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Re: GoodLight LP Solar Energy Project OCBB Compensation Lands

Dear Mr. Prevost:

Prior to GoodLight LP (the proponent) receiving final approval from the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for the construction and operation of the GoodLight Solar Energy Project, a Habitat Restoration and Management Plan for 21.05 hectares of Open Country Breeding Bird (OCBB1) must be developed as per the condition in the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) confirmation letter (dated July 5, 2012). This technical letter outlines the required Plan and includes a description of habitat lands and subsequent management activities, as well as the follow-up monitoring plan and reporting commitments.

Habitat Compensation Lands

The proponent has undertaken an assessment of potential properties to find an appropriate site that contains suitable conditions for Open Country Breeding Bird habitat. Through field verification completed in May 2013, a suitable property was chosen on Lots 11 and 12, Concession 6, in the Township of Eldon, City of Kawartha Lakes (Peterborough District) (see **Appendix A, Figure 1**).

The total size of the specific habitat compensation area to be enhanced on the property is 21.05 ha. This area also contains approximately 2 ha of interior grassland habitat (see **Appendix A, Figure 2**). Overall, within the parcel of land this habitat compensation area is part of, over 68 ha of compensation land is being protected for Bobolink and/or Eastern Meadowlark as per various *Endangered Species Act, 2007* permits (see **Appendix A, Figure 3**). The GoodLight habitat compensation land, together with the additional Species at Risk compensation land, provides for a large contiguous grassland area greater than 30 ha (the size threshold for significant open country breeding bird habitat according to the MNR February 2012 Significant Wildlife Habitat Ecoregion 6E Criterion Schedule).

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The majority of the property, including the GoodLight compensation habitat area, is comprised of open pasture that contains a ratio of 70/30 grass to forbs and is dominated by non-native species such as Orchard Grass (*Dactylis glomerata*), Kentucky Bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*), Bird's Foot Trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*), Common Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium* ssp. *millefolium*) and Red Clover (*Trifolium pratense*). There is some shrub growth within the compensation area that is primarily associated with the edge of adjacent swamp and thicket vegetation communities (see **Appendix B** for an ELC map and corresponding field notes of the property confirmed by the MNR March 30, 2012). This shrub growth accounts for approximately 2% of the vegetation cover within the 21.05 ha compensation habitat for GoodLight.

Baseline data collected in 2010 and 2012 indicates the presence of Open Country Breeding Birds already using the habitat. Open Country species observed include Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*), Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*) and Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) as well as Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*) and Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) (see **Appendix C** for field notes related to breeding birds).

Management of Lands

The land to be used as compensation for OCBB1 is open with very little shrub growth (approximately 2%). Due to the low abundance of shrub cover, large-scale vegetation removal will not be required. Habitat enhancement work such as over-seeding with native species will occur to help improve the quality of habitat in the compensation area. Site-specific clearing of shrubs will be completed where occurrences are within the open country habitat. These localized disturbed areas will then be seeded.

Once the location for the OCBB1 compensation is approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), the land management will be initiated. After the removal of shrubs and the initial prescribed cut, the land will be over-seeded with a mix of low growing cool and warm native grasses (50-75%) and native forbs/legumes (25-50%). This is to increase the biodiversity of the habitat and encourage the growth of native species. This seed will be applied during favourable growing conditions and in a time period prior to the 2014 breeding bird season. A prepared seed mix will likely be used and is expected to consist of some or all of the following species:

Grass Species

Side Oats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*)
Sand Dropseed (*Sporobolus cryptandrus*)
Violet Wheatgrass (*Agropyron viola*)
Switchgrass Slender Wheatgrass (*Agropyron trachyaum*)
Little Bluestem (*Andropogon scoparius*)
Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)

Canada Bluegrass (*Poa compressa*)
Broom Sedge (*Andropogon virginicus*)
Indian Grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*)

Forb/Legume Species

New England Aster (*Aster novae-angliae*)
Showy Tick Trefoil (*Desmodium canadense*)
Black Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

As part of the management of the land for use as Open Country Breeding Bird habitat, prescribed cuts will take place once every 3 to 5 years between August 1 and September 30 to ensure the habitat is maintained as grassland and not overtaken by shrub growth. Management of the habitat compensation area will occur for the entire duration of the GoodLight LP Solar Energy Project, currently expected to be 20 years.

