing Ratio (CBR) value of 5%; and,
- Moderate corrosivity to buried metal, with an estimated electrical resistivity of 3500 ohm·cm.

### Sandy Silt Till

The sandy silt till was encountered in boreholes BH-2 and BH-12 at depths below 16.5 m and 22.5 mbgs, respectively. It is heterogeneous in structure with occasional sand seams, cobbles, and boulders.

The obtained “N” values ranged from 28 to 78, with a median of 39 blows per 30 cm of penetration. This indicates that the relative density of the sandy silt till is compact to very dense, and is generally in the dense range. The water content of the samples ranged from 12% to 15%.

The properties of the sandy silt till pertaining to the project are given below:

- Moderately frost susceptibility, with high soil adfreezing potential;
- Low water erodibility;
- Relatively low in permeability, with an estimated coefficient of permeability of  $10^{-6}$  cm/sec and runoff coefficients of:
 

Slope	
0% - 2%	0.15
2% - 6%	0.20
6%+	0.28
- A cohesive-frictional soil, its shear strength is derived from consistency and is augmented by internal friction, thus being inversely moisture dependent and, to a lesser extent, dependent on soil density;
- In excavation, the sandy silt till will be stable in relatively steep slopes; however, prolonged exposure will allow infiltrating precipitation to saturate the sand layers causing localized sloughing;
- A poor pavement-supported material, with an estimated CBR value of 8%; and,
- Moderate corrosivity to buried metal, with an estimated electrical resistivity of 4000 ohm·cm.

### 6.1.3 Slope Stability Study

A slope stability study was conducted for the valley land to the western and eastern portions of the Site. It includes a visual inspection of the slope and stability analysis using force-moment equilibrium criteria of the Bishop's method. The results of this analysis are provided in **Appendix G**.

A visual inspection of the slope was performed on March 20, 2018 by qualified Soil Engineers staff. The inspection revealed that the sloping ground is generally covered with mature trees or vegetation, with isolated bare spots covered with fallen leaves and wood branches. Most of the trees appeared in the upright position. There were no signs of water seepage or erosion along the slope surface, except within multiple gully features. Surface erosion was present to the north and west of the property. Toe erosion scars were also evident along the Humber River outside of the Site boundary. Towards the east of the property, the bottom of the slope is a sports field park with no observed erosion hazard.

Three slope sections were selected for stability analysis based on field observation and the contours of slope inclination (**Appendix G**). Each slope section has a height of 20 to 30 m, with an inclination between 1 vertical (V): 2 horizontal (H) and 1V:3H.

The slope profiles are interpreted from the contours on the topographic plan obtained from First Base Solutions. The subsurface profiles of the slope sections were interpreted from the findings of the nearby Boreholes 2 and 12. The groundwater level recorded in these boreholes (3.0 mbgs to 6.1 mbgs) was used as the phreatic groundwater along the slope, although it was discontinuous and was considered as the perched water in the boreholes. The soil strength parameters of each soil layer are presented in **Table 7**.

The stability analysis was completed using "SLIDE", developed by Rocscience Inc. The Technical Guide "River and Stream Systems: Erosion Hazard Limit" of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR Guideline) was used for the management of erosion hazards along the bank.

**Table 7. Soil Strength Parameters**

Soil Type	Unit Weight $\gamma$ (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	Shear Strength Parameters	
		c' (kPa)	$\phi'$ (degree)
Silty Clay Till, very stiff	22.0	5	28
Silty Clay Till, stiff	21.5	5	25
Sandy Silt Till, dense	22.0	5	30

The minimum Factors of Safety (FOS) in **Table 8** meets the Design Minimum Factor of Safety of 1.3 to 1.5 for Active Landuse (habitable or occupied structures near slope: residential, commercial and industrial buildings, retaining walls, storage warehousing of non-hazardous substances).

Due to the low permeability of the subsoil, the water penetration into the subsoil during regional flooding is local. Any instability due to saturation of subsoil during rapid drawdown is considered insignificant.

To establish the long-term stable slope line (LTSSL), a 5 m toe erosion allowance was recommended by Soil Engineers (2018) along the gullies and river bank where there are signs of erosion, according to Table 3 of MNRF Guideline. Any new development will have to set back a minimum of 6 m from the LTSSL.

**Table 8. Factors of Safety of Slope Sections**

Slope Section (see Appendix G for location)	Minimum Factor of Safety of Existing Slope
A-A	1.393
B-B	1.496
C-C	1.509

In order to maintain the safety of slope from erosion, the following geotechnical constraints should be stipulated for any development near the slope:

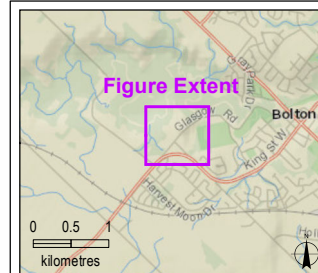
1. The prevailing vegetative cover must be maintained, since its extraction would deprive the slope of the rooting system that acts as a reinforcement against soil erosion by weathering. If for any reason the vegetative cover is stripped, it must be reinstated to its original, or better than its original, protective condition.
2. The leafy topsoil cover on the slope face should not be disturbed, since this provides insulation and screening against frost wedging and rainwash erosion.
3. Grading of the land adjacent to the slope must be such that concentrated runoff is not allowed to drain onto the slope face. Landscaping features such as infiltration trenches which may cause runoff to pond at the top of the slope, as well as soil saturation at the tableland must not be permitted near the slope edge.
4. Factors related to possible human environmental abuse should not be permitted. These include soil saturation from frequent watering to maintain landscaping features, stripping topsoil or vegetation, and dumping loose fill and material storage close to the top of slope.

## 7. Fluvial Geomorphology

An erosion hazard assessment was completed by PEGC to support the proposed SWM Pond outlet into the tributary to the Humber River (**Appendix H**). The purpose of the visit was to examine channel stability and scour processes, determine channel dimensions, and observe bed and bank materials along the three reaches identified during prior desktop review (**Figure 12**).

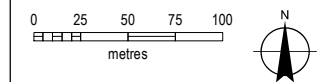
The fluvial geomorphology study was completed under winter conditions and unfortunately snow and ice cover along the middle (Reach 2) and downstream (Reach 3) reaches precluded examination of channel conditions or the establishment of erosion thresholds. Follow-up field surveys will be required to confirm the sensitivity of these reaches to proposed SWM Pond discharge. The results of this study allowed for a preliminary erosion hazard threshold for Reach 1 to be established to guide the design of the SWM Pond.





### Legend

- Reach Break
- Cross Section Location
- Watercourse
- Study Area
- Contours (1 m)
- Proposed Location of Stormwater Management Pond
- Proposed Pond Outlet



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**Erosion Threshold**

**FIGURE 12**



## 7.1 Erosion Threshold Assessment

### 7.1.1 Methodology

A PEGC Fluvial Processes Specialist visited the subject property on February 5, 2019, immediately after a mid-winter thaw. The upstream reach is a gully that has head-cut into tableland with a rough V-shaped cross-section (Reach 1). The middle reach is transitional in its genesis and characteristics, exhibiting more influence from fluvial characteristics than Reach 1, with defined channel dimensions and slight sinuosity (Reach 2). The downstream reach is a headwater tributary of Humber River with a sinuous planform and discontinuous alluvial floodplain (Reach 3). The warm weather had melted the snow and ice along the Reach 1 gully, such that it could be properly examined, but remnant snow and ice cover precluded meaningful observation of the bed and banks along reaches 2 and 3. The following discussion of methods, results and implications pertains solely to Reach 1; additional field work and data analysis will be required in spring to assess the sensitivities of reaches 2 and 3 to flow augmentation.

A geomorphic survey was completed along Reach 1 of representative bankfull<sup>1</sup> cross-sections (locations are shown on **Figure 12**) and a local longitudinal bed and water surface profile (to approximate the local energy gradient). Substrates were characterized by visual examination and hand texturing of fine-grained materials, with confirmatory reference to nearby borehole logs and associated grain size analysis records. A modified Wolman (1954) pebble count aided establishment of the grain size distribution of gravelly materials. Bank structure and composition were examined, where not obscured by snow or ice.

### 7.1.2 Soil Conditions

In the vicinity of the subject property, Humber River has incised through thick deposits of clay to silt-textured till at least partly derived from glaciolacustrine deposits. Borehole logs from drilling completed within the subject property generally confirm that a veneer of topsoil and earth fill overlies silty clay till and compact to very dense sandy silt till at deeper depths (Soil Engineers Ltd., 2018). Borehole 2 (BH2), which is located closest to the proposed stormwater management (SWM) pond and edge of the valley (shown on **Figure 12**), confirms field observation that the walls of the gully features that descend into the Humber River valley comprise silty clay till, with traces of gravel, sand seams, cobbles and boulders (Soil Engineers Ltd., 2018).

The presence of cohesive till along the floor and sidewalls of the gully along which stormwater discharge is proposed to be added (Reach 1) means that typical approaches to erosion threshold assessment that rely on determination of a critical shear stress at which individual particles (grains) are entrainable are unsuitable. Erosion of cohesive material occurs through irregular abrasion and plucking of aggregates of material as opposed to through particle-by-particle entrainment (Knighton, 1998). Post-development erosion potential was evaluated relatively through a comparison of current and post-development catchments, with consultation of Hjulstrom's (1935) relation as an approximate check.

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<sup>1</sup> The term "bankfull" is used loosely throughout because gullies such as the one investigated do not form and evolve in the same way as lower-gradient, alluvial channels.

### 7.1.3 Description of Gully Morphology and Erosional Processes

The planned SWM pond (**Appendix H**) is proposed to discharge into a well-defined network of gullies and channels that descends into the Humber River Valley (**Figure 12**). The pond is proposed to discharge directly into a deep, V-shaped gully (Reach 1) that drains into a defined headwater tributary approximately 50 m from the outfall (Reach 2). A better-defined watercourse (Reach 3) is located approximately 150 m downstream of the confluence which drains a residential subdivision south of Glasgow Road and overland flow from the roadway drainage ditching.

The Reach 1 gully is incised into a moderately steep, forested section of the valley wall. The gully conveys flow from a small catchment, measuring approximately 0.95 ha. The gully exhibits little sign of active erosion with sloped sidewalls and no mass movement failures. No headward cut or seepage areas were observed. The gully has a high gradient (17%) and an irregular, stepped bed profile. The development of a stepped profile reflects local diversity in materials into which the gully has incised and how steep channels moderate erosion and maintain a degree of stability under current flow conditions. The banks are scoured and slightly undercut, exposing roots. All flows are confined to the V-shaped gully bottom without any floodplain available to attenuate floods. The small, gully-bottom cross-section itself is trapezoidal with a narrow bed and steep banks (low width/depth ratio). The bed and bank material consist of sandy silty-clay till, locally overlain by organic matter. There is a scattering of cohesionless material along the gully bottom, including sand and small gravels with cobbles and anthropogenic debris (i.e., concrete rubble). Also, woody debris and exposed tree roots impart structure and roughness along the bed. The rate of headward cut and growth of the Reach 1 gully is moderated by its small drainage area (0.95 ha), ephemeral hydrologic regime and partly cohesive surficial geology.

The morphology of gullies (e.g., Reach 1) differs from the morphology of channels formed predominantly by fluvial processes (e.g., Reaches 2 and 3), which generally have concave-upward longitudinal profiles. Gullies tend to have steep sides, low width/depth ratios, and a stepped profile, characteristically having knickpoints from head-cutting (Knighton, 1998). Gully initiation and development involve multiple episodes of channel erosion: downward scour, head-cutting, rapid enlargement, and stabilization. These erosional processes work as a positive feedback mechanism as the steep slope and low width/depth ratio lead to higher velocities and stream power, leading to enlargement of the gully (Gao, 2013). As a result, gullies are inherently erosive landforms that form where surface runoff concentrates down a slope. On steep slopes, major rainstorms are required to produce the necessary depth of concentrated flow that exceeds the threshold condition.

The proposed development is expected to increase the catchment of the gully by an order of magnitude, from approximately 0.95 ha to approximately 10.08 ha (conservatively assuming the entire land development is ultimately drained by this gully although it is known that LID features will be implemented to reduce runoff and increase infiltration). Irrespective of the ability of stormwater management to maintain similar post- and pre-development peak flows, the marked increase in drainage area draining relatively low-permeability till will almost certainly increase the annual volume of flow conveyed by the gully. Lower-magnitude, more frequent (<2 year) flows will also likely be higher than those under existing conditions.



Hjulstrom's (1935) relation between flow (shear) velocity and entrainable grain size was consulted as a rough check of a theoretical erosion threshold, despite its unsatisfied assumptions of uniform flow along a lower-gradient, smooth-bedded watercourse. A critical discharge of 0.1 to 0.014 m<sup>3</sup>/s is predicted based on a gully-bottom gradient of 17%, a Manning's n value of 0.075, and a dominant substrate grain size range from fine (D<sub>50</sub> of 0.004 m) to coarse (D<sub>50</sub> of 0.062 m) silt, respectively. These critical discharges equate to 86% of "bankfull" flow, assuming fine silt is representative, and 16% of "bankfull" flow, assuming coarse silt is representative. Bed structure (steps, knickpoints, roots, etc.), cohesive material and woody debris provide stability along the gully bottom, moderating erosive potential.

## PART B: IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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### 8. Impact Assessment

The proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision, prepared by Humphries Planning (February 2019), is provided in **Appendix H**. **Figure 13** provides an illustration of the proposed development plan overlain with the environmental constraints and proposed mitigation measures. **Figure 13a** and **Figure 13b** show the interfaces between the proposed development and natural features in more detail for the northwest and southeast portions of the site, respectively.

The Draft Plan proposes to subdivide the Subject Lands into 36 blocks and create four new public streets. This includes 25 street townhouse blocks, containing a total 140 units, located in the south east and south west quadrants of the Subject Lands. The Plan also proposes to maintain two of the existing rural residential lots. In addition to these residential uses, the draft plan provides for one park block (located in the northwestern quadrant), a SWM block (located in the northwestern quadrant), three Open Space/Natural Heritage System Blocks (located approximately in the location of the existing EPA2 zones), two Restoration Area Blocks and a road widening along Glasgow Road.

Based on the assessment of environmental constraints and opportunities, the proposed development footprint is within areas of low constraint, predominately consisting of cultural meadow and existing rural residences with lawns. Potential impacts have been identified for the features of functions within and adjacent to the project site and are discussed in the following report sections.

#### 8.1 Terrestrial Ecology

##### 8.1.1 Vegetation

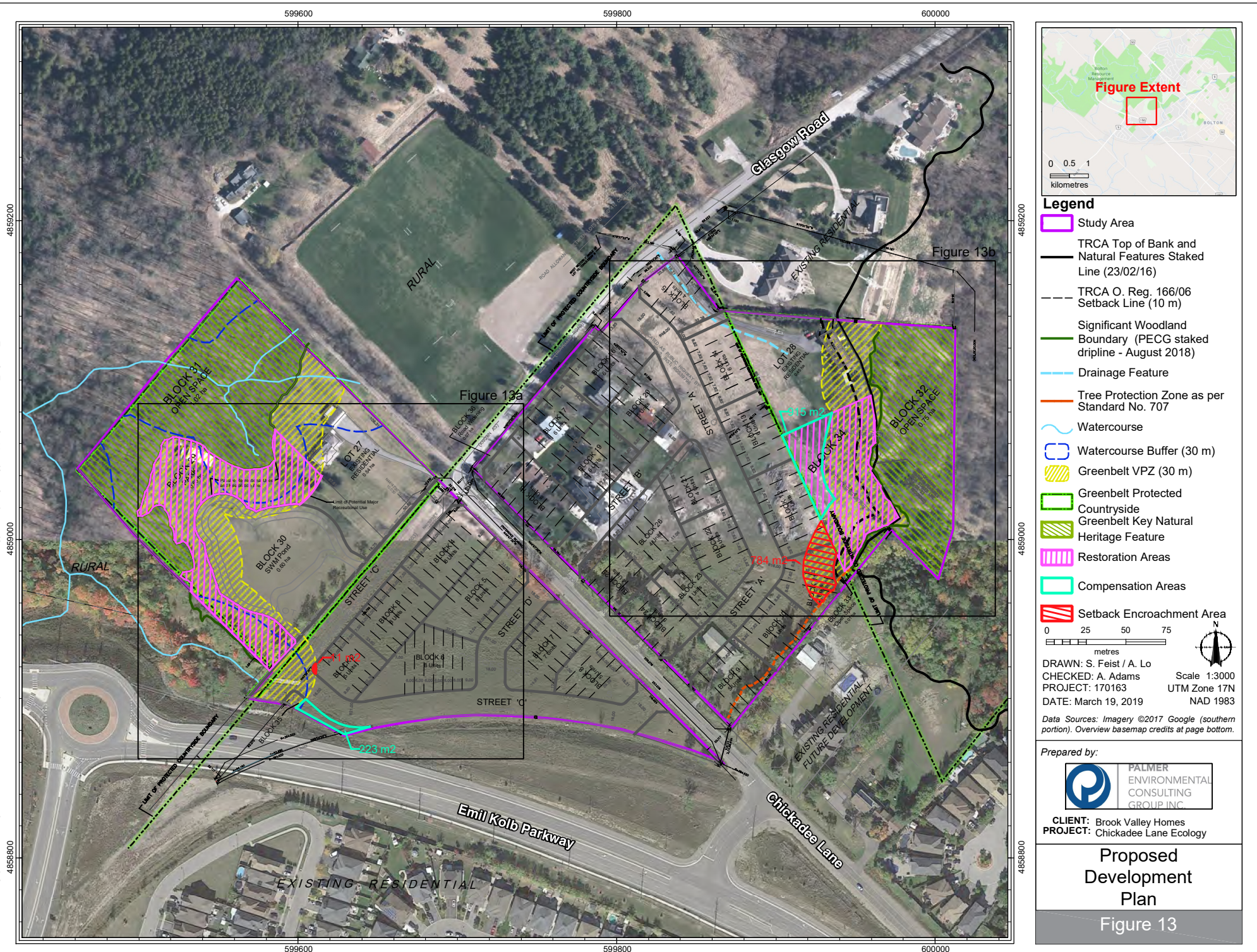
There will be no development or encroachment into key natural heritage features (i.e., significant woodland), designated as part of the NHS of the Greenbelt Plan. As shown on **Figure 13**, no encroachment is proposed into the Significant Woodlands (ELC code FOD5-8 through the northwestern portion of the Site and FOD4 to the southeast of the Site). The protection of these significant woodlands will be afforded through the establishment of appropriate setbacks (**Section 9.1.3**), and as such, no direct impacts are anticipated. No rare or sensitive species or communities occur within the proposed development lands.

Impacts to vegetation within the site include:

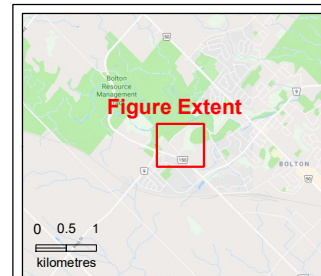
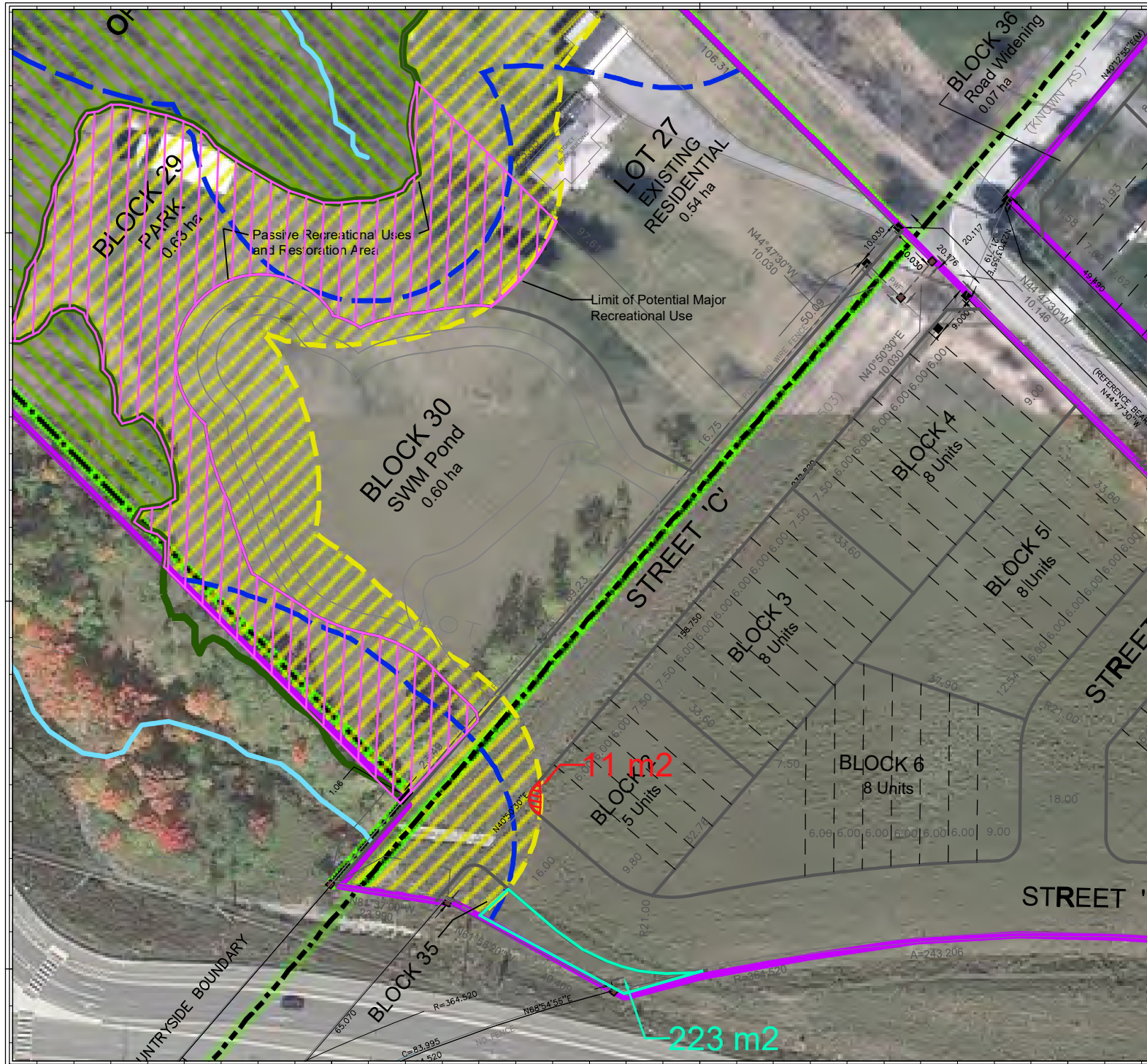
- Removal of approximately 7 ha of Old Field Meadow (CUM1-1);
- Removal of planted landscape trees and shrubs and fencerow (TAGM5c).

The impacts and proposed mitigation associated with the removal of these anthropogenic trees are described in the accompanying Tree Preservation Plan (**Appendix H**). A summary of tree removals is provided in **Table 9**.



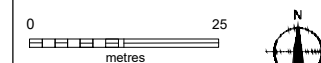






## Legend

- Study Area
- TRCA Top of Bank and Natural Features Staked Line (23/02/16)
- TRCA O. Reg. 166/06 Setback Line (10 m)
- Significant Woodland Boundary (PECG staked dripline - August 2018)
- ~ Watercourse
- Watercourse Buffer (30 m)
- Greenbelt VPZ (30 m)
- Greenbelt Protected Countryside
- Greenbelt Key Natural Heritage Feature
- Passive Recreational Uses and Restoration Area
- Additional Potential Restoration Area
- Setback Encroachment Area



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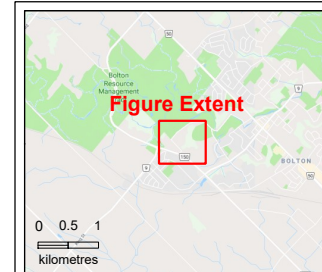
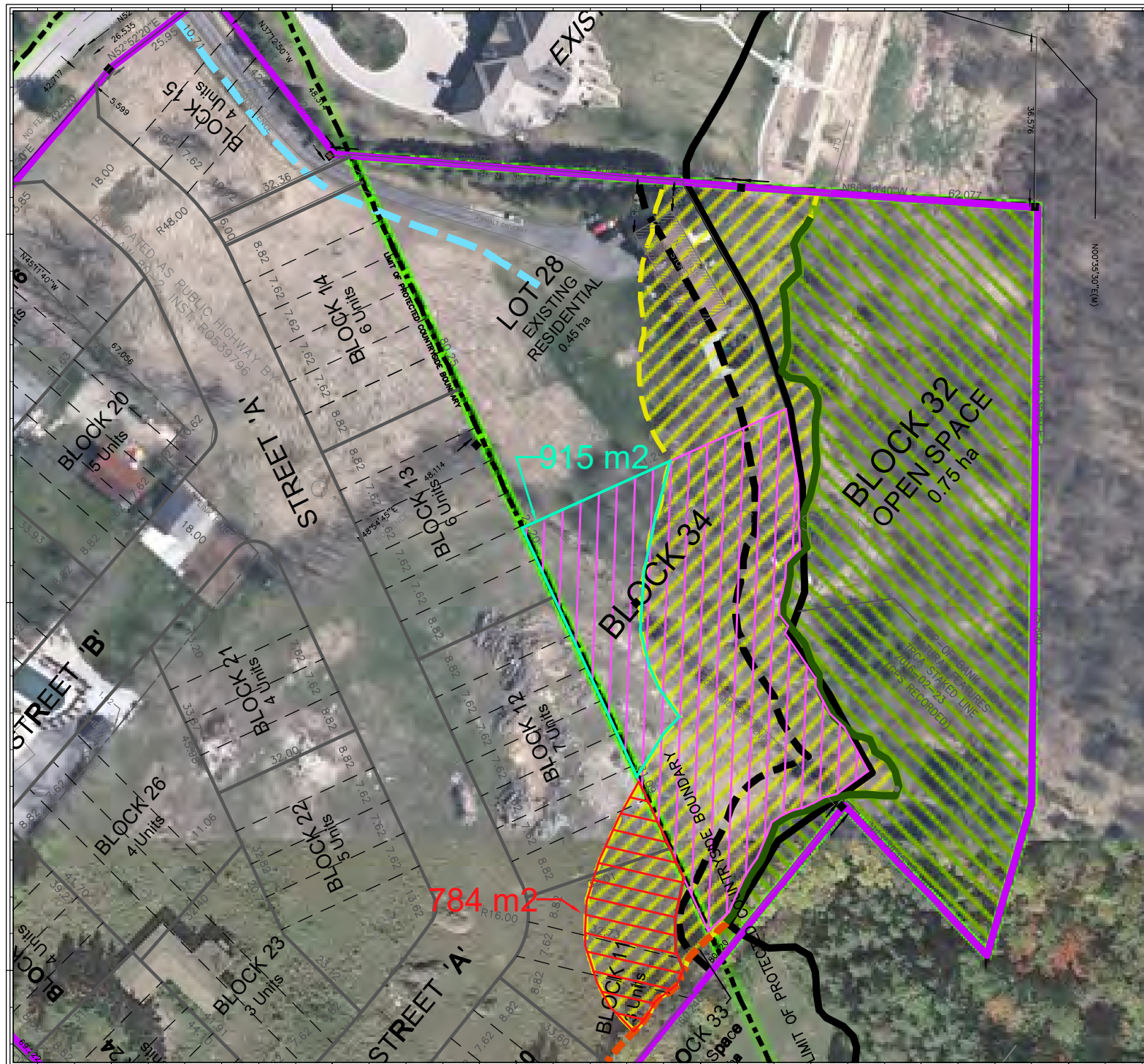


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**Proposed  
 Development Plan  
 (Northwest)**

Figure 13a





## Legend

- Study Area
- TRCA Top of Bank and Natural Features Staked Line (23/02/16)
- TRCA O. Reg. 166/06 Setback Line (10 m)
- Significant Woodland Boundary (PECG staked dipline - August 2018)
- Drainage Feature
- Tree Protection Zone as per Standard No. 707
- Greenbelt VPZ (30 m)
- Greenbelt Protected Countryside
- Greenbelt Key Natural Heritage Feature
- Restoration Area
- Variable Setback Compensation Area
- Setback Encroachment Area



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Proposed  
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 (Southeast)

Figure 13b



**Table 9. Trees Proposed to be Removed**

Scientific Name	Common Name	Fair to Good Health	Poor Health	Total Count
<i>Fraxinus americana</i> *	White Ash	32	10	42
<i>Acer x freemanii</i> *	Freeman's Maple	36	0	36
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> *	Eastern White Cedar	19	4	23
<i>Acer negundo</i>	Manitoba Maple	18	3	21
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway Maple	17	2	19
<i>Picea abies</i>	Norway Spruce	15	1	16
<i>Picea pungens</i>	Blue Spruce	14	0	14
<i>Picea glauca</i> *	White Spruce	12	0	12
<i>Ulmus americana</i> *	American Elm	8	1	9
<i>Populus alba</i>	European Poplar	6	2	8
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scots Pine	3	3	6
<i>Acer saccharum</i> *	Sugar Maple	5	0	5
<i>Betula papyrifera</i> *	White Birch	4	0	4
<i>Malus</i> sp.	Apple species	3	0	3
<i>Ulmus pumila</i>	Siberian Elm	0	2	2
<i>Salix babylonica</i>	Weeping Willow	2	0	2
<i>Juglans nigra</i> *	Black Walnut	2	0	2
<i>Prunus</i> sp.	Cherry species	0	1	1
<i>Morus alba</i>	White Mulberry	1	0	1
<i>Pinus strobus</i> *	Eastern White Pine	1	0	1
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i> *	American Beech	1	0	1
<b>Total trees to be removed</b>		<b>199</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>228</b>

### 8.1.2 Wildlife Habitat and SAR

Based on results of the SAR assessment, there is potential for impacts to SAR birds or their habitats in the area of proposed development. There are several open meadow areas on the site that may provide habitat for open country birds, including Eastern Meadowlark and Bobolink. As the quality of the habitat is somewhat variable and generally of low quality, the necessity for species-specific surveys was reviewed by the MNRF (MNRF Correspondence, March 7, 2019 – **Appendix K**). The necessity for SAR bat surveys was also reviewed by the MNRF, as there is potential for bat maternity roost habitats in the wooded portions of the Site.

As part of the on-going consultation with MNRF, MNRF reviewed the proposed development plan and recommended avoidance and mitigation measures. MNRF concluded, based on this review, that no additional SAR or SWH surveys are required and that they had no concerns considering the proposed development plan and proposed avoidance and mitigation (**Section 9**) with the proposed development plan (MNRF Correspondence, March 7, 2019 – **Appendix K**).

Based on the results of field investigations, background review and agency consultation to date, **Table 10** below describes potential impacts to SAR and potential SAR habitat.

***Table 10. SAR Impact Assessment***

<b>Feature/Function</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Potential Impact</b>
SAR Bat Habitat	FOD5-8 Community	The FOD5-8 community (significant woodland) containing wildlife cavity trees of potential use as bat maternity habitat is adequately setback from the proposed development plan. Therefore, there is no potential for direct impact to SAR bat habitat. SAR bats, particularly Little Brown and Northern Long-eared Bats are tolerant of human activity and typically roost in urban environments. Therefore, no indirect impacts to their use of the woodland is expected as a result of the proposed development.
Eastern Wood Pewee	FOD5-8 Community	The FOD5-8 community (significant woodland) containing Eastern Wood Pewee habitat is adequately setback from the proposed development plan. Therefore, there is no potential for direct impact to Eastern Wood Pewee or its habitat. With the implementation of the management plan described in Section 9, including timing windows, buffer sizing and enhancements and general mitigation recommendations, no indirect impacts are anticipated for this species (and other woodland birds).
Eastern Meadowlark and Bobolink – Potential Habitat	Open Meadow Area	Several open meadow areas with the site may provide habitat for open country birds including Eastern Meadowlark and Bobolink. The quality of this habitat is somewhat variable and generally low quality. MNRF has review the proposed development plan and concluded that they have no concerns with respect to SAR and SAR habitat.



### **8.1.3 Significant Valleylands**

Valleylands occur to the northwest and southeast of the site and are associated with current and historical tributaries of the Humber River. The top of slope and natural features limit line was staked by the TRCA (February 2016) through the eastern portion of the property (**Figure 4**). Subsequently, a detailed slope stability assessment was completed by Soil Engineers Ltd (July 2018). Both the northwestern and southeastern dripline/valley limits were delineated by PEGC in August 2018; the greater of the TRCA or PEGC delineations have been used to determine the limits of the features. There is no encroachment into the limits of the valleys (top of slope) proposed as part of the development plan and no potential impacts have been identified. Protection of valleyland features and functions is afforded through the establishment of appropriate setbacks (**Section 9.1.1**).

## **8.2 Aquatic Ecology**

### **8.2.1 Fish Habitat**

Though of limited potential, the watercourses in the forested western corner of the site are considered to contain contributing fish habitat. No direct impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed development plan have been identified for fish and fish habitat. The protection of these aquatic features and functions are protected will be afforded through the establishment of appropriate setbacks (**Section 9.1**).

As will be further discussed in Section 8.2.2, temporary mitigative construction works will be required in the ephemeral gully feature immediately downstream of the SWM Pond outlet structure. Natural channel stabilization techniques are proposed that will require temporary alteration and subsequent restoration of this feature to mitigate erosion potential. This feature is not considered fish habitat and works are proposed to be completed primarily by hand with only minor use of small machinery. A detailed construction plan can be provided to TRCA for comment and approval at the Site Plan Application stage.

Implementation of the proposed development plan would result in the removal of a small hydrological drainage feature that occurs through the northern corner of the Site, just south of Glasgow Road. According to the results from the 2018 PEGC survey and assessment following the TRCA HDF Guidelines (TRCA, 2014), this feature can be removed with no management recommendations required.

### **8.2.2 Channel Erosion**

Implementation of the proposed SWM plan and outletting of the SWM Pond to the ephemeral gully feature has the potential to increase erosion of this feature through more frequent flow and increased flow volumes. The steepness and confinement of the gully bottom yield a naturally erosive environment, with a stepped profile, woody debris, tree roots, cohesion and isolated cobbles moderating instability.

To successfully discharge stormwater to the gully, erosion control measures must first be established. The gully bottom and sidewall within Reach 1 (**Figure 12**) should be armoured using naturalized stabilization techniques that incorporate (i) cobble/boulder steps embedded with woody debris to inhibit gully deepening;

(ii) stone placement at the head of the gully to inhibit further head-cutting; and (iii) live staking along the base of the sidewalls to help mitigate widening.

## 8.3 Hydrogeology

### 8.3.1 Post-Development Water Balance

#### 8.3.1.1 Methodology

A post-development water balance was conducted using the same monthly soil-moisture balance approach (Thornthwaite and Mather, 1957) used in the pre-development water balance assessment completed in **Section 5.2.7.** and incorporates the proposed site plan land use design provided by Humphries Planning Group (HPG, 2019; **Appendix H**). The post-development was completed under two scenarios; 1) without the implementation of LIDs, and 2) with the implementation of LIDs. Doing so provides a target infiltration volume which is required to be met using LIDs to balance infiltration pre-to-post development, and also indicates if the proposed LID design is sufficient to meet those targets.

As impervious surfaces lack vegetation and prevent infiltration, the transpiration (T) component of the water balance is removed over these areas. Therefore, water available for both runoff and infiltration over impervious surfaces is precipitation minus evaporation (P-E). Evaporation over impervious areas is estimated to be approximately 10% of annual precipitation. Over pervious vegetated surfaces, the available water for infiltration and runoff is considered as precipitation minus evapotranspiration (P-ET). Available water for infiltration over pervious areas was assumed to be the same from pre- to post-development scenarios as fill composition is not outlined in the proposed site plan. The impervious factors that were applied to each proposed land use were based on the standard values specified in the MOE SWM Manual, combined with our current understanding of the site plan (HPG, 2019; **Appendix H**). Annual precipitation sums were determined using daily climate data through 1981 – 2010 from the Toronto Lester B. Pearson International Airport Climate Station.

Based on the available infiltration plan drawings for the site (Candevcon, 2019; Drawing IT-1; **Appendix I & J**) it is understood that rear yard infiltration trenches are proposed within Blocks 3 – 7, 9 – 10, and 16 – 26 of the development plan to enhance infiltration. These trenches have been designed to a width of 0.8 m, accommodate water to a depth of 0.6 m, and achieve a void ratio of 0.4 using filler material. Each of the proposed LID features has been designed to be at least 1 m above the April 2018 groundwater level, which is considered representative of the spring high groundwater elevation. **Table 12** and **13** present the interpreted high groundwater level below each LID feature.

Within the townhome blocks, LIDs were designed to capture 50% of rooftop runoff, as well as runoff from the contributing rear yards. At this stage of development, two LID plans have been proposed with differing capture areas to each LID; one to meet the requirements of the FSR, and the other to accommodate additional infiltration if needed. Note that the results of the post-development water balance should be refined with the future updates to the development plan and stormwater management measures.

The maximum volume of water that each LID is capable of infiltrating was determined using the capture area of each LID compared with the volume of the LID available for infiltration. Runoff from the LIDs



would be expected following any storm event where the volume of water directed to the LIDs exceeds the infiltration capacity. It is expected that this runoff will be directed to the SWM pond. The total annual infiltration retained by the LIDs was determined using the sum of precipitation events over a year which are less than or equal to the size of storm event that can be held within the LID (i.e., 5 mm, 10 mm, etc).

#### 8.3.1.2 Results

A post-development water balance was first completed assuming no mitigation measures (such as LID strategies) are implemented at the site (**Table 11**). Based on the most recent site plan (HPG, 2019; **Appendix H**), the total infiltration following development is estimated to be 4,291 m<sup>3</sup>/yr, and the total runoff is approximately 46,537 m<sup>3</sup>/yr. This represents a decrease in infiltration by approximately 54% from the pre-development scenario (9,363 m<sup>3</sup>/yr), and an increase in runoff by approximately 136% from pre-development (19,719 m<sup>3</sup>/yr). Note that these values represent a “worst-case” scenario as they do not account for the infiltration provided by LIDs. As infiltration is decreased by 5,072 m<sup>3</sup>/yr, this is the target infiltration volume that should be accounted for with the LID design.

Based on the described LID plan design to meet the requirements of the FSR (**Appendix I**) (**Table 12**), it is expected that these LIDs will retain an additional 5,333 m<sup>3</sup>/yr of infiltration (9,624 m<sup>3</sup>/yr total). This exceeds the infiltration target of 5,072 m<sup>3</sup>/yr, and represents an overall increase of 3% from pre-development (9,852 m<sup>3</sup>/yr) (**Table 14**). Post-development runoff volumes are expected to increase to 41,204 m<sup>3</sup>/year, which represents an increase of 109% from pre-development (19,719 m<sup>3</sup>/yr).

If the alternative LID design plan is required (**Appendix J**) (**Table 13**), it is expected that these LIDs will retain an additional 5,636 m<sup>3</sup>/yr of infiltration (9,928 m<sup>3</sup>/yr total). This represents an overall increase of 6% from pre-development (9,852 m<sup>3</sup>/yr) (**Table 15**). With this design, post-development runoff volumes are expected to increase to 40,901 m<sup>3</sup>/year, which represents an increase of 107% from pre-development (19,719 m<sup>3</sup>/yr).

Ecological studies completed by PECO did not identify any groundwater supported natural features (i.e., groundwater supported wetlands or watercourses) on or within 120 m the site that would specifically rely on groundwater recharge from the site. However, by increasing the groundwater recharge at the site through the use of LID's by between 3 and 6%, the water balance has been maintained, which provides an overall benefit to the Humber River watershed.

*Table 11. Post-Development Water Balance (Without Mitigation)*

ID	Surficial Geology	Catchment Area (ha)	Percent Impervious (%)	Impervious Area (ha)	Water Surplus on Impervious Surfaces (m/yr)	Runoff from Impervious Area (m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	Est. Pervious Area (ha)	Water Surplus on Pervious Areas (m/yr)	Pervious Areas Runoff Coefficient	Runoff from Pervious Area (m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	Pervious Areas Infiltration Coefficient	Infiltration from Pervious Area (m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	Total Runoff (m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	Total Infiltration (m <sup>3</sup> /yr)
Single Detached Residential	Silty Clay Till	0.06	0.60	0.04	0.707	255	0.02	0.287	0.66	45	0.34	23	300	23
Street Townhouses	Silty Clay Till	3.94	0.70	2.76	0.707	19,510	1.18	0.287	0.66	2,236	0.34	1,152	21,746	1,152
Existing Residential	Silty Clay Till	1.21	0.25	0.30	0.707	2,140	0.91	0.287	0.66	1,717	0.34	884	3,856	884
Park	Silty Clay Till	0.36	0.25	0.09	0.707	637	0.27	0.287	0.66	511	0.34	263	1,147	263
SWM Pond	Silty Clay Till	0.51	1.00	0.51	0.707	3,608	0.00	0.287	0.66	0	0.34	0	3,608	0
Natural Heritage System	Silty Clay Till	1.85	0.00	0.00	0.707	0	1.85	0.284	0.74	3,882	0.26	1,364	3,882	1,364
Restoration Area	Silty Clay Till	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.707	0	0.45	0.287	0.66	852	0.34	439	852	439
Road + Road Widening	Silty Clay Till	1.70	0.90	1.53	0.707	10,823	0.17	0.287	0.66	322	0.34	166	11,145	166
<b>TOTALS</b>		10.08		5.23		36,972	4.85		0.67	9,565	0.33	4,291	<b>46,537</b>	<b>4,291</b>



*Table 12. Additional Infiltration from Proposed LIDs (FSR)*

LID ID	LID Trench Width (m)	LID Trench Length (m)	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Depth to Water Table (approx.) (m)	Separation b/w Water Table and Base of LID (m)	LID Depth (m)	Depth of Water in LID (m)	Porosity	LID Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Contributing Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Runoff Coefficient	Rainfall Event Storage (mm)	Runoff Volume to LID based on Rainfall Event (m <sup>3</sup> )	Percolation Rate (mm/hr)	Drawdown Time (hr)	Annual Rainfall based on Event Storage (mm/y)	Infiltration (m <sup>3</sup> /yr)
Block 3 and 4	0.8	83	66	1.30	0.30	1.00	0.60	0.4	15.84	1400	0.75	15.0	15.75	40.5	14.8	649.9	682.4
Block 5	0.8	48	38	1.25	0.25	1.00	0.60	0.4	9.23	900	0.75	12.5	8.44	40.5	14.8	611.6	412.8
Block 6	0.8	34	27	1.30	0.30	1.00	0.60	0.4	6.45	1100	0.75	7.5	6.19	40.5	14.8	489.3	403.7
Block 7	0.8	23	18	2.10	1.10	1.00	0.60	0.4	4.42	400	0.75	12.5	3.75	40.5	14.8	611.6	183.5
Blocks 9 and 10	0.8	86	69	7.00	6.00	1.00	0.60	0.4	16.51	1900	0.75	10.0	14.25	40.5	14.8	559.4	797.1
Block 16 and 17	0.8	79	63	3.71	2.71	1.00	0.60	0.4	15.10	1400	0.75	12.5	13.13	40.5	14.8	611.6	642.2
Block 18	0.8	46	37	2.10	1.10	1.00	0.60	0.4	8.80	700	0.75	15.0	7.88	40.5	14.8	649.9	341.2
Block 19 and 20	0.8	78	63	4.00	3.00	1.00	0.60	0.4	15.05	1400	0.75	12.5	13.13	40.5	14.8	611.6	642.2
Block 21 and 22	0.8	41	32	7.41	6.41	1.00	0.60	0.4	7.78	600	0.75	15.0	6.75	40.5	14.8	649.9	292.5
Block 23	0.8	24	19	6.41	5.41	1.00	0.60	0.4	4.52	600	0.75	10.0	4.50	40.5	14.8	559.4	251.7
Block 24 and 25	0.8	56	45	4.91	3.91	1.00	0.60	0.4	10.70	800	0.75	15.0	9.00	40.5	14.8	649.9	390.0
Block 26	0.8	24	19	6.41	5.41	1.00	0.60	0.4	4.54	800	0.75	7.5	4.50	40.5	14.8	489.3	293.6
<b>TOTALS</b>																	<b>5,332.8</b>

*Table 13. Additional Infiltration from Proposed LIDs*

LID ID	LID Trench Width (m)	LID Trench Length (m)	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Depth to Water Table (approx) (m)	Separation b/w Water Table and Base of LID (m)	LID Depth (m)	Depth of Water in LID (m)	Porosity	LID Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Contributing Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Runoff Coefficient	Rainfall Event Storage (mm)	Runoff Volume to LID based on Rainfall Event (m <sup>3</sup> )	Percolation Rate (mm/hr)	Drawdown Time (hr)	Annual Rainfall based on Event Storage (mm/yr)	Infiltration (m <sup>3</sup> /yr)
Block 3 and 4	0.8	82.5	66	1.30	0.30	1.00	0.60	0.40	15.84	2000	0.75	10.0	15.00	40.5	14.8	559.4	839.1
Block 5	0.8	48.1	38	1.25	0.25	1.00	0.60	0.40	9.23	1000	0.75	10.0	7.50	40.5	14.8	559.4	419.5
Block 6	0.8	33.6	27	1.30	0.30	1.00	0.60	0.40	6.45	1100	0.75	7.5	6.19	40.5	14.8	489.3	403.7
Block 7	0.8	23.0	18	2.10	1.10	1.00	0.60	0.40	4.42	400	0.75	12.5	3.75	40.5	14.8	611.6	183.5
Blocks 9 and 10	0.8	86.0	69	7.00	6.00	1.00	0.60	0.40	16.51	1900	0.75	10.0	14.25	40.5	14.8	559.4	797.1
Block 16 and 17	0.8	78.7	63	3.71	2.71	1.00	0.60	0.40	15.10	1600	0.75	12.5	15.00	40.5	14.8	611.6	733.9
Block 18	0.8	45.9	37	2.10	1.10	1.00	0.60	0.40	8.80	700	0.75	15.0	7.88	40.5	14.8	649.9	341.2
Block 19 and 20	0.8	78.4	63	4.00	3.00	1.00	0.60	0.40	15.05	1400	0.75	12.5	13.13	40.5	14.8	611.6	642.2
Block 21 and 22	0.8	40.5	32	7.41	6.41	1.00	0.60	0.40	7.78	900	0.75	10.0	6.75	40.5	14.8	559.4	377.6
Block 23	0.8	23.6	19	6.41	5.41	1.00	0.60	0.40	4.52	600	0.75	10.0	4.50	40.5	14.8	559.4	251.7
Block 24 and 25	0.8	55.7	45	4.91	3.91	1.00	0.60	0.40	10.70	800	0.75	15.0	9.00	40.5	14.8	649.9	390.0
Block 26	0.8	23.6	19	6.41	5.41	1.00	0.60	0.40	4.54	700	0.75	7.5	3.94	40.5	14.8	489.3	256.9
<b>TOTALS</b>																	<b>5636.3</b>



**Table 14. Summary of Pre- to Post-Development Water Budget Results (FSR)**

Stage	Units	Runoff	Infiltration
Pre-Development	m <sup>3</sup> /yr	19,719	9,363
Post-Development (no LID)	m <sup>3</sup> /yr	46,537	4,291
Change Pre-to-Post Development (no LID)	% Change	136%	-54%
	Difference (m <sup>3</sup> )	26,818	-5,072
LID Mitigation	Additional Infiltration from LID (m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	-5,333	5,333
	Totals (m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	<b>41,204</b>	<b>9,624</b>
Change Pre-to-Post Development (with LID)	% Change	+109%	+3%
	Difference (m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	+21,485	+261

**Table 15. Summary of Pre- to Post-Development Water Budget Results (If Needed)**

Stage	Units	Runoff	Infiltration
Pre-Development	m <sup>3</sup> /yr	19,719	9,363
Post-Development (no LID)	m <sup>3</sup> /yr	46,537	4,291
Change Pre-to-Post Development (no LID)	% Change	136%	-54%
	Difference (m <sup>3</sup> )	26,818	-5,072
LID Mitigation	Additional Infiltration from LID (m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	-5,636	5,636
	Totals (m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	<b>19,719</b>	<b>9,363</b>
Change Pre-to-Post Development (with LID)	% Change	+107%	+6%
	Difference (m <sup>3</sup> /yr)	+21,182	+565

## PART C: DETAILED ANALYSIS AND IMPLEMENTATION

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### 9. Management Plan

The following management plan was prepared to provide guidance for the planning, design and construction of the proposed development plan, based on the results of the Part A: Existing Conditions and Part B: Impact Assessment.

#### 9.1 Setbacks and Buffers

##### 9.1.1 Valleyland

The top of slope and natural features limit line was staked by the TRCA (February 2016) through the southeastern portion of the property. Both the northwestern and southeastern valley limits were also delineated by PECO in August 2018; the greater of the TRCA or PECO delineations have been used to determine the limits of the features. A 10 m setback has been applied to this line as the vegetation protection zone required under TRCA Ontario Regulation 166/06. This buffer is sufficient to protect the valleyland features and associated functions from impacts associated with the proposed development. No intrusions are proposed into this valleyland/top of slope setback area.

##### 9.1.2 Watercourses

The watercourses in the forested northwestern corner of the site contain contributing fish habitat. The proposed development plan provides for a 30 m setback from these features. These setbacks are contained within the overall significant woodland setback (**Section 9.1.3**) and are sufficient to protect watercourse features from potential impacts.

##### 9.1.3 Woodland

The proposed establishment of woodland setbacks for the site is based on a variable buffer approach. This approach takes into consideration the natural heritage features and functions to be protected, buffer function, the proposed adjacent land uses, site grading, as well as enhancement and mitigation opportunities within the buffers.

The term “buffer” refers to an area of land neighboring natural features that are alongside lands that are planned to undergo site alteration or development. A buffer is the lands needed to protect the ecological functions and features of the woodland from site alteration or the proposed development. The buffer width depends on the sensitivity of the feature being protected and consists of natural vegetation of variable widths. The establishment of a development “setback” is a specified distance between natural features

and proposed development; a setback should encompass all necessary buffer distances (e.g., ecological, geotechnical, cultural use) from the natural features to be protected, typically with a margin of safety.

The significant woodland adjacent to the proposed development lands supports the following ecological features and functions:

- Mature Sugar Maple dominated forest with diverse representation of flora;
- Habitat for a Special Concern species (Eastern Wood-Pewee);
- Woodland habitat for forest bird species, including area-sensitive species;
- Surface water infiltration, attenuation and sediment retention; and
- Wildlife movement corridor and linkage.

Additional mitigation and enhancement in the setback areas will include tree and shrub plantings so that the area will support natural self-sustaining vegetation. Enhancing buffers (plantings) is an approach that provides for the early establishment of vegetation and habitat opportunities for many species. To further support the development and enhancement of the buffers and achieve the intended functions, the following considerations are provided:

- Develop the buffer planting plan and management/monitoring requirements in consultation with the agencies as early as possible.
- Complete the vegetation planting as early as possible as part of the build-out phase of the development; this would include the establishment of barrier and sediment/erosion control fencing and regular environmental inspection.

#### *9.1.3.1 Site-Specific Variable Setback*

The proposed site plan provides for a 30 m buffer along the majority of the forested edges, in accordance with the minimum vegetation protection zone for KNHF under the Greenbelt Plan. There are three areas with reduced setbacks (buffer encroachment) due to constraints of site plan design (**Figures 12a and 12b**):

- At the northwestern limit of the Site, associated with roadway and lot plan;
- Northwestern portion of the Site, associated with SWM pond; and
- In the southeast corner of the plan area.

Based on the following analysis it is our opinion that the proposed variable setbacks (**Section 9.2**) are sufficient to protect the significant woodland from potential negative effects of the development.

#### Northwestern Setback Reduction

A reduced setback is proposed in this location to facilitate the redevelopment of the existing road allowance (Street C, **Figure 13a**), to accommodate the siting of the proposed SWM pond and to accommodate the residential townhouse lot plan in this area.



Street C, as proposed, utilizes an existing roadway between Glasgow Road and Emil Kolb Parkway that has been stopped up and closed under by-law 2014-065. Section 4.2.1 of the Greenbelt Plan lists the General Infrastructure Policies for lands within Protected Countryside. This road is existing infrastructure subject to the Environmental Assessment process and that serves the significant growth and economic development expected in southern Ontario beyond the Greenbelt. The Greenbelt Plan provides for the development of such infrastructure within the Protected Countryside (and its associated buffer zones). The redevelopment of this roadway (Street C) would result in 849 m<sup>2</sup> (0.085 ha) within the 30 m VPZ, with no encroachment into the natural features.

Section 4.2.3 of the Greenbelt Plan provides policies for stormwater management infrastructure in the Protected Countryside. The proposed siting of the SWM pond results in a 1,907 m<sup>2</sup> (0.19 ha) encroachment into the 30 m VPZ, with no encroachment into the natural features. The resulting buffer from the staked dripline of significant forest community to the limit of SWM pond development would range from a minimum of 10 m to 45 m.

The proposed lot plan for this area results in a 0.0011 ha (11 m<sup>2</sup>) encroachment into the 30 m VPZ. The resulting buffer would be 25 m (from the staked dripline to the limit of development). Street C lies between the natural feature and this limited encroachment.

#### Southeastern Setback Reduction

The proposed lot plan for this area results in a 0.078 ha (784 m<sup>2</sup>) encroachment into the 30 m VPZ (**Figure 13b**). The resulting buffer would be 10 m (from the staked dripline to the limit of development), with no encroachment into the defined natural features. A variable distance setback is proposed in compensation for the encroachment into the 30 m VPZ (**Section 9.2**).

## 9.2 Net Ecological Gain

The proposed management plan outlines the methods to be implemented that will increase the extent and diversity of the natural heritage system from that which exists pre-development. Through the following proposed variable setback compensation land, and restoration measures for both the ecological setbacks and the setback compensation lands, net ecological gain shall be achieved by increasing the net area of woodland and implementing related habitat enhancements.

### 9.2.1 Variable Setback Compensation

It is an objective of the proposed development plan to improve ecological conditions (compared to pre-development). Towards that end, the setback encroachments in the southeastern corner are proposed to be compensated for with a variable setback area that is contiguous with the southeastern VPZ area (**Table 16, Figure 13b**). This approach maintains the current natural features and corridors in this location, while providing a net gain of 120 m<sup>2</sup> to the natural heritage system and VPZ. This calculation of net gain (**Table 16**) considers only the variable setback area of the overall restoration area (within Block 34), increasing the overall ecological buffer beyond the setback areas of the Site Plan. As discussed in detailed in **Section 10**, the re-establishment of Street C and the siting of the SWM Pond and passive use

parklands are permitted within VPZ under the policies of the Greenbelt Plan and are therefore not included in the overall calculation of Net Ecological Gain.

**Table 16. Calculation of Net Gain in Setback Area**

Setback Encroachment Areas	Size of Setback Encroachment (m <sup>2</sup> )	Size of Variable Setback Area (m <sup>2</sup> )
Residential Lot Plan (northwest corner)	11	915
Residential Lot Plan (southeast corner)	784	
<b>Total</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>915</b>

## 9.3 Restoration

### 9.3.1 Restoration and Enhancement

The management plan also proposes to provide enhancement/re-vegetation of setback areas to augment the existing natural areas and ecological functions. To support the enhancement of the setbacks and achieve the intended ecological functions, the following approaches are proposed to be implemented as part of the development. This includes the establishment and management of the setback land, including the variable setback compensation area. The following plan is proposed:

- Develop a setback planting plan and management/monitoring requirements in consultation with the relevant agencies.
- Where required, remove soil compaction and enrich soils with organics (e.g., compost/mulch).
- Proactively remove the shed and garbage from the southeast area that is currently within the forest edge.
- Implement a plan for the management of invasive species.
- Complete the vegetation planting as early as possible and establish a barrier and sediment/erosion control fencing between the development and the restoration area.
- Continued management and monitoring in accordance with recommendations made in Section 11.

### 9.3.2 Restoration Area

The proposed development plan includes two primary restoration areas, located in the northwestern portion of the Site (Block 29, **Figure 13a**) and the southeastern portion of the Site (Block 33, **Figure 13b**). The restoration area includes the 30 m VPZ within these blocks, and also includes the variable setback compensation area of 915 m<sup>2</sup> (0.092 ha). A recommended planting plan for this area has been developed as part of the accompanying Arborist Report (**Appendix H**).

An additional area with restoration potential has been included in the proposed plan (Block 35, **Figure 13a**). Despite the small size and fairly isolated nature, it does provide some limited restoration potential. It is recommended that this area also be planted with native tree and/or shrub species.

## 9.4 Timing Windows

An avoidance window of late April – October 31 is recommended to both avoid potential conflicts with bat SAR and provide compliance with the Migratory Bird Convention Act. Although the gully feature is not considered fish habitat, erosion mitigation works within the gully feature should occur outside of the warm water fisheries timing window.

## 9.5 Low Impact Development (LID)

LID Swales (infiltration trenches) will be located at the rear of Blocks 9, 10, 14 and 15 with an overflow to the storm sewer system in Street “A”. Considering the volume/flow of runoff, LID swales are not considered necessary in Block 34. It is expected to infiltrate naturally through this area.

The results of the water balance analysis determined that pre-to-post development infiltration will be increased by between 3 and 6%. While no groundwater supported natural features were identified within 120 m of the study area, this result provides an overall environmental benefit to the Humber River watershed.

## 9.6 Stormwater Management

Stormwater management facilities are permitted within the Greenbelt Plan, Protected Countryside Area. Facility and outfall designs (determined through the Functional Servicing Report and detailed engineering design) have been established in a manner that minimizes ecological impacts to the valley system and associated ecological features and functions. The location of the proposed SWM pond is shown on **Figure 13a**. The proposed naturalized SWM facility design details will be provided in the accompanying Servicing Report.

To mitigate potential gully erosion downstream of the SWM Pond outfall, natural channel stabilization techniques are proposed that will require temporary alteration and subsequent restoration of the gully features, Reach 1. This feature is not considered fish habitat and works are proposed to be completed primarily by hand with only minor use of small machinery. A construction plan can be provided to TRCA and the Town for comment during detailed design.

## 9.7 Erosion and Sediment Control

The following erosion and sediment control recommendations are provided for incorporation into the final Erosion and Sediment Plan:

- To minimize the potential for erosion and off-site transport of sediment into surface drainage areas and the natural environment, the project will implement Best Practices related to erosion and sediment control (ESC). ESC measures used by the contractor on all construction should meet guidelines as outlined in Erosion and Sediment Control Guideline for Urban Construction,



December 2006 (ESC Guideline), prepared by the Greater Golden Horseshoe Area Conservation Authorities (GGHACA), or equivalent standards.

- Sediment and erosion control fencing should remain in place until the woodland buffer and enhancement plantings have been completed.
- All exposed and newly constructed surfaces should be stabilized using appropriate means in accordance with the characteristics of the exposed soils. These surfaces should be fully stabilized and re-vegetated as quickly as possible following the completion of the works, with native vegetation ground cover.
- Erosion mitigation works within the ephemeral gully feature in Reach 1 are proposed to be completed primarily by hand with only minor use of small machinery. A construction plan can be provided to TRCA and the Town for comment during detailed design. Works are expected to include (i) cobble/boulder steps embedded with woody debris to inhibit gully deepening; (ii) stone placement at the head of the gully to inhibit further head-cutting; and (iii) live staking along the base of the sidewalls to help mitigate widening.

## 10. Policy Conformity

### 10.1 Provincial Policy Statement

The Provincial Policy Statement lists natural heritage features for which development and site alternation are not permitted under the policies of the PPS, or are not permitted *“unless it has been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or their ecological functions”*. Within the project study area, the following natural heritage features have been identified:

- Significant Woodlands;
- Significant Valleylands
- Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat;
- Fish habitat; and
- Potential Habitat of Endangered and Threatened species.

The proposed development plan does not encroach into these features. Through the implementation of setbacks and proposed mitigation measures, no impacts are anticipated to these features or their functions.

### 10.2 Greenbelt Plan

Under the Greenbelt Plan, lands through the northwestern and southeastern corners of the property are designated as part of the Natural Heritage System of the Protected Countryside. Proposed development must demonstrate that there will be no negative impacts to key natural heritage features and key hydrologic features or their functions, as well as no negative impact on biodiversity or connectivity of the Natural Heritage System.

General infrastructure and Stormwater Management policies for lands within the Protected Countryside are set out in Section 4.2.1 and Section 4.2.3 of the Greenbelt Plan, respectively. **Table 17** below summarizes relevant policies of the Greenbelt Plan and the manner in which the proposed development plan meets the requirements of the Plan.

**Table 17. Conformity with the Greenbelt Plan – Natural Environment**

Policy Section	Plan Intent/Objective	Proposed Development Plan Implications and Conformity
3.2.2 Natural Heritage System Policies	(3) New development or site alteration in the Natural Heritage System (as permitted by the policies of this Plan) shall demonstrate that:	
	(a) There will be no <i>negative</i> impacts on <i>key natural heritage features</i> or <i>key hydrologic features</i> or their functions;	KNHF and KHF have been identified within and adjacent to the project Site, and a VPZ applied to these features (variable setbacks described in report section 9.2.1). No development or site alteration is proposed within the identified KNHF or their VPZ, with the exception of infrastructure and recreational use within the VPZ only (permitted by the policies of the Greenbelt Plan). A VPZ setback encroachment is proposed in two areas to accommodate plan siting (Block 2 and Block 11). No negative impacts are anticipated to KNHF or KHF or their functions as a result of the implementation of the proposed development plan.
	(b) <i>Connectivity</i> along the system and between <i>key natural heritage features</i> and <i>key hydrologic features</i> located within 240 m of each other will be maintained or, where possible enhanced for the movement of native plants and animals across the landscape;	Connectivity between features is maintained and enhanced through the incorporation of buffers and the proposed restoration of buffer areas with the objective to enhance existing features and their functions, and connectivity between features of the Natural Heritage System.
	(c) The removal of other natural features not identified as <i>key natural heritage features</i> or <i>key hydrologic features</i> should be avoided. Such features should be incorporated into the planning and design of the proposed use whenever possible;	The proposed plan has aimed to minimize the removal and/or impact to natural heritage features where possible. The restoration plan for the site aims to offset the removal of any natural heritage features in a manner that enhances the quality and function of existing features.

Policy Section	Plan Intent/Objective	Proposed Development Plan Implications and Conformity
3.2.5 Key Natural Heritage Features and Key Hydrologic Features Policies	For lands within a key natural heritage feature or a key hydrologic feature in the Protected Countryside, the following policies shall apply:	
	(1) Development or site alteration is not permitted in <i>key hydrologic features</i> and <i>key natural heritage features</i> within the Natural Heritage System, including any associated <i>vegetation protection zone</i> , with the exception of: c) <i>Infrastructure</i> , aggregate, recreational, shoreline and existing uses, as described by and subject to the policies of section 4.	As noted above, no development or site alteration is proposed within the identified KNHF, KHF or their VPZ, with the exceptions of (1) infrastructure and recreational use (park), as permitted by the policies of the Greenbelt Plan; and (2) VPZ setback encroachment proposed to be offset by a variable setback compensation area of greater size.
	(4) In the case of <i>wetlands, seepage areas and springs, fish habitat, permanent and intermittent streams, lakes and significant woodlands</i> , the minimum vegetation protection zone shall be a minimum of 30 m measured from the outside boundary of the key natural heritage feature or key hydrologic feature.	A 30 m VPZ has been applied to KNHF and KHF, within which no development or site alteration is proposed (with the exception infrastructure (SWM and roadway) and recreational use (park). A VPZ setback encroachment is proposed in two areas, as a result of constraints in site plan design (Block 2 and Block 11). The variable setback compensation area (Block 34) is proposed to compensate for these setback encroachments.
4.1.2 Recreational Use Policies	(2) An application to establish or expand a major recreational use in the Natural Heritage System shall be accompanied by a vegetation enhancement plan that incorporates planning, design, landscaping and construction measures that:	
	a) Maintain or, where possible, enhance the amount of self-sustaining vegetation on the site and the connectivity between adjacent <i>key natural heritage features</i> or <i>key hydrologic features</i> ;	The proposed park area (0.63 ha) satisfies the policies under Section 4.1.2 and thereby assists the Province in the implementation of Policies 3.3.2 and 3.3.3 (Parkland, Open Space and Trail Policies and Strategies).  Major Recreational Use types, including any earthworks, re-sodding and structure placement (playground equipment) are to be limited to outside of the 30 m VPZ in this area.
	b) Wherever possible, keep intermittent stream channels and drainage swales in a free-to-grow, low-maintenance conditions,	
	c) Minimize the application and use of pesticide and fertilizers; and	
	d) Locate new <i>natural self-sustaining vegetation</i> in areas that maximize the	The park area within the 30 m VPZ will be limited to passive recreational uses, and is proposed for



Policy Section	Plan Intent/Objective	Proposed Development Plan Implications and Conformity
	<i>ecological functions</i> and <i>ecological value</i> of the area.	restoration of self-sustaining vegetation to enhance of existing ecological features and maximize ecological functions.
	3. An application to expand or establish a <i>major recreational use</i> shall be accompanied by a conservation plan demonstrating how water, nutrient and biocide use shall be kept to a minimum, including through the establishment and monitoring of targets.	
	4. Small-scale structure for recreational use (such as boardwalks, footbridges, fences, docks and picnic facilities) are permitted within <i>key natural heritage features</i> and <i>key hydrologic features</i> ; however, the number of such structures and the negative impacts on these features should be minimized.	
Section 4.2.1 General Infrastructure Policies	(1) All existing, expanded or new infrastructure subject to and approved under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, the Environmental Assessment Act, the Planning Act or which receives a similar environmental approval, is permitted within the Protected Countryside, subject to the policies of this section.	
	e) Where <i>infrastructure</i> does cross the Natural Heritage System or intrude into or result in the loss of a <i>key natural heritage feature, key hydrologic feature or key hydrologic areas</i> , including <i>related landform features</i> , planning, design, and construction practices shall minimize <i>negative impacts</i> on and disturbance of the features or their related functions and, where reasonable, maintain or improve <i>connectivity</i> ;	The current development plan proposes the re-establishment of Street C. Street C, as proposed, utilizing an existing roadway between Glasgow Road and Emil Kolb Parkway that has been stopped up and closed under by-law 2014-065. This road is existing infrastructure subject to the Environmental Assessment process and that serves the significant growth and economic development expected in southern Ontario beyond the Greenbelt. As such this roadway is considered permissible within the Protected Countryside (and its associated buffer zones). Street C is located outside of key natural heritage and key hydrologic features, but in the associated VPZ. No negative impacts are anticipated to features of functions. Through the proposed use of the existing roadway, the plan conforms to the requirements/intent of policy 4.2.1(e).

Policy Section	Plan Intent/Objective	Proposed Development Plan Implications and Conformity
4.2.3 Stormwater Management Policies	<p>Stormwater management systems are prohibited in the key natural heritage feature and their associated vegetation protection zones...</p> <p>Within those portions of the Protected Countryside that define major river valleys that connect the Niagara Escarpment and Oak Ridges Moraine to Lake Ontario, naturalized stormwater management systems may be permitted within the <i>vegetation protection zone of a significant valleyland</i>, provided they are located a minimum of 30 m from the river or stream and they are located outside the <i>vegetation protection zone of any other key natural heritage feature or key hydrologic feature</i>.</p>	<p>The accompanying Servicing Plan demonstrates conformity with the requirements/intent of the policies of Section 4.2.3 related to the planning, design and construction practices.</p> <p>The proposed naturalized stormwater management facility is located entirely outside of key natural heritage and key hydrologic features. The SWM facility is also located outside of the 30 m watercourse buffer. The proposed pond encroaches into the minimum vegetation protection zone associated with the forested valleyland through this area.</p>

### 10.3 Region of Peel Official Plan

The natural heritage features in the Region of Peel are protected by its Greenlands System (Official Plan – Schedule A). The northwestern portion of the Site and areas to the southeast of the Site are designated as Core Areas of the Regional Greenlands System. These areas are designated as significant woodland and are protected as part of the development plan.

### 10.4 Town of Caledon Official Plan

Schedule C of the Town of Caledon Official Plan identifies designated Environmental Policy Area (EPA) through the western section and adjacent to the southeastern corner of the Site (**Section 2.1.3**). These EPAs are within designated Protected Countryside under the Greenbelt Plan. EPA within the Site (northwest corner) will be protected and an appropriate buffer has been provided along the significant woodland feature in this area.

### 10.5 Endangered Species Act

Screening for significant habitat of endangered or threatened species and/or significant wildlife habitat show that there are potential SAR habitats within and adjacent to the Site. However, these habitats will either be avoided by development or hold ecological limitations as viable habitats. As part of the proposed mitigation/management plan, enhancement of buffer habitats will be implemented. Correspondence with MNRF confirms that considering the proposed development plan and proposed avoidance and mitigation (Section 9) there are no SAR concerns related to the proposed development plan (MNRF Correspondence, March 7, 2019 – **Appendix K**).

## 10.6 TRCA Ont. Reg. 166/06 and the Living City Policies and Regulations

The project site falls within the jurisdiction of the TRCA. Watercourses and their associated flood limit within the site, are regulated under the TRCA O. Reg. 166/06 – Regulation of Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses. TRCA Regulated Area lands exist within the limits of the Site, at the northwestern and southeastern corners, in association with a series of small watercourse features. Development within these areas will be subject to approvals and permitting from the TRCA.

The proposed development plan conforms to the buffer requirements as stated in the Living City Policies (TRCA, 2014), for valley or stream corridors. The proposed plan provides for a *10 m buffer from the greater of the long-term stable top of slope/bank, stable toe of slope, Regulatory flood plain, meander belt and any contiguous natural features or areas*. The HDF feature within the project area was determined to be of a class that does not require management. There were no wetlands or other water features observed within the site.

## 11. Monitoring and Adaptive Management

A scoped post-development monitoring program is recommended to assess the performance of the implemented design. Monitoring observations can also be used to determine the need for remedial works. The recommended monitoring program includes vegetation survivorship and composition monitoring within the proposed restoration areas, and erosion monitoring of the SWM Pond outlet channel.

### 11.1 Restoration Area(s)

It is recommended that the integrity of the restoration areas be assessed over time in order to effectively monitor the (i) structure and composition, (ii) buffer condition, and (iii) survivorship of planted material. This vegetation monitoring will provide qualitative data to describe changes to vegetation structure and composition over time, identify type and magnitude of construction-related disturbances and evaluate the effectiveness of restoration plantings for woody and non-woody material. It is recommended that monitoring be initiated in the year of planting/restoration and repeated annually for the guarantee period of the planted stock.

Based on the monitoring outcomes, the adaptive management response may involve the implementation of management strategies as necessary to achieve the desired vegetation form (structure and composition) and to reduce establishment stress. Planting failures should be rectified to achieve the desired density and height.



## 11.2 Erosion Management

A erosion management program should be developed to document adjustment in morphology along the gully bottom and sidewalls, and the connecting drainage networks, and adapt erosion controls as needed during and following completion of the SWM Pond. This monitoring program should focus on Reaches 1 and 2 downstream of the SWM Pond outlet structure. (**Figure 12**). The following erosion monitoring program is recommended:

- Monitor the establishment and success of the erosion mitigations seasonally during subdivision construction, and following high flow events; and
- Collect a photograph record of the channel from the same vantage point during each monitoring event.

Based on the monitoring outcomes, a qualified person should assess the erosion potential and make recommendations for further actions, if required. The adaptive management response may involve the implementation of additional mitigation measures as necessary. Adaptive alternatives for SWM pond discharge could include:

- Maintenance, replacement or re-sizing of cobble/boulder steps and headwall pile, woody debris, and live stakes along the base and sidewall of the gully; or
- Dissipate the volume of flow discharged from the SWM pond by more broadly distributing it across the northern portion of the site. Additional erosion mitigations may be required depending upon the discharge location and volume of flow.

## 12. Summary

Part A of the CEISMP provides a summary of the natural heritage and hydrogeological findings to date to identify the local Natural Heritage System to guide the development potential of the Chickadee Lane Rounding Out Area B lands. Environmental constraints have been determined, as part of this process, through field investigations, assessment of significance and through agency consultation.

For Part B of the CEISMP, a review and confirmation of the constraints and opportunities was completed with the design and planning teams before proposing the preferred land use planning scenarios. Through collaboration with technical experts and the land use planning team, the optimum development plan, which minimizes environmental impact and meets integrated community design objectives was developed. The EIS component of Part B utilizes the existing ecological conditions established in Part A as a foundation for the determination/confirmation of appropriate development limits, the identification of potential impacts and the recommendation of appropriate general and site-specific mitigation measures.

