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Sites Proposed to be Regulated under the Provincial Parks and
Conservation Reserves Act, 2006

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Introduction

Ontario is proposing to expand its protected area system by establishing or increasing the size of a number of provincial parks and conservation reserves under the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006* (PPCRA). The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) is proposing to expand the boundaries of 27 existing protected areas by amending O. Reg. 316/07: (Designation and Classification of Provincial Park) and O. Reg. 315/07: Designation of Conservation Reserves) under the PPCRA.

Under the PPCRA, hunting is permitted in a conservation reserve and is not permitted in a provincial park unless it is allowed by regulation made under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997* (FWCA). Should the proposal to regulate a particular site proceed, the Ministry of Natural Resources intends to propose corresponding amendments to O. Reg. 663/98 (Area Descriptions) under the FWCA, where required, to implement the proposal.

The associated Environment Registry of Ontario (ERO) proposal notice (019-8618) includes a list of sites that Ontario is proposing to advance for regulation as either a new or addition to a provincial park or conservation reserve. This is a supplemental document to that proposal notice posting and contains additional site-specific details for each proposed site with a map of the proposed lands to be regulated.

Recognizing the large number of sites under this proposal, we have divided the sites into geographic regions based on the five (5) Ontario Parks Administrative Zones to better support this review and ability for the public to provide feedback.

These zones are as follows:

1. Algonquin Zone (ALZ)
2. Northeast Zone (NEZ)
3. Northwest Zone (NWZ)
4. Southeast Zone (SEZ)
5. Southwest Zone (SWZ)

This proposal represents an initial list of sites the ministry is putting forward for consultation for potential regulation. The ministry is continuing to collect information through this consultation and with support from its partner ministries, to inform a list of sites to proceed to regulation.

If sites proposed for regulation are regulated as provincial parks or conservation reserves, this would not prohibit Indigenous communities from exercising their Aboriginal and treaty rights. Indigenous communities could still exercise these rights in

the provincial parks or conservation reserves subject to safety and conservation concerns.

Comments and feedback on the ERO proposal notice (019-8618) can be provided on any of the listed sites and may also be general in nature. Please see the ERO proposal notice for details on how to provide comments.

Algonquin Zone (ALZ)

Proposed Site List

1. Bass Lake Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Bass Lake Provincial Park by adding four (4) parcels totaling approximately 182 hectares (ha) (~450 acres (ac)) using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

Bass Lake Provincial Park is a 65 ha (~160 ac) operating, recreational class park that was established in 1957. The park is located on the southeast shore of Bass Lake, four kilometers (km) west of Orillia (see map).

This site is representative of Ontario's Barrie Ecodistrict (6E-6) situated in the Georgian Bay Ecoregion. The park protects a maple/beech forest community and supports a representative rich ground flora. It also features a segment of the glacial Lake Algonquin Bluff.

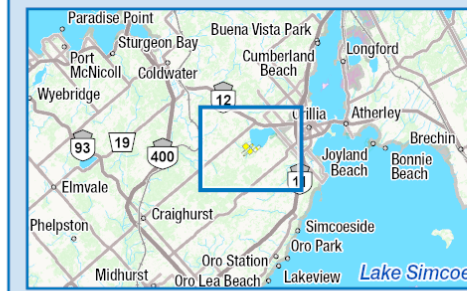
The proposed additions include wetland waterfront on Bass Lake. Adding these lands to the park will further protect this provincially significant swamp-marsh wetland complex.

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

Hunting is not currently permitted in this provincial park. The proposal is to not allow hunting in the proposed additions.

Please see below for a map of the proposed additions

Proposed Bass Lake Provincial Park Addition



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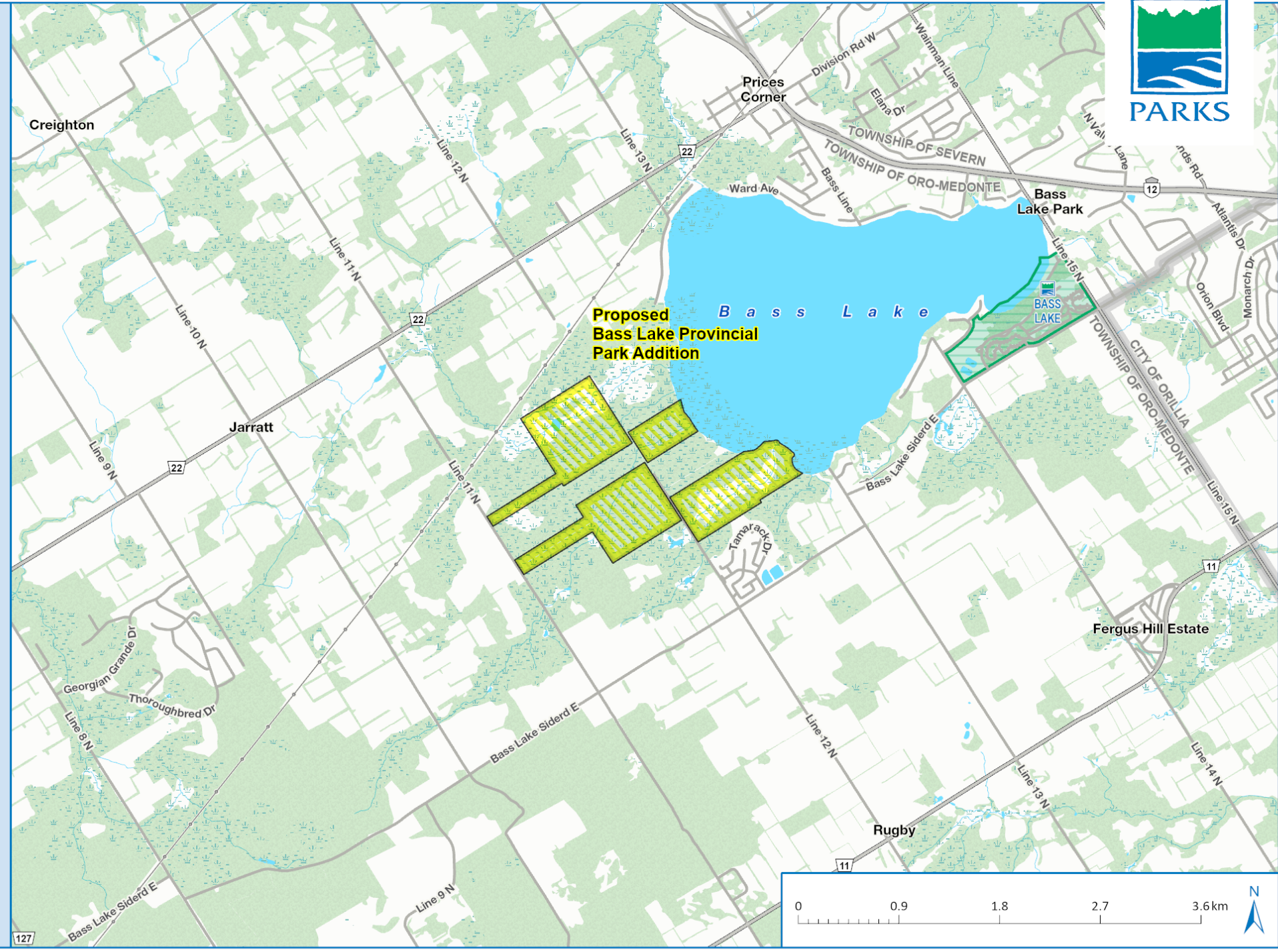
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Northeast Zone (NEZ)
Proposed Site List

2. Algoma Headwaters Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Algoma Headwaters Provincial Park by adding approximately 627 ha (~1,549 ac) on the western side of, and contiguous with the existing Algoma Headwaters Provincial Park that was previously identified for protection under OLL.

Algoma Headwaters Provincial Park is a 42,736 ha (~105,603 ac), non-operating natural environment class park that was established in 2003. The proposed Algoma Headwaters Provincial Park Addition is 90 km northeast of Sault Ste Marie and 50 km south of Chapleau (see map).

This site is within Georgian Bay Ecoregion (5E), in the Southern Superior Ecodistrict (5E-13) in Ontario. The proposed provincial park addition occurs in an area with old growth white and red pine and sugar maple - yellow birch forests.