Monitoring Plan

Breeding bird monitoring studies will be undertaken for three years post-habitat enhancement to assess the use of the compensation habitat by Open Country Breeding Birds. These studies will commence in 2014 between June 1 and the first week of July and will follow the methodology provided in Appendix A of the GoodLight Natural Heritage Assessment Environmental Impact Study Report (see **Appendix D**). As per this methodology, surveys for both diurnal breeding birds and Common Nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*; a nocturnal species) will be completed.

Reporting

Prior to December 31st of each year of the Open Country Breeding Bird habitat monitoring, the proponent will submit an annual report to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) that includes:

- A map indicating the number and location of point counts and area searches laid throughout the compensation habitat;
- Data collected during the breeding bird monitoring surveys;
- Photographs of the compensation habitat; and,
- Any activities undertaken during the year (i.e., cutting, seeding).

Ministry of Natural Resources, Mr. Eric Prevost

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If you have any questions about the content of this letter, the proponent has requested these be directed to Jennifer Petruniak at Dillon Consulting Limited and cc'd to Grace Pasceri (grace.pasceri@canadiansolar.com). Jennifer can be contacted at 416-229-4647, Ext. 2432, or at jpetruniak@dillon.ca.

Yours sincerely,

Dillon Consulting Limited



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ATTACHMENT A

Figures

Glenarm Compensation Lands for GoodLight OCBB1 Habitat

-  Subject Property
-  Sandringham Solar Farm
-  Access Road
-  Fence Line
-  Inverter
-  PV Panel
-  Substation
-  Road
-  Interior Grassland Habitat
-  GoodLight OCBB1 Compensation Land

SANDRINGHAM ROAD

Compensation Lands: 21.05 ha
Interior Grassland Habitat: 2.0 ha

GLENARM ROAD



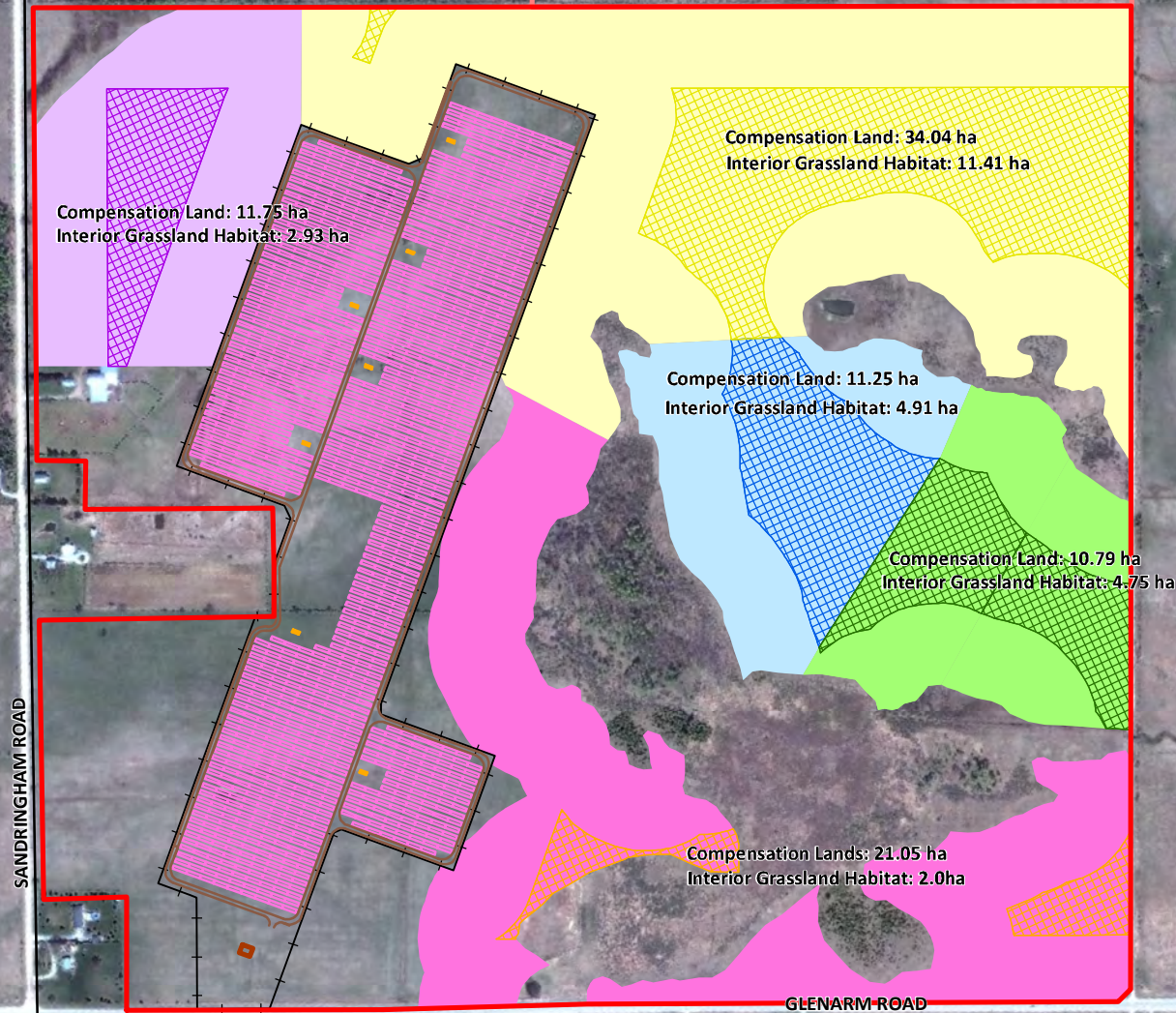
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Glenarm CS Compensation Lands