An Arborist Report has also been completed by PECO as a component of the CEISMP Part B and EIS Report, which includes information collected during the tree inventory, the identification of trees for removal, replacement tree recommendations and tree protection measures.

Part C of the CEISMP includes recommendations for monitoring and adaptive management, with a focus on ensuring success of the proposed restoration and managing the potential for downstream erosion.

## 13. Certification

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# Appendix A

## **Phase 3 Preliminary Natural Heritage System Study (Dougan & Associates, 2014)**





# **BOLTON RESIDENTIAL EXPANSION STUDY: PHASE 3 TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM – DEVELOPMENT OF A PRELIMINARY NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM**



Sunrise over The Gore Road, July 2013.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Dougan & Associates was retained by the Town of Caledon in May 2013 to undertake an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for a preferred residential expansion area, as part of the larger Bolton Residential Expansion Study (BRES). For the preparation of the Preliminary Natural Heritage System, Dougan & Associates is being supported by C. Portt and Associates (fisheries biologists) and Aquafor Beech Limited.

Phase 1 of this project involved developing evaluation criteria to be used to evaluate the Options for expansion, including environmental impacts and opportunities for enhancement. Phase 2 involved the screening and ranking of the Options, with the results summarized in a technical memorandum dated June 19, 2013. This memorandum summarized the data sources accessed to document the BRES area, the criteria applied to the six (6) residential expansion Options, rationale for factors considered to rank Options, and important considerations regarding the approach.

Phase 3 of this project involved developing a Preliminary Natural Heritage System (NHS), in accordance with Region of Peel requirements, for the two option areas (1 and 3) that were identified by Council as requiring further evaluation in June 2013. Phase 3 also involved a review of the three Rounding Out Areas that are also being brought forward for consideration by the Study Team. This technical memorandum summarizes the field work undertaken to gather the necessary natural heritage information, the map layers used to determine the boundaries of the NHS, the policies that determined the appropriate buffers for various components of the NHS, and, finally, presents a conceptual map of the NHS for Options 1 and 3 as well as the three Rounding Out Areas.

The phases outlined above are part of the larger Comprehensive Environmental Impact Study and Management Plan (CEISMP) process for the Bolton Residential Expansion Study. A work plan for the CEISMP was circulated to the Region of Peel and TRCA in November 2013. It is our understanding that the work plan was considered acceptable by the TRCA.

## 2. BACKGROUND DATA COLLECTION

### 2.1. NATURAL HERITAGE AND AQUATIC RESOURCES

Data were obtained from the Town of Caledon and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), and encompasses a wide range of relevant digital data available from the Town and TRCA through their internal departments, and through their data sharing agreements with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Region of Peel. This data is summarized in Appendix 1 of the *Bolton Residential Expansion Study: Phase 2, Technical Memorandum – Natural Heritage*, dated June 19, 2013.

In summary, this digital data included the following:

- Significant faunal and plant records (TRCA data);
- Caledon wetlands (TRCA);
- Humber River Fisheries Management Plan stream classification (TRCA);
- Caledon Earth and Life Science ANSIs (MNR);
- Greenbelt limits (Town of Caledon);
- Peel and Caledon Significant Woodlands (Peel Region);
- MNR and TRCA fisheries data (species location records) for the Humber River watershed; and
- Redside Dace Occupied Habitat (Peel Region).

Additional background information that was reviewed includes the following:

- Natural Heritage Information Centre element occurrence database;
- Various faunal resources (e.g. Ontario Mammal Atlas, Ontario Herpetofaunal Atlas);
- Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (2001 – 2005);
- Ontbirds listserve observational data (2008 – 2013);
- Bolton North Hill Preliminary Natural Heritage Review and Preliminary Community Structure Plan (Beacon Environmental 2013) which covers significant portions of BRES Option 1 lands;
- South Albion-Bolton Community Plan – Employment Land Needs Study and North Hill Supermarket Comprehensive Environmental Impact Study and Management Plan Phase 1 Report (Aquafor Beech and NRSI 2009) which covers parts of BRES Option 1 land and areas adjacent to both BRES Options 1 and 3 lands;
- Bolton Arterial Road Environmental Assessment data (for parts of Option 1 area);
- Evaluation, Classification and Management of Headwater Drainage Features: Interim Guidelines (CVC & TRCA 2009); and
- Region of Peel Watermain Environmental Assessment.

An Information Request Form was submitted to the MNR on November 1, 2013, for any natural heritage features and element occurrences in the Bolton Residential Expansion Study area. A Species-at-Risk Screening letter was received on January 2, 2014, outlining records for the following five Species-at-Risk: Bobolink, Butternut, Eastern Meadowlark, Redside Dace, and Snapping Turtle. All of these species will be searched for during the 2014 field season.

The MNR was contacted regarding background wetland information for the option areas. This correspondence is as follows:

- July 31, 2013 – information request to Steve Varga (OMNR Aurora District Wetland Biologist) for wetland mapping for the study area;
- April 18, 2014 – second information request to Steve Varga (MNR Aurora District Wetland Biologist) to request wetland mapping for the study area.



A formal response has not been received from MNR however we have included all identified wetlands within the Preliminary NHS.

## 2.2. HEADWATER DRAINAGE FEATURES

Aquafor Beech Limited accessed all watercourses on the option 1 and 3 lands, and produced a report *Preliminary Headwater Drainage Feature Assessment: Mapping and Management Recommendations* (November 25, 2013).

Unlike a watercourse with an identifiable and permanent channel in which flow of water occurs regularly or continuously, a headwater drainage feature (HDF) is not considered to be a permanently flowing drainage feature and are often first order or zero order intermittent and ephemeral channels. The alteration or removal of an HDF can have broad implications for water quality and quantity, recharge/infiltration, and the overall health of local HDFs and downstream habitats.

Evaluation of all HDFs within Option 1 and 3 lands follows the most recent protocol developed by TRCA. The protocol *Evaluation, Classification and Management of Headwater Drainage Features* (TRCA, 2013), utilizes standard survey methods and a tiered study design to establish risk of functional impairment to an HDF through land development. The protocol takes into consideration the existing form and function of the HDF, and uses existing modules of the *Ontario Stream Assessment Protocol* (OSAP) to facilitate effective comparisons between features and ultimately the management recommendation.

Steps involved in HDF assessment include:

- Evaluation; desktop evaluation of HDFs to determine sampling locations and project scope,
- Classification; proper classification of HDF hydrology, riparian corridor and terrestrial habitat, aquatic habitat and fish communities.
- Management Recommendation; each HDF will be given a management recommendation based on above assigned classification. Potential recommendations include; protection, conservation, mitigation, recharge, maintain terrestrial linkage and no management required.

## 3. SUMMARY OF FIELD INVESTIGATIONS

### 3.1. NATURAL HERITAGE

In November and December 2013, Dougan & Associates collected Ecological Land Classification data for both Options 1 and 3, as well as the three Rounding Out Areas. All properties with potential significant natural heritage features were visited after the Town had arranged permission to access. Furthermore, adjacent lands to 120 metres beyond the boundaries of the study area were assessed, including TRCA lands. Wetland boundaries were mapped if not already evaluated; MNR has been contacted to verify wetland records.

Additional visits were made to the study area to screen for seasonal indicators of Significant Wildlife Habitat in November and December 2013, with particular attention paid to potential suitable habitats for open country Species-at-Risk birds that are presumed to exist: Barn Swallow, Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark. Other key wildlife habitat, including candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat and habitats for other potentially occurring Species-at-Risk, such as Chimney Swift and Monarch, were also searched for.

Potential restoration and enhancement areas and drainage features were identified during November by Dougan & Associates. These areas have been mapped accordingly on the Preliminary NHS maps.

Finally, Dougan & Associates conducted preliminary roadside breeding bird surveys in early July 2013. These surveys allowed for the collection of some breeding bird data and will assist in scoping the surveys planned for June 2014.

### *3.2. HEADWATER DRAINAGE FEATURES*

In November 2013 Aquafor Beech undertook the field component of the HDF assessment, investigating all features for Option 1 and 3 lands as identified from preliminary review of historical aerial images, and prior site knowledge. TRCAs presence was requested for the on-site investigation but was not available. Due to site conditions in November (light snow, low flow in channels) the assessment of the HDFs should be viewed as preliminary and may require review and further field work at a later date.

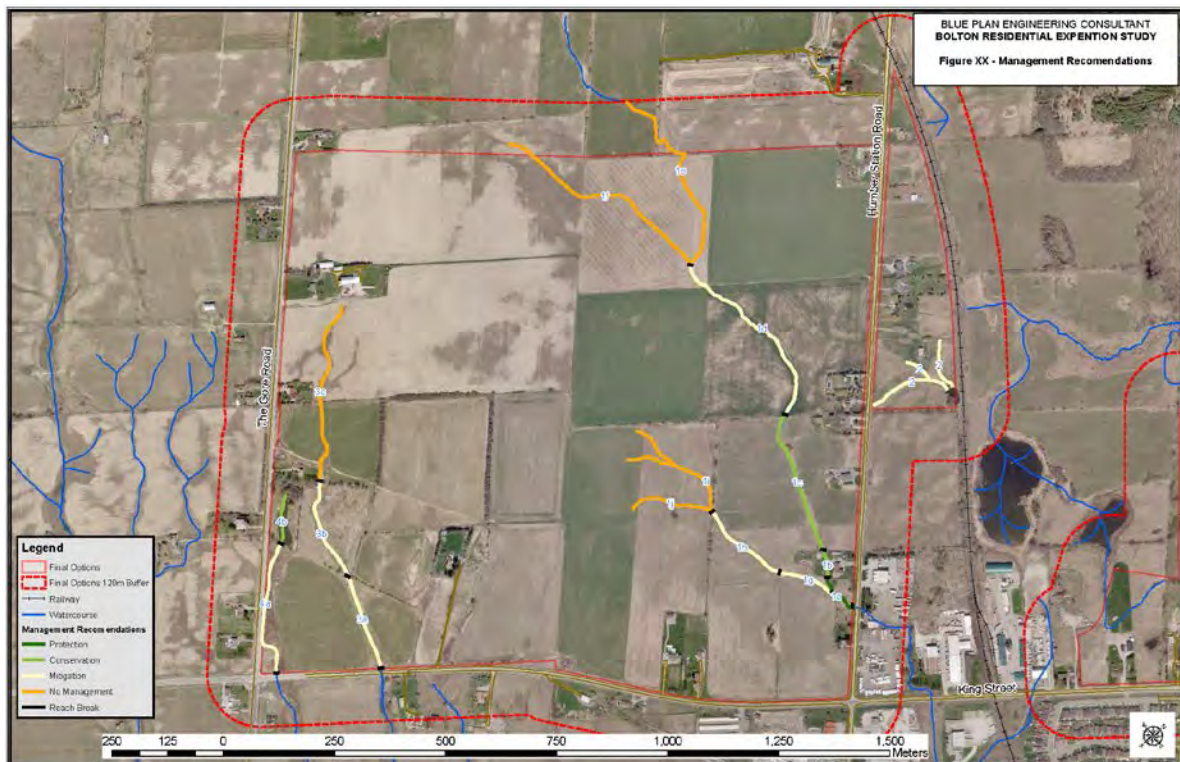
During the field investigation of Option 3, a total of 4 HDFs were viewed and subsequently separated into a total of 16 reaches. The field investigation of Option 1 produced a total of 8 HDFs subsequently separated into 24 reaches. These are shown on Figures 1 and 2, respectively. Stream reaches are lengths of channel that display relative homogeneity with respect to the controlling and modifying influences of channel form. As such, channel characteristics, functions and processes are relatively constant within a reach, and reaches can be used to help identify management objectives and restoration opportunities. Reaches were defined by key factors, including hydrology, gradient, geology, valley setting, sinuosity, and riparian vegetation.

Each reach delineation, developed through desktop practices and confirmed in the field, received a classification and ranking based on hydrology, riparian corridor/ terrestrial habitat and aquatics/ fish habitat to which a management recommendation was applied.

Within Option 3 lands, 3 HDF reaches received a recommendation for protection or conservation based on contributing important hydrology and riparian vegetation (Figure 1). For reaches recommended for protection, the relocation of the channel is not permitted, however enhancement can be made using natural channel design, groundwater access must be maintained or enhanced and there can be no disruption to downstream connections. HDF reaches recommended for conservation may be relocated using natural channel design but not preferred. The remaining reaches recommended for mitigation require the land remain open with maintained or replicated groundwater recharge using bioswales, LIDs or constructed wetlands.

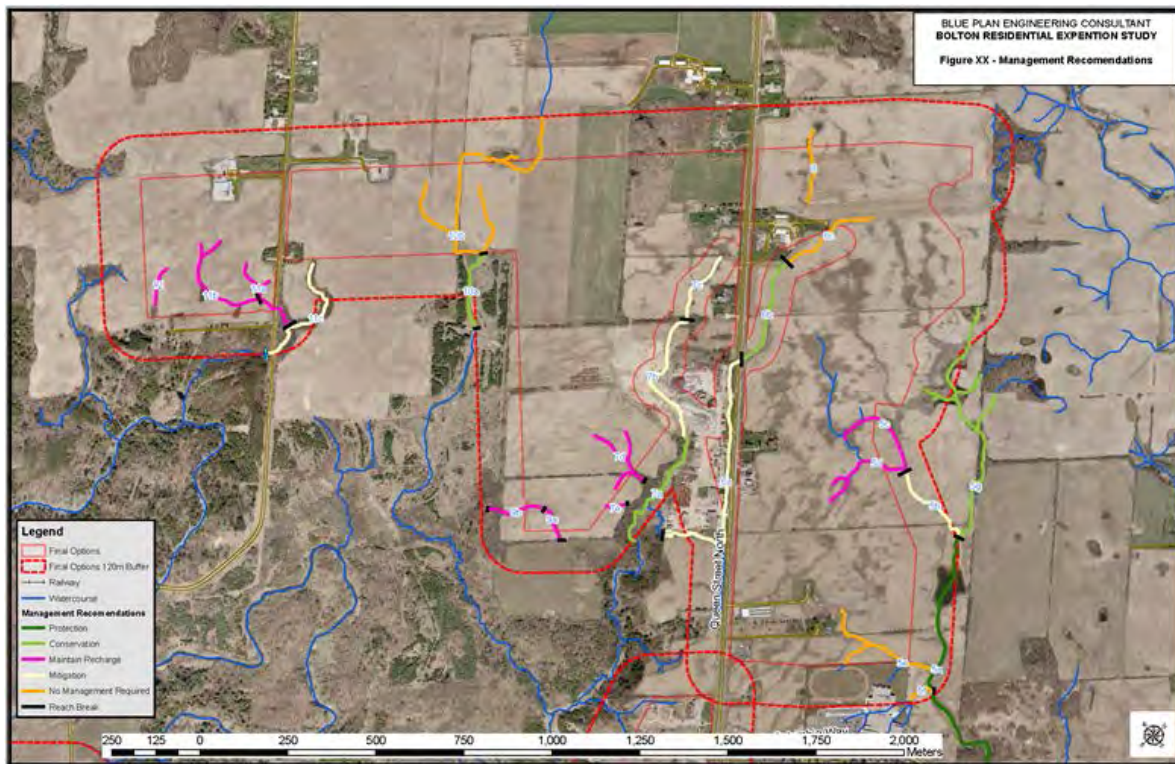
Within option 1 lands, all HDFs that received a management recommendation of protection or conservation are outside the proposed boundary limits for development (Figure 2). The remaining HDF reaches are recommended as mitigation (implications for development mentioned above) and maintain recharge for which the overall groundwater infiltration rates must be maintained.

Spring assessments of the HDFs are currently underway (spring 2014) to confirm and finalize reach classifications and management recommendations.



**Figure 3: Option 3 Lands Management Recommendations to Reach Scale**





**Figure 4: Option 1 Lands Management Recommendations to Reach Scale**

### 3.3. AQUATIC RESOURCES

An initial field examination of all watercourses exiting or entering the periphery of the proposed urban expansion option areas that were accessible by public road was undertaken on August 23, 2013, to primarily record the amount of water, flow and the instream habitat condition during this typically dry season. On October 15, 2013, all locations that held water on August 23, as well as a select number of other locations, were electrofished using a Halltech Model HT 2000 backpack electrofisher. On December 3 and 4, 2013, the watercourses in urban expansion Options 1 and 3, and three Rounding Out Areas were walked and examined and the habitat characterized and photographed.

## 4. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS FOR PRELIMINARY NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM AND BUFFERS

The three attached figures (Option 1, Option 3, Rounding Out) present the Preliminary Natural Heritage System for the Option 1 and Option 3 lands, and the Rounding Out Areas. Natural features and watercourses form the basis for the basic NHS framework, supplemented by restoration and enhancement areas. Appropriate buffers for the natural heritage components were assigned under relevant environmental legislation and policies, including:

- Region of Peel and Town of Caledon policies reflecting the Provincial Policy Statement (2005) issued under the Planning Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Greenbelt Plan
- Federal Fisheries Act
- Conservation Authorities Act (TRCA Regulation)

Based on the guiding legislation and policies, the following categories of natural heritage features and ecological functions were used to delineate the NHS:

1. **Significant Habitat of Endangered and Threatened Species** – this category was divided into a) terrestrial and b) aquatic. Species at Risk are on record in the vicinity of the BRES Study Area, including terrestrial, aquatic and avian species. The determination of whether significant habitat is present in the study area requires more detailed study; however most of the candidate habitat would likely be contained within the proposed NHS. The key exception is open country birds associated with agricultural lands; these will be further assessed in 2014 and discussion is underway with MNR regarding a comprehensive strategy for the listed species (see Section 5).
2. **Wetlands** – this category was further divided into a) Provincial Significant Wetlands (PSW); b) evaluated wetlands that are non-PSW; and c) wetlands that have not been evaluated by the OMNR. These are regulated under TRCA, and addressed in Town of Caledon and Region of Peel policies. Based on available mapping, no PSW's are present within either Option 1 or 3, or the Rounding Out Areas; PSWs are present in adjacent lands to both option areas and to one Rounding Out Area. All identified wetlands in the Option 1 and 3 lands and their adjacent lands have been included in the proposed NHS.
3. **Significant Woodlands** – The Region of Peel and Town of Caledon have significant woodland policies in conformity with the PPS. Based on the Region's policies, Core Woodlands occur in adjacent lands to Option 1, and a woodland meeting Potential Natural Areas and Corridors (PNAC) criteria extends into the Option 1 lands; these are protected in the proposed NHS. Option 3 lands do not contain any woodlands within or adjacent to the defined option boundary. Rounding Out Areas do not contain significant woodlands but they are present within the adjacent lands of each ROA.
4. **Significant Valleylands** – The Region of Peel has significant valleyland policies in conformity with the PPS. It is our understanding that significant valleylands are represented within the BRES Study Area only by ravines of the main branch and major tributaries of the Humber River, which extend into adjacent lands of Option 1. Option 3 does not contain ravine features. Valleylands have been included where appropriate within the proposed NHS. Where valley features are evident, the top-of-bank will be used to determine setbacks/buffers.

5. **Significant Wildlife Habitat** – the Region of Peel and Town of Caledon have significant wildlife habitat (SWH) policies in conformity with the PPS, although there is no Town, MNR or TRCA data or mapping of SWH to date. The determination of whether significant wildlife habitat is present within the BRES Study Area requires more detailed study which may identify habitats of seasonal concentrations of animals, rare vegetation communities or specialized habitat for wildlife, habitat of species of conservation concern, and/or animal movement corridors. However, a preliminary assessment in October and November 2013 did identify some candidate areas. In general, SWH is usually aligned with specialized habitats such as wetlands, larger forested areas, extensive successional cover, or vegetated valleylands and, as such, all of these areas are included within the proposed NHS.
6. **Fish Habitat** – has been classed using the *Evaluation, Classification and Management of Headwater Drainage Features: Interim Guidelines* (CVC and TRCA, 2009), since all watercourses within the Option areas are small first or second order watercourses. This system classes small watercourses as Permanent (continuously flowing), Seasonal (flows intermittently but has a fish community), Complex Contributing (intermittent flow, no fish, and with hydrophilic vegetation and/or a flow-formed channel), Simple Contributing (ephemeral flow, no fish, and with terrestrial vegetation and/or no flow-formed channel), and Not Fish Habitat. It should be noted that, based on mapping provided to the Town of Caledon by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, there is occupied Redside Dace habitat downstream from both Options 1 and 3. Therefore, since most of Option 3 and smaller portions of Option 1 ultimately drain to occupied habitat tributaries, headwater drainage features, wetlands and groundwater recharge or discharge areas within those areas may be considered indirect Redside Dace habitat if they affect occupied habitats downstream. As such, the maintenance of baseflows, cool or coldwater conditions, and water quality are all important functional considerations. However, irrespective of whether Redside Dace is supported, fish habitats are federally regulated resources that are reliant on physical conditions (surficial soils and topography, surface and groundwater).

Only drainage features with watercourse management recommendations of “Protection” (Permanent) and “Conservation” (Seasonal) were included within the proposed NHS; these must be either protected in place, or may be relocated, respectively. Other drainage features classed as Complex Contributing or Simple Contributing have the watercourse management recommendation of “Mitigation”, and can be removed subject to replication of functions.

7. **Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Boundaries** – portions of the Greenbelt Protected Countryside border components of the study area, and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan includes lands immediately north of Option 1. These



contain rural and agricultural land uses and relatively high concentrations of natural habitat. Greenbelt lands also occur on adjacent lands to the three Rounding Out Areas.

8. **Regulated Areas** – features and watercourses are present within the BRES Study Area that are regulated by TRCA. Based on the preliminary work conducted by Aquafor Beech and C. Portt and Associates, those watercourses with regulated limits are shown on the proposed NHS map for Option 1, with a revised watercourse configuration west of Highway 50, that was identified in the Fall of 2013. Regulated areas are also associated with wetlands and floodplains; regulated features are present in Option 1 and 3 and their adjacent lands. They are only present in the adjacent lands to Rounding Out Areas. The features triggering Regulated Areas are protected within the proposed NHS.
9. **Vegetated Protection Zones (VPZ)** – the widths of these buffer zones were determined based on applicable legislation and policy for each of the natural heritage features. Natural feature buffers and watercourse setbacks are shown as 30 metres.
10. **Corridors** – these have been delineated in association with identified watercourses that are to be retained based on assessments in November 2013. Hedgerows have been identified on the Preliminary NHS map, but are not considered part of the proposed NHS due to their limited size and vegetative composition.
11. **Restoration and Enhancement Areas** – these were identified based on ELC categorization (e.g. cultural woodlands or successional habitats), pre-existing restoration areas (e.g. plantings in cultural meadows), proposed buffers, and proposed watercourse corridors. They are part of the proposed NHS and are buffered accordingly.

Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSIs) are not present in the vicinity of the BRES Study Area and therefore are not included in the Preliminary NHS.

## NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM BUFFERS

NHS COMPONENT	GUIDING LEGISLATION / POLICY						PROPOSED BUFFER
	Region	Town	FFA	ESA	GbP/ORM	TRCA	
<b>Significant Habitat of Endangered and Threatened Species</b>	X	X		X			<b>TBD</b>
<b>Wetlands: Provincially Significant and Non-significant (Evaluated)</b>	X	X					<b>30 metres</b>
<b>Wetlands: Unevaluated</b>	X	X					<b>15 metres</b>
<b>Significant Woodlands</b>	X	X					<b>30 metres</b>
<b>Significant Valleylands</b>	X	X					<b>TBD</b>
<b>Significant Wildlife Habitat</b>	X	X		X			<b>30 metres</b>
<b>Fish Habitat</b>			X	X			<b>15-30 metres</b>
<b>Greenbelt / ORM NHS</b>					X		<b>30 metres where features extend into option area</b>
<b>Regulated Areas</b>						X	<b>15-30 metres from regulated feature</b>

- Region of Peel and Town of Caledon policies reflecting the Provincial Policy Statement (2005) issued under the Planning Act (1990)
- FFA - Federal Fisheries Act (1985)
- ESA - Endangered Species Act (2007)
- GbP - Greenbelt Plan (2005)
- ORM – Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (2002)
- Conservation Authorities Act (TRCA Regulation) – Section 3(1) of the Regulation permits development within regulated areas
- TBD – requires further field study and/or confirmation with MNR or TRCA

## 5. SPECIES-AT-RISK APPROACH

OMNR was contacted in November 2013 to initiate engagement regarding potential approaches to address any Species at Risk (SAR) issues that may arise on the Option 1 and 3 lands. To date the interactions with OMNR have been as follows:

- November 1, 2013 – submitted Species at Risk Information Request Form for the BRES Option 1 and 3 study areas to Aurora District OMNR;

- November 13, 2013 – correspondence with Steve Strong (District Planner, Aurora MNR) to arrange a meeting to discuss SAR approach for the study area;
- December 19, 2013 – meeting at Caledon East Town Hall with Steve Strong and Jackie Burkhart (Planners, Aurora OMNR) to discuss SAR matters and an integrated approach to accommodating these species early in the residential expansion planning process;
- January 2, 2014 – Species-at-Risk screening letter received from Melinda Thompson (SAR Biologist, Aurora District) listed five (5) Species-at-Risk as being on record in the vicinity: Redside Dace, Butternut, Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, and Snapping Turtle;
- April 25, 2014 – communication with Mark Heaton, Aurora District OMNR Biologist regarding fish sampling in Option 1 and 3 Areas.

The discussion with OMNR planning staff in December 2013 concerned the fact that the lands in the recommended option area will likely not undergo development until after 2017-2018 based on the timing of approvals that are required, which therefore affords an opportunity to plan for SAR in a more strategic manner. Specifically, OMNR would like to move toward addressing protection of SAR habitats and species at a landscape system level rather than on a case-by-case basis. This would require that the Town and Region, in cooperation with OMNR, proceed with a larger scale examination of an approach to identify or create “stronghold areas” for individual SAR. If Species-at-Risk are determined to be present in the residential expansion area, compensation that helps to create and maintain strongholds will result in a “net benefit” for the species, as per the ESA (2007), in a manner that addresses the anticipated expansion of the Town in Bolton and elsewhere.

During 2014, further seasonal field studies will be undertaken for BRES, to clarify the status of SAR already on record in the vicinity, and to determine if others may be present. The findings will be summarized in the CEISMP Part A Characterization Report in the Fall of 2014, and impacts will be evaluated in the Part B Report in 2015 once a Secondary Plan concept is available. By this time it is recommended that discussions between the Town of Caledon, Region of Peel and OMNR should proceed towards a separate study to identify a comprehensive, landscape system approach to ensure “net benefit” for particular SAR species and their habitats.

The screening undertaken to date indicates that the Option 1 and 3 lands themselves have comparable SAR issues including open country bird habitat and sensitive downstream conditions, which can be addressed through best management and/or compensation strategies. Option 1 has much more extensive and diverse habitats in Adjacent Lands that are located immediately outside the option area in the Greenbelt, which are known to support Species at Risk. Option 3 is part of a larger, relatively open agricultural landscape with limited natural habitat cover in the vicinity.



## 6. 2014 STUDIES

As per the TRCA Terms of Reference for the Bolton Residential Study Comprehensive Environmental Impact Study and Management Plan (CEISMP), dated August 20, 2013, and the study team's proposed work plan (November 2013), additional field work will be undertaken in 2014 to gather all of the required data. These next steps are detailed below.

### 6.1. NATURAL HERITAGE

#### 6.1.1. ELC REFINEMENT

Refinement of the ELC boundaries determined in October and November, 2013, will be undertaken in spring, 2014. Particular attention will be paid to wetland features as TRCA requirements for these habitats are that they should be delineated after May 1. However, it is not anticipated that the boundaries will change significantly based on these refinement surveys, and most wetlands are outside the potential development areas. The Preliminary NHS feature boundaries will be updated accordingly to reflect this new information. All ELC determination will follow that of Lee et al. (1998).

#### 6.1.2. BREEDING BIRD SURVEYS

Breeding bird surveys will be conducted on all land areas of Options 1 and 3 and the three Rounding Out Areas. They will follow protocols established by the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (OBBA 2001), which require that two surveys will take place at least one week apart, between May 24 and July 12. The surveys will take place between dawn and 10:00 a.m., and under appropriate weather conditions, that is, with light winds and no heavy rain. Any Species-at-Risk occurrences will be highlighted and mapped. Constraint maps will be updated as required and the Preliminary NHS will be adjusted accordingly.

#### 6.1.3. AMPHIBIAN SURVEYS

Nocturnal amphibian surveys will be conducted in wetland areas identified within the Preliminary NHS in April and May, 2014. These surveys will follow the Marsh Monitoring Program Protocols (BSC 2003) which stipulate that the surveys take place from April 15 – 30 and May 15 – 31, respectively. The surveys will take place between sunset and midnight, and with light winds, no heavy rain, and temperatures of at least 5 °C (April) and 10 °C (May). Additional surveys for salamanders will take place in key habitats identified within the study area. For all amphibian surveys, any Species-at-Risk occurrences will be highlighted and mapped. Constraint maps will be updated as required and the Preliminary NHS will be adjusted accordingly.

#### 6.1.4. VEGETATION SURVEYS

Spring and summer vegetation surveys will take place in all key natural heritage features during 2014. This data on floral species will be mapped accordingly, with any Species-at-Risk highlighted. Constraint maps will be updated as required and the Preliminary NHS will be adjusted accordingly.

The additional wildlife, floral, and ELC data to be collected in 2014, as outlined above, will be used to clarify constraint and opportunities mapping. Data deficiencies for woodlands, wetlands, faunal and floral species distribution, or any other natural heritage features, will be identified, and an appropriate work plan to address these information gaps will be outlined. As such, this additional field work and mapping will fulfill all of the existing conditions and characterization requirements from the TRCA Terms of Reference (August 20, 2013). This data and mapping will be summarized in the Natural Heritage Report (Part A) of the CEISMP, which will be submitted in draft form to the Town of Caledon, the Region of Peel, and the TRCA for review and approval prior to proceeding to Part B of the CEISMP.

## 6.2. HEADWATER DRAINAGE FEATURES

Spring and summer assessments of the HDFs may be undertaken to confirm and finalize reach classifications and management recommendations. Assessing the features during spring/summer conditions will allow for enhanced understanding of the hydroperiod as well as identification of potential barriers missed due to snow cover.

## 6.3. AQUATIC RESOURCES

Field assessments will be required during the spring of 2014 to characterize fish communities and fish habitat under spring and early summer conditions, and to search for migratory spawning fishes in the headwater areas. A dry period habitat assessment, typically undertaken in August or September, is also required to further identify groundwater discharge locations, as well as the headwater aquatic habitats that this supports.

## 6.4. GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATER RESOURCES

Hydraulic modeling will be finalized in order to define floodplain hazard lands where drainage areas are greater than 50ha. For this, TRCA must complete an update on existing hydraulic models for the Humber River watershed.

Following the establishment of floodplain hazard areas, hydrologic modelling and stormwater management assessments will be carried out to establish the appropriate sizing and location of potential SWM ponds. The assessments will also aid in the identification and placement of low impact development (LID) requirements to meet TRCA stormwater criteria and to address water balance issues.

To date no work has been done on groundwater as the component has not been approved by the client.

# 7. SUMMARY OF PRELIMINARY NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM

The following summarizes the general landscape conditions and characteristics of the Preliminary NHS for Option 1, Option 3 and the Rounding Out Areas.

### **Option 1 Context and Preliminary NHS**

**Context:** The lands are surrounded by the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt on the south and east, and by the Oak Ridges Moraine plan area to the immediate north. Option 1 lands are predominantly in active agriculture. The terrain is gently rolling but with steep slopes / ravines into the Humber River system to the south. The Bolton Arterial Road (under construction) transects the option area, and existing land uses along Highway 50 have impacted one tributary feature. Other key characteristics are as follows:

- There are no Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSW) in the option area;
- There is a small wetland in the fields west of Highway 50 and small wetlands within the Significant Woodland along the northern boundary;
- PSWs exist in the 120 m Adjacent Lands along the eastern edge and in the Humber River valley;
- Significant Woodland extends into the northern edge of the area west of Highway 50;
- Restoration and enhancement areas have been identified mostly in the buffers around the southern edge of the area, west of Highway 50;
- A restoration and enhancement opportunity area exists along the south side of the Significant Woodland;
- Restoration and enhancement areas are identified in the margins of western-most lobe and on the regulated watercourses east and west of Hwy 50; and
- The Option 1 Preliminary NHS, including natural features and restoration and enhancement areas, represents approximately 5.5% of the available land area.

### **Option 3 Context and Preliminary NHS**

**Context:** The lands are well outside the Greenbelt, predominantly in active agriculture; the terrain is gently rolling. Other key characteristics are as follows:

- The streams are mostly headwaters, while the only tributary in southeast sector has floodplain functions;
- One watercourse is ranked as “Conservation” (i.e. must remain on landscape but can be moved/realigned) in southwest corner;
- There is no occupied Redside Dace (Endangered fish) habitat present;
- There are few natural heritage features in the option area;
- There are unevaluated wetlands associated with the tributaries at the south end;
- There are no PSWs in the option area, however a PSW is located within the 120 metre Adjacent Lands east of the railroad tracks;
- There are no Significant Woodland, or other woodlands, in the option area;
- Restoration and enhancement areas exist in the southwest corner due to the presence of tributaries and a farm pond;
- Regulated floodplain area exists west of Humber Station Road; and



- The Option 3 Preliminary NHS, including natural features and restoration and enhancement areas, represents approximately 12.5% of the available land area.

### **Rounding Out Areas Context and Preliminary NHS**

- There are no natural heritage features within the three Rounding Out Areas;
- No watercourses with categories of Conservation or Protection are present;
- The Chickadee Rounding Out Area has no key natural features but there are small areas within 120 metres of the Greenbelt;
- A small restoration and enhancement area was identified in the Highway 50/Columbia Way Rounding Out Area;
- There is a small wetland feature in the Duffy's Lane Rounding Out Area;
- The Greenbelt boundary is within 120 metres of the Duffy's Lane Rounding Out Area;
- The Rounding Out Areas Preliminary NHS is 1 all restoration and enhancement area (i.e. no natural features are present).

It should be emphasized that the sizes of the Preliminary NHS for Options 1 and 3 are not directly comparable as the Option 1 area includes extensive areas of restoration and enhancement that are outside of the residential study area (but within the 120 m adjacent lands). The land area that is constrained by existing policies is greater within Option 3 than Option 1, however, Option 1 is surrounded by lands with greater policy complexity and restrictions, i.e. the Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. These adjacent areas contain concentrations of natural features and ecological functions (PSW, Significant Woodlands, Significant Valleylands, Significant Wildlife Habitat, Fish Habitat, and Habitat of Species at Risk) that are potentially vulnerable to cumulative adverse impacts from residential expansion since they are within 120 metres of the proposed development area. In Option 3 the landscape is a headwater area surrounded by active agriculture, with some discrete riparian features (meadow marsh wetlands) along watercourses in the southern half of the area, and very localized natural features in the adjacent lands; this requires feature protection and enhancement, along with best management practices for water resource management. Option 1 and 3 are located upstream of sensitive aquatic resources (Redside Dace occupied habitat and/or coldwater reaches)

## 8. CONCLUSIONS

This Preliminary NHS, as illustrated in the three attached figures, is considered preliminary, with further refinement from other disciplines required. Based on existing information, we believe that this is an adequate interpretation of natural heritage conditions to meet Region of Peel policies for an Official Plan Amendment to expand the existing urban boundary. Additional field work to be conducted by Dougan & Associates, Cam Portt & Associates, and Aquafor Beech Ltd. in 2014 may further refine some of the boundaries to specific features. All data collected will be summarized in the Existing Conditions and Characterization Report (Part A of the CEISMP process) with content for each discipline.

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**Legend**

**Aquatic Habitat Classes**

- Protection
- Conservation
- Mitigation / No Management
- Watercourse (unevaluated)

**Wetlands**

- Provincially Significant Wetland
- Other Wetland
- Unevaluated Wetland
- PSW 30m Buffer

**NHS Features**

- Enhancement / Restoration
- Greenbelt Plan Boundary
- Oak Ridges Moraine
- Significant Woodlands (>4ha)

**Map Base**

- ++++ Railway
- Final Options
- Final Options, 120m Buffer

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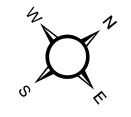
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**Rounding Out**

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Stream ratings based on most conservative stream designations (Headwater Drainage Feature vs. Fish Habitat) from Aquafor Beech Ltd. and C. Portt & Associates (December 2013).





