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**Sent:** May 19, 2004 10:31 AM  
**To:** MNR, Daryl Coulson  
**Subject:** Sand Point alvar  
**Attachments:** aerial - areas.doc

Hi Daryl:

'Member we talked about checking out that alvar area near Braeside - Sand Point some time ? Well, we have extra incentive to do so this year.

The owner of a large land parcel near Sand Point (see attached) is offering to donate it to Ottawa Rverkeeper "*if it's of any interest*" - it makes up a huge chunk of the alvar ! I looked at the wooded, western end last weekend and even despite the early season I found 80 native species, including PS *Astragalus neglectus*. The alvar forest habitat is in excellent condition, with relatively little invasive impact evident (except for the ubiquitous *Euphorbia cyparissias*). And Bill Crins has seen *Pterospora* and *Cypripedium arietinum* in the property to the south. What a gem !

Needless to say, ORK is pursuing this offer enthusiastically. I will want to get back in, this time in the central open alvar area and into the woodland to the east (area C), probably in early June. Want to join me ? In the interim, though, I was wondering if you could provide better, more up-to-date aerial photos of the site. This is a 1986 print blown up from 1:50,000 scale.

Exciting stuff, eh ?

Cheers,  
Dan

P.S. This is CONFIDENTIAL information right now so please keep it to yourself; I have no authorization from the owner or ORK to be sharing this info.

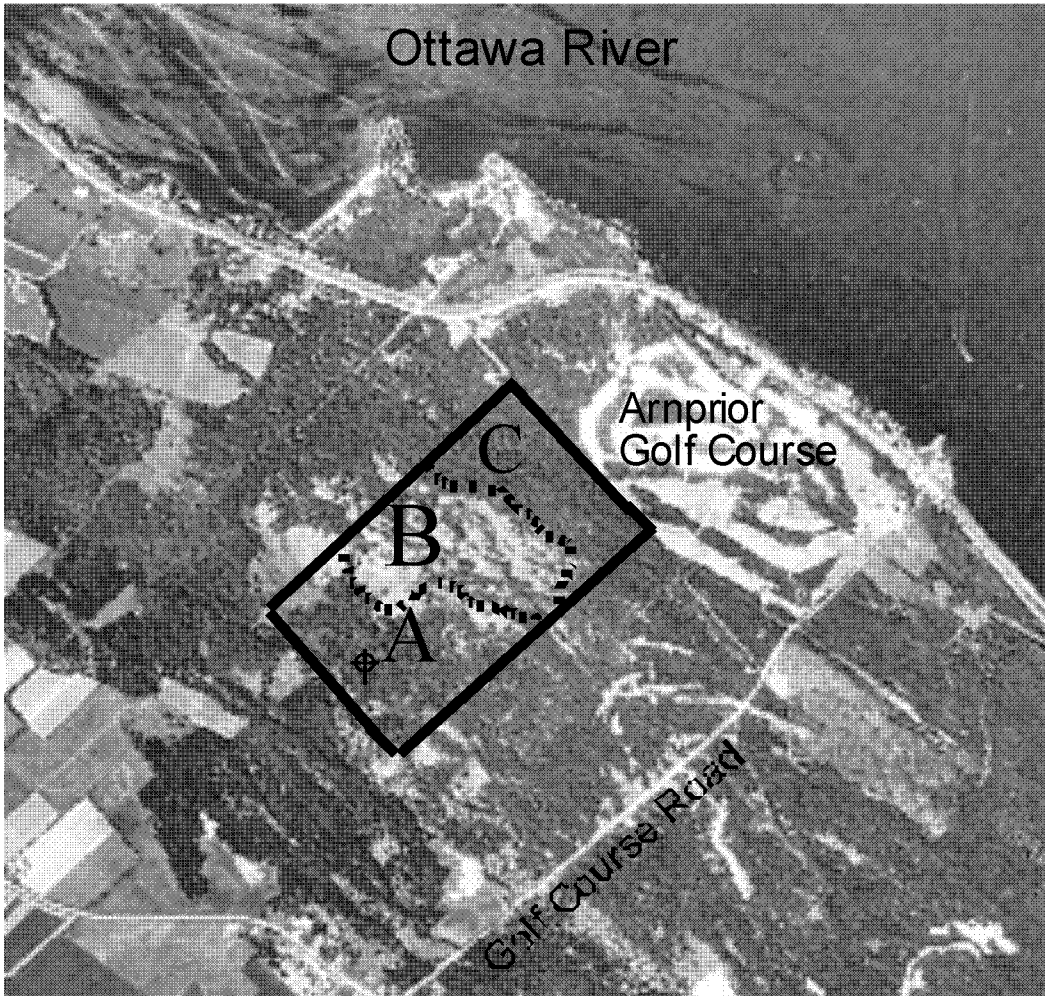
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Bula Property (approximate boundary), Sand Point, Renfrew Co., Ontario

(from reconn, 16 May 2004)



(Aerial photo: A27136, summer 1986)

Area A - young to mature alvar coniferous forest (White Cedar, White Spruce, White Pine) with small intervening alvar bedrock barrens and shallow beaver ponds;

Area B - alvar rock barren [globally rare vegetation]

Area C - unknown - apparently a mixture of younger alvar forest and young to submature hardwood forest

x = location of Provincially Rare Cooper's milk-vetch (*Astragalus neglectus*)