

Species at Risk Background and Species at Risk Screening Criteria

This appendix is to be utilized for Species at Risk Screening where required by the Official Plan. Additional criteria may be required by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Given the number of Species at Risk in the municipality and the complexities of Ontario's Endangered Species Act, an approach to screening development applications will proceed as follows.

Preliminary Species at Risk Screening

Where the Township determines that a preliminary Species at Risk Screening is required, the following information would be provided by the proponent to the Township and Ministry of Natural Resources:

- a) Air photo or similar map of the property with a sketch of the area to be affected by the proposed development, and
- b) General description of the proposed works associated with the development.

Once these materials have been received, the Township will consult with the Ministry of Natural Resources, to determine if a detailed Species at Risk screening will be required.

Detailed Species at Risk Screening

If it is determined that a detailed Species at Risk screening is required, the Township will require the following information be provided in the form of a Species at Risk Screening Report prepared by a qualified biologist as part of the development application:

- a) A description of the property to be affected by the proposed development application;
- b) A list of Species at Risk known or likely to occur in the area;
- c) A landscape / habitat assessment that defines habitat in the context of the Endangered Species Act and identifies constraint areas on the property to be affected by the proposed development application;
- d) Details outlining any expected impacts to Species at Risk or their habitat associated with the development application;

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- e) Mitigation measures to avoid impacts to Species at Risk or their habitat associated with the development application;
- f) If impacts are expected, confirmation that the Ministry of Natural Resources has been consulted, and:
 - i) The proposed mitigation is sufficient to ensure that a permit under the Endangered Species Act will not be required, or
 - ii) Confirmation that negotiations have been entered into with the Ministry of Natural Resources to acquire a permit under the Endangered Species Act.