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# **Appendix B**

## **Breeding Bird Species List**



## Breeding Birds of Chickadee Lane - 2018

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status						Locations			Observed on site visit	
		National Species at Risk COSEWICa	Species at Risk in Ontario Listing a	Provincial breeding season SRANK <sup>b</sup>	TRCA Status	Area-sensitive (OMNR)c	Breeding Code	Forest	Meadow	Residential area	01-Jun-18	26-Jun-18
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>			S5	L4		S		1		1	
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>			S5	L5		S7			1	1	1
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>			S4	L4		S7	1			1	1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	SC	SC	S4	L4		S7	1			1	1
Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>			S5	L5		S			1		1
Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>			S4	L4		S	1			1	
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>			S5	L5		S7	1			1	1
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>			S5	L5		S7	1			1	3
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>			S5	L5		S7			1	2	4
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>			S5	L4	A	S7	1		1	1	1
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>			S5	L5		S7			1	2	3
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>			S4	L4		S	1				1
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>			S5	L5		ON	1			1	2
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>			SE	L+		S7			1	7	6
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>			S5	L4		S7	1			2	3
Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>			S5	L5		S7			1	1	1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>			S4	L4		S7	1			1	1
Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>			S4	L4		S	1			1	
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>			S5	L5		S7		1	1	5	8
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>			S4	L5		M		1		10	8
American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>			S5	L5		S7		1	1	5	5



Field Work Conducted On:	Date	Temp (C)	Wind speed (km/h)	Cloud cover (%)	Start time	End time	Level of effort (h:min)	Number of species observed
Site visit 1	01-Jun-18	19	6	60	6:45	8:45	2:00	13
Site visit 2	26-Jun-18	15	5	25	7:00	9:00	2:00	16
Location 1 -	Wooded upland							
Location 2 -	Grassland							
Location 3 -	Anthropogenic houses/sheds							
Number of Species:		21						
Number of (provincial and national) Species at Risk:		1						
Number of S1 to S3 (provincially rare) Species:		0						
Number of Regionally Rare Species:		0						
Number of Area-sensitive Species:		1						
Location 1	Wooded upland							
Number of Species:		11						
Number of (provincial and national) Species at Risk:		0						
Number of S1 to S3 (provincially rare) Species:		0						
Number of Regionally Rare Species:		0						
Number of Area-sensitive Species:		1						
Location 2	Grassland							
Number of Species:		4						
Number of (provincial and national) Species at Risk:		0						
Number of S1 to S3 (provincially rare) Species:		0						
Number of Regionally Rare Species:		0						
Number of Area-sensitive Species:		0						
Location 3	Anthropogenic houses							
Number of Species:		9						
Number of (provincial and national) Species at Risk:		0						
Number of S1 to S3 (provincially rare) Species:		0						
Number of Regionally Rare Species:		0						
Number of Area-sensitive Species:		1						



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# **Appendix C**

## **Plant Species List**



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Chickadee Lane Plant Species List

CUM1-1a	CUM1-1b	CUM1-1c	CUM1-1d	FOD5-8	FOD4	SAGM2	TAGM5a	TAGM5b	TAGM5c	TAGM5d	ScientificName	CommonName (accepted)	GRank	SRANK	TRCA
X	X	X	X		X						Solidago canadensis	Canada Goldenrod	G5	S5	L5
X	X	X	X			X					Daucus carota	wild carrot	G?	SE5	L+
X	X	X			X						Erigeron philadelphicus	Philadelphia Fleabane	G5T?	S5	L5
X	X	X									Cirsium arvense	Canada Thistle	G?	SE5	L+
X	X	X									Vicia cracca	Tufted Vetch	G?	SE5	L+
X	X		X								Asclepias syriaca	Common Milkweed	G5	S5	L5
X	X		X								Phleum pratense	Common Timothy	G?	SE5	L+
X	X			X	X				X		Rhamnus cathartica	European Buckthorn	G?	SE5	L+
X	X				X			X		X	Acer negundo	Manitoba Maple	G5	S5	L+?
X	X										Bromus inermis	Smooth Brome	G4G5T?	SE5	L+
X	X										Rumex crispus	Curled Dock	G?	SE5	L+
X		X	X								Sonchus sp	Sowthistle Species			
X		X									Carex vulpinoidea	Fox Sedge	G5	S5	L5
X		X									Phalaris arundinacea	Reed Canarygrass	G5	S5	L+?
X											Cichorium intybus	wild chicory	G?	SE5	L+
X											Medicago lupulina	Black Medic	G?	SE5	L+
X											Plantago lanceolata	English Plantain	G5	SE5	L+
X											Trifolium hybridum	Alsike Clover	G?	SE5	L+
	X	X									Agrostis sp	Bentgrass Species			
	X		X								Cirsium sp	Thistle Species			
	X		X								Fragaria virginiana ssp.	wild Strawberry	G5?	SU	L5
	X					X					Dipsacus fullonum	Common Teasel	G?T?	SE5	L+
	X										Mentha sp	Mint Species			
	X										Populus alba	White Poplar	G5	SE5	L+
	X										Potentilla recta	Sulphur Cinquefoil	G?	SE5	L+
	X										Rosa sp	Rose Species			
		X			X						Taraxacum officinale	Common Dandelion	G5	SE5	L+
		X									Juncus sp	Rush Species			
		X									Panicum capillare	Common Panicgrass	G5	S5	L5
		X									Typha latifolia	Broad-leaved Cattail	G5	S5	L4
			X	X	X				X		Acer saccharum var. s	Sugar Maple	G5T?	S5	L5
			X		X	X					Elymus repens	Quackgrass	G?	SE5	L+
			X		X			X			Picea glauca	White Spruce	G5	S5	L3
			X					X			Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	G5	S5	L4
			X								Poa pratensis ssp. prat	Kentucky Bluegrass	G5T	S5	L+
				X	X		X		X		Fraxinus pennsylvanic	Green Ash	G5	S5	L5
				X	X			X	X		Tilia americana	Basswood	G5	S5	L5
				X	X						Aster sp	Aster Species			
				X	X						Prunus virginiana var.	Choke Cherry	G5T?	S5	L5
				X							Amphicarpaea bractea	American Hog peanut	G5	S5	L5
				X							Athyrium filix-femina	Northeastern Lady fern	G5T5	S5	L5
				X							Circaea alpina	Small Enchanter's Nightshade	G5	S5	L3
				X							Fagus grandifolia	American Beech	G5	S5	L4
				X							Ostrya virginiana	Eastern Hop-hornbeam	G5	S5	L5
				X							Prunus nigra	Canada Plum	G4G5	S4	L3
				X							Trillium sp	Trillium Species			

CUM1-1a	CUM1-1b	CUM1-1c	CUM1-1d	FOD5-8	FOD4	SAGM2	TAGM5a	TAGM5b	TAGM5c	TAGM5d	ScientificName	CommonName (accepted)	GRank	SRANK	TRCA
				X							Tsuga canadensis	Eastern Hemlock	G5	S5	L4
					X		X				Lonicera tatarica	Tatarian Honeysuckle	G?	SE5	L+
					X						Acer rubrum	Red Maple	G5	S5	L4
					X						Circaea canadensis ssp	Canada Enchanter's Nightshade	G5T5	S5	L5
					X						Parthenocissus quinqu	Virginia Creeper	G5	S4?	L5
					X						Vitis riparia	Riverbank Grape	G5	S5	L5
						X	X				Malus sp	Apple Species			
						X					Morus sp	Mulberry Species			
						X					Prunus sp	Cherry Species			
						X					Pyrus communis	Common Pear	G5	SE4	L+
							X				Acer X freemanii	Freeman's Maple	G?	S5	L4
							X				Picea abies	Norway Spruce	G?	SE3	L+
							X				Pinus strobus	Eastern White Pine	G5	S5	L4
							X				Quercus rubra	Northern Red Oak	G5	S5	L4
							X				Viburnum opulus	cranberry viburnum	G5	SE4	L+
								X	X		Juglans nigra	Black Walnut	G5	S4	L5
								X			Populus deltoides ssp.	Eastern Cottonwood	G5T?	SU	L5
								X			Ulmus americana	White Elm	G5?	S5	L5
									X		Fraxinus sp	Ash Species			
									X		Salix alba	White Willow	G5	SE4	L+
				X							N/A	Ornamental garden species			



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# **Appendix D**

## **Borehole Logs**



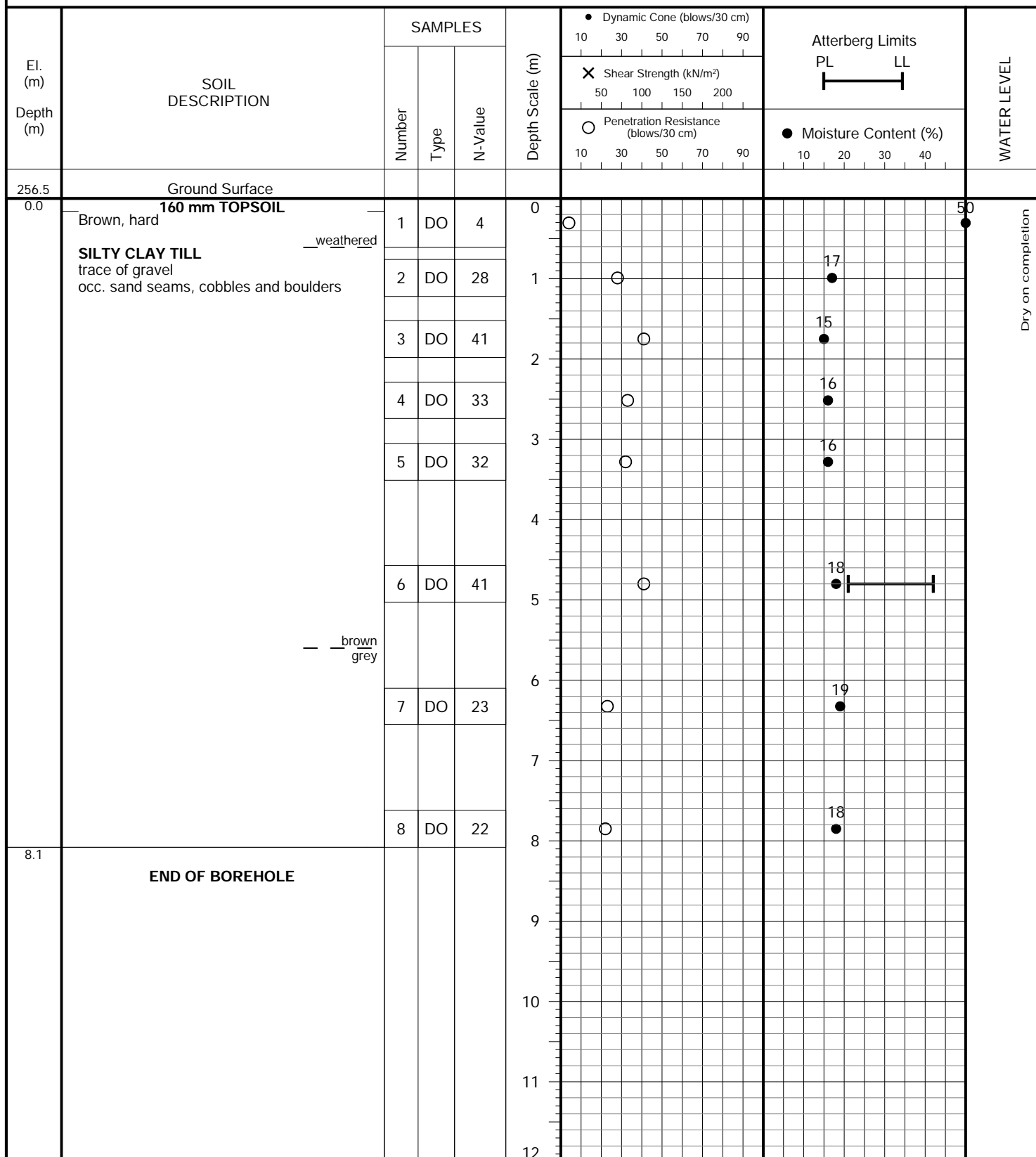


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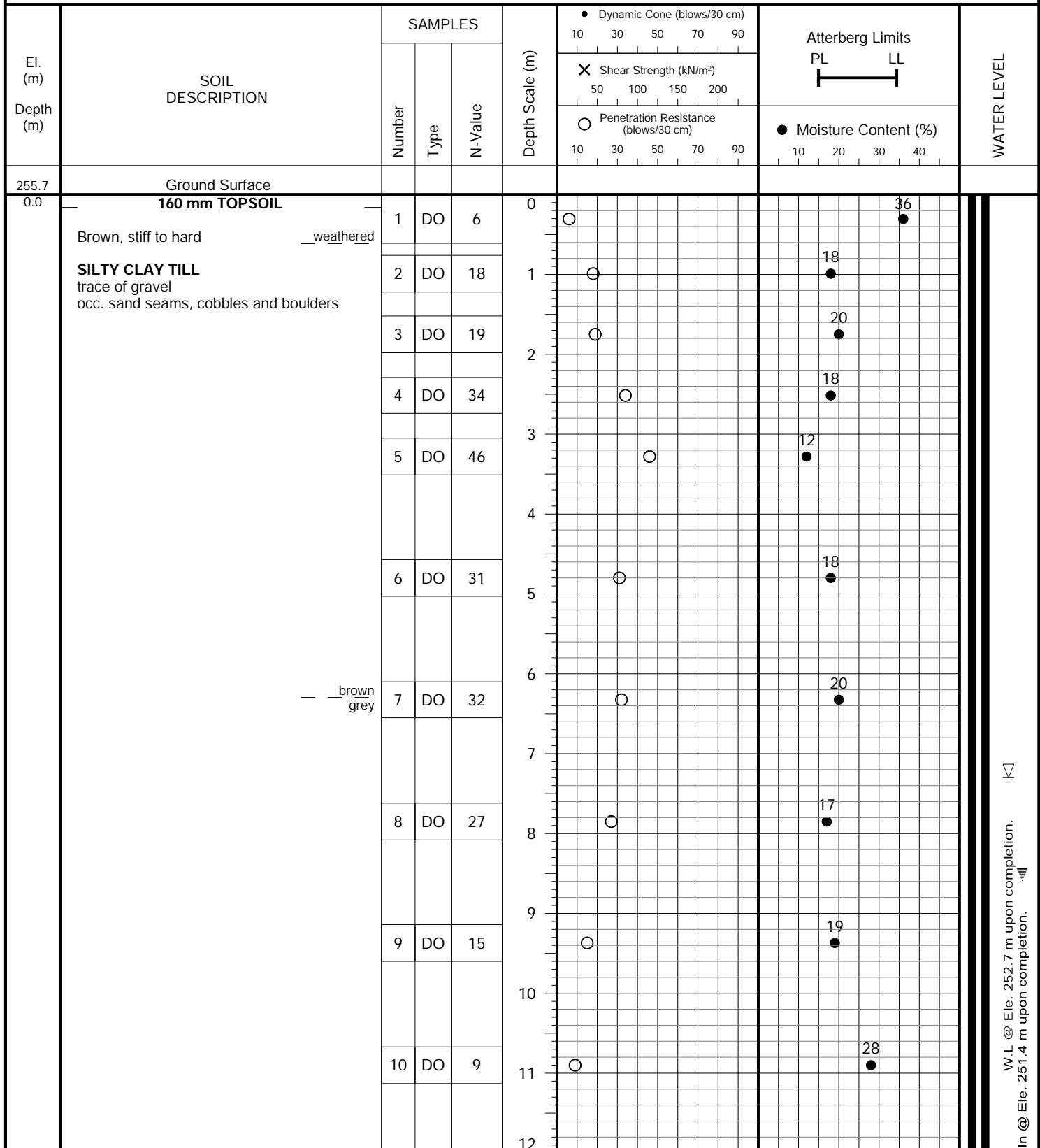
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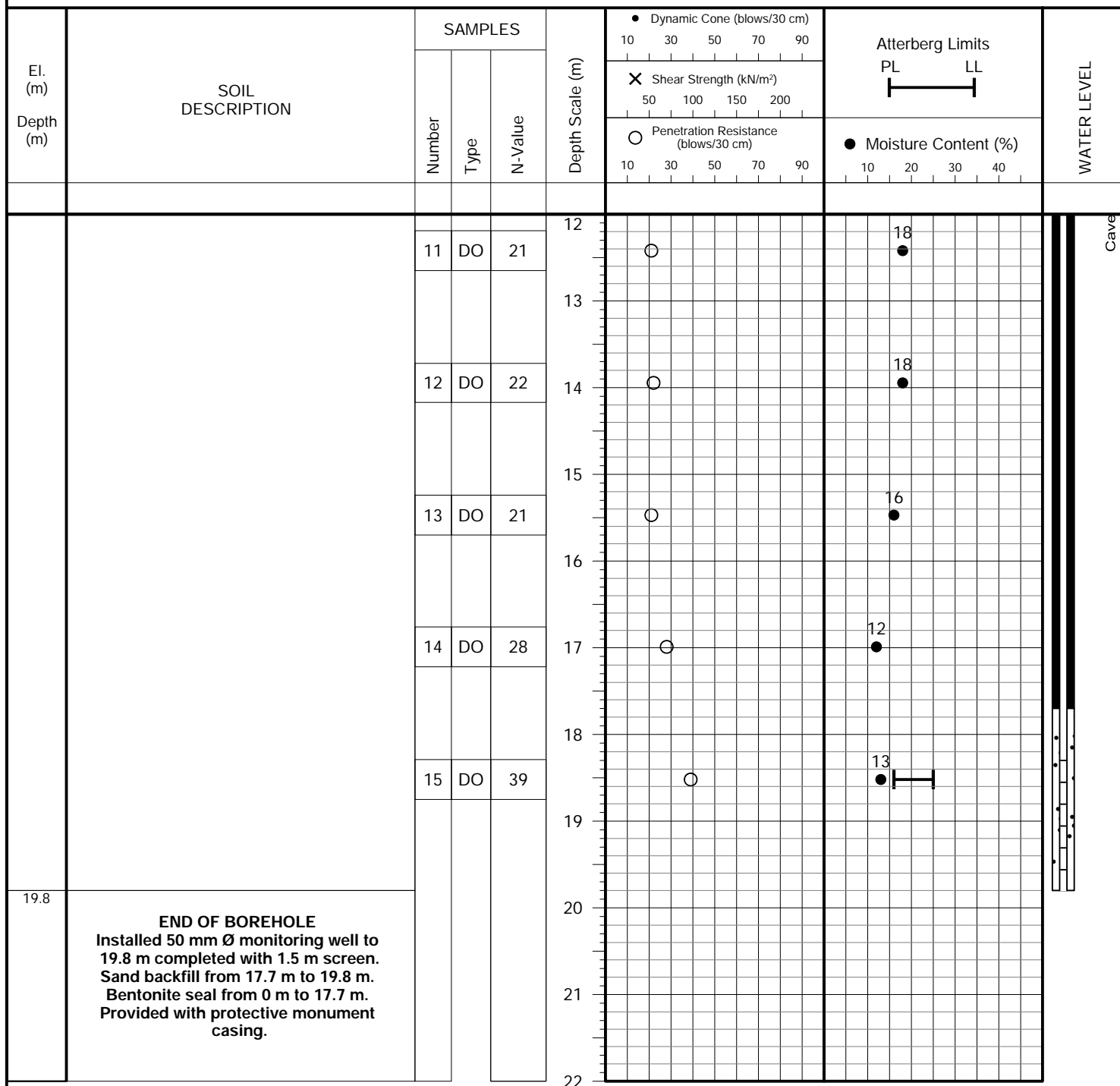
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**LOG OF BOREHOLE NO.: 2**

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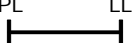



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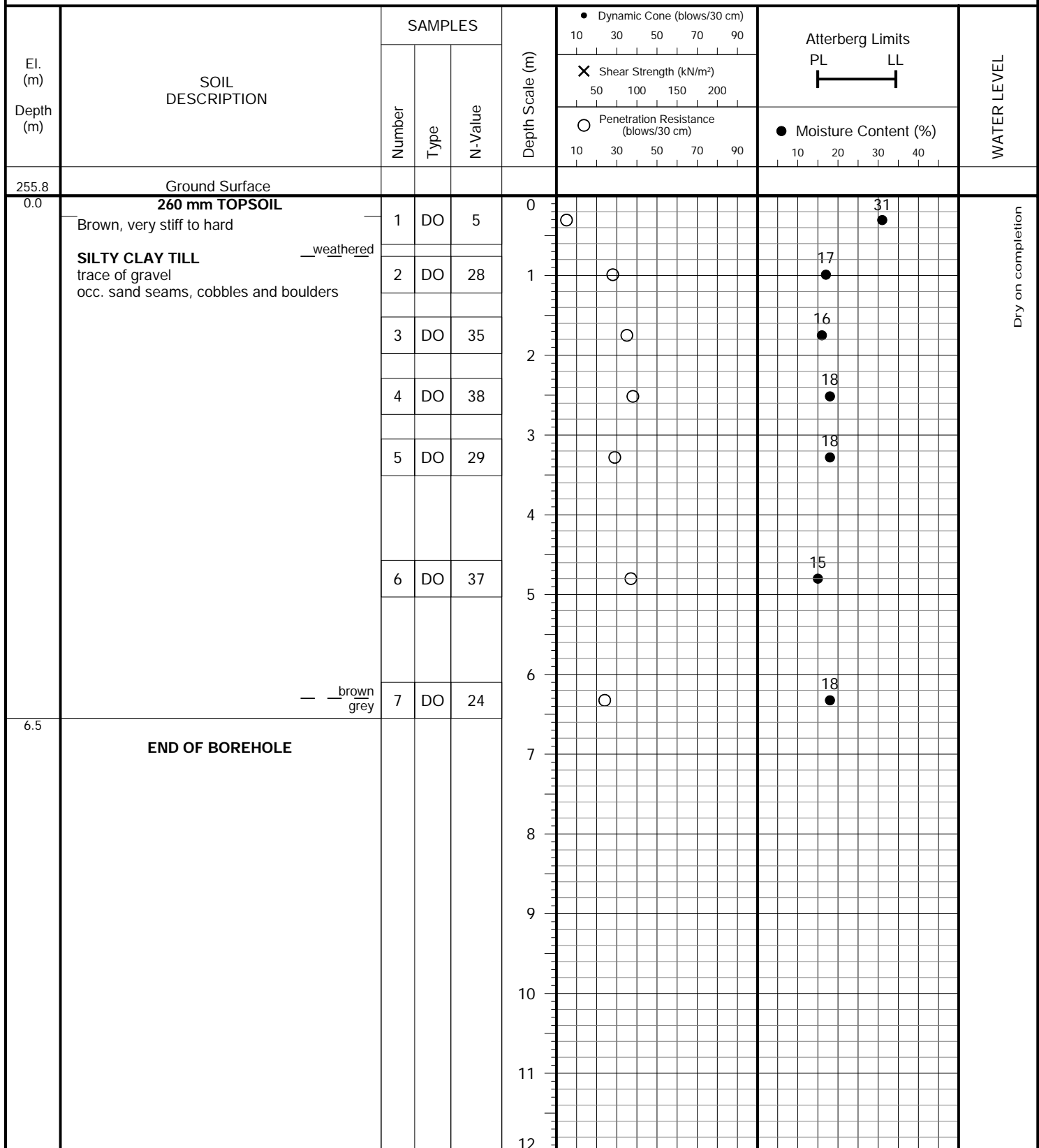
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		Number	Type	N-Value		● Moisture Content (%) 10 20 30 40		
255.7 0.0	Ground Surface							
	Direct Auger to Water Table to Install Nested Monitoring Well				0			 W.L. @ Ele. 252.7 m upon completion. Cave-In @ Ele. 251.4 m upon completion.
					1			
					2			
					3			
					4			
					5			
					6			
					7			
7.6	<b>END OF BOREHOLE</b> Installed 50 mm Ø monitoring well to 7.6 m completed with 1.5 m screen. Sand backfill from 5.5 m to 7.6 m. Bentonite seal from 0 m to 5.5 m. Provided with protective monument casing.				8			
				9				
				10				
				11				
				12				

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**LOG OF BOREHOLE NO.: 3**

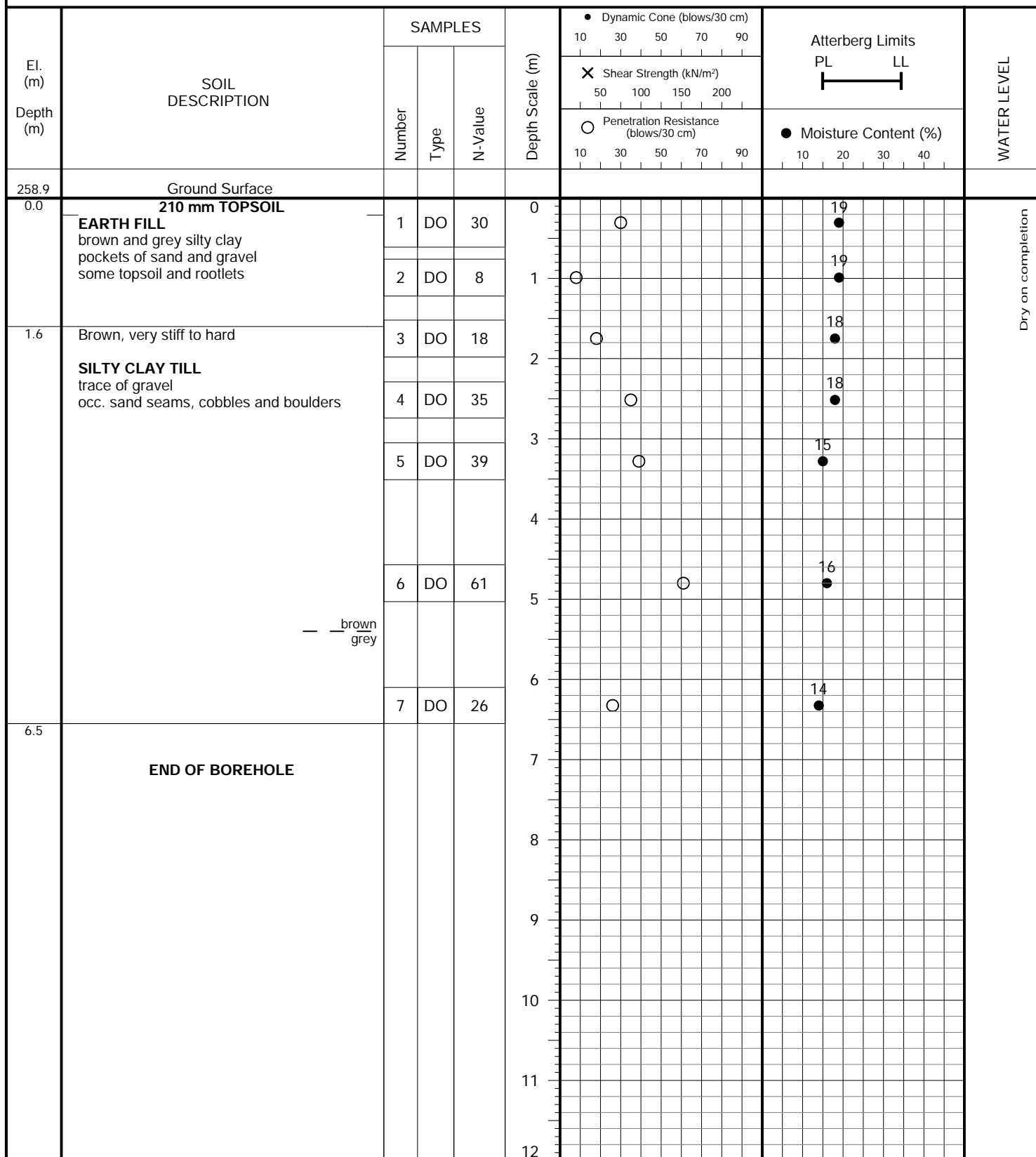
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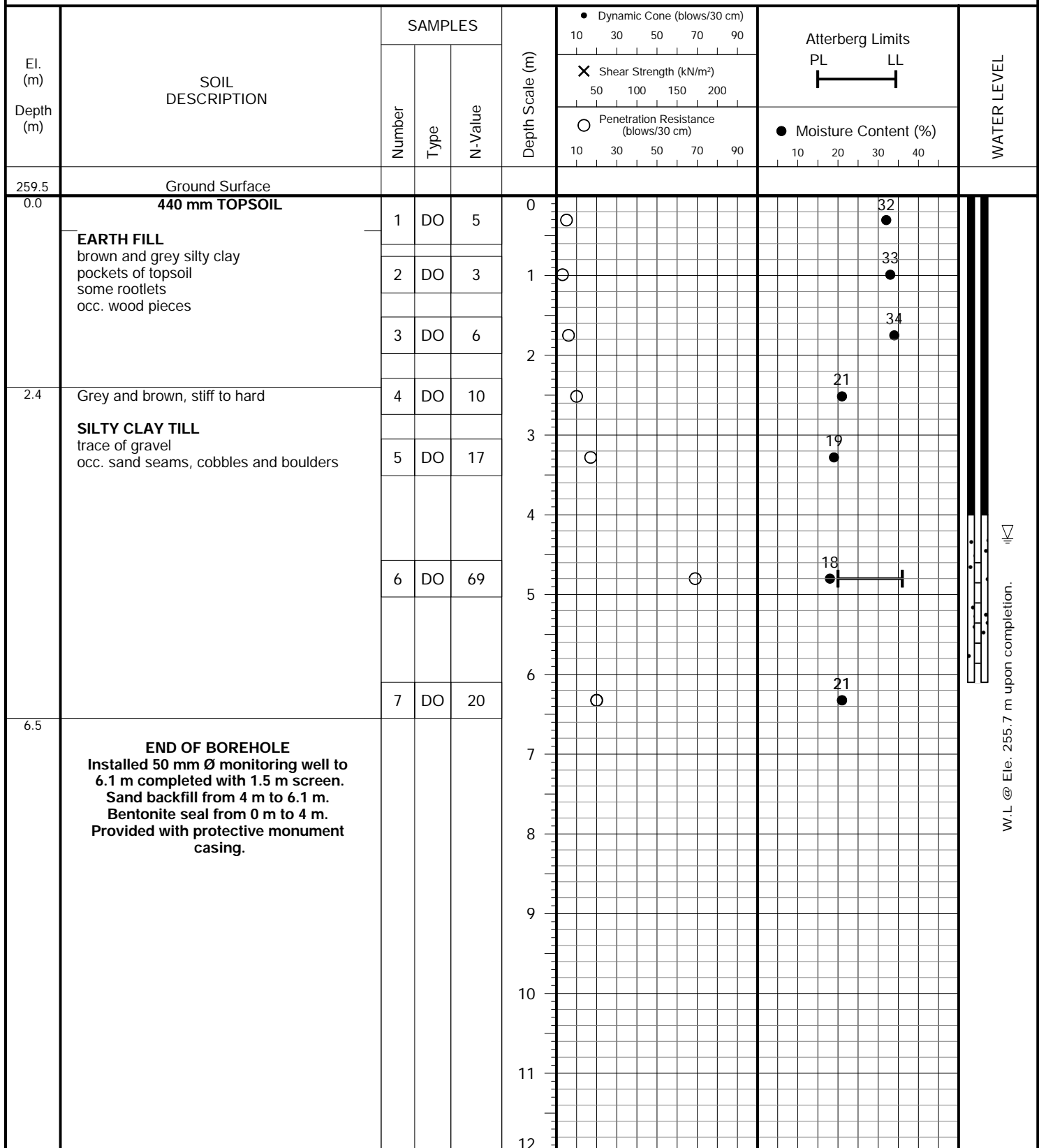
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**LOG OF BOREHOLE NO.: 5**

