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From: Gaweda, Joanna (MNR)
Sent: July 24, 2007 12:00 PM
To: Pulham, Greg (MNR)
Cc: Coulson, Daryl (MNR)
Subject: RE: alvar policies in OP's

Thanks Greg. This has been communicated clearly along the way so far. We will continue along these lines

From: Pulham, Greg (MNR)
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2007 10:29 AM
To: Boos, John (MNR); Gaweda, Joanna (MNR); LeMoire, Denis (MNR)
Subject: RE: alvar policies in OP's

Joanna,

Like John, I do not have samples of official plans. You could canvas the District Planners group for this info. I support John's suggestions, in particular stressing that the identification of alvars as significant wildlife habitat is based on the SWHTG. Demonstrating how and why alvars are SWH is essential because of the construct of the PPS (no specific reference to, or policy for alvars per se).

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From: Boos, John (MNR)
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Subject: RE: alvar policies in OP's

Joanna,

I don't have any examples or have direct access to OP's where Alvars have been identified and included within an OP. Denis or Greg may have access to this type of information. However, from an MNR perspective Alvars are included within our guidance document for SWH, The Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide, OMNR 2000. Therefore policy for an OP should be derived from this guidance and in meeting the test of the PPS for SWH. I would suggest that all alvars be identified up front and mapped boundaries be provided to the municipality (much like what is done for mapped Deer yards), these should be identified and recommended to the municipality as SWH. If you do not have this type of information on all alvar sites available, then wording suggesting evaluation for potential alvar sites should reference the SWHTG and reference the information provided on pg. 37 and 38 which provides a description of alvars and indicator species lists. Section 10 of the SWHTG provides a description on how much habitat to protect, with a Table 10-1 which suggest guidelines for protection, alvars are either considered rare vegetation communities or areas of high diversity. The PPS recognizes that not all significant resources are identified and evaluated, therefore there is room for site evaluation to confirm significance. I would suggest if this is pursued that candidate alvar sites be identified and any site evaluation should meet the alvar description and have a botanical evaluation identifying indicator species as outlined within the SWHTG.

Hope this helps,

Regards,

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From: Gaweda, Joanna (MNR)
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Subject: alvar policies in OP's

Denis, John, are you aware, or could you look into, any OP's that contain policies for consideration to alvars (or SWH, but that have references to alvars and some wording as to studies/assessments that may be required prior to development being approved). I could really use some background material for my involvement with the McNab Braeside OP over the next few weeks.

Thanks in advance,
Joanna