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From: Gaweda, Joanna (MNR)
Sent: December 18, 2006 2:38 PM
To: LeMoire, Denis (MNR)
Subject: RE: alvar policies
Attachments: Braeside Alvar_ Briefing on a SWH component within McNab Township V 1.0.doc; App 1 alvar range.pdf

Denis, we thought the DSS is not very thorough or detailed enough...so we're working on some background info to share with Joe Gallivan as he asked for more detail/context for the alvar habitat. I thought I'd share with you as well FYI. I found Todd's note rather discouraging (below) and wonder how MNR can expect that the SWH portion of the PPS is actually getting implemented anywhere? Joe is interested in this feature and he may or may not call you or Greg at some point to chat about an approach...

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From: LeMoire, Denis (MNR)
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 1:52 PM
To: Gaweda, Joanna (MNR)
Subject: FW: alvar policies

Joanna – Did you need any further assistance with the alvar issue that you are dealing with?

Denis

From: LeMoire, Denis (MNR)
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2006 4:06 PM
To: Gaweda, Joanna (MNR); Griffiths, Katie (MNR); Norris, Todd (MNR); Boos, John (MNR); Pulham, Greg (MNR)
Cc: Coulson, Daryl (MNR); Moreau, Paul (MNR)
Subject: RE: alvar policies

Hi Joanna

I agree with Katie's comments. The Decision Support System should also be referenced.

Sorry for not responding sooner.

Denis

From: Gaweda, Joanna (MNR)
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2006 12:44 PM
To: LeMoire, Denis (MNR); Griffiths, Katie (MNR); Norris, Todd (MNR); Boos, John (MNR); Pulham, Greg (MNR)
Cc: Coulson, Daryl (MNR); Moreau, Paul (MNR)
Subject: FW: alvar policies

Thank you Todd and Katie. Our district is of the opinion that the Alvar, at least the lesser

disturbed portions, should be designated as SWH... we recommended it as high potential SWH in pre-consultation discussions with the Twp planner (the feature has not been 'evaluated'). Denis, Greg, John do you have any other suggestions, policies or experience you can share? Thanks in advance

From: Norris, Todd (MNR)
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2006 9:13 AM
To: Griffiths, Katie (MNR); Gaweda, Joanna (MNR)
Cc: LeMoire, Denis (MNR)
Subject: RE: alvar policies

Hi Katie and Joanna,

I would agree that such an alvar feature might be best captured within a Significant Wildlife Habitat designation as it probably doesn't fit within any other category. If as you indicate, the area also contains SAR, it would make sense to include it under SWH as most SAR do not have specific mapping protocols associated with them yet. The problem with the SWH designation is in getting the township or county to actually identify and map it in that regard under the one-window approach. I have been involved in a number of NH System Strategy projects in this district and not one of them has yet been implemented. Not sure what chance you might have of getting the township to consider 'one site' for SWH status.

If this feature is as rare in Pembroke District as I suspect it might be perhaps it should be considered for ANSI status although that process may be a very slow one as well. Not sure what Eco-district this would be in.

Unfortunately there are no quick and easy solutions to this issue.

Hope this helps,

Todd

From: Griffiths, Katie (MNR)
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2006 8:32 AM
To: Norris, Todd (MNR)
Subject: FW: alvar policies

Hi Todd,
Thought I would send this to you in case you have any thoughts about Alvar policies. In my mind, it should be addressed as per the Significant Wildlife Habitat Guidelines. Let me know if you have anything to add.

Katie

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From: Gaweda, Joanna (MNR)
Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2006 3:03 PM
To: LeMoire, Denis (MNR)
Cc: Griffiths, Katie (MNR); McGirr, Ron (MNR)
Subject: alvar policies

Good Aft,

We have an OP incoming from MAH for district input. One aspect of the natural heritage system is a unique alvar (at the northern extent of their range in ON, already under pressure from various land uses ie. aggregates, residential, golf course). Portions of this feature are very intact, others not so much so. Although this feature would be considered SWH, our ecologist knows of areas that contain species of conservation concern and possibly SAR. Almost entirely private land. I understand this feature is not designated as NHF/EP/or shown on land use schedules.

Denis, others could you please share any policy recommendations, draft policies, lessons learned from other similar situations (involving alvars) for our consideration?