-  Subject Property
-  Sandringham Solar Farm
-  Access Road
-  Fence Line
-  Inverter
-  PV Panel
-  Substation
-  Road
-  Brockville 1 Interior Grassland
-  Glenarm Interior Grassland
-  Mississippi Mills Interior Grassland
-  William Rutley Interior Grassland
-  Brockville 1 Compensation Land
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ATTACHMENT B

ELC Field Notes

Figure 3

Glenarm Solar Park

Significant Natural Features

Legend

Project Area (120m)

Project Location

Primary Road

Secondary Road

Watercourse

Wetland Area (OBM)

Wooded Area (OBM)

Wetland Habitat (NRSI)

Woodland Habitat (NRSI)

Ecological Land Classification

(CVR_4) Rural Property

(FODM8-1) Fresh – Moist Poplar Deciduous Forest Type

(FOMM7-2) Fresh – Moist White Cedar – Hardwood Mixed Forest Type

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(OAGM2) Perennial Cover Crop

(OAGM4) Open Pasture

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Significant Natural Features

Open Country Bird Breeding Habitat

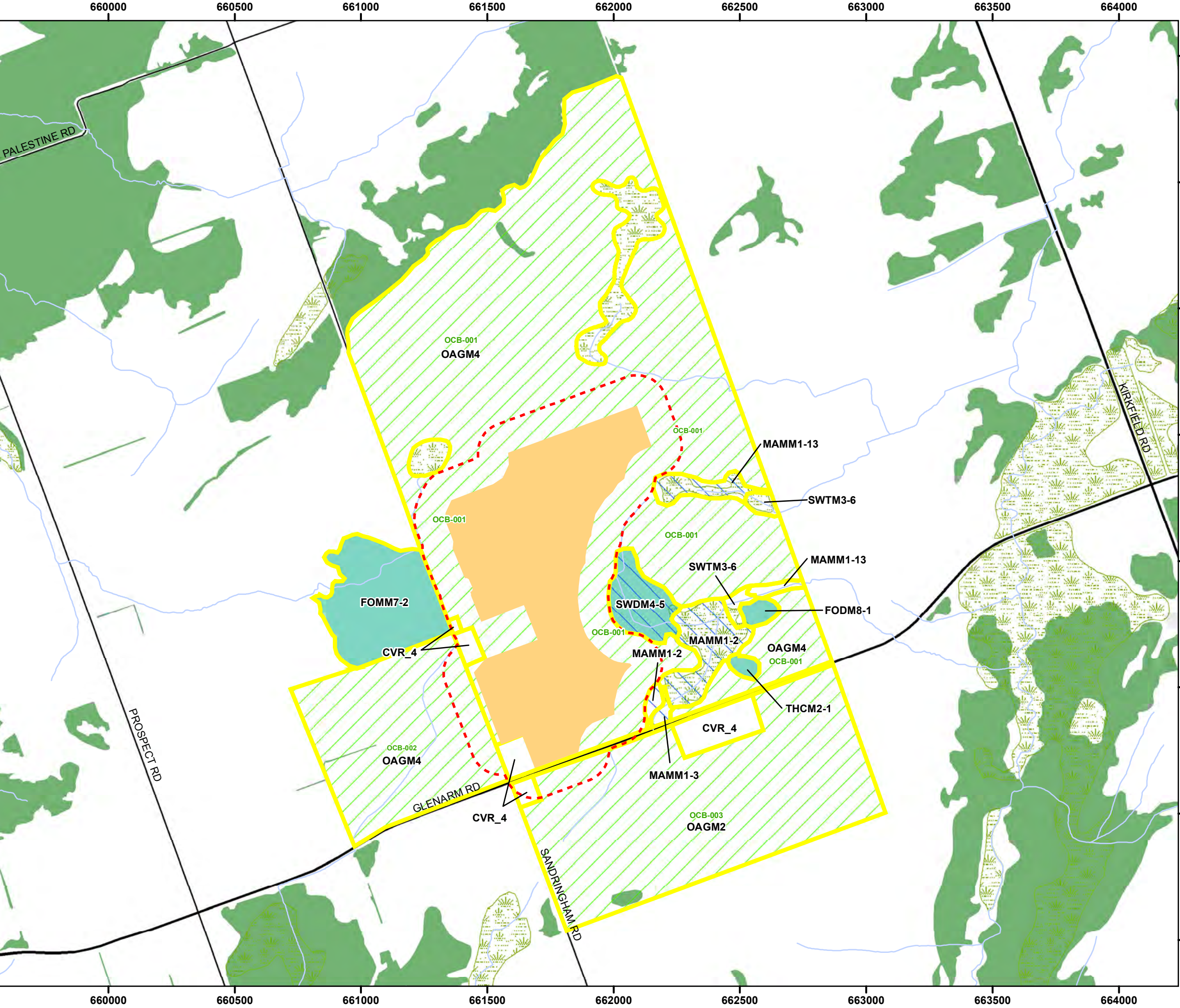
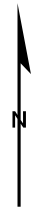


