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From: Kor, Phil (MNR)
Sent: April 24, 2007 9:14 AM
To: Gaweda, Joanna (MNR); LeMoire, Denis (MNR); Crins, Bill (MNR)
Cc: Baldwin, Mitch (MNR)
Subject: RE: potential ANSI's on private & municipal land

Hi all,

If you would like me to comment from an earth science perspective, I would like to see the maps and info of the Laurentian Valley site. The alvar may also have ES values (limestone plain), but I would need to know its exact locations as well. Thanks Joanna. I'll get back to you with a date for the Ottawa River sites once I contact Dave.

Cheers.

Phil.

From: Gaweda, Joanna (MNR)
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2007 4:27 PM
To: Kor, Phil (MNR); LeMoire, Denis (MNR); Crins, Bill (MNR)
Cc: Baldwin, Mitch (MNR)
Subject: RE: potential ANSI's on private & municipal land

Phil, Bill:

Glad to hear you are planning to come to the Ottawa R ansi. Keep me abreast of the dates and I can call the landowner to make an arrangement a few days in advance.

Regarding the two sites: Both of these features are **not currently in 'candidate ansi' status**, but both likely have earth **and** life science values.

The Alvar site is part of a larger alvar in McNab Twp. This may be the only non-private parcel (ie. accessible). The municipality is inquiring about MNR interest in assessing an ANSI on this 100 acres or so in municipal ownership. *I'm curious to know from Bill whether in his analysis work on the Draft 6E 16 site district report, the Braeside Alvar is of interest for conservation? Is it of some significance or priority?* The Township is preparing their official plan. To date the District has suggested, through MAH, in a comment letter on the municipality's draft Official Plan, that the general alvar be afforded policy / assessment triggers as a significant wildlife habitat under the PPS. This way the Twp is free to use MNR's SWH technical criteria or to revert to criteria of preference to them when assessing and delineating a boundary on this feature. We are considering recommending the same for this municipal parcel, but if Bill's field support is at all available I'm sure the Twp would welcome it.

The kettle bog (and esker) site is in Laurentian Valley. In private hands. There is some growing interest from the academic/ science community around this one. The district is planning to stay out of the local planning issue but will likely be involved in an ARA application in the next couple of years.

Please confirm if you wish to receive the general maps of where these sites are and the supporting information.
Thanks
joanna

From: Kor, Phil (MNR)
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2007 2:38 PM
To: Gaweda, Joanna (MNR); Crins, Bill (MNR); LeMoire, Denis (MNR)
Cc: Baldwin, Mitch (MNR); Webster, David (MNR)

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Hi Joanna,

The ANSI information you have should be forwarded to Bill and I for evaluation. Maps and boundaries would be preferred. It is not clear from your note whether or not the ANSIs already exist, or if these folks are wanting ANSI status on their properties. Do you have the names and locations of the ANSIs if they exist already? If the sites have a life science focus, the info would normally go through the District Ecologist. In this case, Bill and Mitch had a call together last week and may have answered some of these questions. If the sites have an earth science focus, I should see them and will provide a review and evaluation.

The ANSI confirmation process is almost completed, but still needs a lengthy process through the EBR and sign-off at Main Office.

I am still very interested in seeing the karst features on the Ottawa River, but at this point can't get out there until the week of 14 May. I am trying to coordinate with David so he can come along as well. I'll contact you then. I am in the office tomorrow (24th) if you want to talk about this.

Thanks for your perseverance!

Phil.

From: Gaweda, Joanna (MNR)
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2007 1:24 PM
To: Kor, Phil (MNR); Crins, Bill (MNR); LeMoire, Denis (MNR)
Cc: Baldwin, Mitch (MNR)
Subject: potential ANSI's on private & municipal land

Good Morning!

I've had correspondence inquiries from a) a landowner ('s lawyer) who claims he has an ANSI (unique kettle bog associated with an adjacent esker) or a PSW on his land and b) a municipality who would like to know if they have an ANSI (portion of an extensive alvar) on municipal lands. To date neither ANSI's nor PSW's have been evaluated/confirmed for these two properties. There are development proposals being considered in the vicinity of both these locations/inquiries. Both have requested that MNR evaluate or confirm if an ANSI exists. A) has asked that the District pass on their file to the main office contacts in Peterborough while B) would like to know who to contact. I'm not the ANSI contact in the district, our Ecologist is on leave. I don't know of any new ANSI confirmation projects on the go anywhere in the Region. How should I be responding regarding MNR role in identifying ANSI's? Is there a final version of the ANSI confirmation procedure and should I pass this on? If a call is warranted I'd like to propose the 24th (Tues).

On a side note Phil, are you planning to visit the Ottawa R. Rapides Paquette (unconfirmed) ANSI to confirm the boundary? The municipality will likely forge ahead with a new Zoning Bylaw this spring and the District will not be in a position to defend the old/wrong boundary, knowing full well that there is an incredible feature there.

Thanks in advance,
joanna