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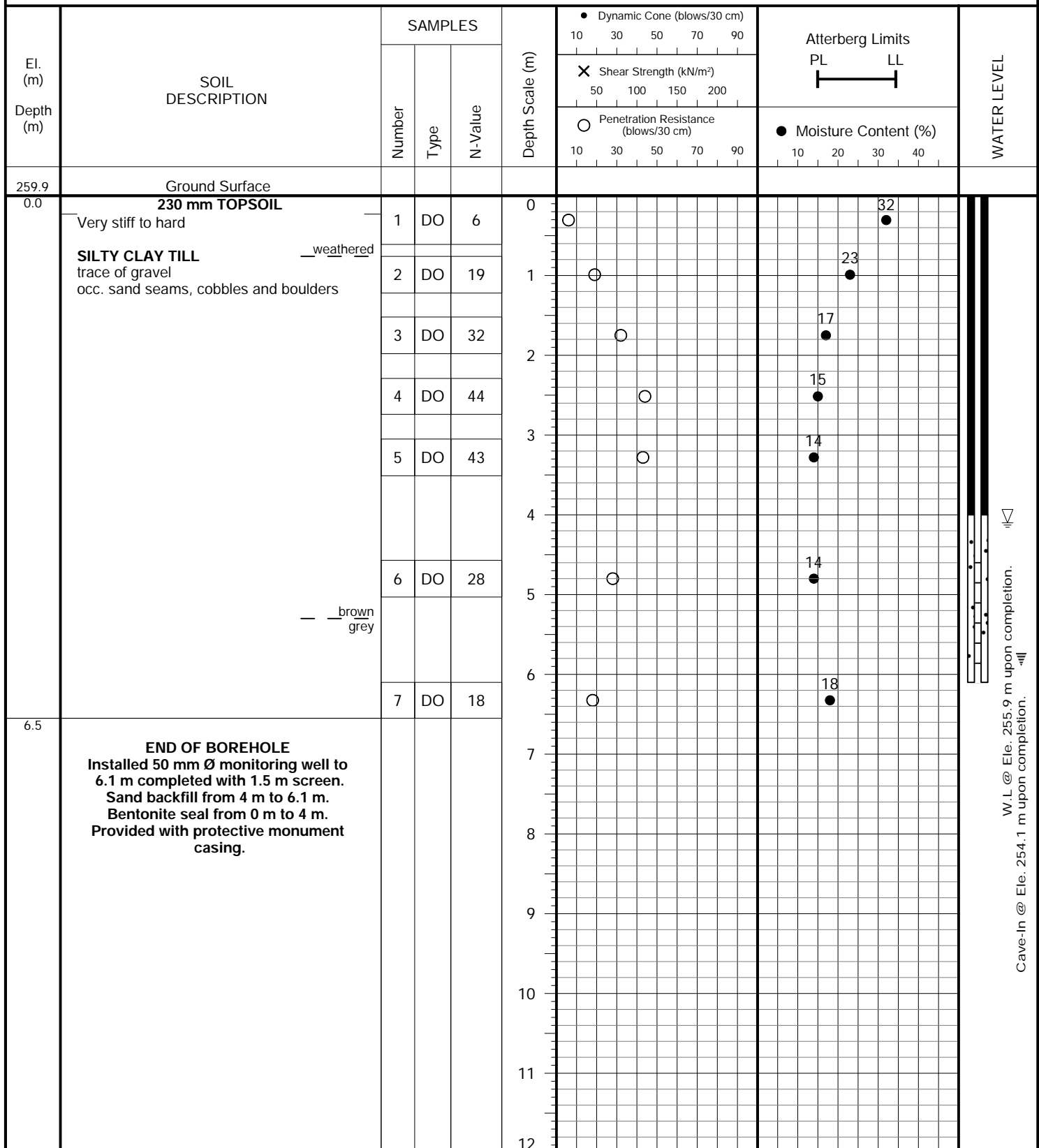
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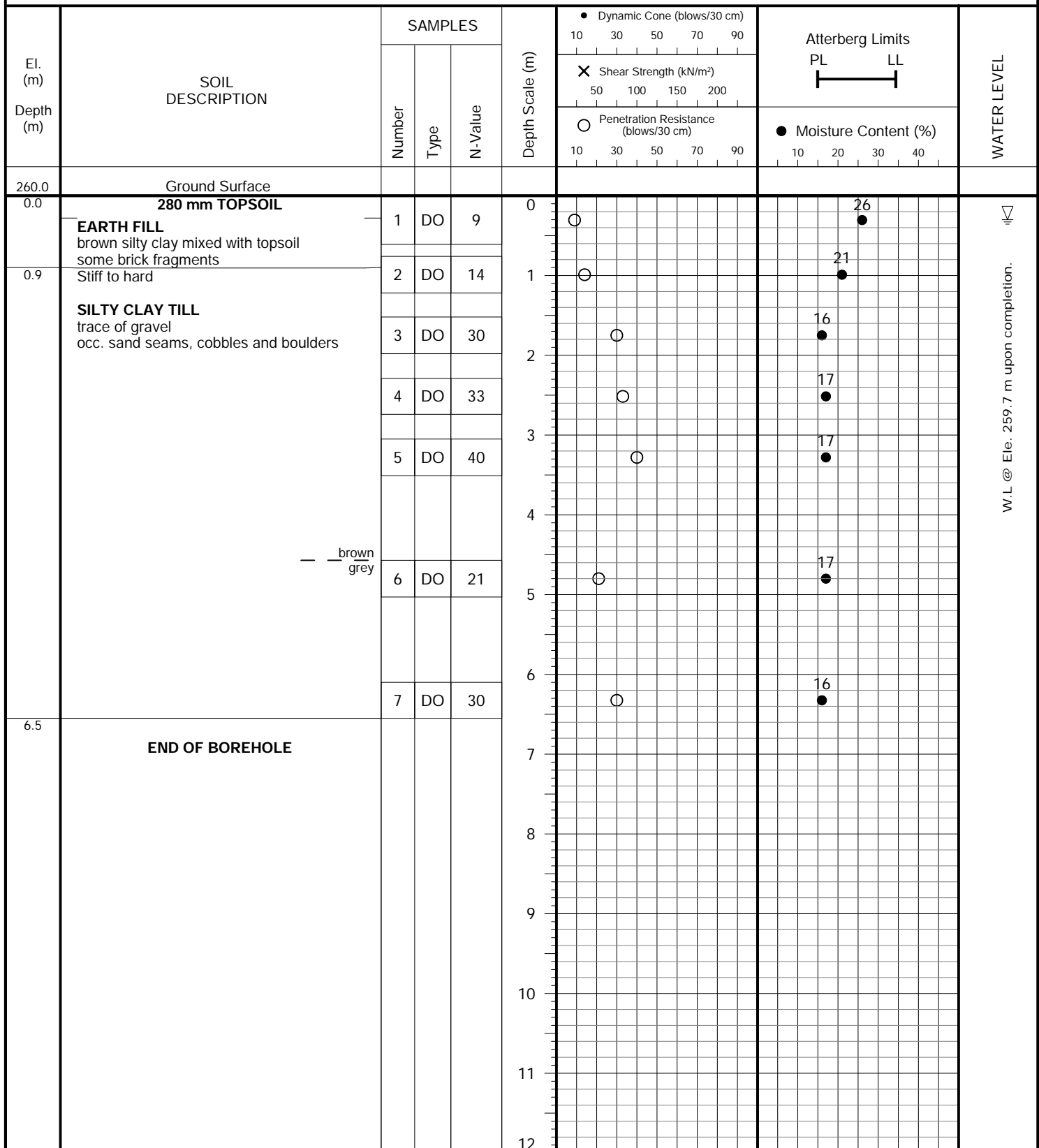
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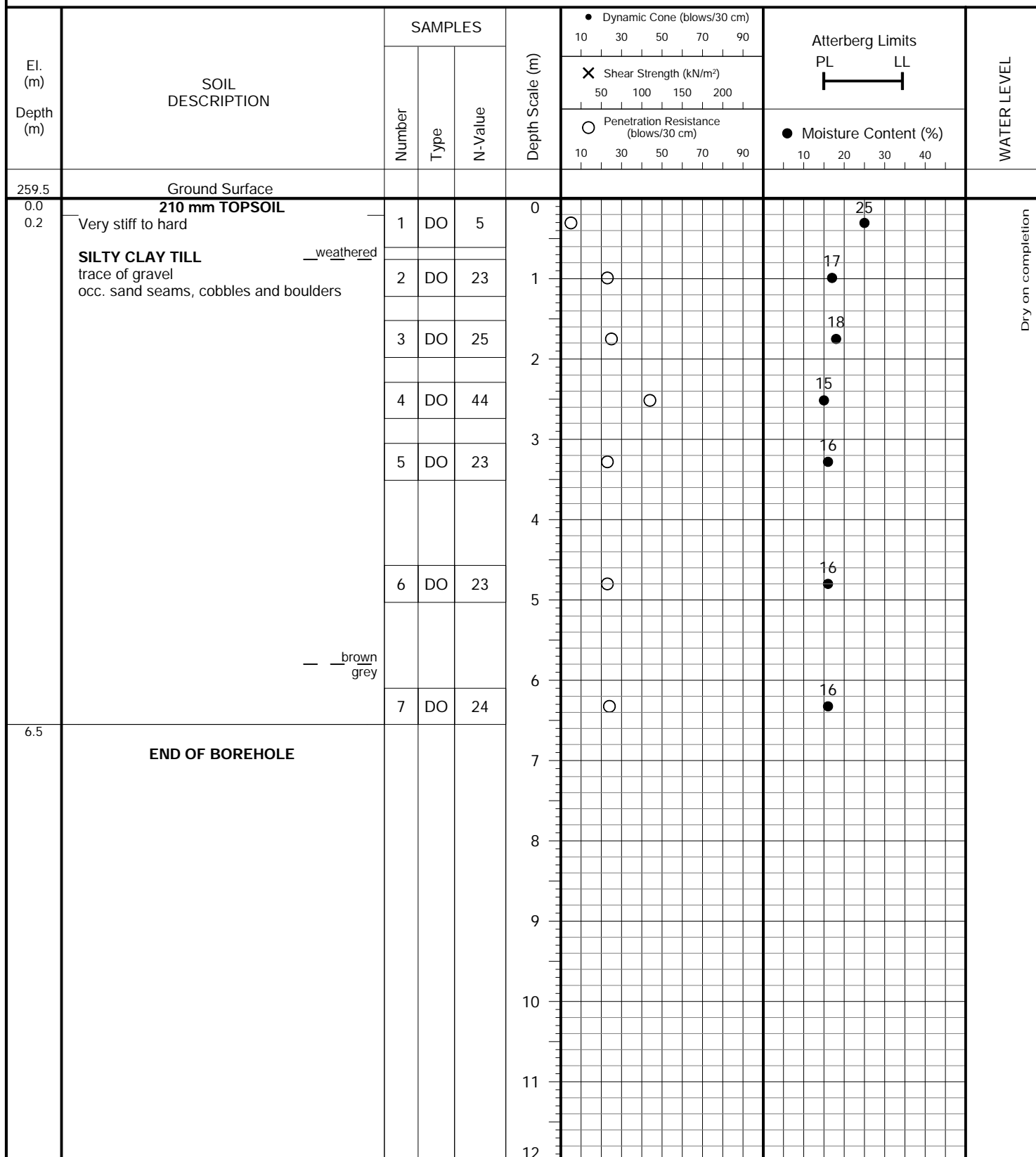
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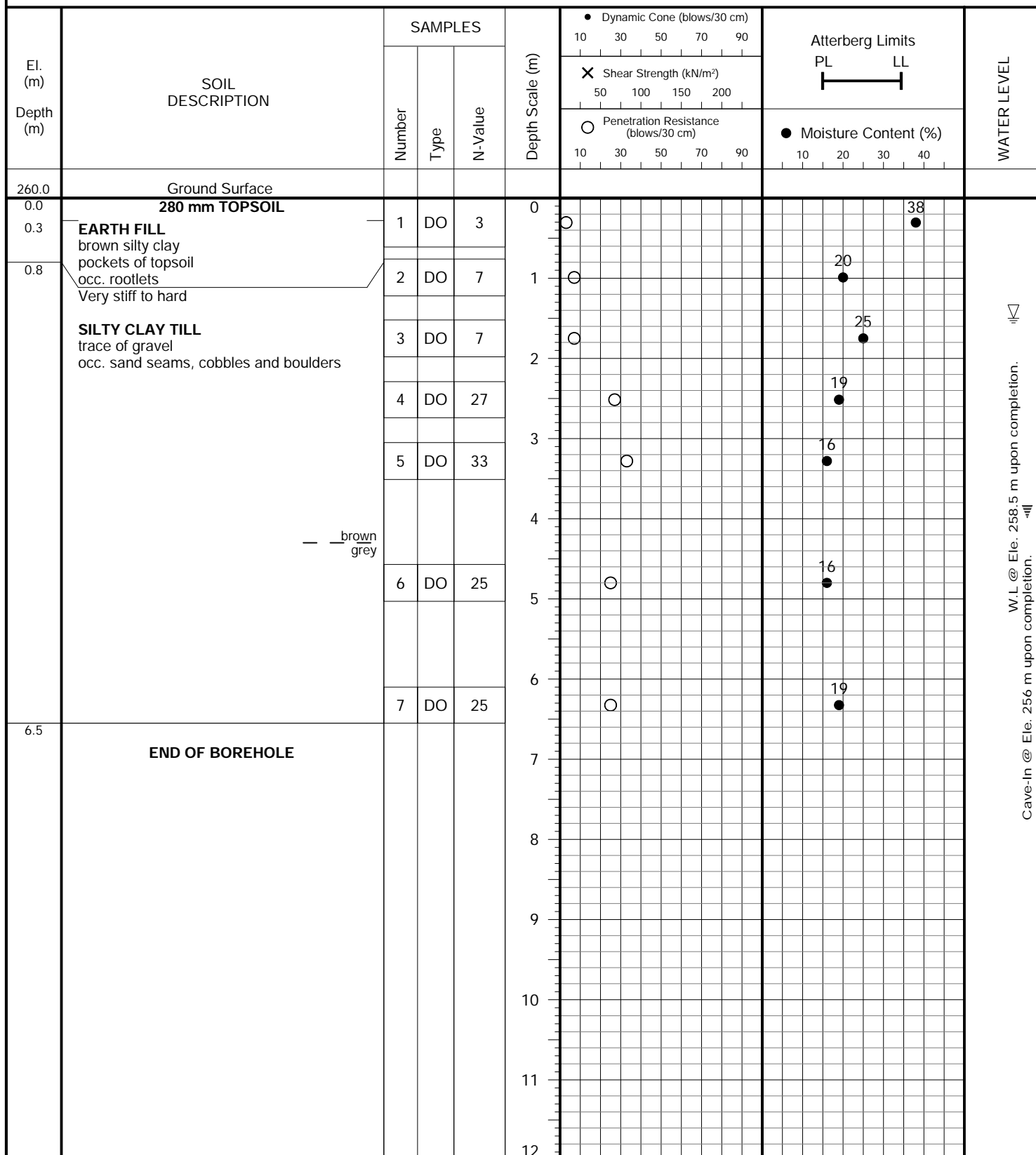
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**LOG OF BOREHOLE NO.: 9**

FIGURE NO.: 9

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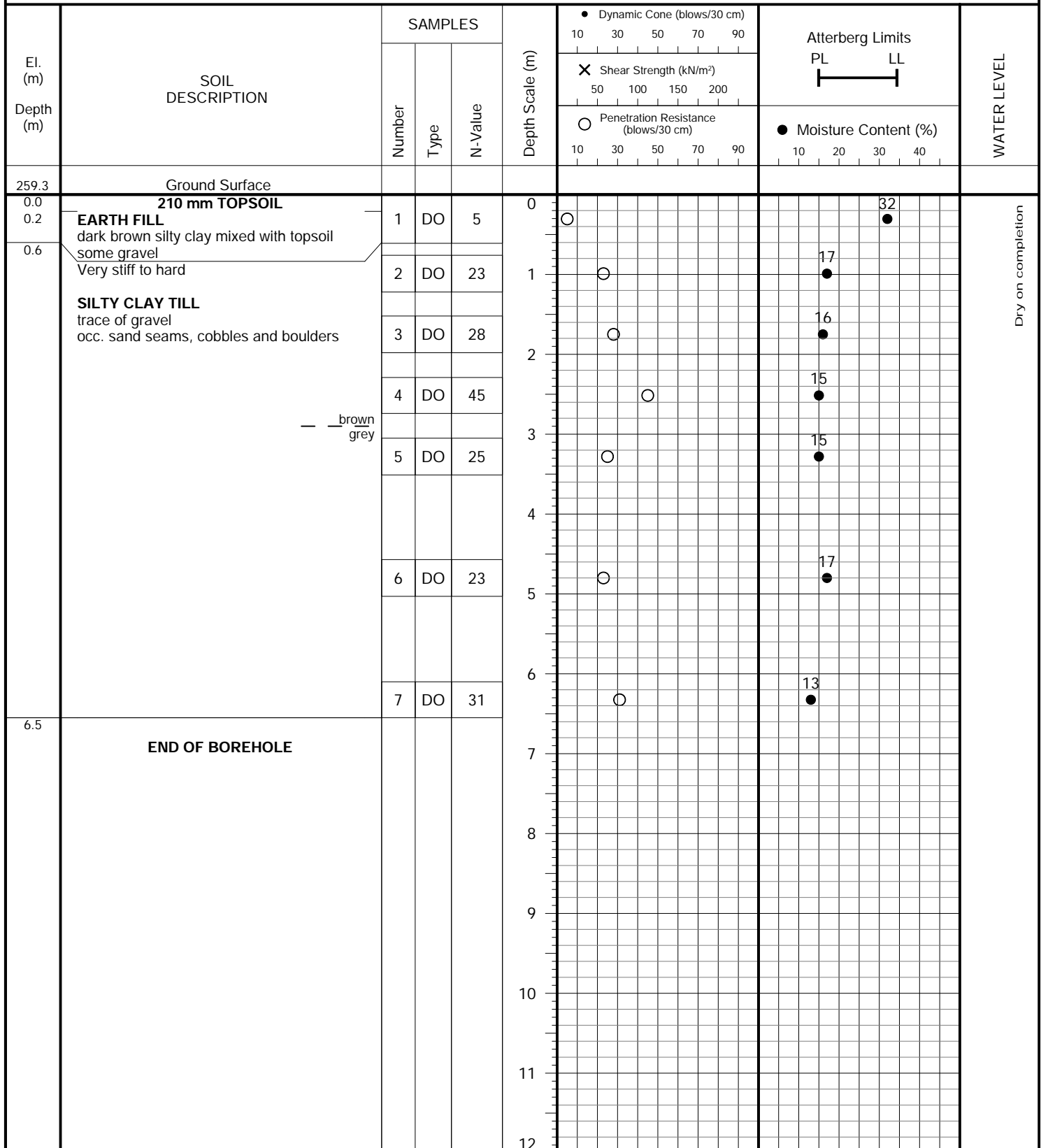




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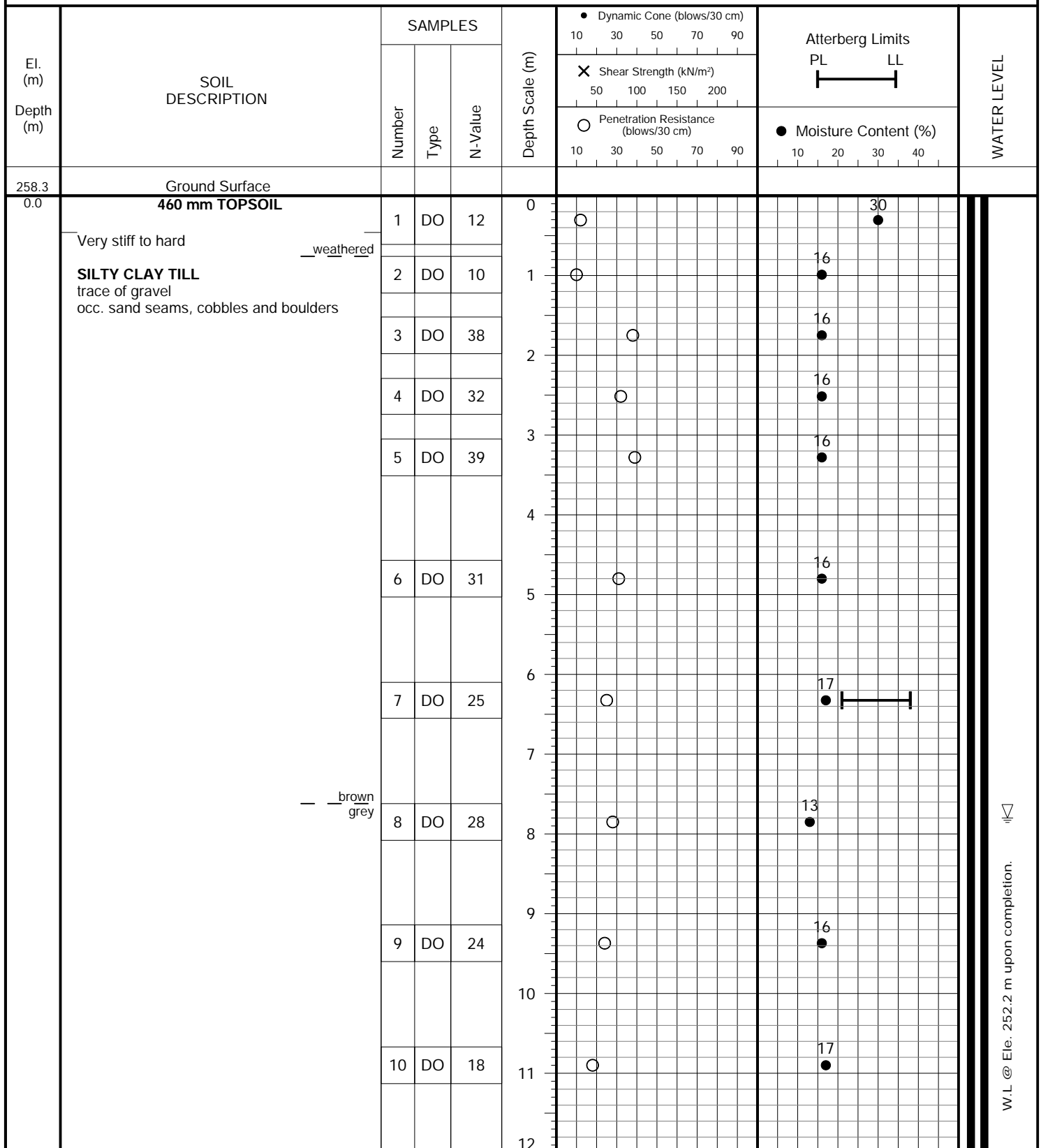
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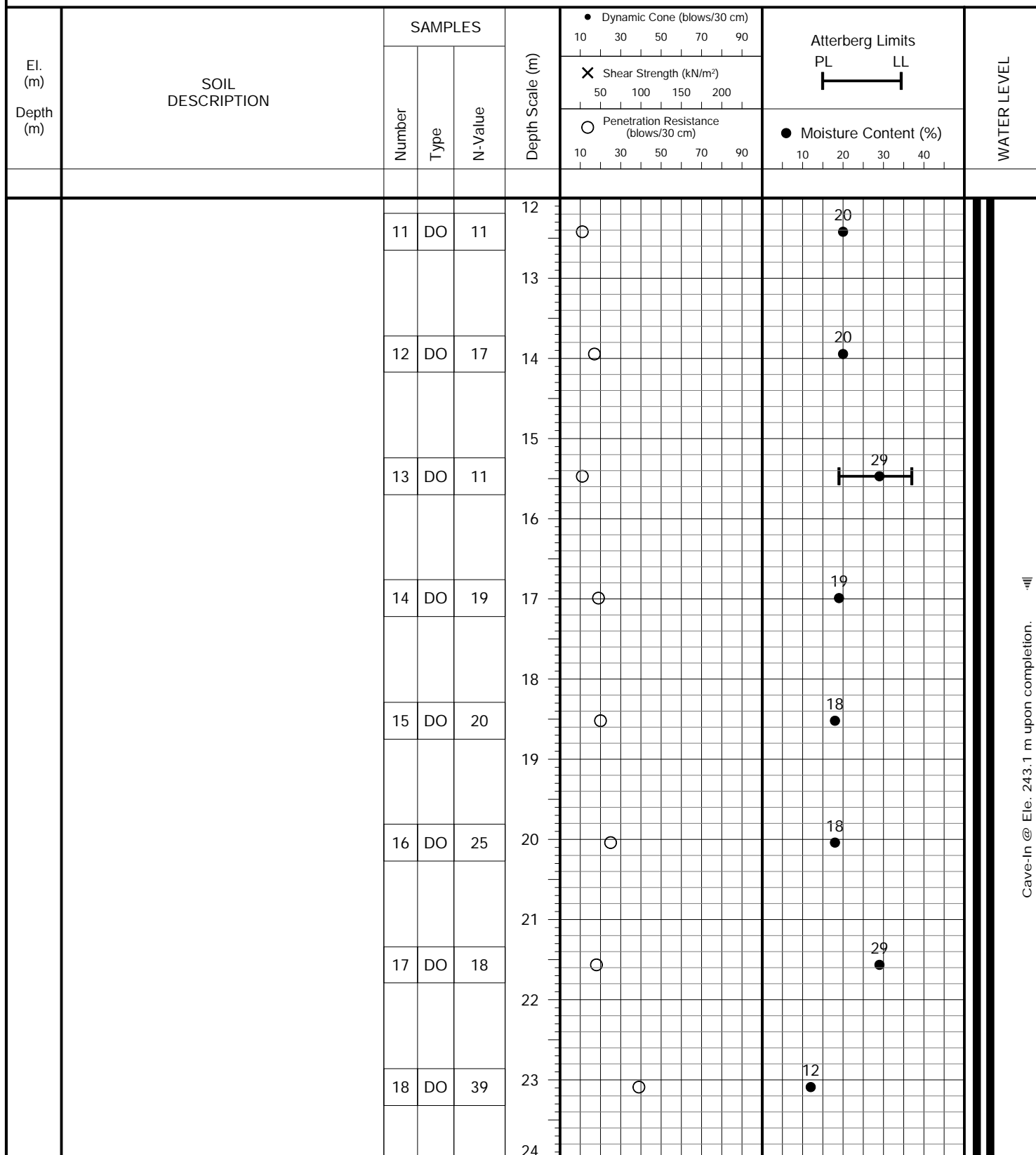
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**LOG OF BOREHOLE NO.: 12**

FIGURE NO.: 12

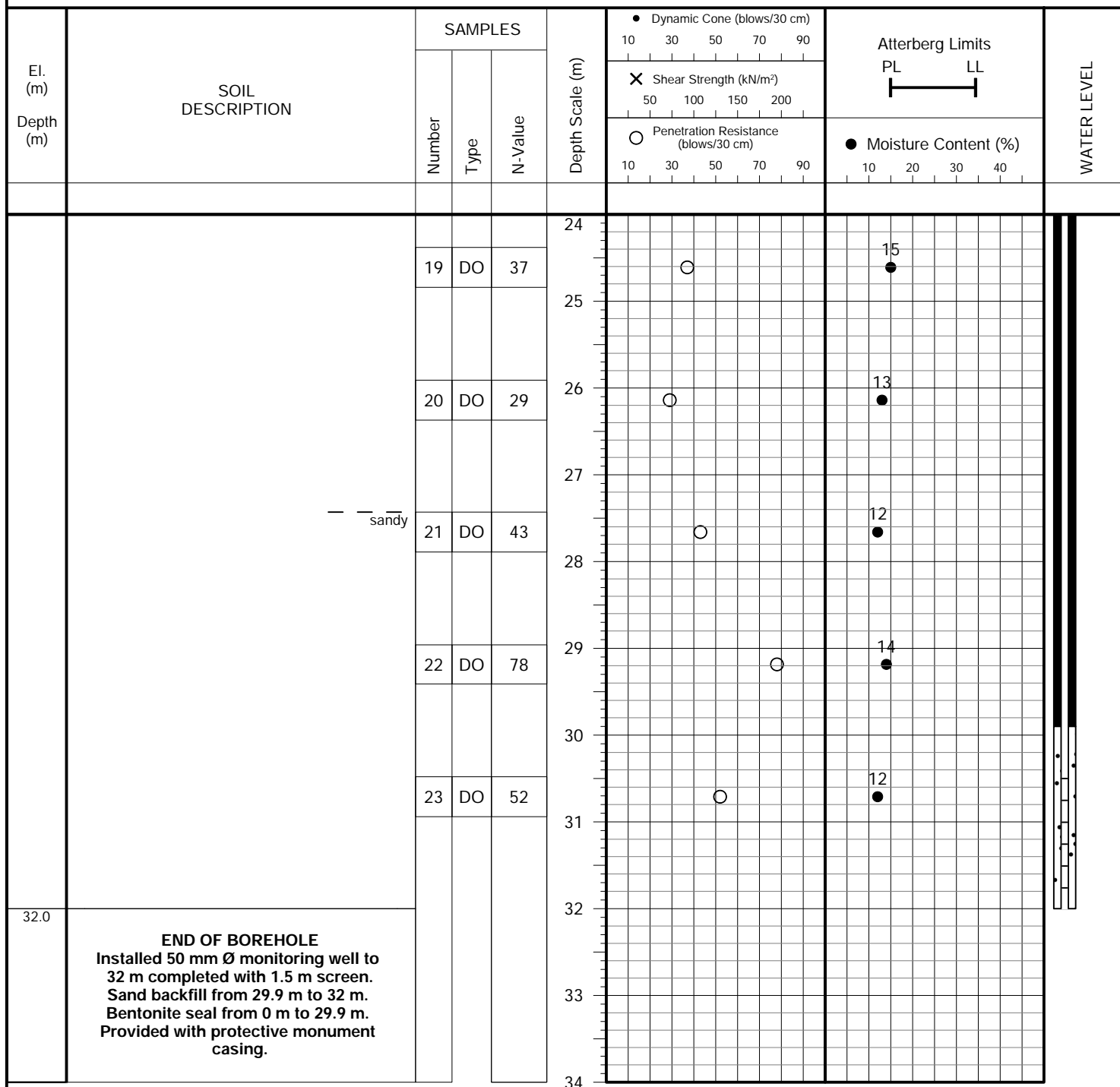
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**LOG OF BOREHOLE NO.: 12**

FIGURE NO.: 12

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**LOG OF BOREHOLE NO.: 12N**

FIGURE NO.: 12

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(Solid-Stem)**PROJECT LOCATION:** Chickadee Lane and Glasgow Road, Town of Caledon**DRILLING DATE:** January 24, 2018

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		Number	Type	N-Value		✕ Shear Strength (kN/m²) 50    100    150    200	○ Penetration Resistance (blows/30 cm) 10    30    50    70    90	
258.3 0.0	Ground Surface				0			
	Direct Auger to Water Table to Install Nested Monitoring Well				1			
					2			
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					10			
					11			
7.6		<b>END OF BOREHOLE</b> Installed 50 mm Ø monitoring well to 7.6 m completed with 1.5 m screen. Sand backfill from 5.5 m to 7.6 m. Bentonite seal from 0 m to 5.5 m. Provided with protective monument casing.				12		

 W.L. @ Ele. 252.2 m upon completion.  
 Cave-In @ Ele. 243.1 m upon completion.
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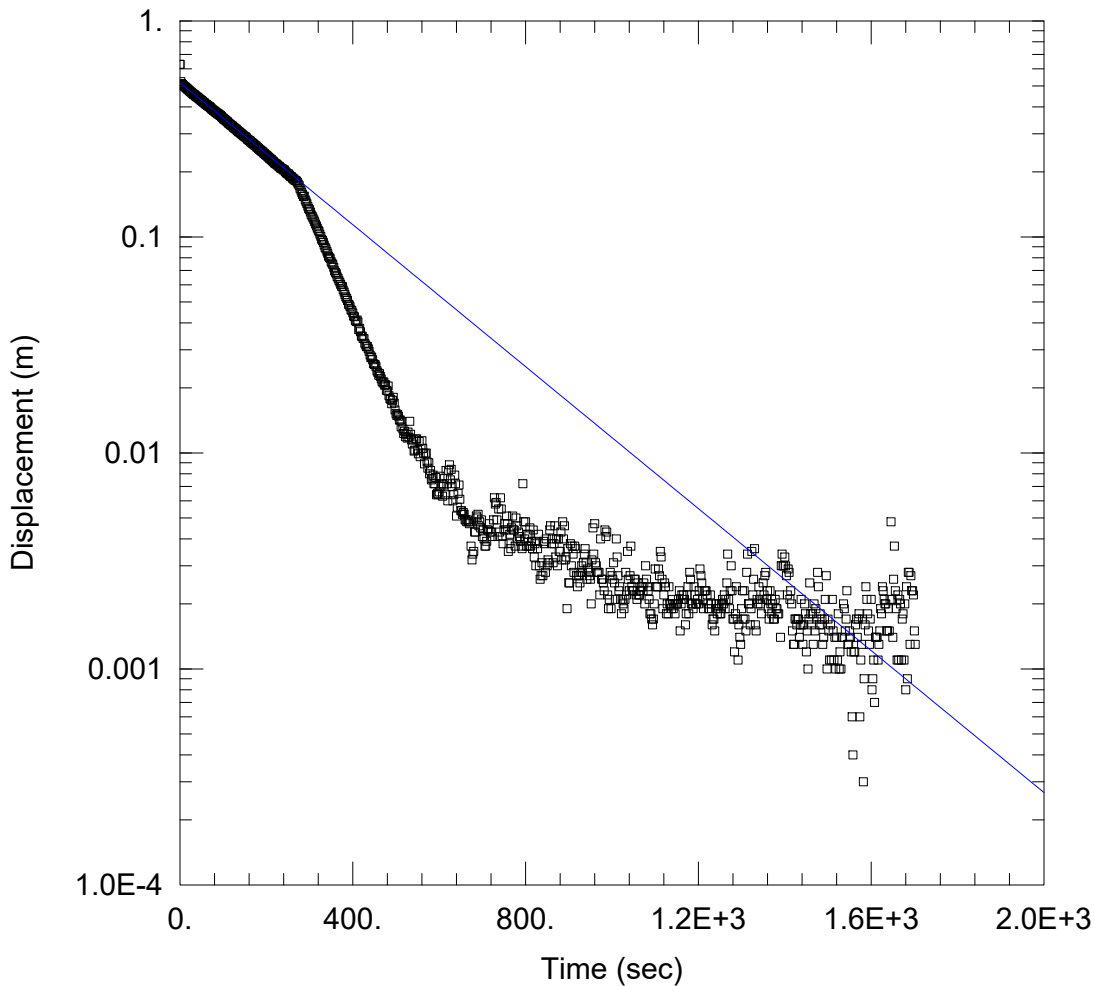
# **Appendix E**

## **Single Well Response Test Analyses**



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### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: C:\...\MW6R2.aqt

Date: 10/12/18

Time: 17:16:01

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: PECG

Client: Brook Valley Homes

Project: 170163

Location: Bolton

Test Well: MW6

Test Date: April 4, 2018

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 5.94 m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 0.1

### WELL DATA (MW6)

Initial Displacement: 0.6292 m

Static Water Column Height: 4.94 m

Total Well Penetration Depth: 4.94 m

Screen Length: 1.5 m

Casing Radius: 0.0254 m

Well Radius: 0.0254 m

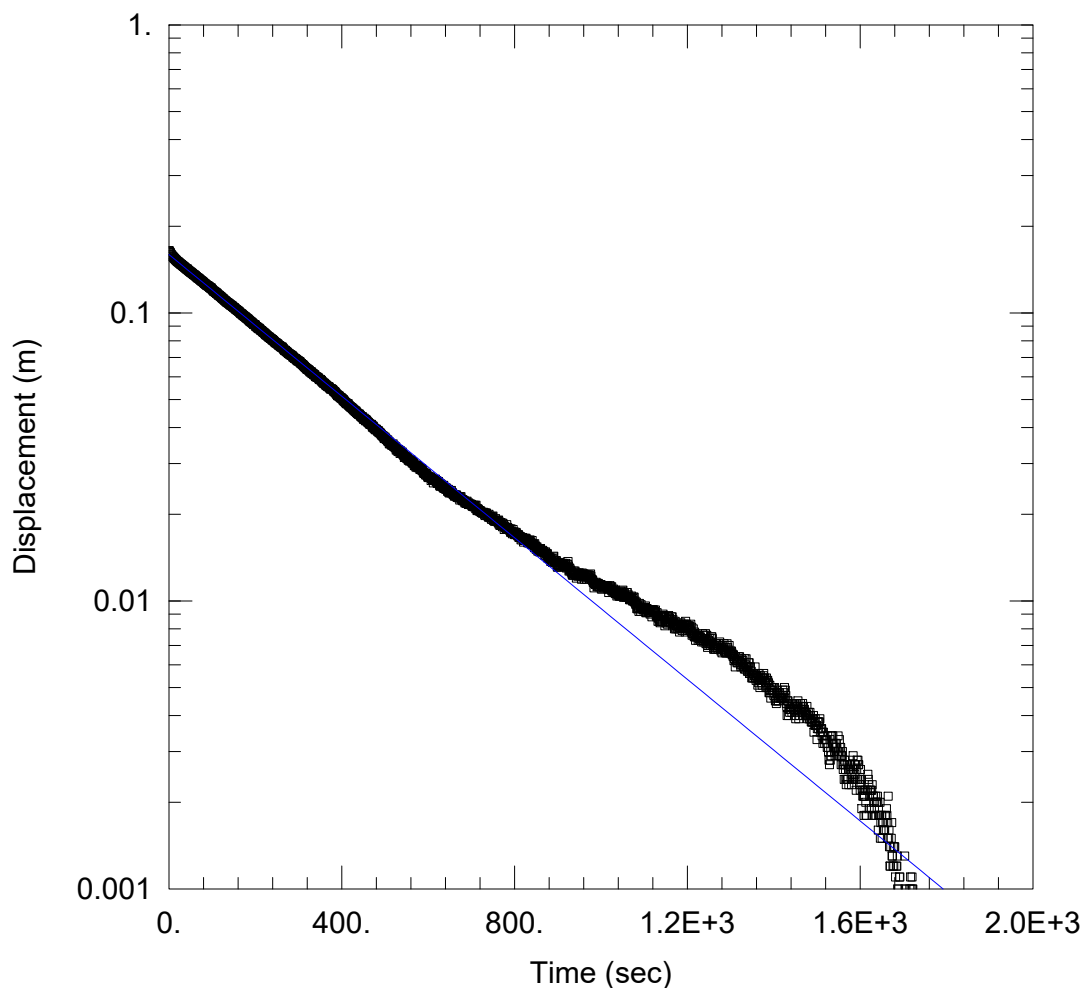
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Hvorslev

$K = 4.255E-6$  m/sec

$y_0 = 0.5174$  m



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: C:\...\MW6R1.aqt

Date: 10/12/18

Time: 17:15:38

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: PECG

Client: Brook Valley Homes

Project: 170163

Location: Bolton

Test Well: MW5

Test Date: March 19, 2018

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 4.62 m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 0.1

### WELL DATA (MW6)

Initial Displacement: 0.1645 m

Static Water Column Height: 3.62 m

Total Well Penetration Depth: 3.62 m

Screen Length: 1.5 m

Casing Radius: 0.0254 m

Well Radius: 0.0254 m

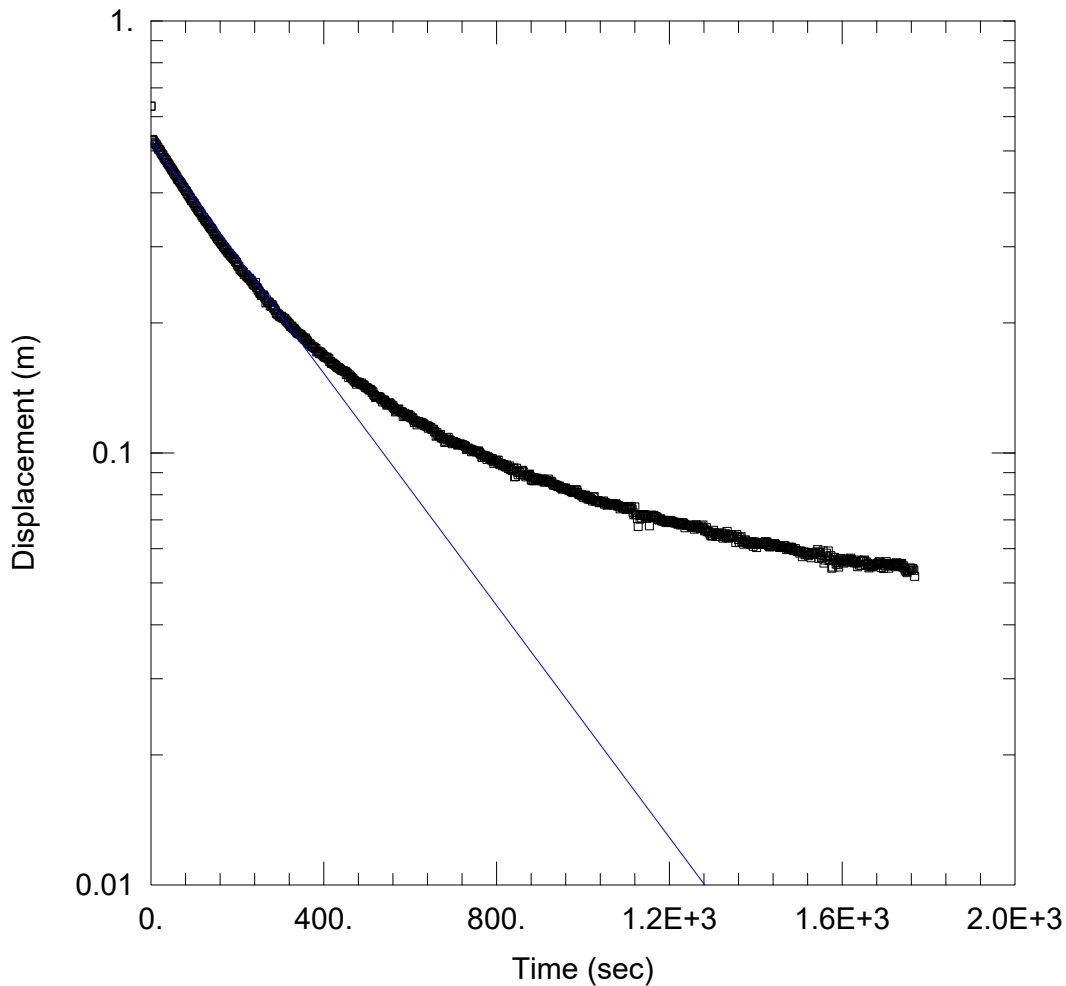
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Hvorslev