Thanks very much,

Joanna

(Ps. I know there are some alvars in kemptville district and possibly in Peterborough area, so I thought I'd copy the others)

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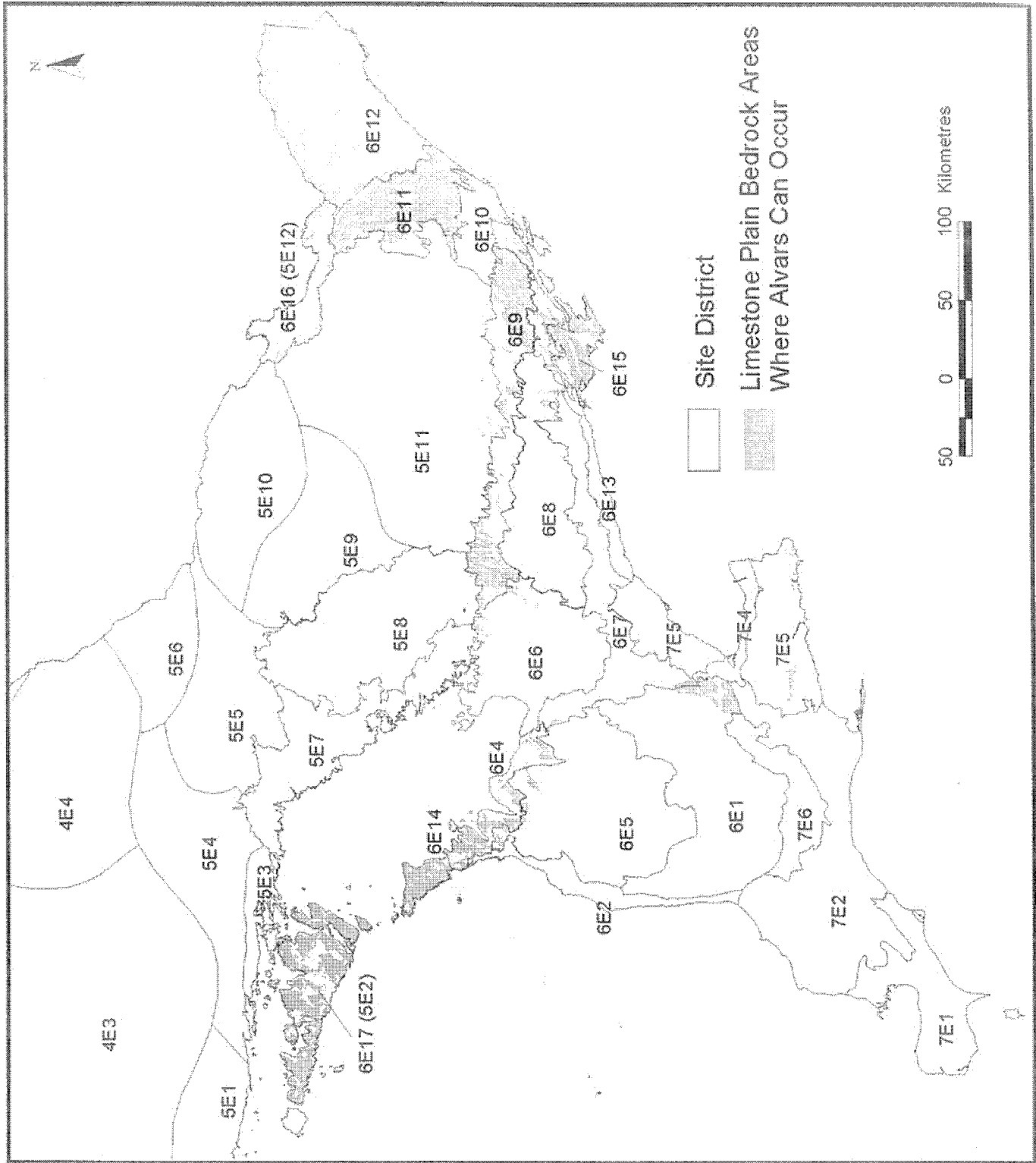


FIGURE 1: Ecological site regions and site districts, and limestone plains of Ontario's Great Lakes region.