The proposed addition of this land to Algoma Headwaters Provincial Park would protect extensive forest habitat with seasonal vernal pools supporting a diversity of wildlife. This proposed addition will allow for recreation opportunities such as hiking, wildlife viewing, camping, hunting, cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

Previous consultations

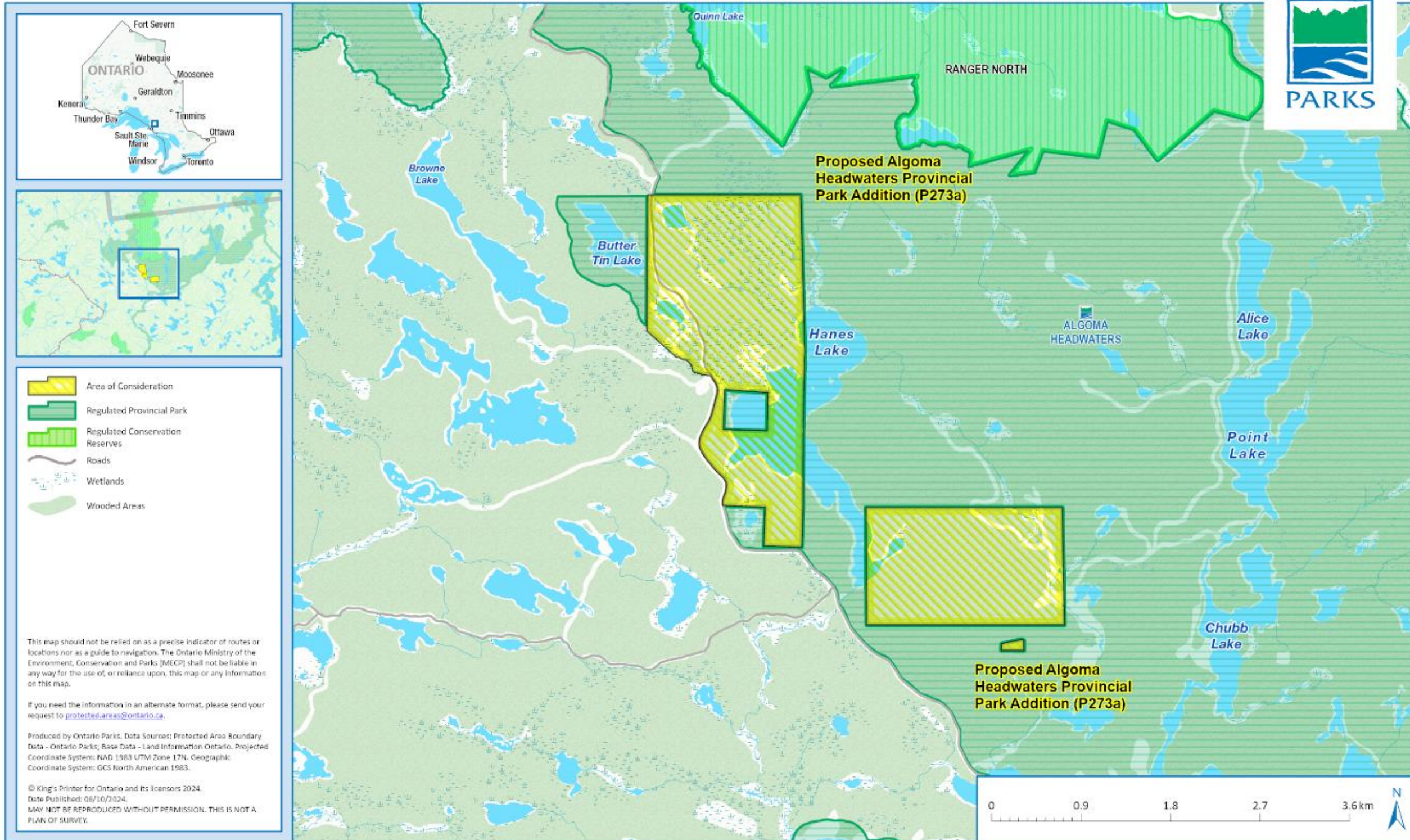
Note: this site was previously consulted on, including in 1999 under OLL (see ERO posting PB7E4003)

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

Hunting is currently permitted in this provincial park under O. Reg. 663/98 of the FWCA. The proposal is to continue to allow sustainable hunting in the proposed addition consistent with the existing park hunting regulations under O. Reg. 665/98 of the FWCA.

Please see below for a map of the proposed addition

Proposed Algoma Headwaters Provincial Park Addition (P273a)



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- Regulated Conservation Reserves
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3. Chapleau-Nemegosenda Rivers Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Chapleau-Nemegosenda River Provincial Park by adding approximately 4,311 ha (~10,653 ac) that was previously identified for protection under OLL.

In addition, we are proposing a minor amendment to correct an error by pluralizing the name of the provincial park to reflect that the park protects two distinct, parallel rivers. The proposed provincial park name would change from Chapleau-Nemegosenda River Provincial Park to Chapleau-Nemegosenda Rivers Provincial Park.

Chapleau-Nemegosenda River Provincial Park is 120 km long approximately 17,732 ha (~43,816 ac) non-operating, waterway class park that links two parallel Arctic headwater rivers in Northeastern Ontario and was established in 2006. Chapleau-Nemegosenda River Provincial Park is 400 km northwest of Sudbury (see map).

This waterway park occurs within the Lake Abitibi Ecoregion within Foleyet Ecodistrict (3E-5). This waterway park follows the Chapleau-Nemegosenda Rivers that flow north in the Arctic watershed.

The proposed addition to the park would include significant wetlands in the north of the park, as well as expand the park boundary to 200 metres from water's edge along both rivers to meet Ontario Parks' minimum standard for waterway class parks.

Previous Consultation

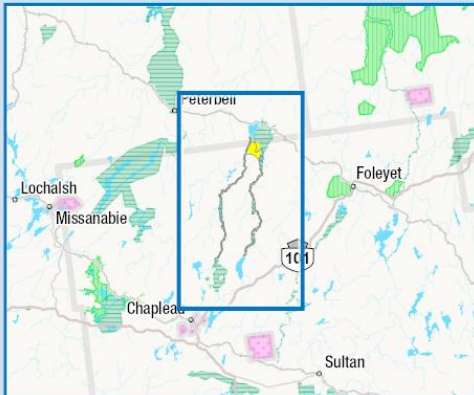
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Proposed changes to regulate hunting

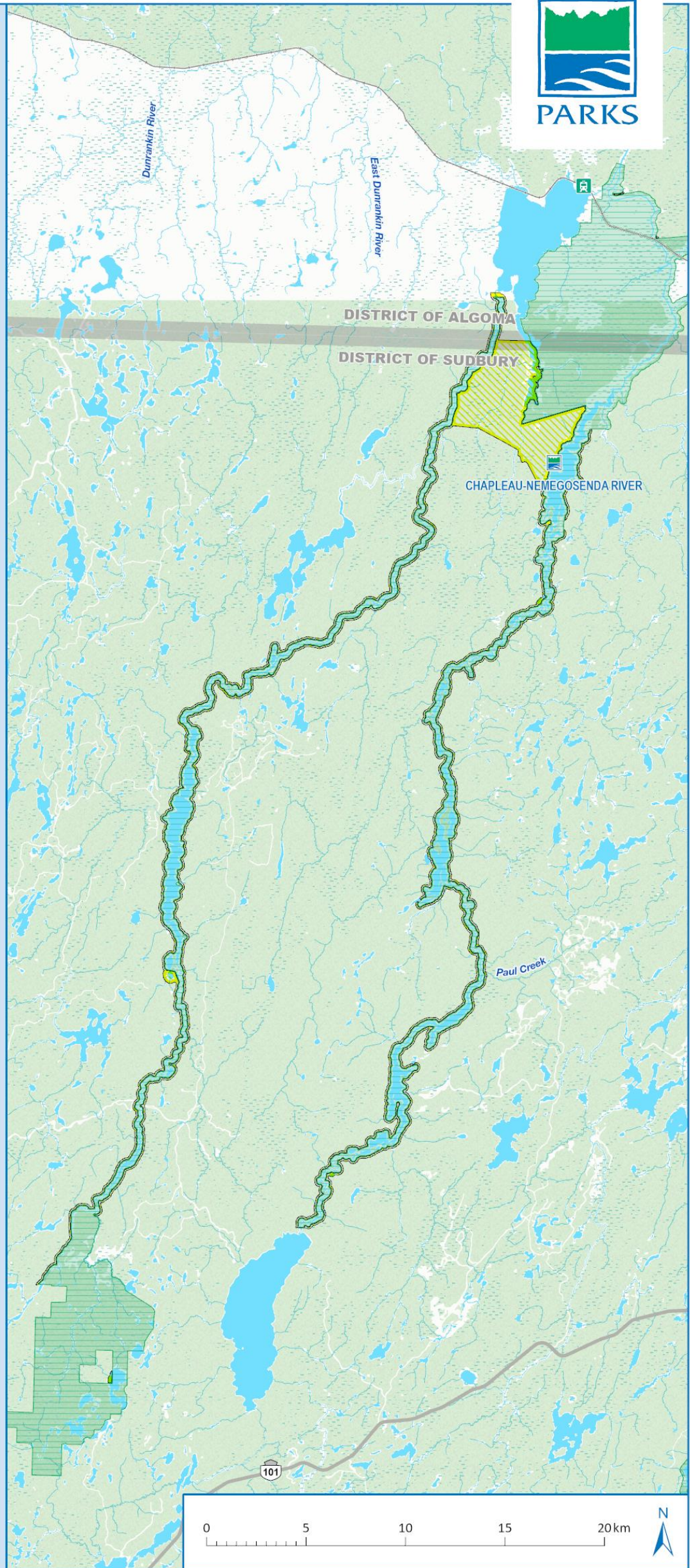
Hunting is currently permitted in this protected area under O. Reg. 663/98 of the FWCA, except that part situated in the Chapleau Crown Game Reserve. The proposal is to continue to allow sustainable hunting in the proposed addition consistent with the existing park hunting regulations under O. Reg. 665/98 of the FWCA.

Please see below for a map of the proposed addition

Proposed Chapleau-Nemegosenda Rivers Provincial Park Addition (P1546a)



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4. Chutes Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Chutes Provincial Park by adding approximately 2 ha (~5 ac) on the west side of the existing provincial park boundary using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

Chutes Provincial Park is a 108 ha (~267 ac) operating, recreational class park that was established in 1970. Chutes Provincial Park is beside the Town of Massey, 93 km west of Sudbury and 448 km north of Toronto (see [map](#)).

Chutes Provincial Park Addition is within Ontario's Sudbury Ecodistrict (5E-4). The park straddles the very scenic River aux Sables.

The proposed addition includes a forested area along the park boundary. Adding this land to the provincial park would further protect continuous forest habitat.

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

Hunting is not currently permitted in this provincial park. The proposal is to not allow hunting in the proposed addition as it is adjacent to the municipality of Massey and beside a regional road.

Please see below for a map of the proposed addition

Proposed Chutes Provincial Park Addition



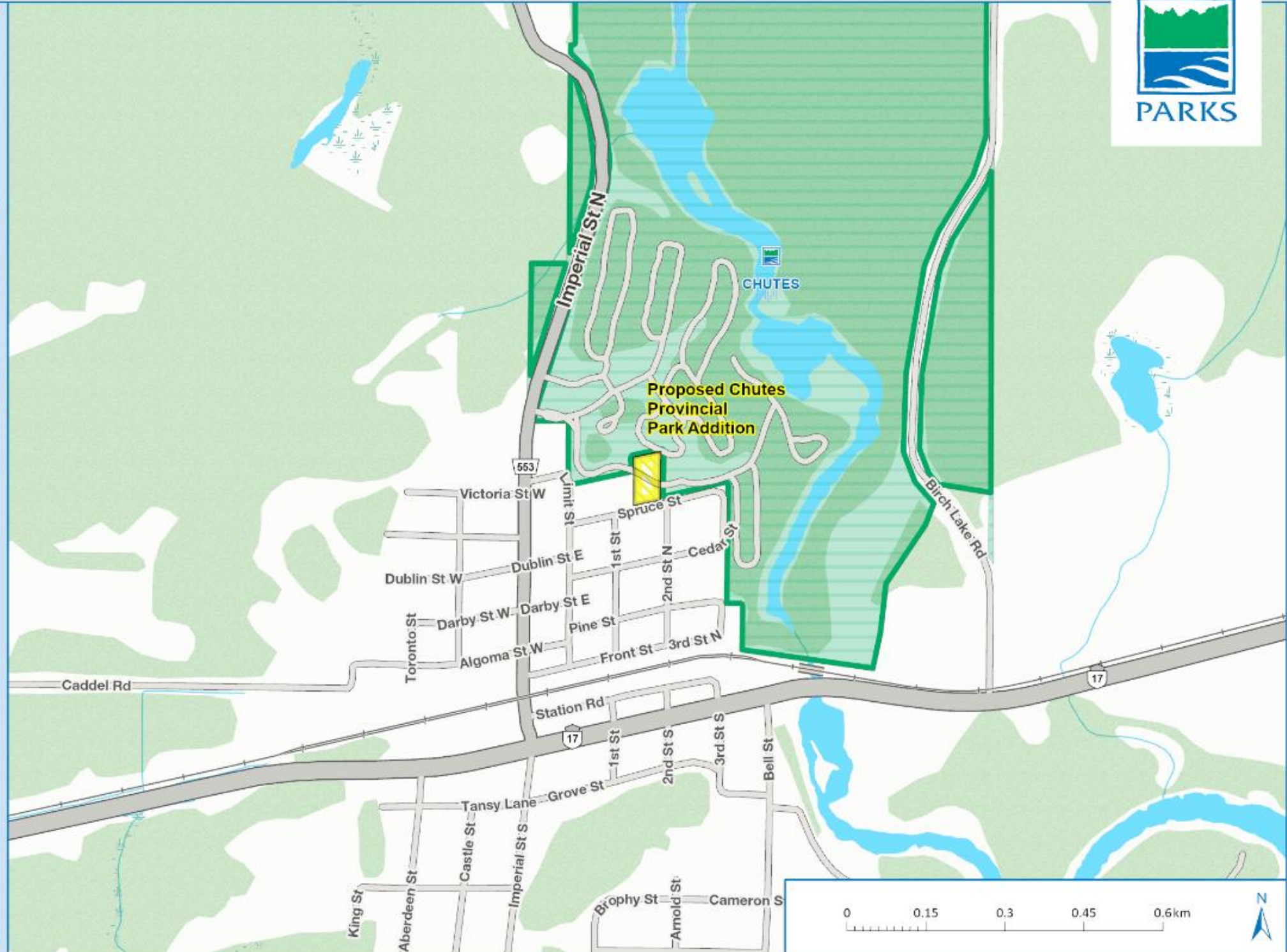
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5. Englehart River Fine Sand Plain and Waterway Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Englehart River Fine Sand Plain and Waterway Provincial Park by adding approximately one (1) parcel 60 ha (~148 ac) using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

Englehart River and Fine Sand Plain Provincial Park is a 4,041 ha (~9,986 ac) non-operating, waterway class park that was established in 2002. It is approximately 48 km southwest of the Town of Kirkland Lake and 20 km west of the Town of Englehart (see [map](#)).

This site occurs within the Lake Abitibi and Lake Temagami Ecoregions and crosses through Ontario's Foleyet Ecodistrict (3E-5) and New Liskeard Ecodistrict (4E-5). The Englehart River Provincial Park includes habitats in river delta and floodplain with the waterway channel having varying sections of deep open water, marsh, swamp, fen habitats and adjacent upland mixed forests.

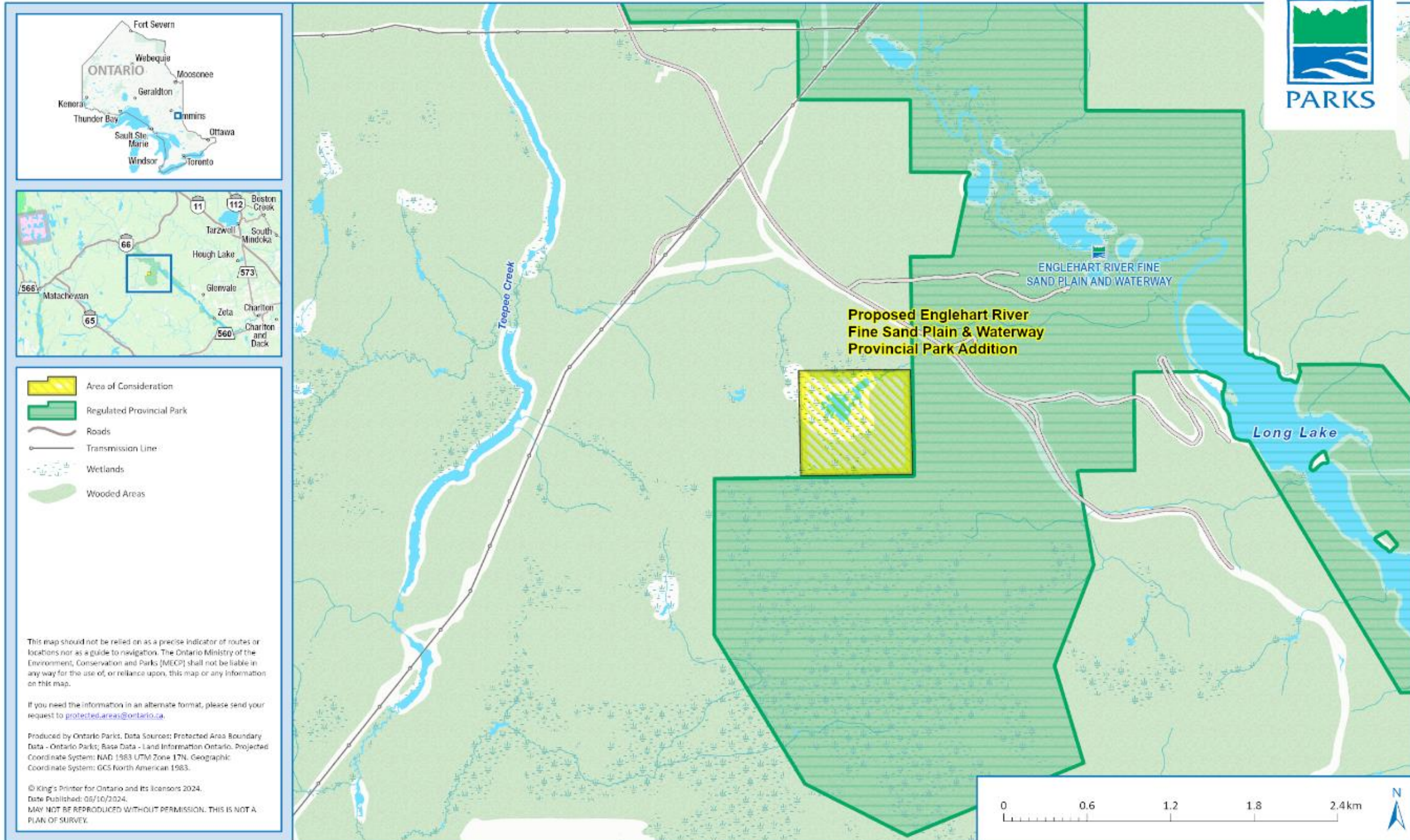
The proposed addition includes additional areas of riparian wetlands and forested uplands and will further protect continuous habitats along the river that will complement existing natural and cultural values and ecological integrity of the park.