$K = 3.183E-6$  m/sec

$y_0 = 0.1594$  m



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: C:\...\MW6F2.aqt  
 Date: 10/12/18

Time: 17:15:22

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: PECG  
 Client: Brook Valley Homes  
 Project: 170163  
 Location: Bolton  
 Test Well: MW6  
 Test Date: April 4, 2018

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 5.94 m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 0.1

### WELL DATA (MW6)

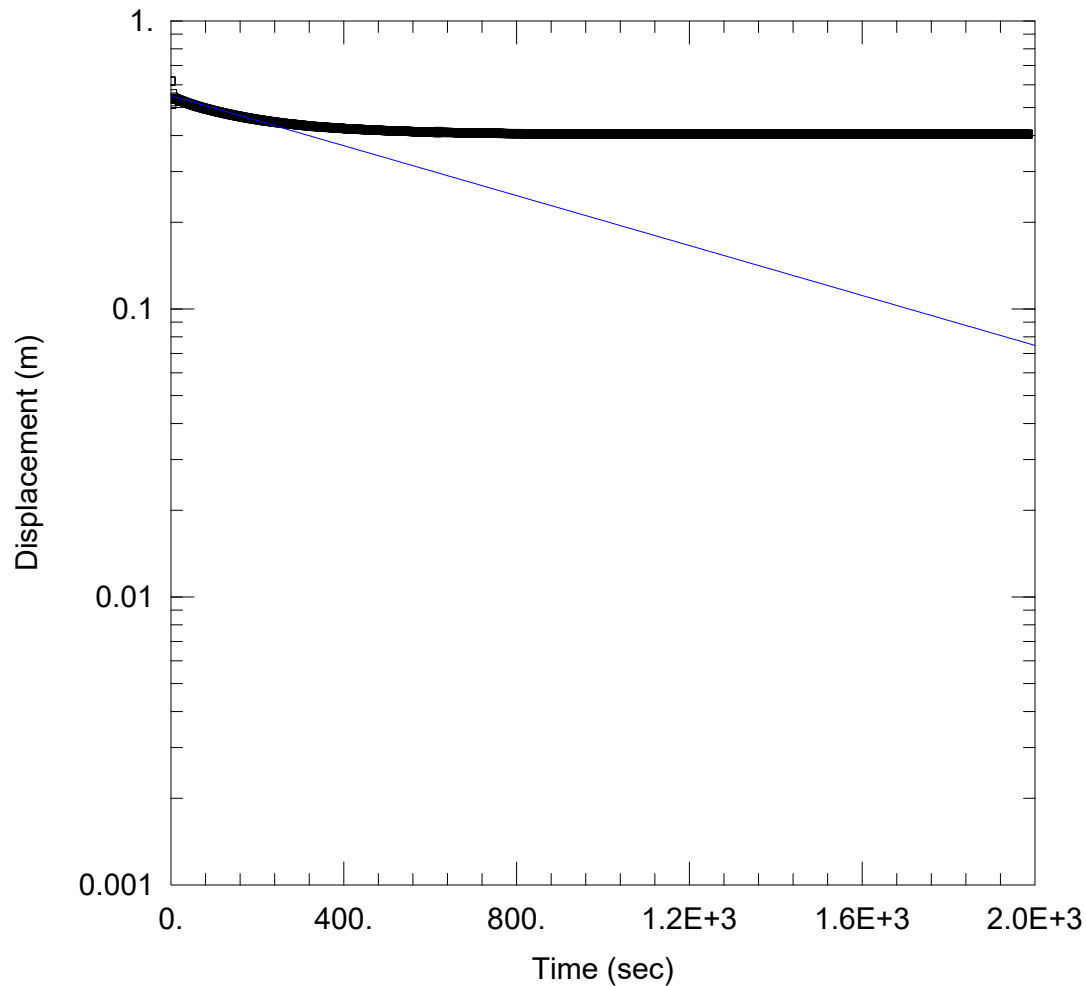
Initial Displacement: 0.6349 m  
 Total Well Penetration Depth: 4.94 m  
 Casing Radius: 0.0254 m

Static Water Column Height: 4.94 m  
 Screen Length: 1.5 m  
 Well Radius: 0.0254 m

### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined  
 $K = 3.478E-6$  m/sec

Solution Method: Hvorslev  
 $y_0 = 0.5265$  m



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: C:\...\MW6F1.aqt

Date: 10/12/18

Time: 17:15:06

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: PECG

Client: Brook Valley Homes

Project: 170163

Location: Bolton

Test Well: MW5

Test Date: March 19, 2018

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 4.62 m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 0.1

### WELL DATA (MW6)

Initial Displacement: 0.6174 m

Static Water Column Height: 3.62 m

Total Well Penetration Depth: 3.62 m

Screen Length: 1.5 m

Casing Radius: 0.0254 m

Well Radius: 0.0254 m

### SOLUTION

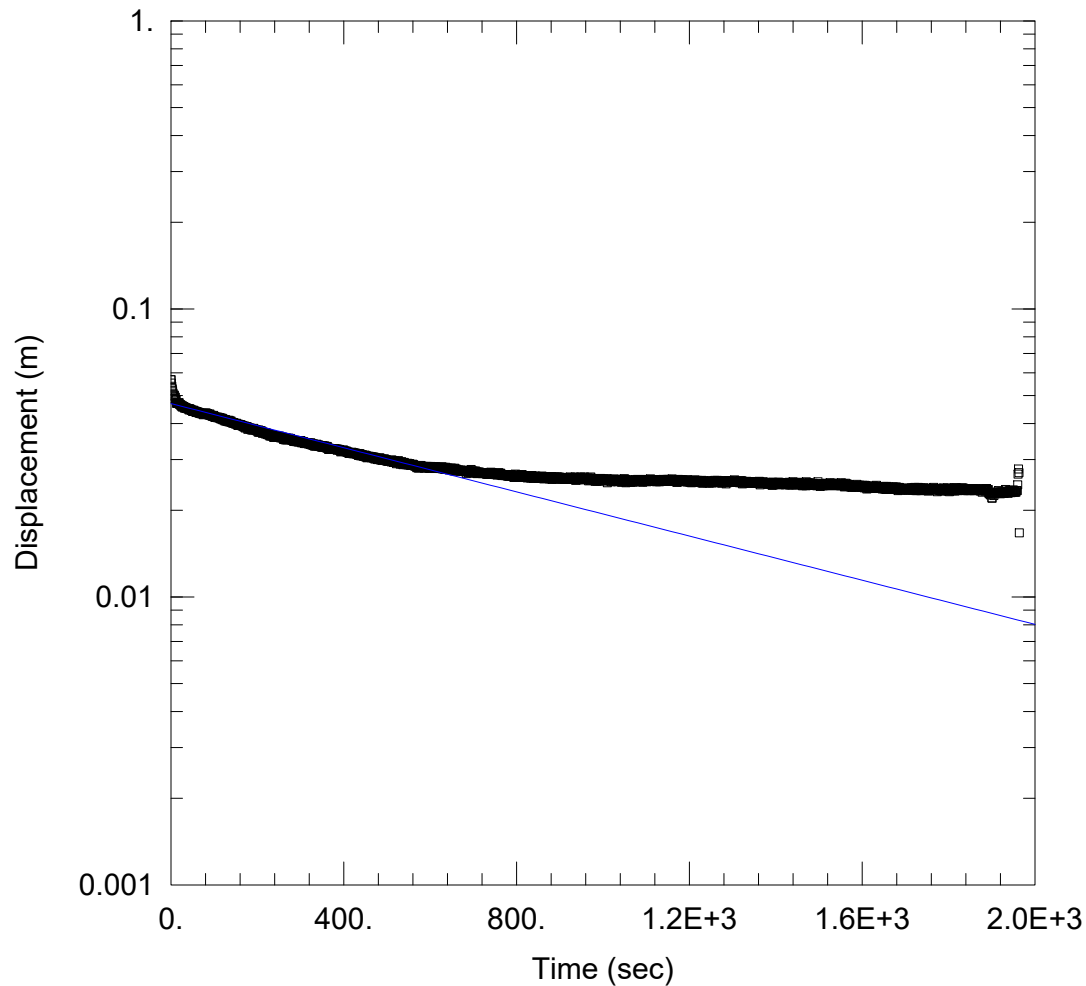
Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Hvorslev

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$y_0 = 0.5497$  m





### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: C:\...\MW5R.aqt

Date: 10/12/18

Time: 17:14:46

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: PECG

Client: Brook Valley Homes

Project: 170163

Location: Bolton

Test Well: MW5

Test Date: March 19, 2018

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 5.52 m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 0.1

### WELL DATA (MW5)

Initial Displacement: 0.0568 m

Static Water Column Height: 4.52 m

Total Well Penetration Depth: 4.52 m

Screen Length: 1.5 m

Casing Radius: 0.0254 m

Well Radius: 0.0254 m

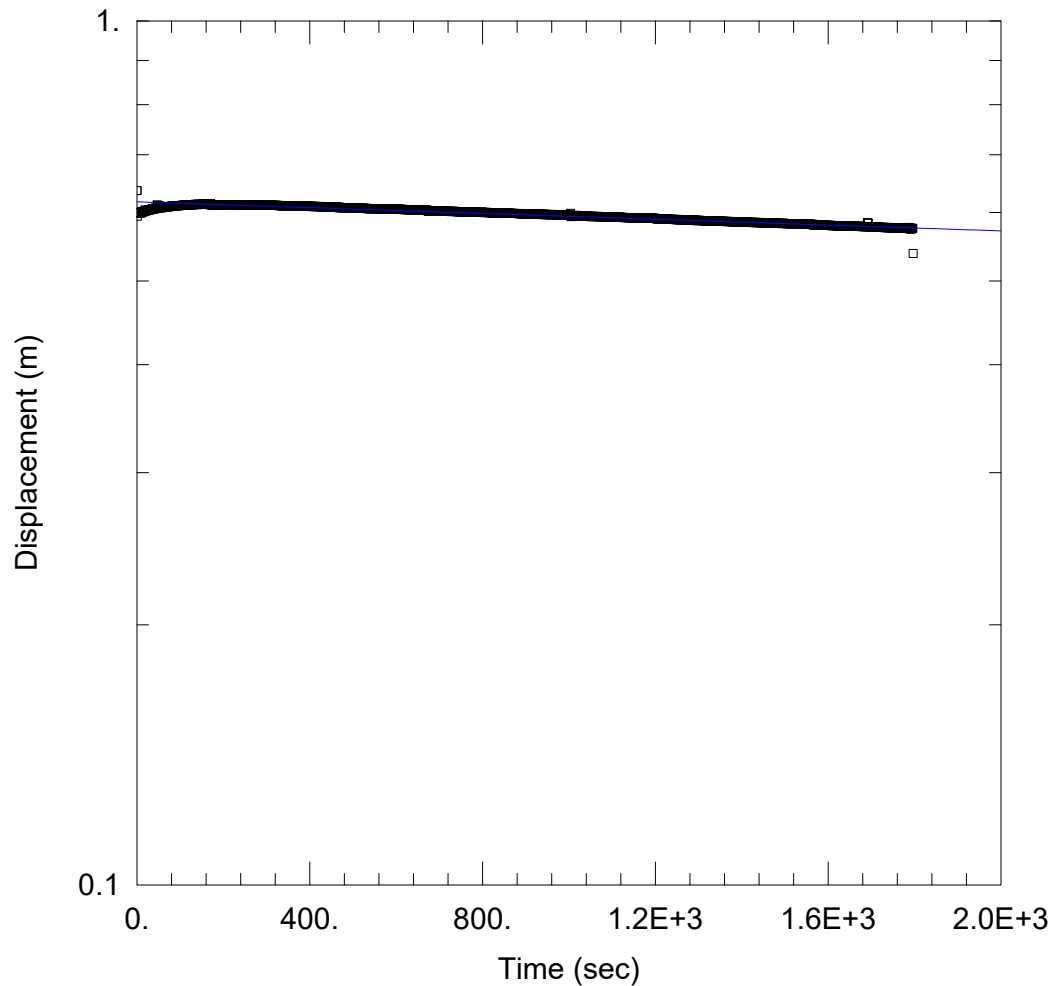
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Hvorslev

$K = 9.929E-7$  m/sec

$y_0 = 0.04692$  m



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: C:\...\MW5F.aqt

Date: 10/12/18

Time: 17:14:14

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: PECG

Client: Brook Valley Homes

Project: 170163

Location: Bolton

Test Well: MW5

Test Date: March 19, 2018

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 5.52 m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 0.1

### WELL DATA (MW5)

Initial Displacement: 0.6361 m

Static Water Column Height: 4.52 m

Total Well Penetration Depth: 4.52 m

Screen Length: 1.5 m

Casing Radius: 0.0254 m

Well Radius: 0.0254 m

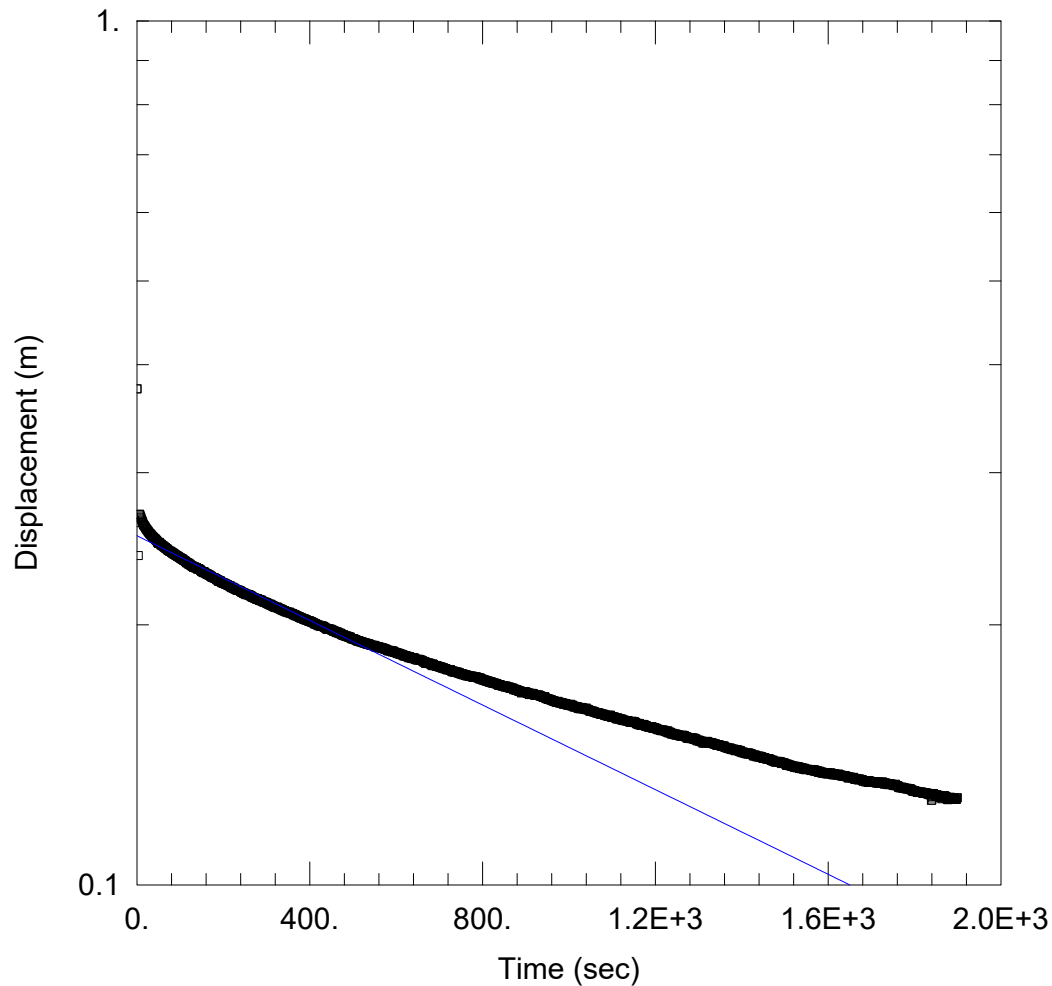
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Hvorslev

$K = 4.357E-8$  m/sec

$y_0 = 0.6175$  m



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: C:\...\MW2SR.aqt

Date: 10/12/18

Time: 17:13:58

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: PECG

Client: Brook Valley Homes

Project: 170163

Location: Bolton

Test Well: MW2S

Test Date: March 19, 2018

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 6.84 m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 0.1

### WELL DATA (MW2S)

Initial Displacement: 0.3751 m

Static Water Column Height: 5.84 m

Total Well Penetration Depth: 5.84 m

Screen Length: 1.5 m

Casing Radius: 0.0254 m

Well Radius: 0.0254 m

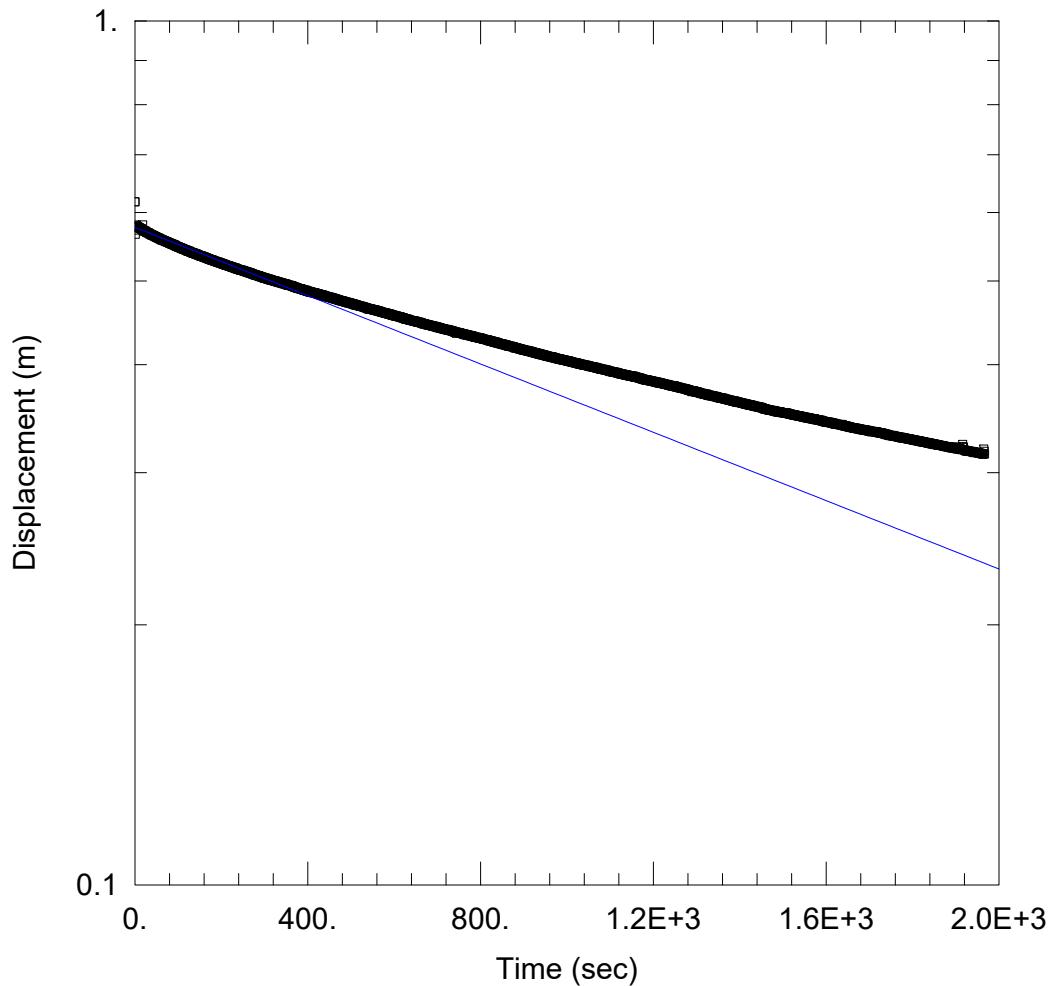
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Hvorslev

$K = 6.341E-7$  m/sec

$y_0 = 0.2536$  m



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: C:\...\MW2SF.aqt

Date: 10/12/18

Time: 17:13:47

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: PECG

Client: Brook Valley Homes

Project: 170163

Location: Bolton

Test Well: MW2S

Test Date: March 19, 2018

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 6.84 m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 0.1

### WELL DATA (MW2S)

Initial Displacement: 0.6176 m

Static Water Column Height: 5.84 m

Total Well Penetration Depth: 5.84 m

Screen Length: 1.5 m

Casing Radius: 0.0254 m

Well Radius: 0.0254 m

### SOLUTION

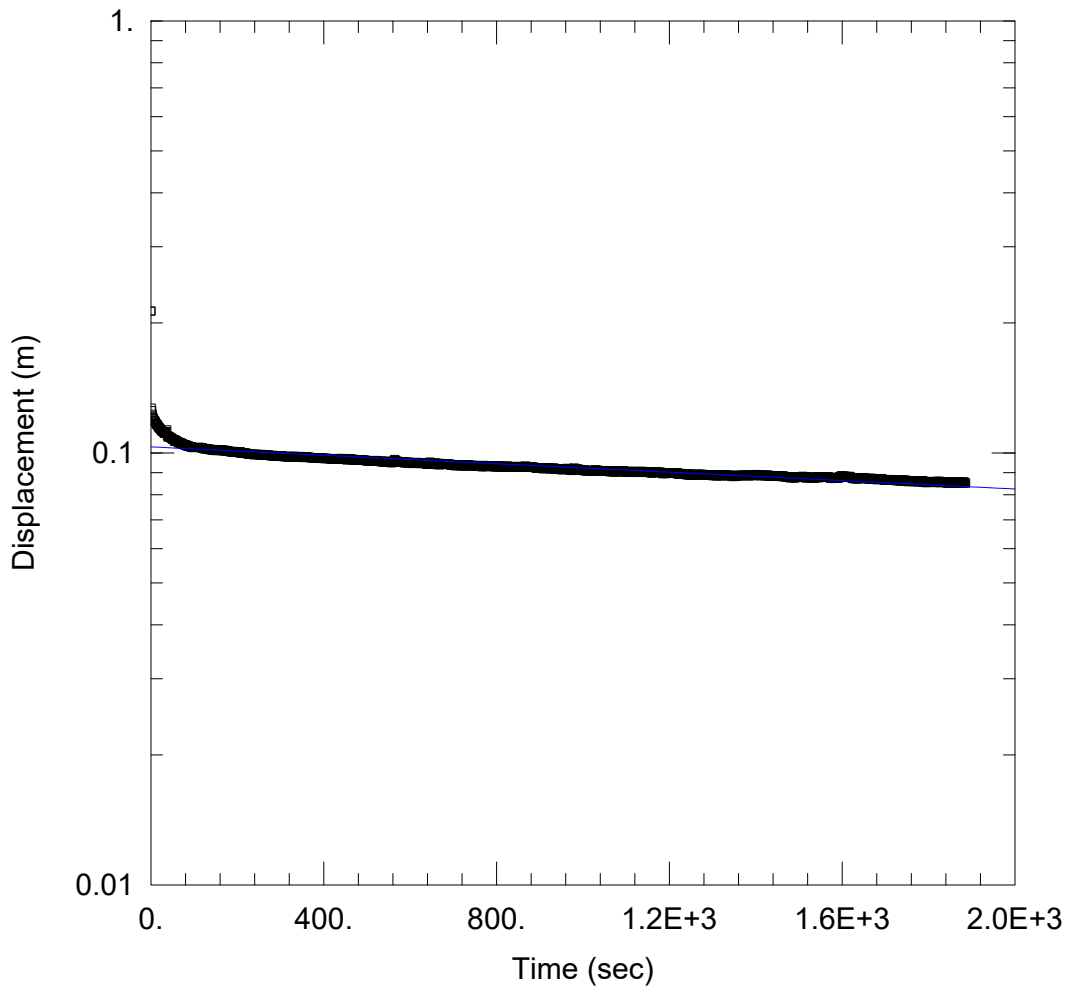
Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Hvorslev

$K = 5.12E-7$  m/sec

$y_0 = 0.5769$  m





### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: C:\...\MW2DR.aqt  
 Date: 10/12/18

Time: 17:13:27

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: PECG  
 Client: Brook Valley Homes  
 Project: 170163  
 Location: Bolton  
 Test Well: MW2D  
 Test Date: March 19, 2018

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 7.46 m

Anisotropy Ratio (Kz/Kr): 0.1

### WELL DATA (MW2D)

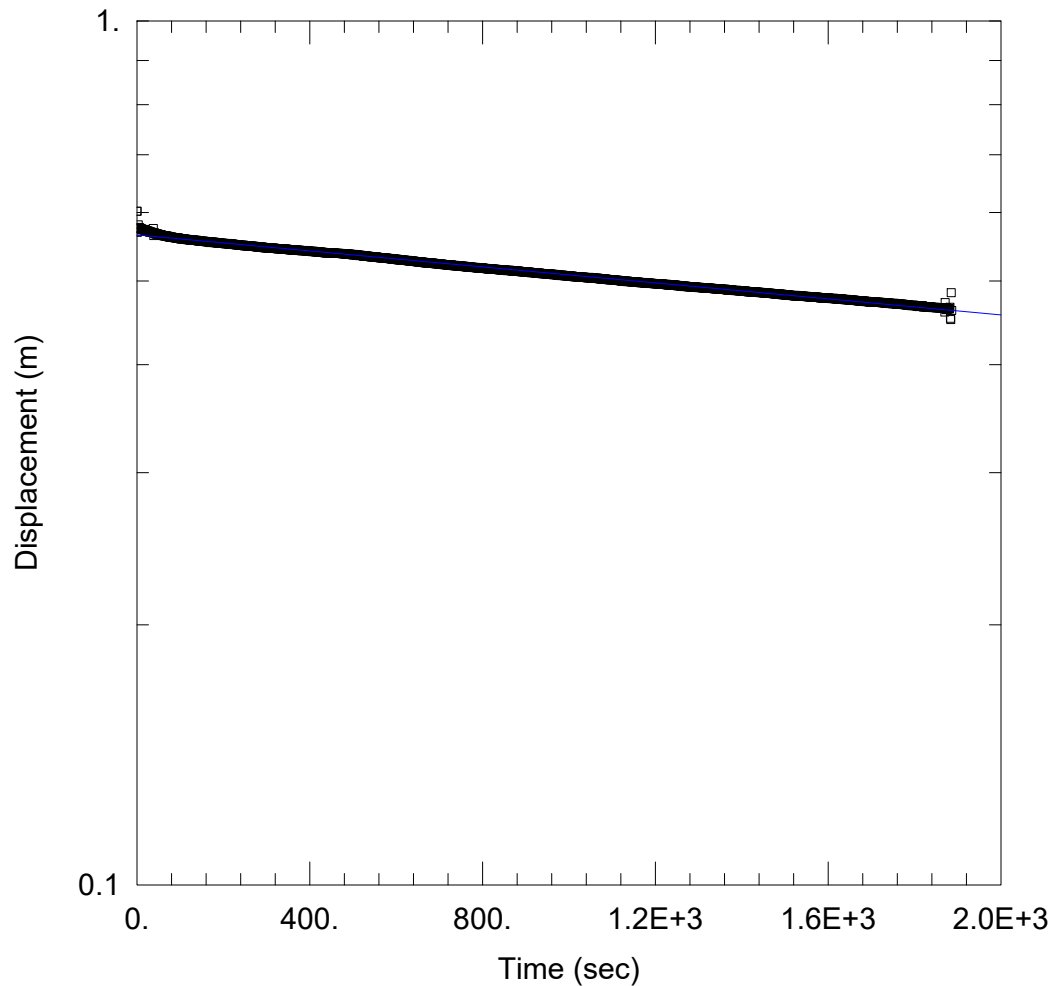
Initial Displacement: 0.213 m  
 Total Well Penetration Depth: 6.46 m  
 Casing Radius: 0.0254 m

Static Water Column Height: 6.46 m  
 Screen Length: 1.5 m  
 Well Radius: 0.0254 m

### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined  
 K = 1.262E-7 m/sec

Solution Method: Hvorslev  
 y0 = 0.1033 m



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: C:\...\MW2DF.aqt  
 Date: 10/12/18

Time: 17:05:42

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: PECG  
 Client: Brook Valley Homes  
 Project: 170163  
 Location: Bolton  
 Test Well: MW2D  
 Test Date: March 19, 2018

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 7.46 m

Anisotropy Ratio (Kz/Kr): 0.1

### WELL DATA (MW2D)

Initial Displacement: 0.6021 m  
 Total Well Penetration Depth: 6.46 m  
 Casing Radius: 0.0254 m

Static Water Column Height: 6.46 m  
 Screen Length: 1.5 m  
 Well Radius: 0.0254 m

### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined  
 K = 1.199E-7 m/sec

Solution Method: Hvorslev  
 y0 = 0.5652 m



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# **Appendix F**

## **Groundwater Chemistry Results and Certificate of Analysis**







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Date Received: 15-MAR-18  
Report Date: 23-MAR-18 10:45 (MT)  
Version: FINAL

Client Phone: 647-795-8153

## Certificate of Analysis

Lab Work Order #: L2068971  
Project P.O. #: NOT SUBMITTED  
Job Reference: 170163 CHICKADEE LANE  
C of C Numbers: 17-622480  
Legal Site Desc:

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Sample Details		Result	Qualifier	D.L.	Units	Analyzed	Guideline Limits			
Grouping	Analyte									
L2068971-1	MW6									
Sampled By:	CLIENT on 15-MAR-18 @ 15:45									
Matrix:	WATER									
<b>Physical Tests</b>										
Colour, Apparent		30.9		2.0	CU	17-MAR-18				
Conductivity		941		3.0	umhos/cm	17-MAR-18				
Hardness (as CaCO3)		461	HTC	10	mg/L	20-MAR-18				
pH		7.88		0.10	pH units	17-MAR-18				
Redox Potential		317	PEHR	-1000	mV	20-MAR-18				
Total Dissolved Solids		560	DLDS	20	mg/L	18-MAR-18				
Turbidity		72.0		0.10	NTU	17-MAR-18				
<b>Anions and Nutrients</b>										
Acidity (as CaCO3)		30.0		5.0	mg/L	21-MAR-18				
Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO3)		387		10	mg/L	19-MAR-18				
Ammonia, Total (as N)		0.022		0.020	mg/L	19-MAR-18				
Bromide (Br)		<0.10		0.10	mg/L	19-MAR-18				
Chloride (Cl)		55.8		0.50	mg/L	19-MAR-18				
Fluoride (F)		0.226		0.020	mg/L	19-MAR-18	1.5			
Nitrate (as N)		<0.020		0.020	mg/L	19-MAR-18	10			
Nitrite (as N)		<0.010		0.010	mg/L	19-MAR-18	1			
Orthophosphate-Dissolved (as P)		<0.0030		0.0030	mg/L	19-MAR-18				
Phosphorus, Total		0.0560		0.0030	mg/L	20-MAR-18				
Sulfate (SO4)		77.1		0.30	mg/L	19-MAR-18				
<b>Bacteriological Tests</b>										
Escherichia Coli		0		0	MPN/100m L	18-MAR-18	0			
Total Coliforms		>201		0	MPN/100m L	18-MAR-18	*0			
<b>Total Metals</b>										
Aluminum (Al)-Total		1.24		0.0050	mg/L	20-MAR-18				
Antimony (Sb)-Total		0.00017		0.00010	mg/L	20-MAR-18	0.006			
Arsenic (As)-Total		0.00126		0.00010	mg/L	20-MAR-18	0.0100			
Barium (Ba)-Total		0.0943		0.00020	mg/L	20-MAR-18	1			
Beryllium (Be)-Total		<0.00010		0.00010	mg/L	20-MAR-18				
Bismuth (Bi)-Total		<0.000050		0.000050	mg/L	20-MAR-18				
Boron (B)-Total		0.027		0.010	mg/L	20-MAR-18	5			
Cadmium (Cd)-Total		0.0000197		0.000005	mg/L	20-MAR-18	0.005			
Calcium (Ca)-Total		108		0.50	mg/L	20-MAR-18				
Cesium (Cs)-Total		0.000180		0.000010	mg/L	20-MAR-18				
Chromium (Cr)-Total		0.00296		0.00050	mg/L	20-MAR-18	0.05			
Cobalt (Co)-Total		0.00168		0.00010	mg/L	20-MAR-18				
Copper (Cu)-Total		0.0026		0.0010	mg/L	20-MAR-18				
Iron (Fe)-Total		2.07		0.050	mg/L	20-MAR-18				
Lead (Pb)-Total		0.00144		0.000050	mg/L	20-MAR-18	0.01			
Lithium (Li)-Total		0.0275		0.0010	mg/L	20-MAR-18				
Magnesium (Mg)-Total		46.3		0.050	mg/L	20-MAR-18				
Manganese (Mn)-Total		0.114		0.00050	mg/L	20-MAR-18				
Molybdenum (Mo)-Total		0.00215		0.000050	mg/L	20-MAR-18				
Nickel (Ni)-Total		0.00366		0.00050	mg/L	20-MAR-18				
Phosphorus (P)-Total		0.083		0.050	mg/L	20-MAR-18				

\*\* Detection Limit for result exceeds Guideline Limit. Assessment against Guideline Limit cannot be made.

\* Analytical result for this parameter exceeds Guideline Limit listed on this report. Guideline Limits applied:

Ontario Drinking Water Regulation (ODWQS) JAN.1,2017 = [Suite] - ON-DW-STANDARD+GUIDELINES

#1: Schedule 1 (Microbiological) and 2 (Chemical) Standards (JAN,2017)

#2: Ontario DW Aesthetic and Operational Guidelines



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### #1: Schedule 1 (Microbiological) and 2 (Chemical) Standards (JAN,2017)

## #2: Ontario DW Aesthetic and Operational Guidelines

## Reference Information

### Sample Parameter Qualifier key listed:

Qualifier	Description
DLDS	Detection Limit Raised: Dilution required due to high Dissolved Solids / Electrical Conductivity.
PEHR	Parameter Exceeded Recommended Holding Time On Receipt: Proceed With Analysis As Requested.
HTC	Hardness was calculated from Total Ca and/or Mg concentrations and may be biased high (dissolved Ca/Mg results unavailable).

### Methods Listed (if applicable):

ALS Test Code	Matrix	Test Description	Method Reference***
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ACIDITY-ED      Water      Acidity (as CaCO3)      APHA 2310 B - Potentiometric Titration

Acidity is the capacity of a water sample to react with strong base. It can be measured by titration with a strong base to a designated pH endpoint, usually 8.3. If the sample is colorless and clear, titration with base to the phenolphthalein endpoint is used. For dark or turbid samples, potentiometric titration to pH 8.3 is performed.

ALK-WT      Water      Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO3)      EPA 310.2

This analysis is carried out using procedures adapted from EPA Method 310.2 "Alkalinity". Total Alkalinity is determined using the methyl orange colourimetric method.

