

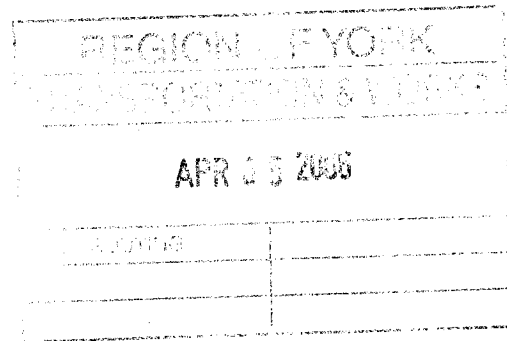
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Mr. Ian Buchanan
Manager of Natural Heritage and Forestry Services
Roads Branch
Transportation and Works Department
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1



Dear Mr. Buchanan:

RE: REQUESTED COMMENTS ON FOREST CONSERVATION BY-LAW SPECIAL
PERMIT APPLICATION – GOKKURT, TOWN OF GEORGINA

This property is within the Natural Heritage System of the Protected Countryside in the Greenbelt Plan area and is situated between two evaluated provincially significant wetlands to the north and southwest respectively.

Within the triangle formed by Old Shiloh Road, Park Road and the CN Railway, the larger northern woodland patch of 6.9 ha contains a 4 ha unevaluated wetland as well as a stream flowing northward, and is within 30 m of the provincially significant Zephyr-Egypt wetland complex which occurs in conjunction with the Zephyr Creek Swamp regionally significant life science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest. The property's southcentral woodland patch of 0.7 ha is also an unevaluated wetland and is within 70 m of the provincially significant Black River wetland complex. The Greenbelt Plan considers all wetlands (whether evaluated or not) within the Natural Heritage System to be key natural heritage features. As such, in accordance with the Greenbelt Plan, development or site alteration should not be permitted. The woodlands adjacent and associated with such wetlands or streams may also be considered significant natural heritage features. Woodlands adjacent to watercourses or surface water features appear to fall within the significant woodland criteria adopted by York Region.

The features are identified on the attached map. If there are any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned at 905-713-7714.

Yours truly,

Bohdan I. Kowalyk, R.P.F.
Aurora District Forester