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

Hunting is currently permitted in this provincial park under O. Reg. 663/98 of the FWCA. The proposal is to continue to allow sustainable hunting in the proposed addition consistent with the existing park hunting regulations under O. Reg. 665/98 of the FWCA.

Please see below for a map of the proposed addition

Proposed Englehart River Fine Sand Plain & Waterway Provincial Park Addition



6. Spanish River Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Spanish River Provincial Park by adding approximately 426 ha (1,053 ac) downstream of the existing Spanish River Provincial Park using lands previously identified for protection under OLL.

Spanish River Provincial Park is an operating, waterway class park with 35,386 ha (~87,440 ac) that was established in 2001. The proposed Spanish River Provincial Park Addition is 80 km west of Sudbury and 10 km south of Massey (see [map](#)).

This proposed site is within Georgian Bay Ecoregion in La Cloche Ecodistrict (5E-3) in Ontario. The proposed park addition is an area with low islands bounded by braided small channels and riparian wetlands at the mouth of the Spanish River entering the North Channel of Lake Huron. It is a migratory stop over for birds and has wetland birds and species at risk using the area in the breeding season.

Adding these proposed additions would complement the diversity represented in the park. Existing and future recreation opportunities will be managed within policies for a waterway class park: boating, canoeing, kayaking, wildlife viewing, hunting, cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

Previous consultation

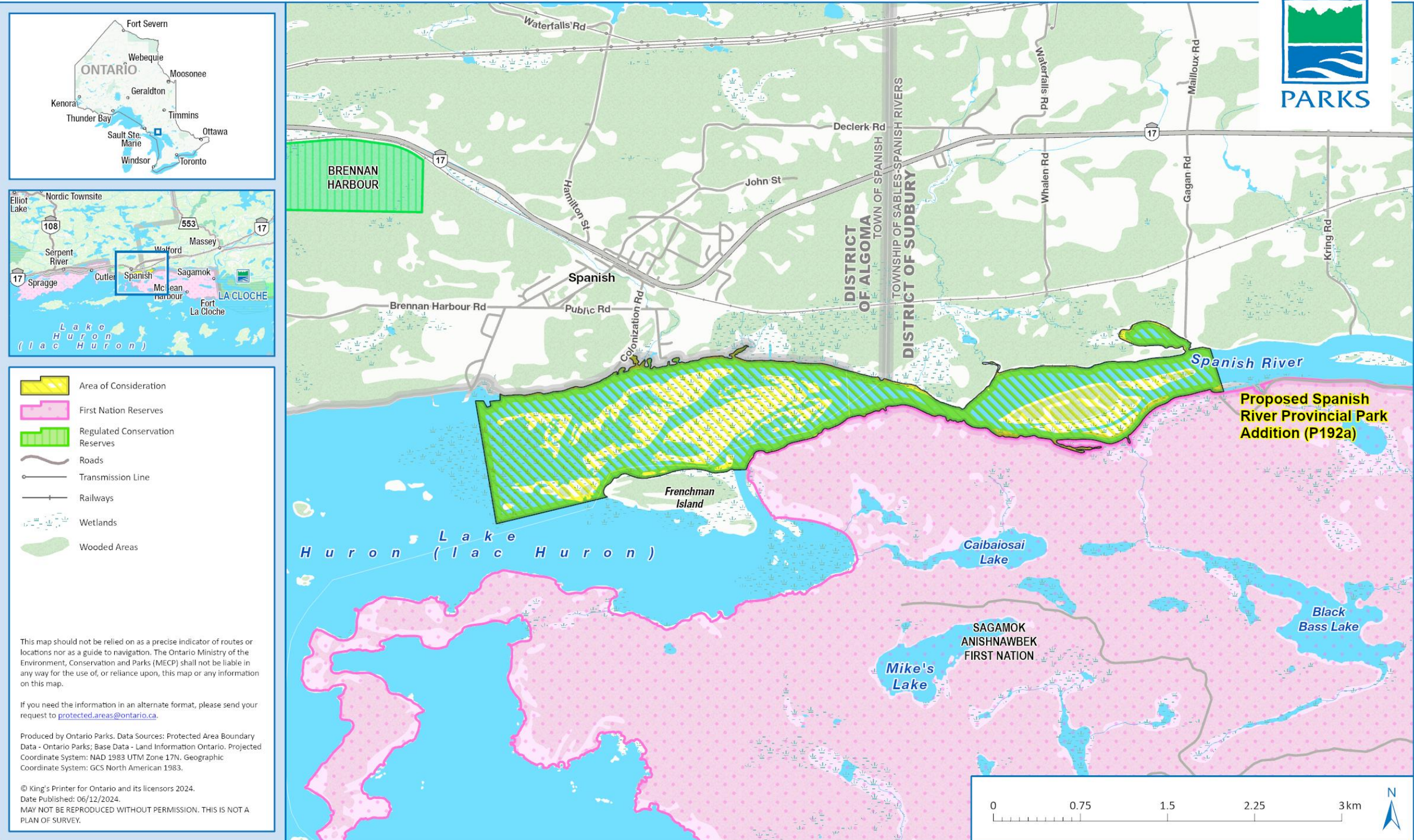
Note: this site was previously consulted on, including in 1999 under OLL (see ERO posting [PB7E4003](#))[PB7E4003](#))

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

Hunting is currently permitted in this provincial park under O. Reg 663/98 of the FWCA. The proposal is to continue to allow sustainable hunting in the proposed addition consistent with the existing park hunting regulations under O. Reg. 665/98 of the FWCA.

Please see below for a map of the proposed addition

Proposed Spanish River Provincial Park Addition (P192a)



7. Island Lake Forest and Barrens Conservation Reserve Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Island Lake Forest and Barrens Conservation Reserve by adding approximately 82 ha (~202 ac) using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

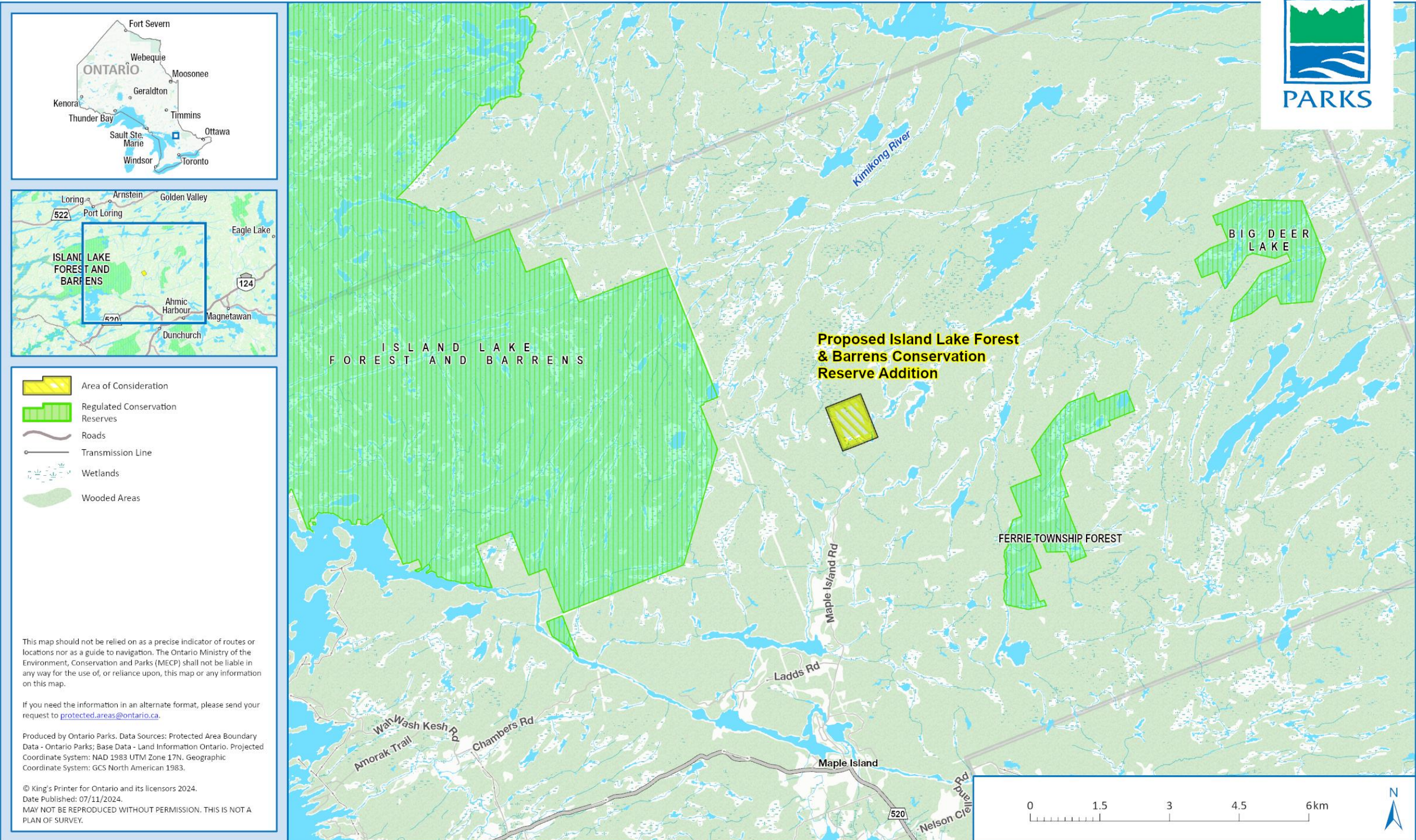
Island Lake Forest and Barrens Conservation Reserve is a 15,473 ha (~38,234 ac) conservation reserve that was established in 2000. It is located about 45 km north of the Town of Parry Sound and about 11 km northwest of the hamlet of Dunchurch, within the Municipality of Whitestone (see map).

