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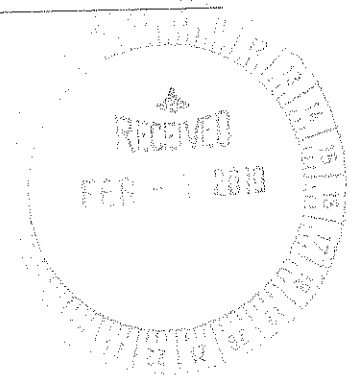


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Re: Proposed Montrose Pit – Request to Evaluate Wetland

In November, 2009, I became aware of two requests from the West Montrose Residents' Association Inc. (BridgeKeepers) to the Township of Woolwich requesting that an unevaluated wetland at West Montrose be evaluated in accordance with the protocols established by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). In a letter of November 25, 2009 the Ministry of Natural Resources committed to the evaluation of this wetland area.

I have now completed the evaluation of the wetland complex at West Montrose in accordance with the guidelines provided by our ministry in the *Ontario Wetland Evaluation System, Southern Manual (3rd edition)*. The northwestern cedar swamp wetland is one of 16 wetland areas that have been evaluated as a riverine wetland complex adjacent to the Grand River extending from near the village of Conestogo to West Montrose. In southern Ontario wetlands are provincially significant if they have a total score of 600 or more points or if they score 200 or more points in either the Biological component or the Special Features component. Based on all available information, this wetland complex, the *Winterbourne Riverine Wetland Complex*, has a total score of 520 points, a Biological component score of 100 points and a Special Features score of 187 points. This wetland complex is therefore a non Provincially Significant Wetland.

Wetland evaluations are conducted at a point in time and remain as open files. The evaluation, scoring and status of the wetland complex may be revised if new information becomes available. Please contact me at 519-826-4935 if you would like any additional information about this wetland evaluation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Diane Schwier, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources