

#	Comment Response Matrix to Natural Heritage, Additional Wetland Assessment and Application Response	February 2026
CVC Comments December 16, 2025		WSP/Consort Response
1	<p>Please Provide a timeline and location of the proposed future wetland creation. It is noted that within the first year of license, 5 ha of woodland will be planted, for example. Ideally, wetland habitat will be created before the original area is lost.</p>	<p>The proposed wetland creation (totaling 1.6 ha) is aligned with the final rehabilitation of the lake post extraction. When pumping ceases, the lakes are allowed to flood and the shoreline is contoured. This will occur at the end of quarry operations. The two small (&lt; 0.24 hectare total size) isolated wetland pockets on the site are noted to be below the OWES threshold for wetland evaluation and not subject to provincial protection under the ARA requirements linked to the Planning Act or OWES.</p> <p>The larger, neighbouring wetlands, including Coulterville PSW, Cataract Southwest PSW, and 'Other wetlands' will remain untouched.</p> <p>The creation of wetlands, as shown and addressed on the Caledon Pit Quarry Rehabilitation Plan, offer a long-term enrichment to the regional landscape ecology.</p>
2	<p>It does not appear that wetland replacement is planned to be like for like. It is important that meadow marshland swamps are designed and implemented.</p>	<p>Further to Comment #1, the two small, isolated wetland pockets on the site cover an area of &lt; 0.24 hectare, while the long-term created wetland area is 1.6 hectares, an increase in area of 6.5:1.</p> <p>In addition, as noted above, the neighbouring wetlands, consisting of communities of meadow marshland swamps remain intact maintaining representative wetland types in the local landscape. There is no objective in the ARA or planning instruments applicable to this application to create like for like ecological communities. The addition of these created wetland types, namely shoreline thicket swamp and shallow marsh wetland features, is, in fact, an enrichment to the regional landscape diversity, and importantly, are compatible with and complimentary to the final landscape of the quarry</p>