BR-IC-N-WT      Water      Bromide in Water by IC      EPA 300.1 (mod)

Inorganic anions are analyzed by Ion Chromatography with conductivity and/or UV detection.

CL-IC-N-WT      Water      Chloride by IC      EPA 300.1 (mod)

Inorganic anions are analyzed by Ion Chromatography with conductivity and/or UV detection.

Analysis conducted in accordance with the Protocol for Analytical Methods Used in the Assessment of Properties under Part XV.1 of the Environmental Protection Act (July 1, 2011).

COLOUR-APPARENT-WT      Water      Colour      APHA 2120

Apparent Colour is measured spectrophotometrically by comparison to platinum-cobalt standards using the single wavelength method after sample decanting. Colour measurements can be highly pH dependent, and apply to the pH of the sample as received (at time of testing), without pH adjustment. Concurrent measurement of sample pH is recommended.

EC-WT      Water      Conductivity      APHA 2510 B

Water samples can be measured directly by immersing the conductivity cell into the sample.

F-IC-N-WT      Water      Fluoride in Water by IC      EPA 300.1 (mod)

Inorganic anions are analyzed by Ion Chromatography with conductivity and/or UV detection.

HARDNESS-CALC-WT      Water      Hardness      APHA 2340 B

Hardness (also known as Total Hardness) is calculated from the sum of Calcium and Magnesium concentrations, expressed in CaCO3 equivalents. Dissolved Calcium and Magnesium concentrations are preferentially used for the hardness calculation.

MET-T-CCMS-WT      Water      Total Metals in Water by CRC ICPMS      EPA 200.2/6020A (mod)

Water samples are digested with nitric and hydrochloric acids, and analyzed by CRC ICPMS.

Method Limitation (re: Sulfur): Sulfide and volatile sulfur species may not be recovered by this method.

Analysis conducted in accordance with the Protocol for Analytical Methods Used in the Assessment of Properties under Part XV.1 of the Environmental Protection Act (July 1, 2011).

NH3-WT      Water      Ammonia, Total as N      EPA 350.1

Sample is measured colorimetrically. When sample is turbid a distillation step is required, sample is distilled into a solution of boric acid and measured colorimetrically.

NO2-IC-WT      Water      Nitrite in Water by IC      EPA 300.1 (mod)

Inorganic anions are analyzed by Ion Chromatography with conductivity and/or UV detection.

NO3-IC-WT      Water      Nitrate in Water by IC      EPA 300.1 (mod)

Inorganic anions are analyzed by Ion Chromatography with conductivity and/or UV detection.

P-T-COL-WT      Water      Total P in Water by Colour      APHA 4500-P PHOSPHORUS

This analysis is carried out using procedures adapted from APHA Method 4500-P "Phosphorus". Total Phosphorus is determined colourimetrically after persulphate digestion of the sample.

PH-WT      Water      pH      APHA 4500 H-Electrode

Water samples are analyzed directly by a calibrated pH meter.

Analysis conducted in accordance with the Protocol for Analytical Methods Used in the Assessment of Properties under Part XV.1 of the Environmental Protection Act (July 1, 2011). Holdtime for samples under this regulation is 28 days



## Reference Information

PO4-DO-COL-WT      Water      Diss. Orthophosphate in Water by Colour      APHA 4500-P PHOSPHORUS

This analysis is carried out using procedures adapted from APHA Method 4500-P "Phosphorus". Dissolved Orthophosphate is determined colourimetrically on a sample that has been lab or field filtered through a 0.45 micron membrane filter.

REDOX-POTENTIAL-WT      Water      Redox Potential      APHA 2580

This analysis is carried out in accordance with the procedure described in the "APHA" method 2580 "Oxidation-Reduction Potential" 2012. Results are reported as observed oxidation-reduction potential of the platinum metal-reference electrode employed, in mV.

It is recommended that this analysis be conducted in the field.

SO4-IC-N-WT      Water      Sulfate in Water by IC      EPA 300.1 (mod)

Inorganic anions are analyzed by Ion Chromatography with conductivity and/or UV detection.

SOLIDS-TDS-WT      Water      Total Dissolved Solids      APHA 2540C

This analysis is carried out using procedures adapted from APHA Method 2540 "Solids". Solids are determined gravimetrically. Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) are determined by filtering a sample through a glass fibre filter, TDS is determined by evaporating the filtrate to dryness at 180 degrees celsius.

TC,EC-QT51-WT      Water      Total Coliform and E. Coli      APHA 9223B

This analysis is carried out using procedures adapted from APHA Method 9223 "Enzyme Substrate Coliform Test". E. coli and Total Coliform are determined simultaneously. The sample is mixed with a mixture of hydrolyzable substrates and then sealed in a multi-well packet. The packet is incubated for 18 or 24 hours and then the number of wells exhibiting a positive response are counted. The final result is obtained by comparing the positive responses to a probability table.

TURBIDITY-WT      Water      Turbidity      APHA 2130 B

Sample result is based on a comparison of the intensity of the light scattered by the sample under defined conditions with the intensity of light scattered by a standard reference suspension under the same conditions. Sample readings are obtained from a Nephelometer.

\*\*\* ALS test methods may incorporate modifications from specified reference methods to improve performance.

Chain of Custody numbers:

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*The last two letters of the above test code(s) indicate the laboratory that performed analytical analysis for that test. Refer to the list below:*

Laboratory Definition Code	Laboratory Location	Laboratory Definition Code	Laboratory Location
WT	ALS ENVIRONMENTAL - WATERLOO, ONTARIO, CANADA	ED	ALS ENVIRONMENTAL - EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

### GLOSSARY OF REPORT TERMS

*Surrogates are compounds that are similar in behaviour to target analyte(s), but that do not normally occur in environmental samples. For applicable tests, surrogates are added to samples prior to analysis as a check on recovery. In reports that display the D.L. column, laboratory objectives for surrogates are listed there.*

*mg/kg - milligrams per kilogram based on dry weight of sample*

*mg/kg ww - milligrams per kilogram based on wet weight of sample*

*mg/kg lwt - milligrams per kilogram based on lipid-adjusted weight*

*mg/L - unit of concentration based on volume, parts per million.*

*< - Less than.*

*D.L. - The reporting limit.*

*N/A - Result not available. Refer to qualifier code and definition for explanation.*

*Test results reported relate only to the samples as received by the laboratory.*

*UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ALL SAMPLES WERE RECEIVED IN ACCEPTABLE CONDITION.*

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Contact: Ryan Polick

Test	Matrix	Reference	Result	Qualifier	Units	RPD	Limit	Analyzed
<b>COLOUR-APPARENT-WT Water</b>								
Batch	R3987300							
<b>WG2734505-3 DUP</b>		<b>L2068994-1</b>						
Colour, Apparent		9.1	8.7		CU	4.3	20	17-MAR-18
<b>WG2734505-2 LCS</b>								
Colour, Apparent			102.3		%		85-115	17-MAR-18
<b>WG2734505-1 MB</b>								
Colour, Apparent			<2.0		CU		2	17-MAR-18
<b>EC-WT Water</b>								
Batch	R3989048							
<b>WG2734455-4 DUP</b>		<b>WG2734455-3</b>						
Conductivity		3510	3480		umhos/cm	0.9	10	17-MAR-18
<b>WG2734455-2 LCS</b>								
Conductivity			100.5		%		90-110	17-MAR-18
<b>WG2734455-1 MB</b>								
Conductivity			<3.0		umhos/cm		3	17-MAR-18
<b>F-IC-N-WT Water</b>								
Batch	R3990051							
<b>WG2735070-14 DUP</b>		<b>WG2735070-13</b>						
Fluoride (F)		0.042	0.042		mg/L	0.9	20	19-MAR-18
<b>WG2735070-12 LCS</b>								
Fluoride (F)			101.5		%		90-110	19-MAR-18
<b>WG2735070-11 MB</b>								
Fluoride (F)			<0.020		mg/L		0.02	19-MAR-18
<b>WG2735070-15 MS</b>		<b>WG2735070-13</b>						
Fluoride (F)			101.1		%		75-125	19-MAR-18
<b>MET-T-CCMS-WT Water</b>								
Batch	R3987814							
<b>WG2734886-4 DUP</b>		<b>WG2734886-3</b>						
Aluminum (Al)-Total		0.172	0.169		mg/L	1.5	20	19-MAR-18
Antimony (Sb)-Total		<0.00010	<0.00010	RPD-NA	mg/L	N/A	20	19-MAR-18
Arsenic (As)-Total		0.00056	0.00058		mg/L	3.4	20	19-MAR-18
Barium (Ba)-Total		0.0431	0.0428		mg/L	0.8	20	19-MAR-18
Beryllium (Be)-Total		<0.00010	<0.00010	RPD-NA	mg/L	N/A	20	19-MAR-18
Bismuth (Bi)-Total		<0.000050	<0.000050	RPD-NA	mg/L	N/A	20	19-MAR-18
Boron (B)-Total		0.031	0.031		mg/L	1.6	20	19-MAR-18
Cadmium (Cd)-Total		0.0000067	0.0000090	J	mg/L	0.0000023	0.00001	19-MAR-18
Calcium (Ca)-Total		87.1	87.9		mg/L	0.9	20	19-MAR-18

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Contact: Ryan Polick

Test	Matrix	Reference	Result	Qualifier	Units	RPD	Limit	Analyzed
<b>MET-T-CCMS-WT</b>		<b>Water</b>						
<b>Batch</b>	<b>R3987814</b>							
<b>WG2734886-4 DUP</b>		<b>WG2734886-3</b>						
Chromium (Cr)-Total		<0.00050	<0.00050	RPD-NA	mg/L	N/A	20	19-MAR-18
Cesium (Cs)-Total		0.000017	0.000015		mg/L	14	20	19-MAR-18
Cobalt (Co)-Total		0.00019	0.00018		mg/L	2.0	20	19-MAR-18
Copper (Cu)-Total		0.0010	0.0010		mg/L	0.6	20	19-MAR-18
Iron (Fe)-Total		0.384	0.387		mg/L	0.8	20	19-MAR-18
Lead (Pb)-Total		0.000202	0.000204		mg/L	1.3	20	19-MAR-18
Lithium (Li)-Total		0.0016	0.0015		mg/L	1.1	20	19-MAR-18
Magnesium (Mg)-Total		17.0	16.7		mg/L	2.1	20	19-MAR-18
Manganese (Mn)-Total		0.0822	0.0816		mg/L	0.8	20	19-MAR-18
Molybdenum (Mo)-Total		0.00186	0.00184		mg/L	1.4	20	19-MAR-18
Nickel (Ni)-Total		0.00065	0.00061		mg/L	7.1	20	19-MAR-18
Phosphorus (P)-Total		<0.050	<0.050	RPD-NA	mg/L	N/A	20	19-MAR-18
Potassium (K)-Total		3.08	3.05		mg/L	0.9	20	19-MAR-18
Rubidium (Rb)-Total		0.00067	0.00068		mg/L	1.8	20	19-MAR-18
Selenium (Se)-Total		0.000137	0.000124		mg/L	9.5	20	19-MAR-18
Silicon (Si)-Total		2.92	2.94		mg/L	0.5	20	19-MAR-18
Silver (Ag)-Total		<0.000050	<0.000050	RPD-NA	mg/L	N/A	20	19-MAR-18
Sodium (Na)-Total		26.6	26.1		mg/L	1.8	20	19-MAR-18
Strontium (Sr)-Total		0.267	0.274		mg/L	2.7	20	19-MAR-18
Sulfur (S)-Total		15.4	15.5		mg/L	0.4	25	19-MAR-18
Thallium (Tl)-Total		<0.000010	<0.000010	RPD-NA	mg/L	N/A	20	19-MAR-18
Tellurium (Te)-Total		<0.00020	<0.00020	RPD-NA	mg/L	N/A	20	19-MAR-18
Thorium (Th)-Total		<0.00010	<0.00010	RPD-NA	mg/L	N/A	25	19-MAR-18
Tin (Sn)-Total		<0.00010	<0.00010	RPD-NA	mg/L	N/A	20	19-MAR-18
Titanium (Ti)-Total		0.00441	0.00444		mg/L	0.5	20	19-MAR-18
Tungsten (W)-Total		<0.00010	<0.00010	RPD-NA	mg/L	N/A	20	19-MAR-18
Uranium (U)-Total		0.00109	0.00112		mg/L	3.2	20	19-MAR-18
Vanadium (V)-Total		0.00061	0.00061		mg/L	0.0	20	19-MAR-18
Zinc (Zn)-Total		<0.0030	<0.0030	RPD-NA	mg/L	N/A	20	19-MAR-18
Zirconium (Zr)-Total		<0.00030	<0.00030	RPD-NA	mg/L	N/A	20	19-MAR-18
<b>WG2734886-2 LCS</b>								
Aluminum (Al)-Total			101.0		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Antimony (Sb)-Total			107.4		%		80-120	19-MAR-18



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Test	Matrix	Reference	Result	Qualifier	Units	RPD	Limit	Analyzed
<b>MET-T-CCMS-WT</b>		<b>Water</b>						
<b>Batch</b>	<b>R3987814</b>							
<b>WG2734886-2</b>	<b>LCS</b>							
Arsenic (As)-Total			101.8		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Barium (Ba)-Total			101.7		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Beryllium (Be)-Total			99.5		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Bismuth (Bi)-Total			99.7		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Boron (B)-Total			98.4		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Cadmium (Cd)-Total			102.5		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Calcium (Ca)-Total			100.3		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Chromium (Cr)-Total			102.6		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Cesium (Cs)-Total			104.4		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Cobalt (Co)-Total			99.8		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Copper (Cu)-Total			99.2		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Iron (Fe)-Total			98.5		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Lead (Pb)-Total			102.5		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Lithium (Li)-Total			98.0		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Magnesium (Mg)-Total			103.1		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Manganese (Mn)-Total			102.9		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Molybdenum (Mo)-Total			101.1		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Nickel (Ni)-Total			100.2		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Phosphorus (P)-Total			102.0		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Potassium (K)-Total			102.0		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Rubidium (Rb)-Total			102.5		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Selenium (Se)-Total			102.7		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Silicon (Si)-Total			117.4		%		60-140	19-MAR-18
Silver (Ag)-Total			105.0		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Sodium (Na)-Total			103.7		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Strontium (Sr)-Total			99.7		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Sulfur (S)-Total			98.0		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Thallium (Tl)-Total			99.8		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Tellurium (Te)-Total			107.1		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Thorium (Th)-Total			101.4		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Tin (Sn)-Total			103.1		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Titanium (Ti)-Total			98.3		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Tungsten (W)-Total			99.5		%		80-120	19-MAR-18



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<b>MET-T-CCMS-WT</b>		<b>Water</b>						
<b>Batch</b>	<b>R3987814</b>							
<b>WG2734886-2</b>	<b>LCS</b>							
Uranium (U)-Total			104.2		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Vanadium (V)-Total			101.7		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Zinc (Zn)-Total			97.6		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
Zirconium (Zr)-Total			95.4		%		80-120	19-MAR-18
<b>WG2734886-1</b>	<b>MB</b>							
Aluminum (Al)-Total			<0.0050		mg/L		0.005	19-MAR-18
Antimony (Sb)-Total			<0.00010		mg/L		0.0001	19-MAR-18
Arsenic (As)-Total			<0.00010		mg/L		0.0001	19-MAR-18
Barium (Ba)-Total			<0.00020		mg/L		0.0002	19-MAR-18
Beryllium (Be)-Total			<0.00010		mg/L		0.0001	19-MAR-18
Bismuth (Bi)-Total			<0.000050		mg/L		0.00005	19-MAR-18
Boron (B)-Total			<0.010		mg/L		0.01	19-MAR-18
Cadmium (Cd)-Total			<0.0000050		mg/L		0.000005	19-MAR-18
Calcium (Ca)-Total			<0.50		mg/L		0.5	19-MAR-18
Chromium (Cr)-Total			<0.00050		mg/L		0.0005	19-MAR-18
Cesium (Cs)-Total			<0.000010		mg/L		0.00001	19-MAR-18
Cobalt (Co)-Total			<0.00010		mg/L		0.0001	19-MAR-18
Copper (Cu)-Total			<0.0010		mg/L		0.001	19-MAR-18
Iron (Fe)-Total			<0.050		mg/L		0.05	19-MAR-18
Lead (Pb)-Total			<0.000050		mg/L		0.00005	19-MAR-18
Lithium (Li)-Total			<0.0010		mg/L		0.001	19-MAR-18
Magnesium (Mg)-Total			<0.050		mg/L		0.05	19-MAR-18
Manganese (Mn)-Total			<0.00050		mg/L		0.0005	19-MAR-18
Molybdenum (Mo)-Total			<0.000050		mg/L		0.00005	19-MAR-18
Nickel (Ni)-Total			<0.00050		mg/L		0.0005	19-MAR-18
Phosphorus (P)-Total			<0.050		mg/L		0.05	19-MAR-18
Potassium (K)-Total			<0.050		mg/L		0.05	19-MAR-18
Rubidium (Rb)-Total			<0.00020		mg/L		0.0002	19-MAR-18
Selenium (Se)-Total			<0.000050		mg/L		0.00005	19-MAR-18
Silicon (Si)-Total			<0.10		mg/L		0.1	19-MAR-18
Silver (Ag)-Total			<0.000050		mg/L		0.00005	19-MAR-18
Sodium (Na)-Total			<0.50		mg/L		0.5	19-MAR-18
Strontium (Sr)-Total			<0.0010		mg/L		0.001	19-MAR-18
Sulfur (S)-Total			<0.50		mg/L		0.5	19-MAR-18

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<b>MET-T-CCMS-WT</b>		<b>Water</b>						
<b>Batch</b>	<b>R3987814</b>							
<b>WG2734886-1 MB</b>								
Thallium (Tl)-Total			<0.000010		mg/L		0.00001	19-MAR-18
Tellurium (Te)-Total			<0.00020		mg/L		0.0002	19-MAR-18
Thorium (Th)-Total			<0.00010		mg/L		0.0001	19-MAR-18
Tin (Sn)-Total			<0.00010		mg/L		0.0001	19-MAR-18
Titanium (Ti)-Total			<0.00030		mg/L		0.0003	19-MAR-18
Tungsten (W)-Total			<0.00010		mg/L		0.0001	19-MAR-18
Uranium (U)-Total			<0.000010		mg/L		0.00001	19-MAR-18
Vanadium (V)-Total			<0.00050		mg/L		0.0005	19-MAR-18
Zinc (Zn)-Total			<0.0030		mg/L		0.003	19-MAR-18
Zirconium (Zr)-Total			<0.00030		mg/L		0.0003	19-MAR-18
<b>WG2734886-5 MS</b>		<b>WG2734886-6</b>						
Aluminum (Al)-Total			96.6		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Antimony (Sb)-Total			102.5		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Arsenic (As)-Total			103.9		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Barium (Ba)-Total			98.3		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Beryllium (Be)-Total			98.7		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Bismuth (Bi)-Total			99.2		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Boron (B)-Total			N/A	MS-B	%		-	19-MAR-18
Cadmium (Cd)-Total			100.8		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Calcium (Ca)-Total			N/A	MS-B	%		-	19-MAR-18
Chromium (Cr)-Total			102.3		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Cesium (Cs)-Total			99.7		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Cobalt (Co)-Total			99.7		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Copper (Cu)-Total			97.3		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Iron (Fe)-Total			N/A	MS-B	%		-	19-MAR-18
Lead (Pb)-Total			99.2		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Lithium (Li)-Total			N/A	MS-B	%		-	19-MAR-18
Magnesium (Mg)-Total			N/A	MS-B	%		-	19-MAR-18
Manganese (Mn)-Total			N/A	MS-B	%		-	19-MAR-18
Molybdenum (Mo)-Total			100.6		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Nickel (Ni)-Total			97.9		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Phosphorus (P)-Total			110.4		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Potassium (K)-Total			107.6		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Rubidium (Rb)-Total			98.1		%		70-130	19-MAR-18

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<b>MET-T-CCMS-WT</b>		<b>Water</b>						
<b>Batch</b>	<b>R3987814</b>							
<b>WG2734886-5 MS</b>		<b>WG2734886-6</b>						
Selenium (Se)-Total			82.5		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Silicon (Si)-Total			N/A	MS-B	%		-	19-MAR-18
Silver (Ag)-Total			94.3		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Sodium (Na)-Total			N/A	MS-B	%		-	19-MAR-18
Strontium (Sr)-Total			N/A	MS-B	%		-	19-MAR-18
Sulfur (S)-Total			N/A	MS-B	%		-	19-MAR-18
Thallium (Tl)-Total			99.2		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Tellurium (Te)-Total			94.0		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Thorium (Th)-Total			105.6		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Tin (Sn)-Total			101.2		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Titanium (Ti)-Total			104.9		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Tungsten (W)-Total			104.1		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Uranium (U)-Total			107.9		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Vanadium (V)-Total			105.6		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Zinc (Zn)-Total			95.7		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Zirconium (Zr)-Total			103.0		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
<b>NH3-WT</b>		<b>Water</b>						
<b>Batch</b>	<b>R3989708</b>							
<b>WG2735508-7 DUP</b>		<b>L2068981-4</b>						
Ammonia, Total (as N)		<0.020	<0.020	RPD-NA	mg/L	N/A	20	19-MAR-18
<b>WG2735508-6 LCS</b>								
Ammonia, Total (as N)			103.9		%		85-115	19-MAR-18
<b>WG2735508-5 MB</b>								
Ammonia, Total (as N)			<0.020		mg/L		0.02	19-MAR-18
<b>WG2735508-8 MS</b>		<b>L2068981-4</b>						
Ammonia, Total (as N)			94.3		%		75-125	19-MAR-18
<b>NO2-IC-WT</b>		<b>Water</b>						
<b>Batch</b>	<b>R3990051</b>							
<b>WG2735070-14 DUP</b>		<b>WG2735070-13</b>						
Nitrite (as N)		<0.010	<0.010	RPD-NA	mg/L	N/A	25	19-MAR-18
<b>WG2735070-12 LCS</b>								
Nitrite (as N)			98.9		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
<b>WG2735070-11 MB</b>								
Nitrite (as N)			<0.010		mg/L		0.01	19-MAR-18
<b>WG2735070-15 MS</b>		<b>WG2735070-13</b>						



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<b>NO2-IC-WT</b>	<b>Water</b>							
<b>Batch</b>	<b>R3990051</b>							
<b>WG2735070-15 MS</b>		<b>WG2735070-13</b>						
Nitrite (as N)			93.0		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
<b>NO3-IC-WT</b>	<b>Water</b>							
<b>Batch</b>	<b>R3990051</b>							
<b>WG2735070-14 DUP</b>		<b>WG2735070-13</b>						
Nitrate (as N)		4.99	4.98		mg/L	0.1	25	19-MAR-18
<b>WG2735070-12 LCS</b>			99.3		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Nitrate (as N)								
<b>WG2735070-11 MB</b>			<0.020		mg/L		0.02	19-MAR-18
Nitrate (as N)								
<b>WG2735070-15 MS</b>		<b>WG2735070-13</b>						
Nitrate (as N)			N/A	MS-B	%		-	19-MAR-18
<b>P-T-COL-WT</b>	<b>Water</b>							
<b>Batch</b>	<b>R3988985</b>							
<b>WG2735183-3 DUP</b>		<b>L2068891-1</b>						
Phosphorus, Total		1.56	1.52		mg/L	2.9	20	20-MAR-18
<b>WG2735183-2 LCS</b>			91.0		%		80-120	20-MAR-18
Phosphorus, Total								
<b>WG2735183-1 MB</b>			<0.0030		mg/L		0.003	20-MAR-18
Phosphorus, Total								
<b>WG2735183-4 MS</b>		<b>L2068891-1</b>						
Phosphorus, Total			N/A	MS-B	%		-	20-MAR-18
<b>PH-WT</b>	<b>Water</b>							
<b>Batch</b>	<b>R3989048</b>							
<b>WG2734455-4 DUP</b>		<b>WG2734455-3</b>						
pH		7.60	7.62	J	pH units	0.02	0.2	17-MAR-18
<b>WG2734455-2 LCS</b>			6.97		pH units		6.9-7.1	17-MAR-18
pH								
<b>PO4-DO-COL-WT</b>	<b>Water</b>							
<b>Batch</b>	<b>R3987616</b>							
<b>WG2735008-3 DUP</b>		<b>L2068487-1</b>						
Orthophosphate-Dissolved (as P)		0.0176	0.0151		mg/L	15	30	19-MAR-18
<b>WG2735008-2 LCS</b>			100.2		%		70-130	19-MAR-18
Orthophosphate-Dissolved (as P)								
<b>WG2735008-1 MB</b>			<0.0030		mg/L		0.003	19-MAR-18
Orthophosphate-Dissolved (as P)								







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Test	Matrix	Reference	Result	Qualifier	Units	RPD	Limit	Analyzed
TURBIDITY-WT		Water						
Batch	R3987229							
WG2734457-3	DUP	L2068994-1						
Turbidity		1.39	1.34		NTU	3.7	15	17-MAR-18
WG2734457-2	LCS							
Turbidity			104.0		%		85-115	17-MAR-18
WG2734457-1	MB							
Turbidity			<0.10		NTU		0.1	17-MAR-18

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## Legend:

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Limit	ALS Control Limit (Data Quality Objectives)
DUP	Duplicate
RPD	Relative Percent Difference
N/A	Not Available
LCS	Laboratory Control Sample
SRM	Standard Reference Material
MS	Matrix Spike
MSD	Matrix Spike Duplicate
ADE	Average Desorption Efficiency
MB	Method Blank
IRM	Internal Reference Material
CRM	Certified Reference Material
CCV	Continuing Calibration Verification
CVS	Calibration Verification Standard
LCSD	Laboratory Control Sample Duplicate

## Sample Parameter Qualifier Definitions:

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Qualifier	Description
J	Duplicate results and limits are expressed in terms of absolute difference.
MS-B	Matrix Spike recovery could not be accurately calculated due to high analyte background in sample.
RPD-NA	Relative Percent Difference Not Available due to result(s) being less than detection limit.

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## Hold Time Exceedances:

ALS Product Description	Sample ID	Sampling Date	Date Processed	Rec. HT	Actual HT	Units	Qualifier
<b>Physical Tests</b>							
Redox Potential	1	15-MAR-18 15:45	20-MAR-18 21:00	0.25	125	hours	EHTR-FM

## Legend & Qualifier Definitions:

EHTR-FM: Exceeded ALS recommended hold time prior to sample receipt. Field Measurement recommended.  
EHTR: Exceeded ALS recommended hold time prior to sample receipt.  
EHTL: Exceeded ALS recommended hold time prior to analysis. Sample was received less than 24 hours prior to expiry.  
EHT: Exceeded ALS recommended hold time prior to analysis.  
Rec. HT: ALS recommended hold time (see units).

Notes\*:  
Where actual sampling date is not provided to ALS, the date (& time) of receipt is used for calculation purposes.  
Where actual sampling time is not provided to ALS, the earlier of 12 noon on the sampling date or the time (& date) of receipt is used for calculation purposes. Samples for L2068971 were received on 15-MAR-18 17:00.

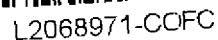
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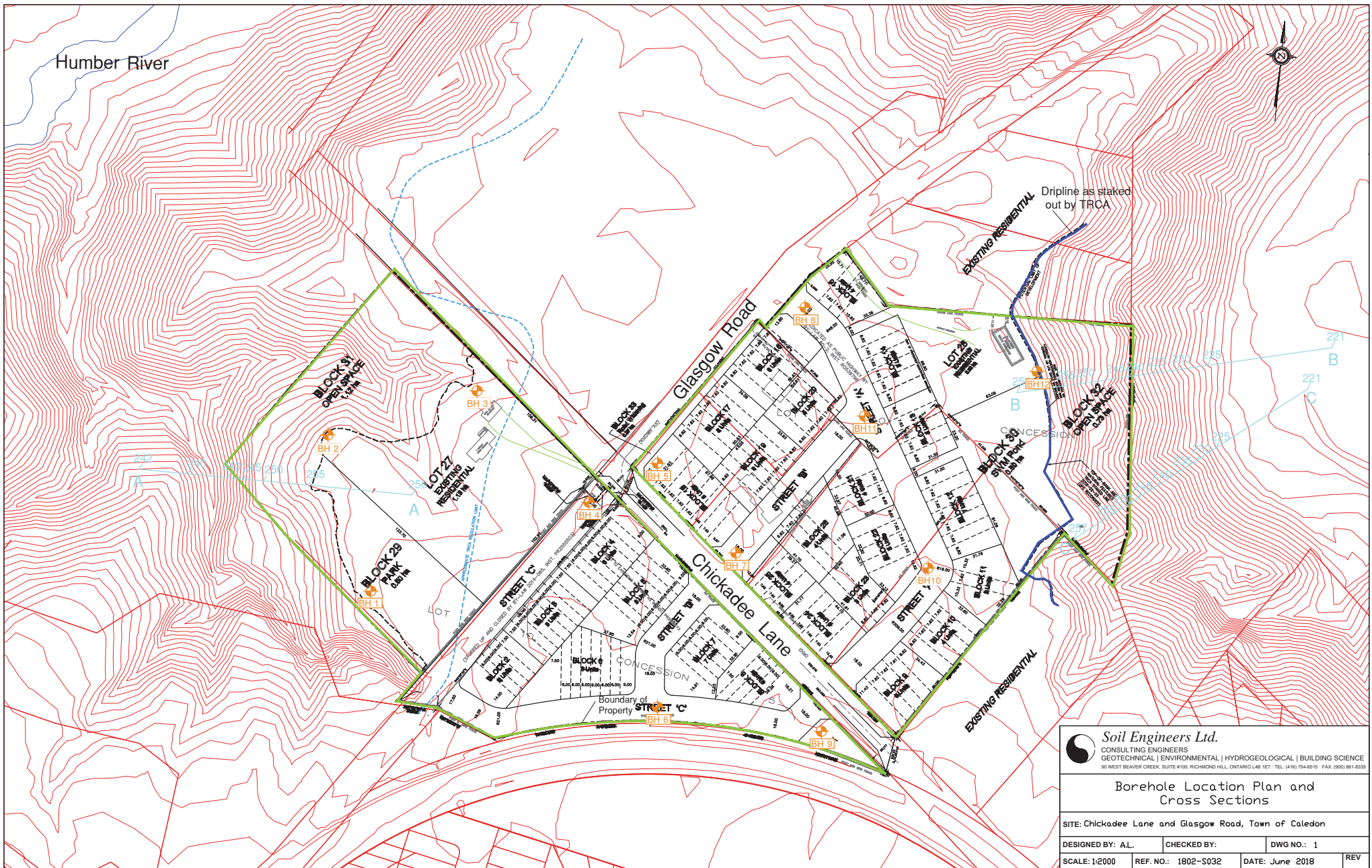
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# **Appendix G**

## **Geotechnical Boreholes and Slope Stability Analysis**









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## SUBSURFACE PROFILE

DRAWING NO. 2

SCALE: AS SHOWN

JOB NO.: 1801-S032

REPORT DATE: June 2018

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposed Residential Development

PROJECT LOCATION: Chickadee Lane and Glasgow Road, Town of Caledon

### LEGEND



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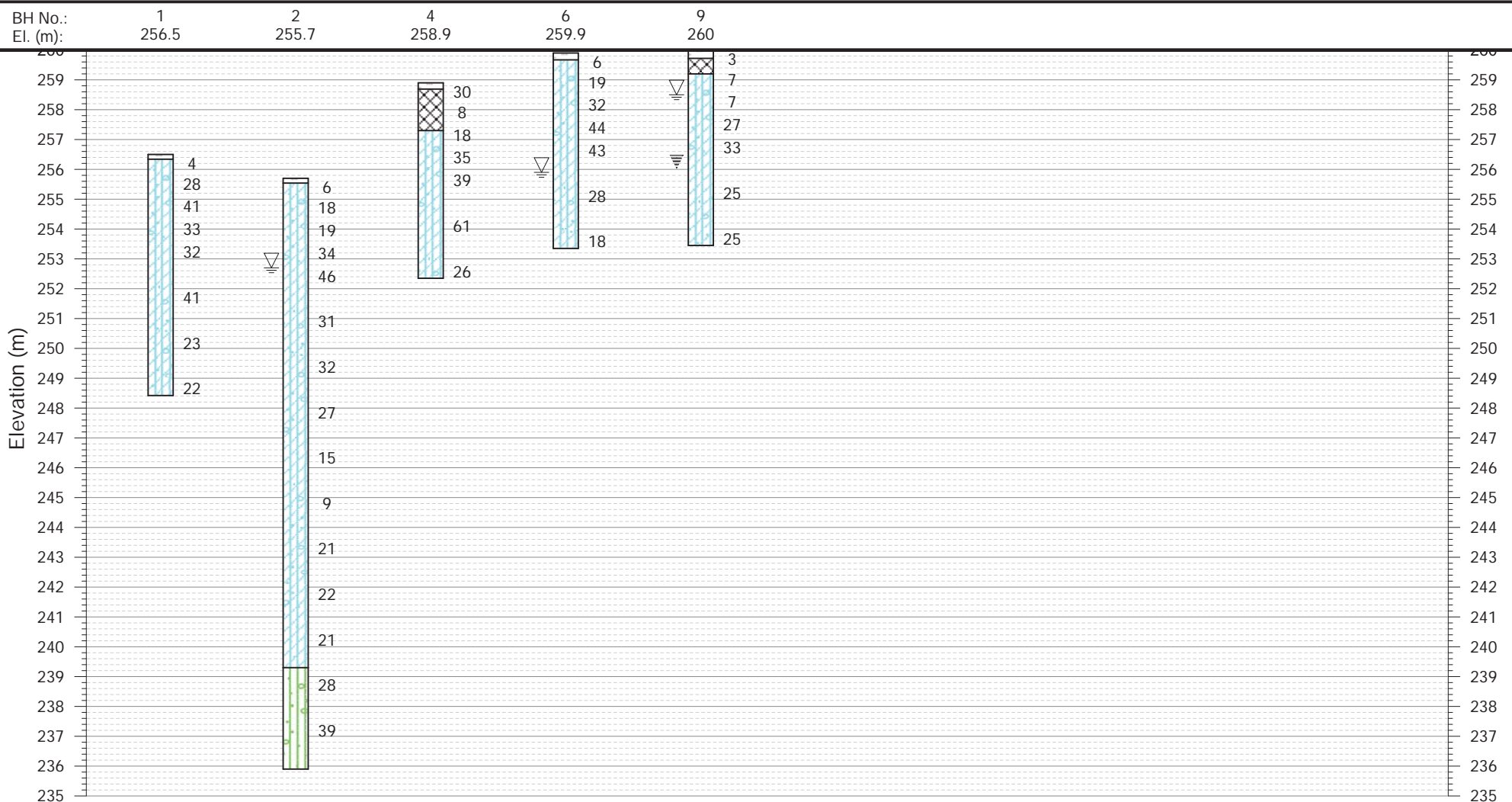
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SUBSURFACE PROFILE

DRAWING NO. 3

SCALE: AS SHOWN

JOB NO.: 1801-S032

REPORT DATE: June 2018

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposed Residential Development