The site is within Ontario's western range of Ontario's Georgian Bay Ecodistrict (5E-7). The site has significant wilderness value and encompasses large areas of relatively remote pristine coniferous and tolerant hardwood forest and rock barrens habitat. Owing to its size, the conservation reserve contains a diversity of botanical and wildlife habitats. The area includes a number of species of Atlantic Coastal Plain flora, some of which are provincially rare.

These proposed additions would increase the reserve boundary and protect a larger area of significant pristine wilderness. This will ensure the provincially rare species that inhabit this reserve will be preserved.

Please see below for a map of the proposed additions

Proposed Island Lake Forest & Barrens Conservation Reserve Addition



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8. Ivanhoe River Clay Plain Conservation Reserve Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Ivanhoe River Clay Plain Conservation Reserve by adding approximately 2,900 ha (~7166 ac) using lands that were previously identified for protection as a result of OLL.

Ivanhoe River Clay Plain Conservation Reserve (C1558) is a 7,071 ha conservation reserve. The proposed Ivanhoe River Clay Plain Conservation Reserve Addition is 90 km northwest of the Township of Chapleau and the village of Foleyet. The proposed conservation reserve addition is on the northwest side and connected to the existing conservation reserve.

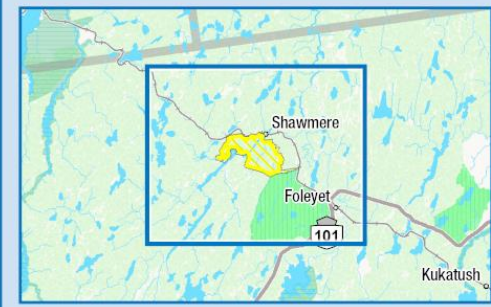
This site is within Lake Abitibi Ecoregion in the Foleyet Ecodistrict (3E-5) in Ontario. The Lake Abitibi Ecoregion (3E) contains moderately to gently rolling bedrock, generally covered by deep deposits of clay, silt and sand. Foleyet Ecodistrict is a landscape of gently rolling plains with thinly covered rock knobs, sandy outwash and silty deposits. The most dominant forest community is upland poplar hardwood and mixed wood forest communities in the site. White birch dominate mixed wood communities. Jack pine stands grow in well drained uplands that add to the diversity of this site. Black spruce forest communities occur throughout the site associated with the lowlands along streams and wetlands. In addition, there are pockets of old cedar dominated stands in lowlands. The site complements the existing conservation reserve's ecological values.

Previous consultations

Note: this site was previously consulted on, including in 1999 under OLL (see ERO posting PB7E4003) and in 2008 (see ERO posting 010-2514).

Please see below for a map of the proposed addition

Proposed Ivanhoe River Clay Plain Conservation Reserve Addition



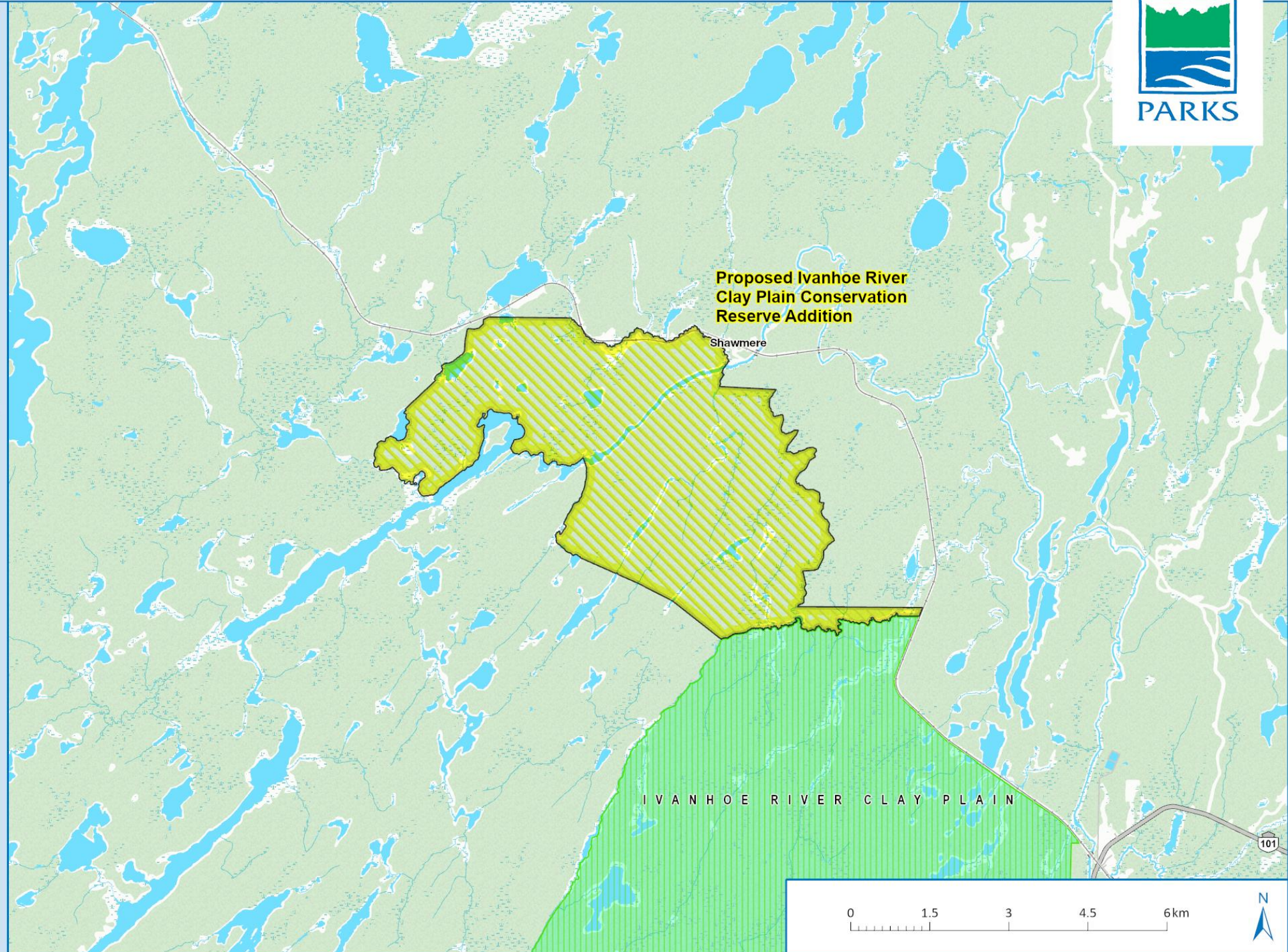
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9. North Muskego River Mixed Forest Conservation Reserve Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of North Muskego River Mixed Forest Conservation Reserve by adding one (1) approximately 6 ha (~15 ac) to the existing North Muskego River Mixed Forest Conservation Reserve using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

The proposed North Muskego River Mixed Forest Conservation Reserve is a 2,865 ha (~7,080 ac) and was established in 2005. It is situated 40 km southwest of the municipality of Smooth Rock Falls, Ontario (see [map](#)). The proposed addition is located on the eastern side and connected to the existing North Muskego River Mixed Forest Conservation Reserve.

This site is located within Lake Abitibi Ecoregion in the Smokey Falls Ecodistrict, 3E-1 in Ontario. The proposed conservation reserve addition occurs in weakly broken ground moraine with a spruce dominated forest.