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Date: February 29, 2012

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ATTACHMENT C

Breeding Bird Survey Field Notes

10 Minute Point Count

Project Name: Glenarm

Project # 1012

Wind speed: 5	Station: 1
Cloud cover: 5 %	Date: June 17, 2010
Air Temp. 15 °C	Visit #: ① 2 (circle)
Precip. none	Start Time: 7:40am
UTM	Observers: KSJ, MM

Area Searches
by ELC polygon #
for Station

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Wind Scale

- 0 Calm
- 1 Smoke drifts
- 2 Wind felt on face
- 3 Leaves in motion
- 4 Sm branches move
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- 9 Light structural damage
- 10 Trees uprooted

Breeding Evidence Codes
Observed
 X - No evidence of breeding
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 H - Suitable nesting habitat
 S - Singing male
Probable
 P - Pair
 T - Permanent territory
 D - Courtship or display
 V - Visiting prob nest site
 A - Agitated behaviour or anxiety calls
 B - Brood patch/cloacal protuberance
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Confirmed
 DD - Distraction display
 NU - Used nest or egg shell
 FY - Fledged young
 AE - Adults at occupied nest
 FS - Faecal sac
 CF - Carrying food
 NE - Nest containing eggs
 NY - Nest with young

Comments:

* Note: this column gets entered in as incidental species (Point Count radius is 100m)

1072

Station: 3

Date: June 17, 2010

Visit #: ① 2 (circle)

Start Time:

Observers: KSJ, mn

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10 Minute Point Count

Project Name: Glenasmole Project # 1072

Project # 1072

Station: 4	Wind speed: 4
Date: June 17, 2010	Cloud cover: 0 %
Visit #: ① 2 (circle)	Air Temp. 20 °C
Start Time:	Precip. —
Observers: K&J, AM	UTM

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V - Visiting prob. nest site

A - Agitated be

or anxiety

B - Brood

patch/cloacal

protuberance

N - Nest build

excavation

Confirmed

DD - Distraction

display

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FS - Faecal sac

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eggs

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Comments:

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10 Minute Point Count

Project #: 1072

Wind speed: 4 NE	Station: I
Cloud cover: 0 %	Date: July 1, 2010
Air temperature: 15 °C	Visit #: 1 (2) (circle)
Precipitation: none	Start Time: 0715
	Observers: MM

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Comments:

- 0 Calm
- 1 Smoke drifts
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Project Name: Gilan Arvan

Wind Scale

Station: <u>25, 6, 7 (wetlands)</u>
Date: <u>1 July 2010</u>
Visit #: 1 <u>(2)</u> (circle)
Start Time: <u>0730</u>
Observers: <u>MM</u>