PROJECT LOCATION: Chickadee Lane and Glasgow Road, Town of Caledon

## LEGEND



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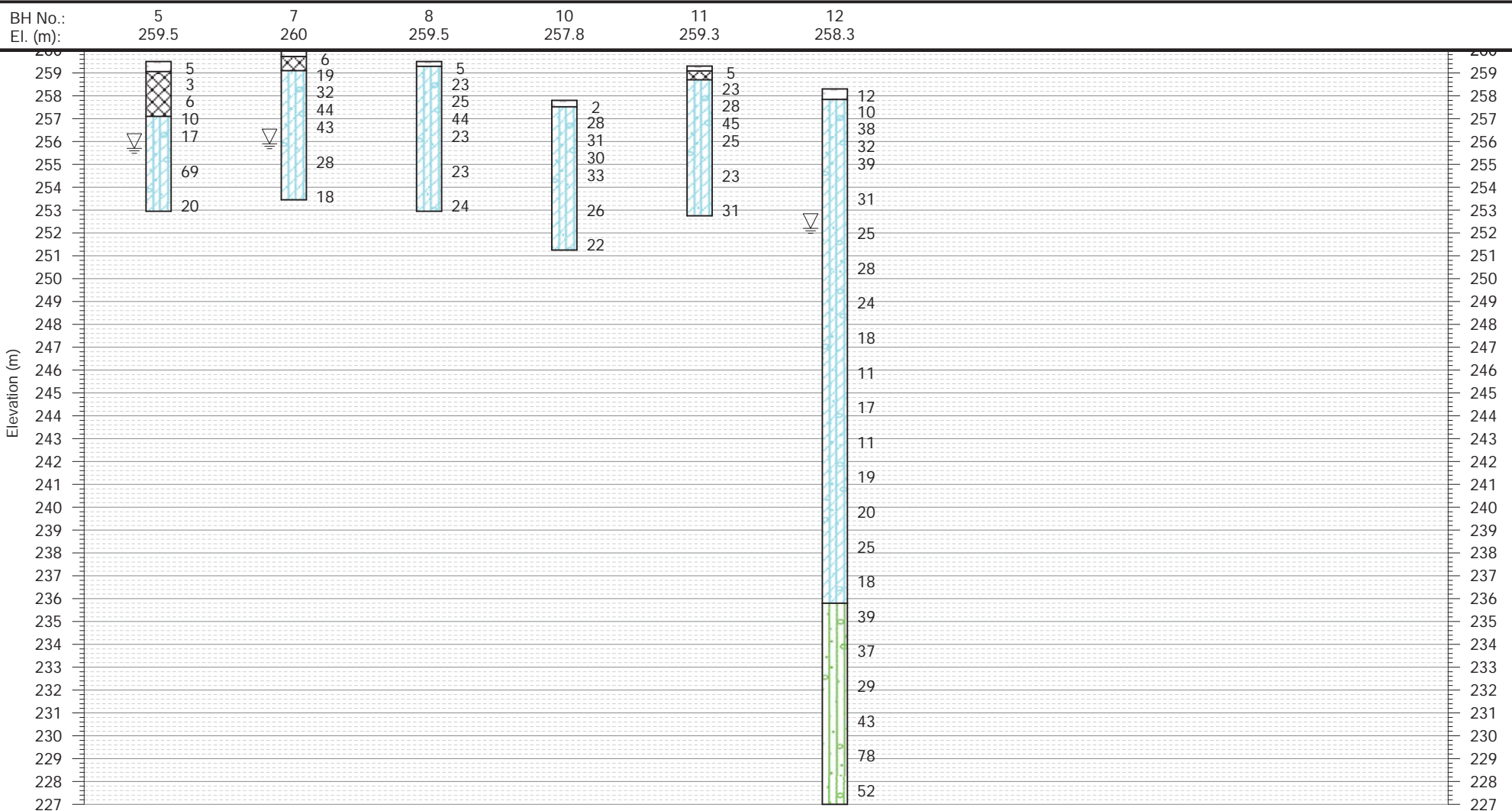
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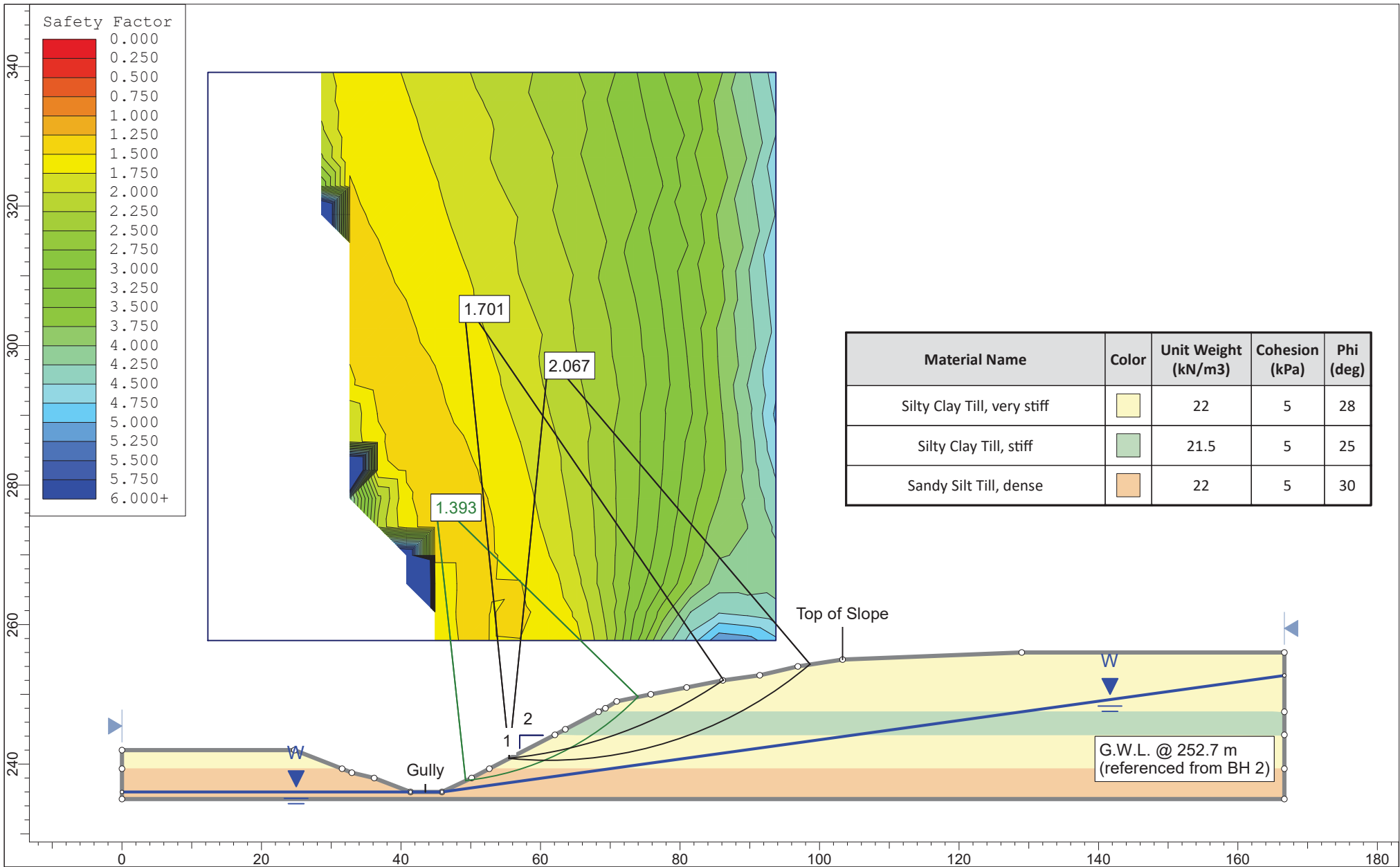


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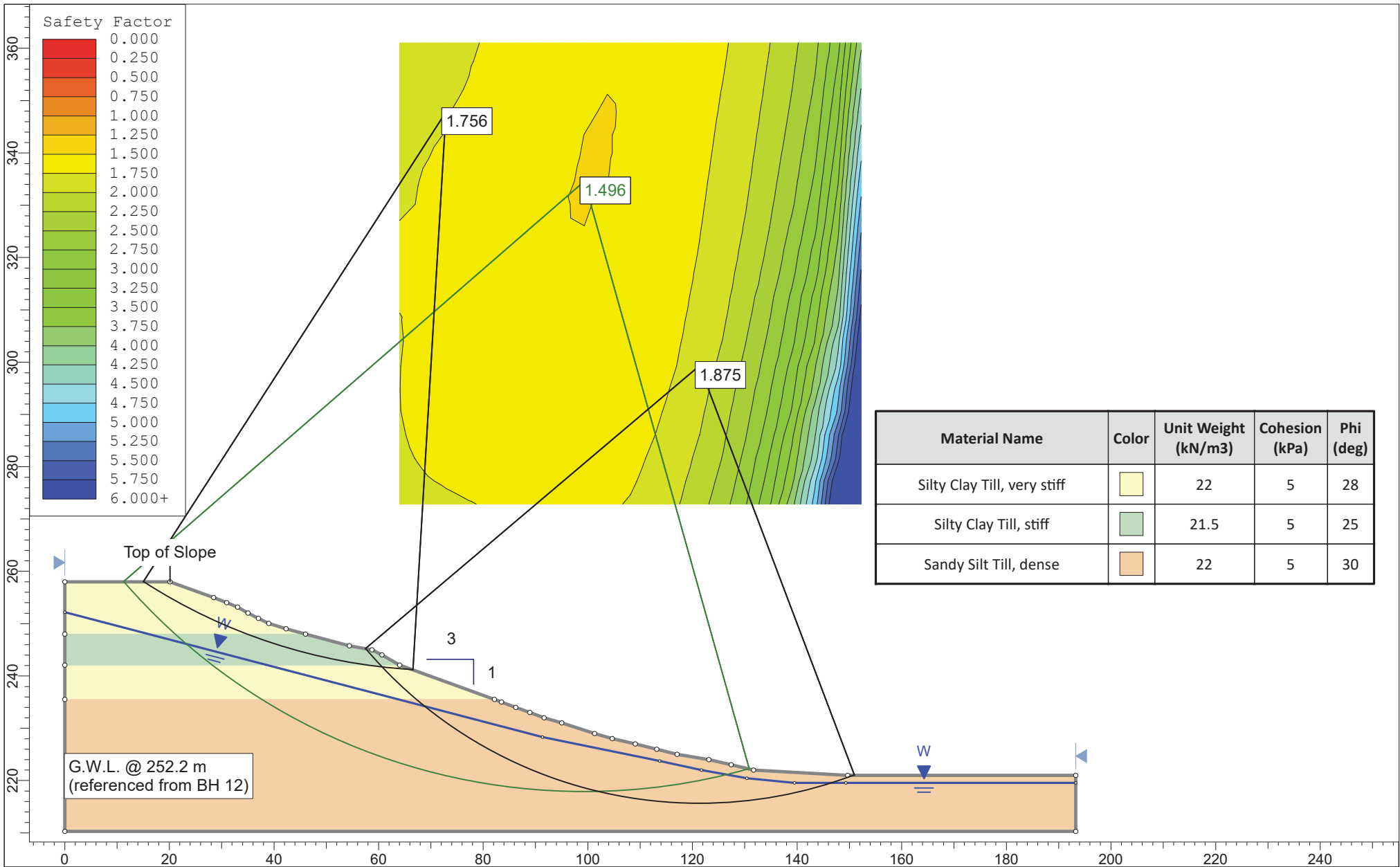


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Location Chickadee Lane and Glasgow Road, Town of Caledon			
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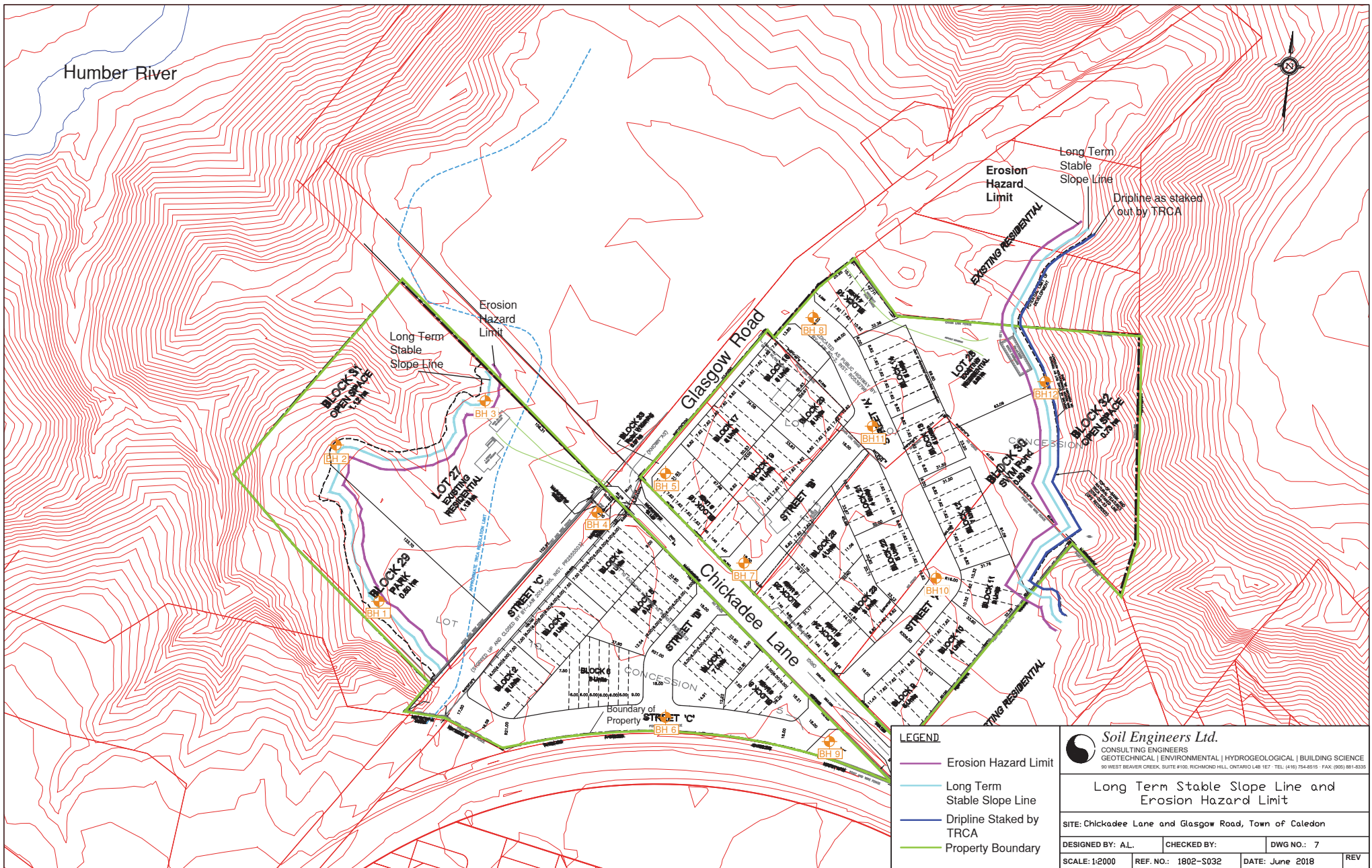


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Project Title			Load Case	
Slope Stability Analysis - Cross Section B-B			Existing Condition	
Location				
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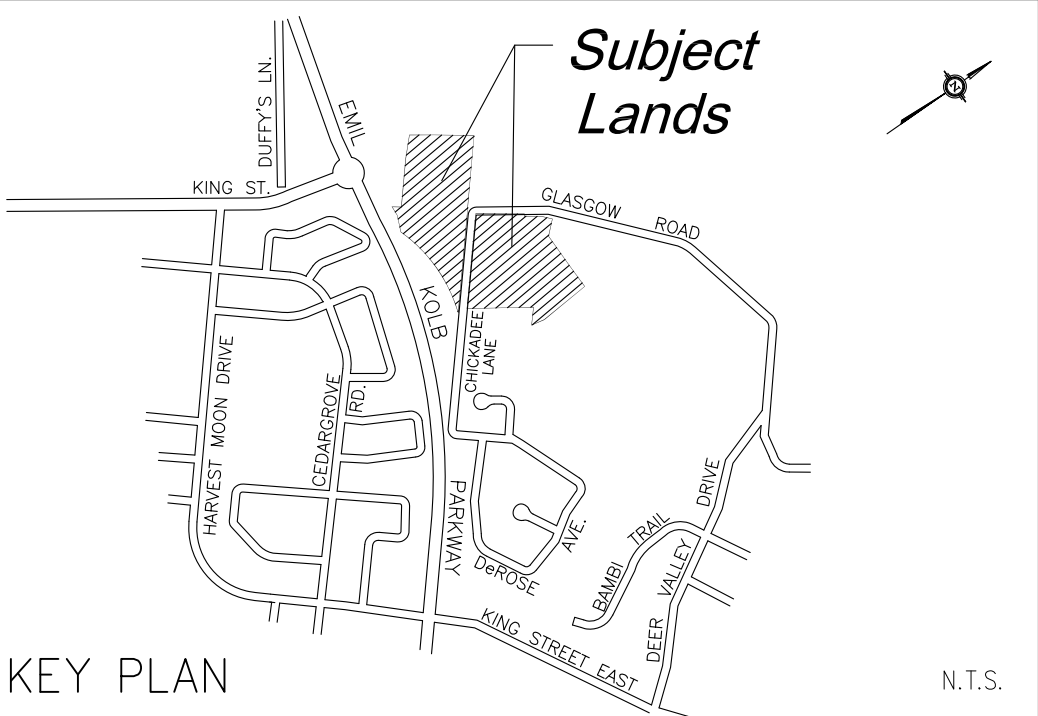
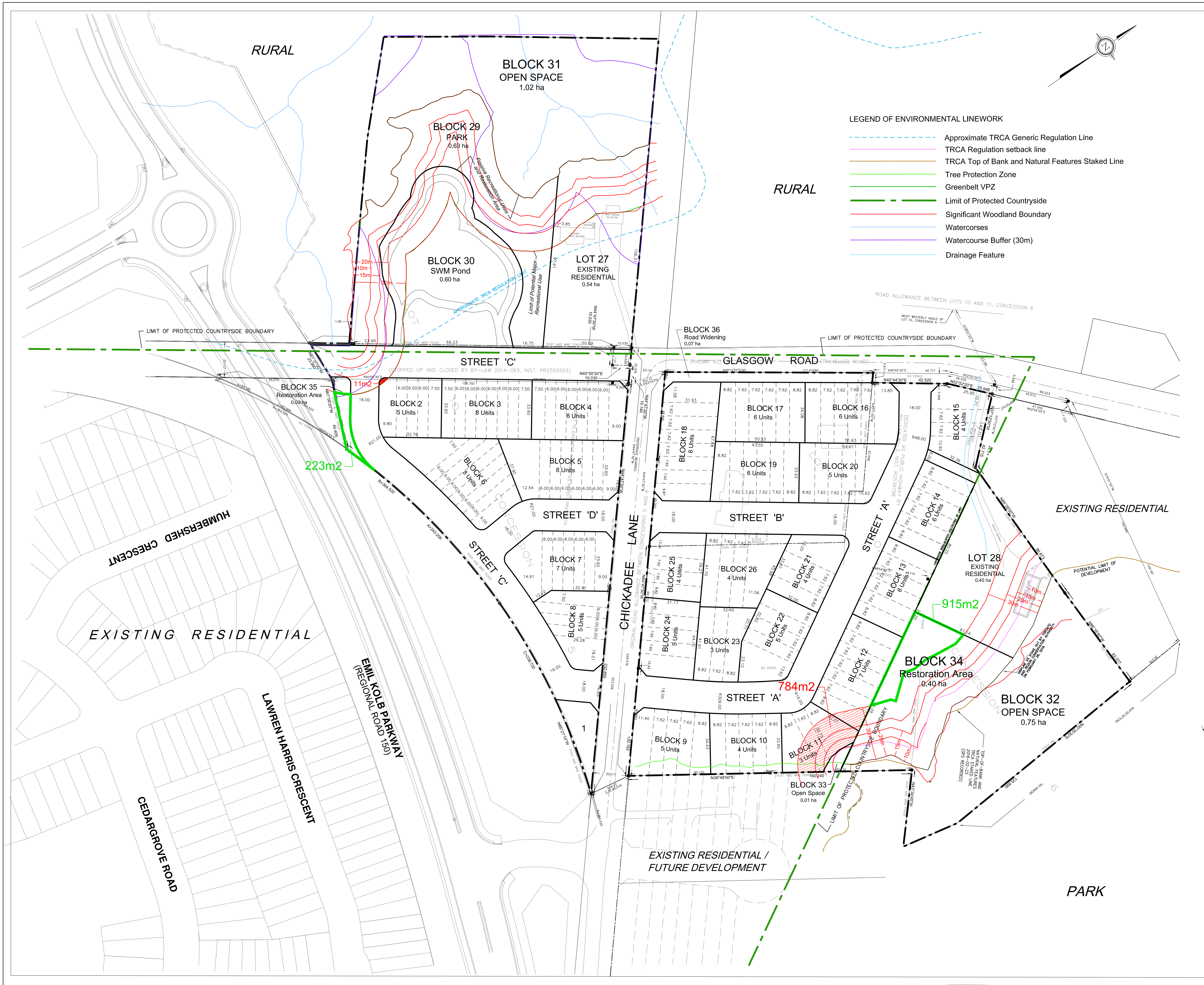
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# **Appendix H**

**Draft Plan of Subdivision  
(HPG, 2019)**







**HUMPHRIES PLANNING GROUP INC.**  
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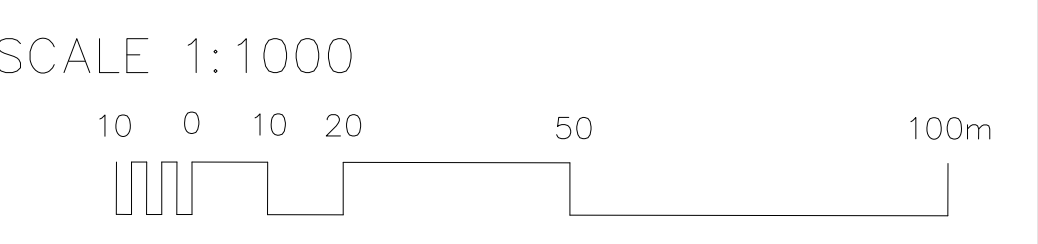
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LAND USE	LOT/BLK.#	UNITS	AREA
Single Detached Residential	1	1	0.06 ha
Street Townhouses	2-26	140	3.95 ha
Existing Residential	27-28	2	0.99 ha
Park	29		0.63 ha
Storm Water Management Pond	30		0.60 ha
Open Space	31-33		1.78 ha
Restoration Area	34-35		0.43 ha
Road Widening	36		0.07 ha
Roads STREETS A-D - 16.0m-18.0m R.O.W. = 690m			1.57 ha
TOTAL		143	10.08 ha

**OWNER'S CERTIFICATE:**  
I authorize Humphries Planning Group Inc. to prepare and submit this plan for draft approval.  
  
Zancor Homes (Bolton) Ltd.  
137 Bowes Road  
Concord, ON  
  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE:**  
I hereby certify that the boundaries of the lands being subdivided and their correct relationship to the adjacent lands are accurately and correctly shown on this plan.  
  
Krcmar Surveyors Ltd.  
1137 Centre Street, Suite 101  
Thornhill, ON  
  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**  
[Section 51(17) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended to April 11, 1997]  
a), b), e), f), g), & j) - on plan.  
c) - on key plan  
d) - see statistics  
h) - piped water to be installed by developer  
i) - clay loam soil  
k) - all services to be made available by developer  
l) - none

**DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION**  
**OPTION 2**  
CHECKADEE GROVE COMMUNITY PLAN  
PART OF LOT 10, CONCESSION 5  
AND PART OF LOT 10, CONCESSION 6  
TOWN OF CALEDON  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL



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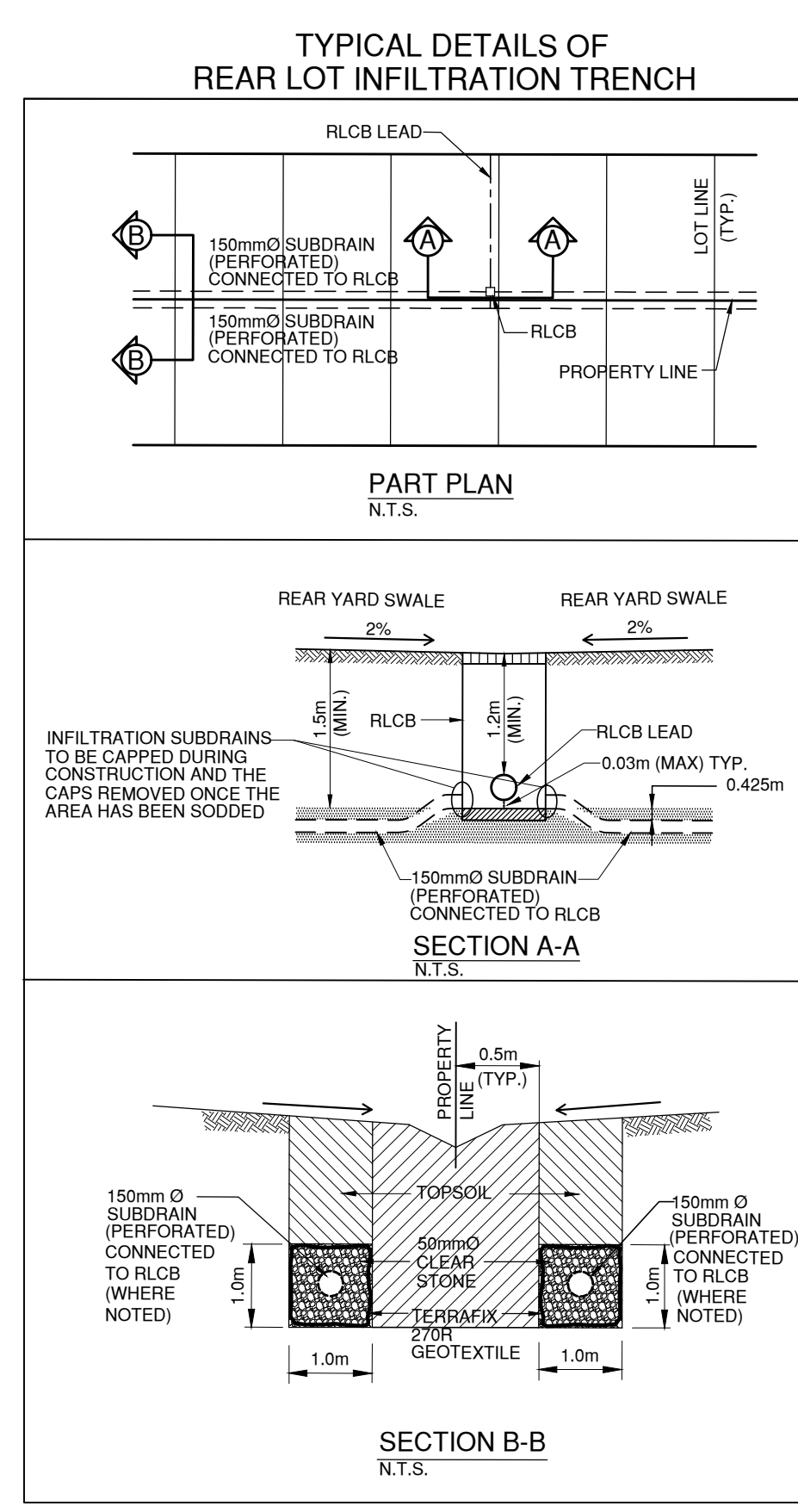
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# **Appendix I**

## **Infiltration Plan (FSR) (Candevcon, 2019)**



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- LEGEND:
- LIMIT OF SUBDIVISION
  - - - EXISTING CONTOUR LINE
  - - - PROPOSED STORM SEWER
  - - - PROPOSED INFILTRATION TRENCH
  - OVERLAND FLOW
  - - - LONG TERM STABLE SLOPE LINE
  - - - TRCA GENERIC REGULATION LINE
  - - - TRCA TOP OF BANK & NATURAL FEATURES STAKED LINE
  - - - WATERCOURSE BUFFER (30m)
  - - - WATERCOURSE



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REVISIONS			
<b>CD CANDEVCON LIMITED</b> CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND PLANNERS			
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<b>CHICKADEE LANE ROUNDING OUT AREA "B"</b>			
13935, 13951 & 13999 CHICKADEE LANE, 0 KING STREET AND 550, 600 AND 615 GLASGOW ROAD PART OF LOT 10, CONCESSION 5 & 6 TOWN OF CALEDON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEELE			
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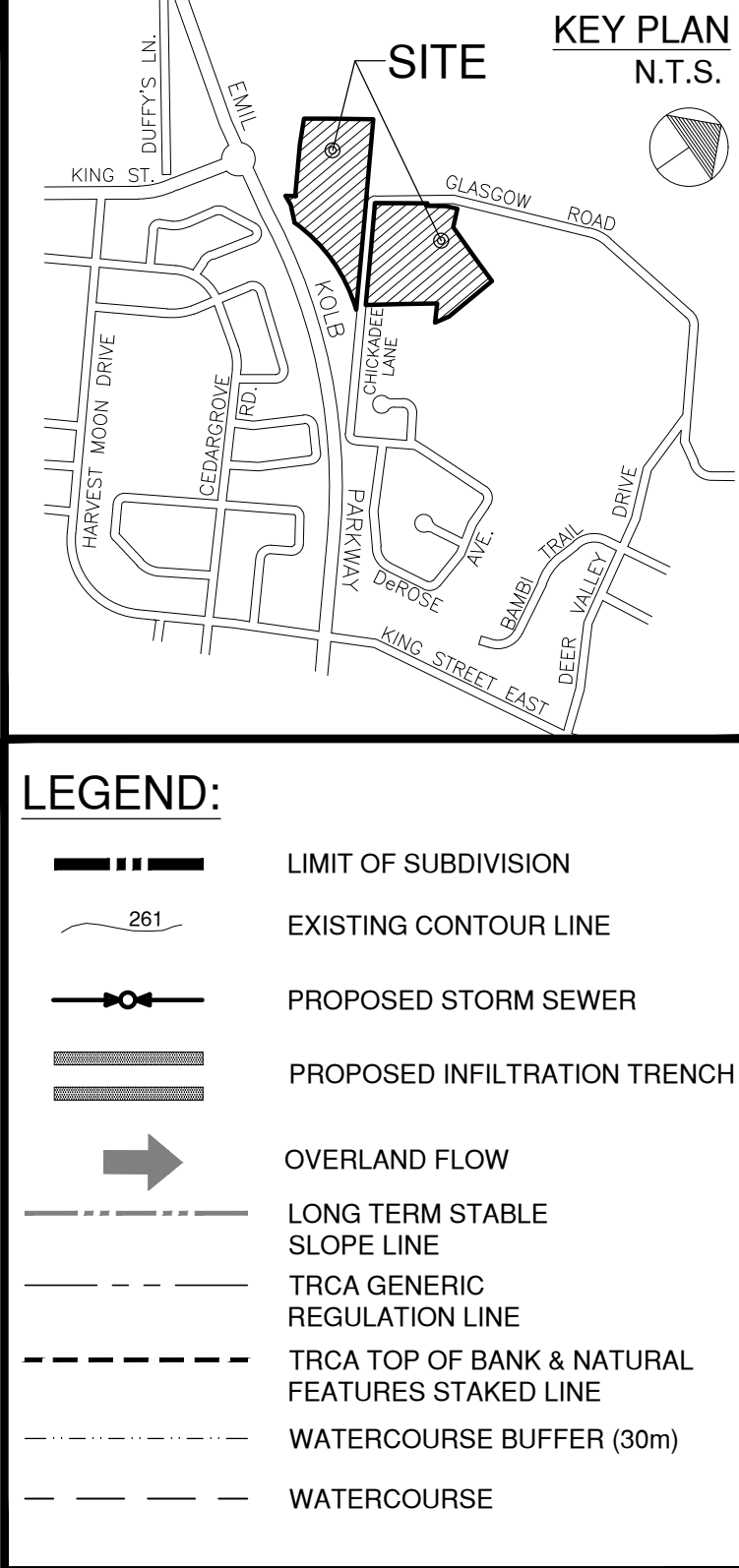
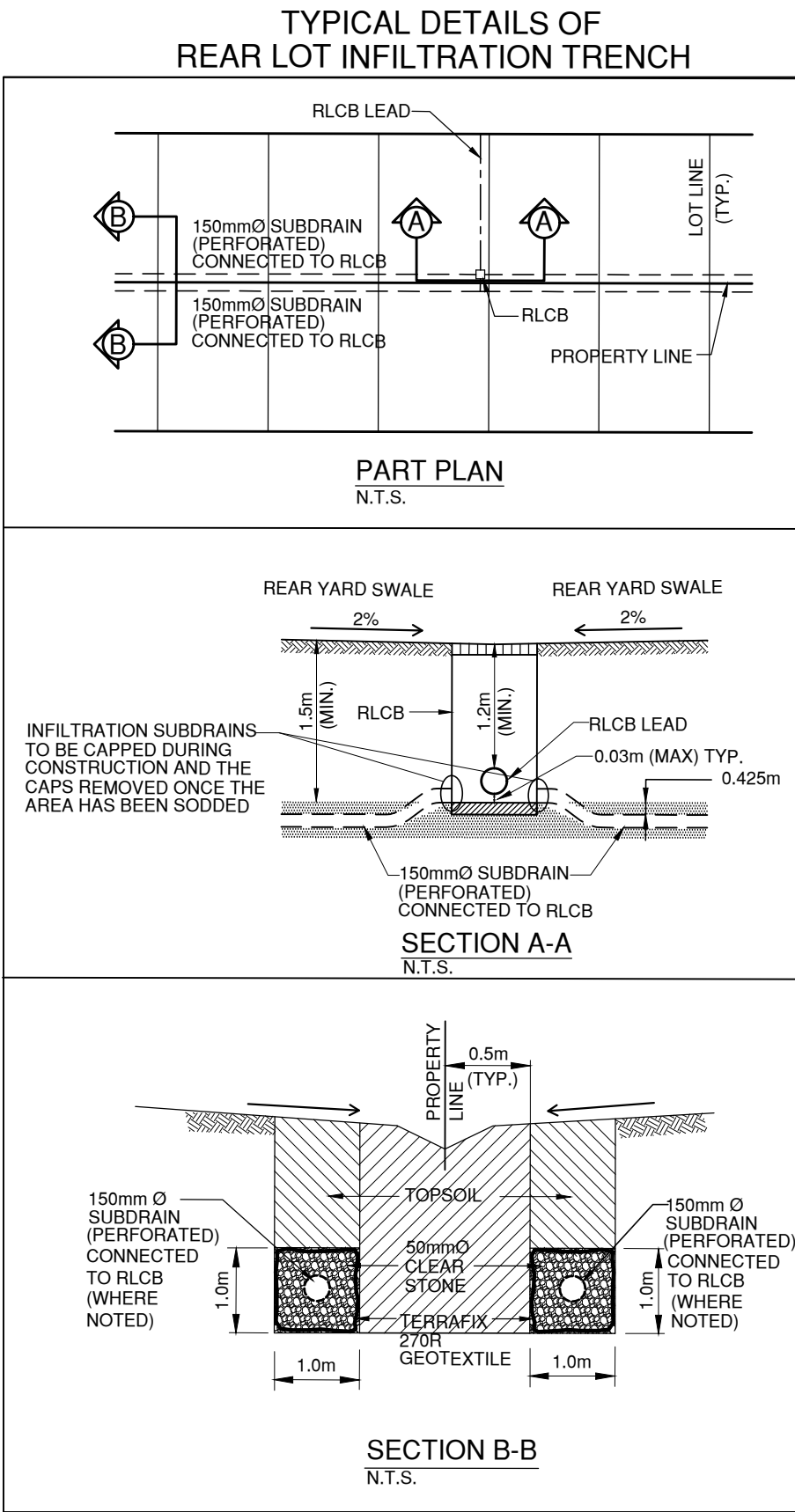
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# **Appendix J**

**Infiltration Plan (If Needed)  
(Candevcon, 2019)**







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# **Appendix K**

**MNRF Correspondence  
(March 7, 2019)**



Necessity of SAR/SWH surveys - Chickadee Lane Rounding Area B (PECG#170163) Inbox



**Austin Adams** <austin@pecg.ca>  
to esa.aurora, me

Thu, Feb 14, 3:19 PM

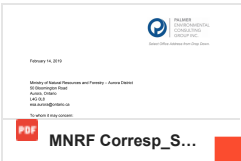
Hello,

Palmer (PECG) is currently completing CEISMP and EIS reporting for the Chickadee Lane Rounding Area B in Bolton, Ontario. Further to the SAR occurrence data received from Te July 5, 2018 and field studies completed for the study area, we submit this letter for review, advisement and/or direction. Due to the ecological character of the study area, studies all completed and the planned avoidance and/or quality of potential habitats, it is felt that additional species-specific surveys may be avoided. PECG is seeking consultation from the M regard.

Please review the attached letter, which I believe provides sufficient context and rationale regarding SAR and SWH concerns in the study area. Should you have any questions, plea hesitate to contact me.

Regards,  
**Austin Adams**, M.Sc., EP  
Senior Terrestrial Ecologist

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**ESA Aurora (MNRF)** <ESA.Aurora@ontario.ca>  
to Austin, me

Thu, Mar 7, 2:46 PM

Hello Austin

Letter reviewed. Based on the proposed avoidance and mitigation approaches described, MNRF has no concerns with the proposed development.

Regards

Mark Heaton  
OMRNF Aurora