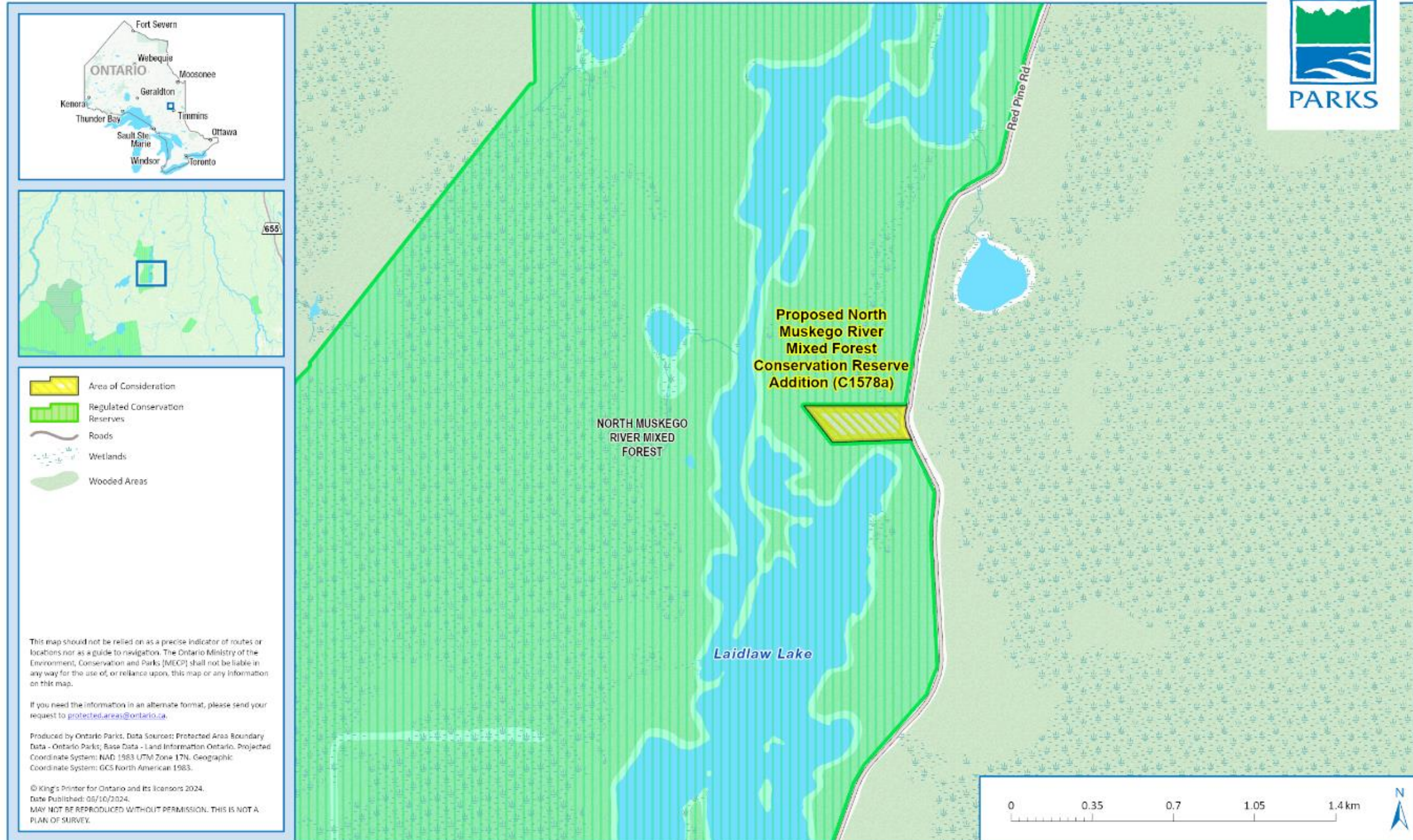
The proposed addition would complement the existing conservation reserve's values.

Previous consultation

Note: this site was previously consulted on, including in 1999 under OLL (see ERO posting [PB7E4003](#))[PB7E4003](#))

Please see below for a map of the proposed addition

Proposed North Muskego River Mixed Forest Conservation Reserve Addition (C1578a)



10. Severn River Conservation Reserve Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Severn River Conservation Reserve by adding approximately 38 ha (~95 ac) using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

Severn River Conservation Reserve is a 9,927 ha (~24,530) conservation reserve that was established in 2003. It is located 10 km west of the town centre of Gravenhurst, within the District Municipality of Muskoka (see [map](#)).

The site is within the southern range of Ontario's Georgian Bay's Ecodistrict (5E-7). This site is linked to two conservation reserves: Morrison Lake Wetland Conservation Reserve to the east; and Torrance Barrens Conservation Reserve to the north. The reserve occupies a large area of open and treed rock barrens with a broad range of peatland and wetland types, numerous small lakes, and two major river corridors. The site is characterized by moderately rolling gneissic ridges with very thin soil cover. Open forests of white pine, red oak and white oak occur on the ridges and on some side slopes. This landscape provides habitat for 21 provincially significant flora and fauna species.

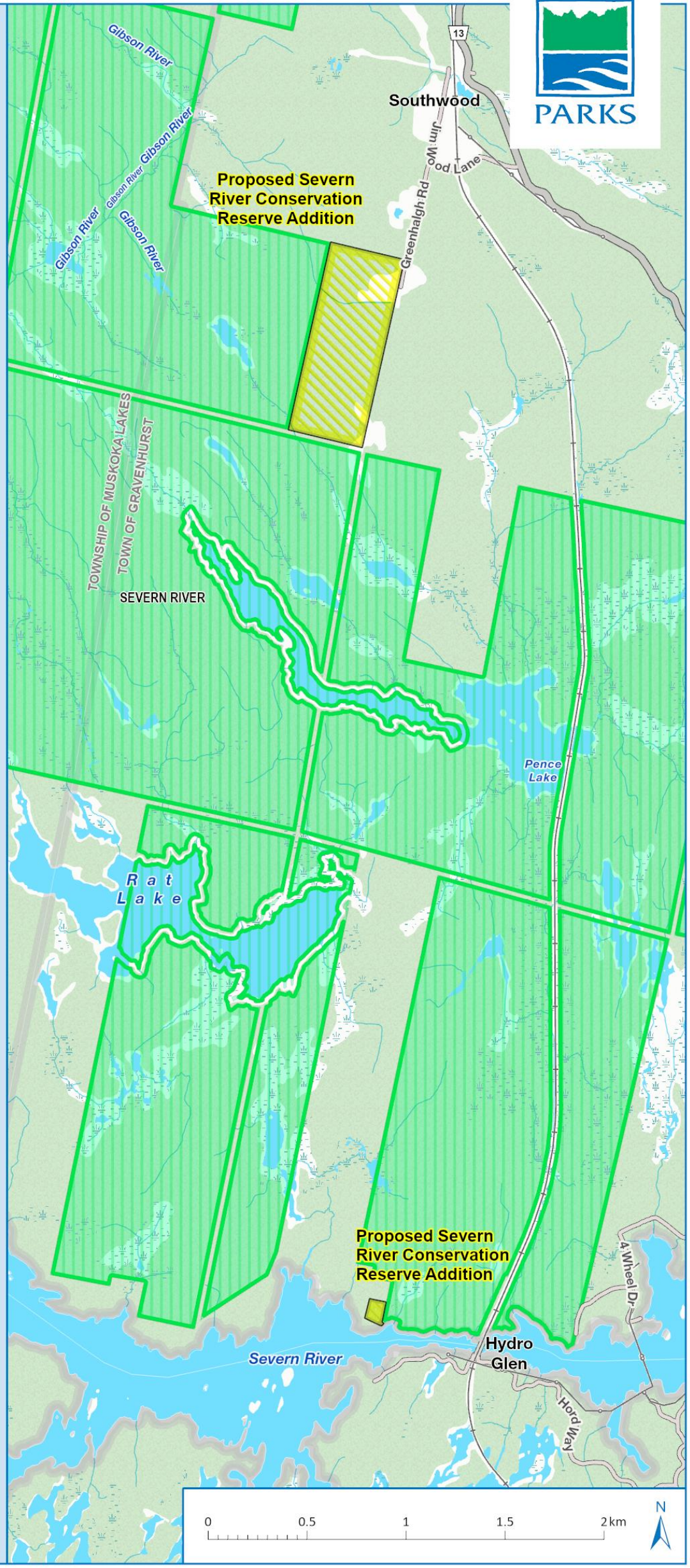
These proposed additions would expand the boundary of the conservation reserve and further protect provincially significant flora and fauna species that inhabit the area.

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Proposed Severn River Conservation Reserve Addition



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Northwest Zone (NWZ)

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11. Sandbar Lake Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Sandbar Lake Provincial Park by adding one (1) approximately 28 ha (~69 ac) parcel of land along the shore of Indian Lake using lands that were previously identified for protection under OLL.

Sandbar Lake Provincial Park is an 8,053 ha (~19,899 ac) operating natural environment class park that was established in 1970. It is located approximately 100 km east of the City of Dryden and 12 km northeast of the town of Ignace on Highway 599 (see map). The park is representative of Ontario's Savanne (3W-2) and Manitou (4S-5) Ecodistricts and protects habitat for over 59 bird species including the at risk Canada Warbler. The forest community composition of Sandbar Lake Provincial Park represents the transition between the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence and the boreal forests which features stands of jack pine, black spruce, and balsam poplar, with some scattered stands of white and red pine, uncommon for this area and the proposed addition also features river meadow wetlands on the west side of the parcel. The proposed addition has also been identified as geologically sensitive, with clay banks at risk of erosion. Several known cultural values exist within the park.

Adding the proposed addition to Sandbar Lake Provincial Park would further protect the ecological and cultural values found within the park.