Wind speed: <u>9</u>
Cloud cover: <u>0</u> %
Air temperature: <u>15</u> °C
Precipitation: <u>none</u>

- 0 Calm
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Breeding Bird Monitoring

10 Minute Point Count

Project Name: Glen Linn

Project #: 1072

Wind speed: <u>4, NE</u>	Station: <u>3</u>
Cloud cover: <u>0</u> %	Date: <u>1 July 2010</u>
Air temperature: <u>18</u> °C	Visit #: 1 <u>(2)</u> (circle)
Precipitation: <u>none</u>	Start Time: <u>0750</u>
	Observers: <u>MM</u>

Wind Scale

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Species Name	Number			Breeding Evidence			
	<50m	50-100m	>100m*	Obs.	PO	PR	CO
Com. yellowthroat	I				S		
L. W. blackbird	III I			X	S		
yellow warbler	I			X	S		
Am. crow	II			X			
Eastern kingbird	III			X	S		
barn swallow	III III				S		
Song Sparrow	II				S		
b. cap. chickadee	I				S		
Am. Tree sparrow	I				S		
Eu. Starling	II				S		
R. eyed vireo	I				S		
Am. Robin	II			X	S		
com grackle	III			X	S		
br. headed cowbird	I						

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10 Minute Point Count

Project #: 1072

Station: 4	Wind speed: 4, NE
Date: 1 July 2010	Cloud cover: 0 %
Visit #: 1 (2) (circle)	Air temperature: 18 °C
Start Time: 0815	Precipitation: none
Observers: MM	

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Comments:

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- * Shorebird

10 Minute Point Count
100m Plot Radius

Precipitation: None

Project Name: Glonass

Observers: KSV, KNP

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Incidental species (>100m, before or after point count from plot vicinity):

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Comments / Wildlife Obs.:

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10 Minute Point Count

Project Name: Gerrard SP Project # 1012

Project # 1012

Station: BUB-003

Wind speed: 2

Date: 15/06/2012

Cloud cover: 10 %

Visit #: 1 (2) 3 (circle)

Air Temp. 14 °C

Start Time: 8:14

Precip. none

Observers: ANM LSM

UTM 6661969 4925858

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Comments: _____

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10 Minute Point Count

Project Name:

Project # 10712-A

Station: BNR-003

Date: June 28, 2017

Visit #: 1 2 3 (circle)

Start Time: 0816

Observers: KGB TAL

Wind speed: _____

Cloud cover: 20 %

Air Temp. 18 °C

Precip. none

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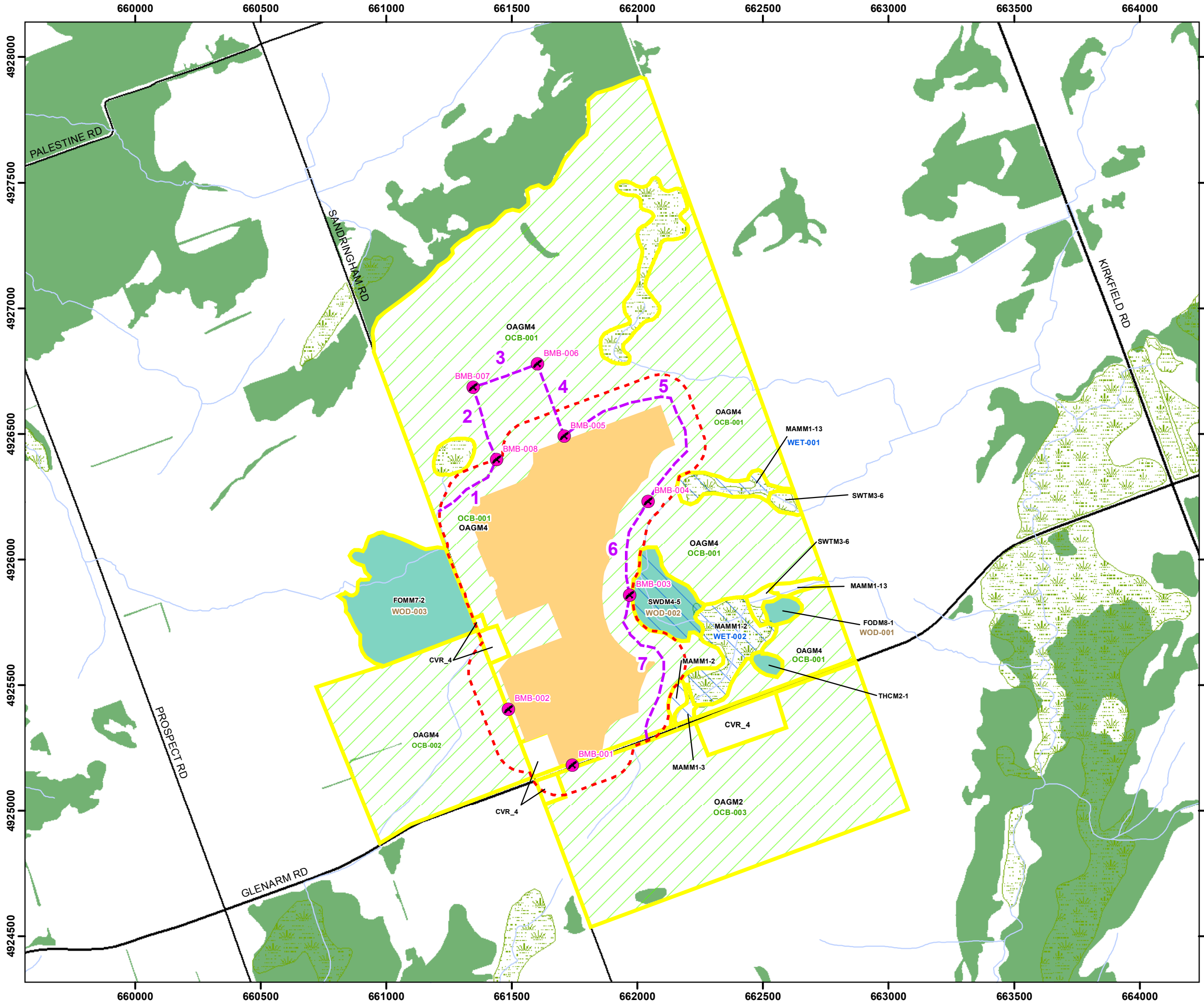
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Glenarm Solar Park

Open Country Breeding Bird Habitat Survey Locations

Legend


- Project Area (120m)
- Project Location
- Primary Road
- Secondary Road
- Watercourse
- Wetland Area (OBM)
- Wooded Area (OBM)
- Wetland Habitat (NRSI)
- Woodland Habitat (NRSI)
- Ecological Land Classification**
- (CVR_4) Rural Property
- (FODM8-1) Fresh – Moist Poplar Deciduous Forest Type
- (FOMM7-2) Fresh – Moist White Cedar – Hardwood Mixed Forest Type
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Candidate Significant Natural Features

- Open Country Bird Breeding Habitat

Open Country Breeding Bird Habitat Survey Location

- Point Count
- Transect Route




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ATTACHMENT D

Breeding Bird Survey Methodology

Open Country Breeding Bird and Habitat for Common Nighthawk Survey Methodology

Diurnal breeding bird surveys, following the methods outlined in the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas Guide for Participants (OBBA 2001), will be conducted during the 2012 breeding season between late May and early June and generally between dawn and 5 hours after sunrise. Breeding season surveys will be undertaken to determine which species displayed breeding behaviour in the project location. Breeding behaviour generally includes, but is not limited to, males singing, nest building, egg incubation, territorial defence, carrying food, and/or feeding their young. Surveys will be undertaken twice over the course of each breeding season (Visit 1 – late May to early-June, Visit 2 – early-June to mid-June) to ensure that both early and late breeders were detected.

The breeding bird surveys will consist of point counts in candidate avian habitat. Point counts are used to establish quantitative estimates of bird abundance in major habitat types of the study area. Breeding evidence for each bird species will be documented using Breeding Bird Atlas Evidence Codes. All point count locations were documented with a GPS coordinate in NAD 83.

Area searches will also be used to survey for breeding birds in candidate wildlife habitat. Area search surveys involved noting all individual bird species and their corresponding breeding evidence while traversing the project location on foot. The breeding evidence, habitat and location of each bird observation were also noted. Area search routes will be concentrated between point count locations.

In order to capture occurrence data and habitat use by crepuscular species, crepuscular bird surveys will also be undertaken over two visits from June to early July during periods with at least 50% lunar illumination and low cloud cover. These surveys followed the Nightjar Monitoring Protocol provided by the MNR (2011b) and generally consisted of point counts in the project location where suitable habitats for target species occurs. For all point count locations, a GPS coordinate in NAD 83 will be documented.