Previous consultation

Note: this site was previously consulted on, including in 1999 under OLL (see ERO posting PB7E4003), as well as in 2010 (PB03E1005) as part of the Sandbar Lake Provincial Park Management Plan.

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

Hunting is currently permitted in portions of the provincial park as described under O. Reg. 663/98 of the FWCA. The proposal is to amend O. Reg. 663/98 to allow for sustainable hunting to occur in the proposed addition, consistent with O. Reg. 665/98 under the FWCA.

Please see below for a map of the proposed addition

Proposed Sandbar Lake Provincial Park Addition (P2295a)



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12. Turtle River-White Otter Lake Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Turtle River-White Otter Lake Provincial Park to include one (1) parcel that is approximately 29 ha (~72 ac) to the southwestern end of the park where Big Turtle River and Little Turtle Lake meet using lands previously identified for protection under OLL.

Turtle River-White Otter Lake Provincial Park is a 49,294 ha (~121,808 ac) non-operating, waterway class park that was established in 1989. It is located between the Town of Ignace on Highway 17, the hamlet of Mine Center and the Town of Atikokan on Highway 11 (see [map](#)).

The park and proposed addition are representative of Ontario's Manitou Ecodistrict (4S-5). The proposed addition is situated on an ecologically significant delta with an alluvial swamp community that contains rare plants such as ram's head lady slipper, hooker's orchids, stands of American elm and endangered black ash. The proposed addition is part of known habitat for ducks, spawning walleye and pike, and for species at risk such as lake sturgeon and snapping turtle. Both the park and proposed addition has long been recognized as a significant canoe route and natural area with unique biophysical, recreational, and cultural attributes. Adding the proposed addition to Turtle River-White Otter Lake Provincial Park will further protect the ecological, geological, cultural and recreational values found within the park.

Previous consultation

Note: this site was previously consulted on, including in 1999 under OLL (see ERO posting [PB7E4003](#)), as well as in 2010 ([011-0157](#)) as part of the Turtle River–White Otter Lake Provincial Park Management Plan ([011-0157](#)) as part of the Turtle River–White Otter Lake Provincial Park Management Plan

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

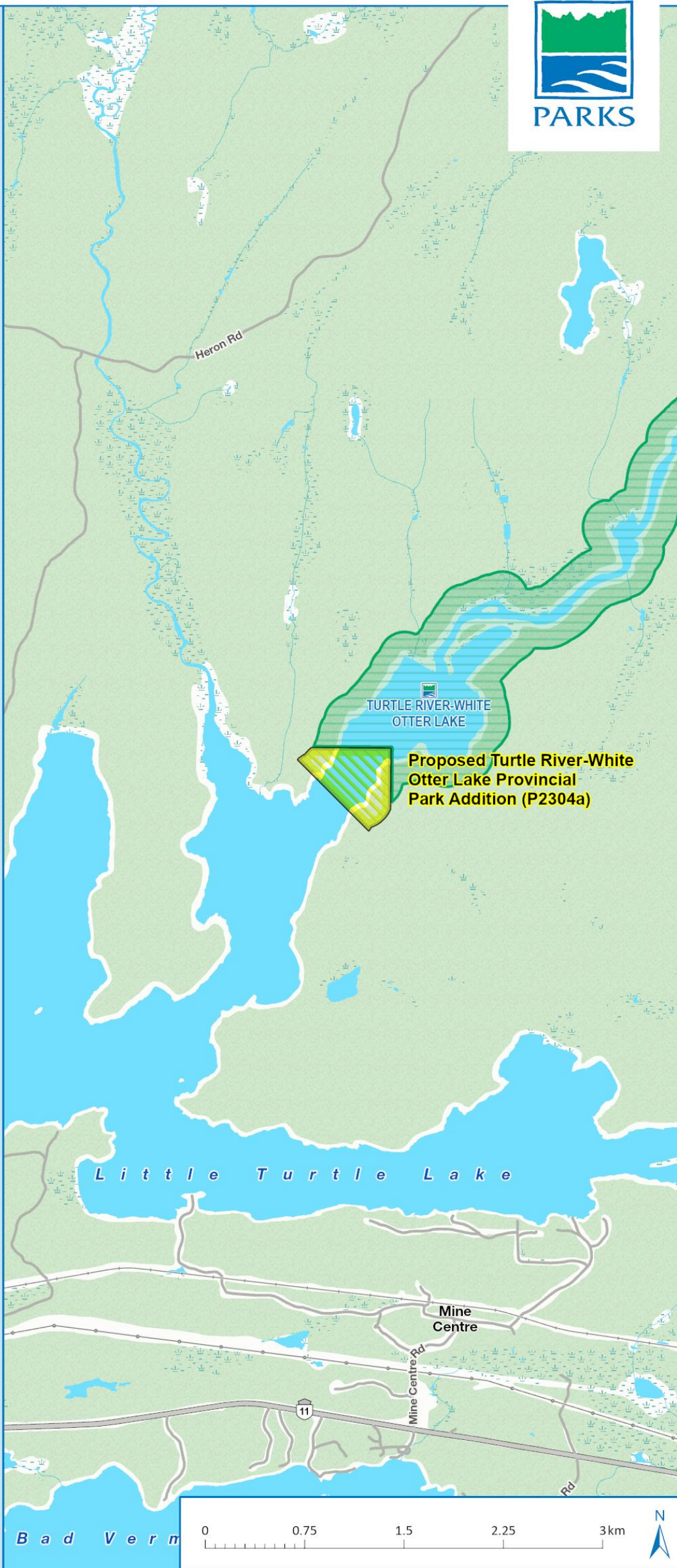
Hunting is currently permitted in this provincial park under O. Reg. 663/98 of the FWCA. The proposal is to continue to allow sustainable hunting in the proposed addition consistent with the existing park hunting regulations under O. Reg. 665/98 of the FWCA.

Please see below for a map of the proposed addition

Proposed Turtle River-White Otter Lake Provincial Park Addition (P2304a)



- Area of Consideration
- Regulated Provincial Park
- Roads
- Transmission Line
- Railways
- Wetlands
- Wooded Areas



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13. Brown's Inlet Conservation Reserve Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Brown's Inlet Conservation Reserve by adding approximately 9 ha (~22 ac) known as Brown's Inlet Forest Reserve, located along the north side of Warsaw Road, approximately 2 km east of Boffin Lake using lands previously identified for protection under OLL.

Brown's Inlet Conservation Reserve is a 2,931 ha (~7,243 ac) conservation reserve that was established in 1999. It is located approximately 15 km north of the Town of Fort Frances (see map).

The conservation reserve and proposed additions are representative of Ontario's Ecodistrict 4S-6 (Sioux Narrows). Brown's Inlet Conservation Reserve includes a mixture of forest types on weakly broken ground and end moraine, as well as treed and open wetlands and the rock barrens of the bedrock ridgetops, and their associated biotic communities, along with the presence of dwarf leatherleaf bog and significant wild rice stands. The dominant features of the site are the large peatland basins and the wetland ecosites that occur there. The conifer, hardwood and mixed wood forested lands provide a variety of habitat for species such as moose, lynx, red squirrel, grey wolf, black bear, marten, grey jay and great grey owl. Since the conservation reserve is predominantly wetland, recreation is limited.

These proposed additions to Brown's Inlet Conservation Reserve would further protect the ecological and geological values found within the conservation reserve.

Previous consultation

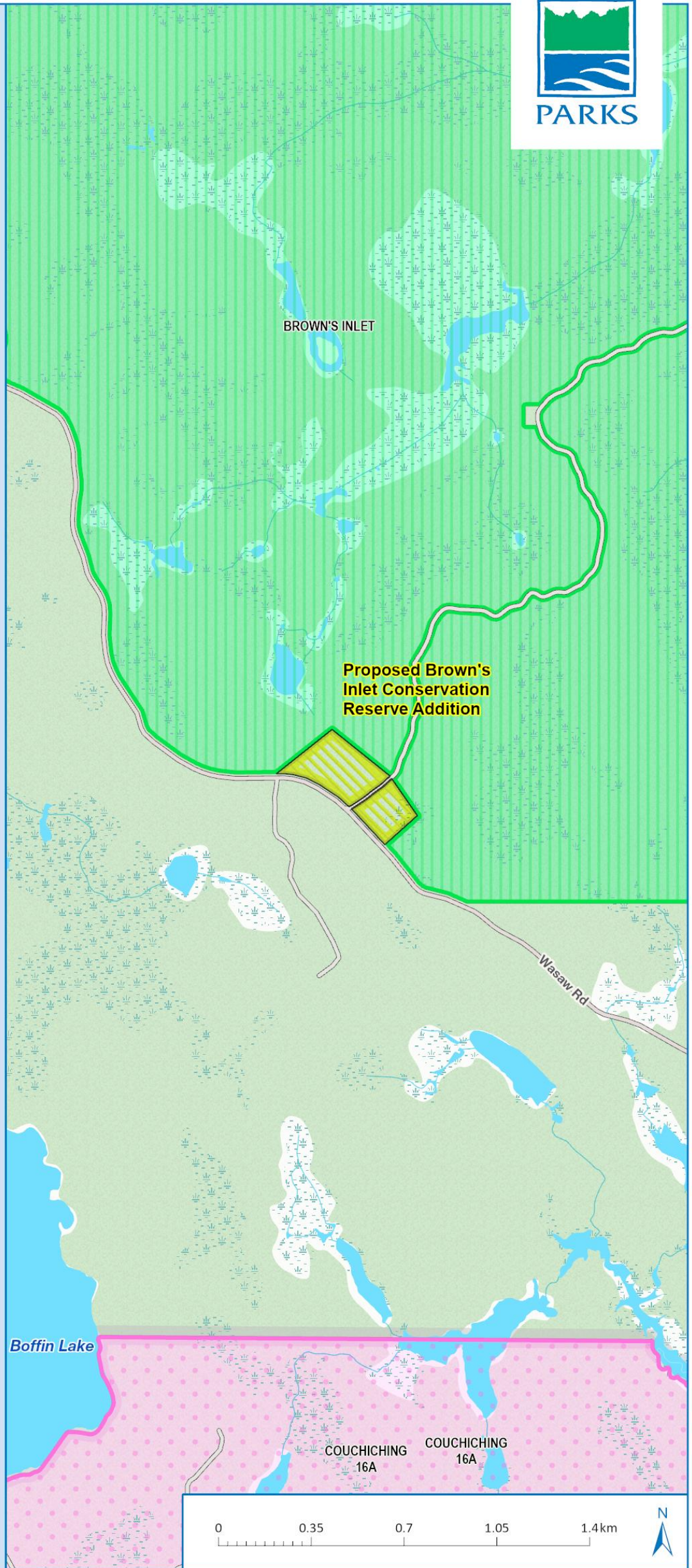
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Proposed Brown's Inlet Conservation Reserve Addition



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- Regulated Conservation Reserves
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14. Eagle Lake Islands Conservation Reserve Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Eagle Lake Islands Conservation Reserve by adding one (1), 8 ha island (~20 ac) located in Eagle Lake, approximately 1.5 km west of Net Island using lands that were previously identified for protection under OLL.

Eagle Lake Islands Conservation Reserve is a 3,395 ha (~8,389 ac) conservation reserve that was established in 2003. It is located approximately 40 km west of the City of Dryden (see [map](#)).

Most of the conservation reserve and proposed island addition are representative of Ontario's Dryden Ecodistrict (4S-4). Forest composition of the surrounding islands includes deciduous-conifer mixed-wood including balsam fir, jack pine, trembling aspen, white birch, black and white spruce, with red and white pine scattered throughout, and with some islands containing a unique stands of bur oak, hawthorn, and downy arrow. The island has been identified as a colonial waterbird nesting area and provides nesting habitat for loons, bald eagle, and habitat for the at risk American white pelican. There are several known cultural and archaeological sites within the conservation reserve. Eagle Lake and associated islands within the conservation reserve have high recreational value and are popular among anglers seeking muskellunge, northern pike, walleye, sauger, whitefish, burbot, and lake trout.

Adding the proposed addition to Eagle Lake Islands Conservation Reserve will further protect the ecological and cultural values and recreation opportunities found within the site.

Previous consultation

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Proposed Eagle Lake Islands Conservation Reserve Addition (C2340a)



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15. South Michipicoten River-Superior Shoreline Conservation Reserve Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of South Michipicoten River-Superior Shoreline Conservation Reserve by adding approximately 376 ha (~929 ac) of land known as the South Michipicoten River-Superior Shoreline Forest Reserve, located at the northern end of the conservation reserve boundary using lands previously identified for protection under OLL.

South Michipicoten River-Superior Shoreline Conservation Reserve is a 2,219 ha (~5,483 ac) conservation reserve that was established in 2004. It is located on the eastern shore of Lake Superior, approximately 7 km south of the Municipality of Wawa (see map).

The conservation reserve is representative of Ontario's Tip Top Mountain Ecodistrict (3E-4) and Ontario's Lake Tamagami Ecodistrict (4E-1) the addition is entirely within Ontario's Tip Top Mountain Ecodistrict 3E-4. The conservation reserve was established for its largely undisturbed geological values and is a popular angling area due to the 34 species of fish in the Michipicoten watershed, such as walleye, northern pike, chinook salmon, brook trout, coho salmon, rainbow trout, and lake trout in addition to the at-risk lake sturgeon and silver lamprey. The conservation reserve also helps protect several provincially rare plant communities and rare plant and fungi species.

The proposed addition would contribute to connectivity between protected areas that would help facilitate woodland caribou movement between known herds north and south of the conservation reserve and will also further protect the geological and ecological values and recreation opportunities found within the conservation reserve.

Previous consultation

Note: this site was previously consulted on, including in 1999 under OLL (see ERO posting PB7E4003)

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Proposed South Michipicoten River-Superior Shoreline Conservation Reserve Addition (F1517)



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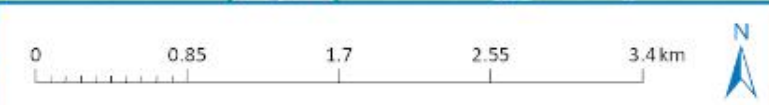
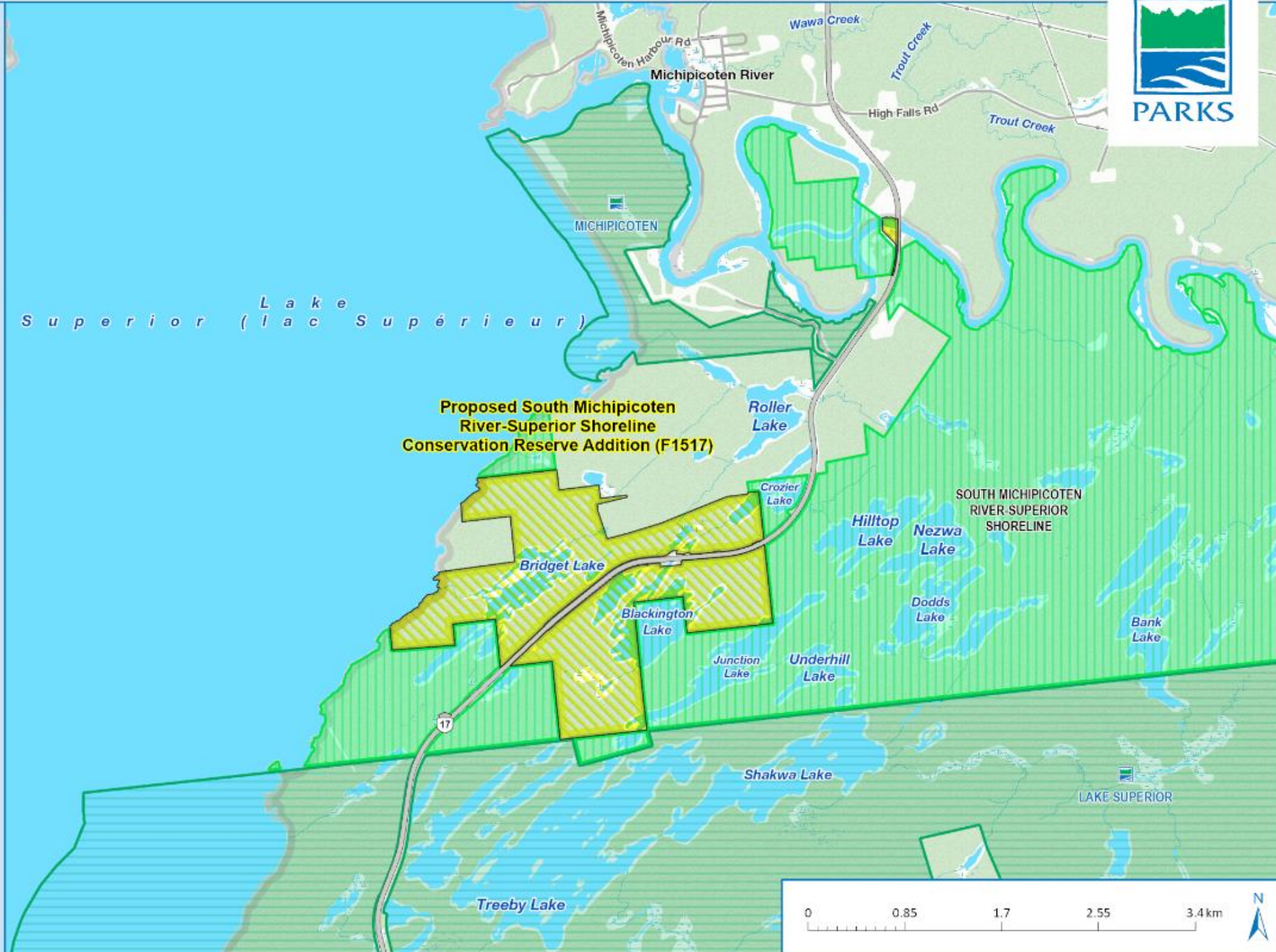
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Southeast Zone (SEZ)

Proposed Site List

16. Alfred Bog Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Alfred Bog Provincial Park by adding two (2) additional parcels totaling approximately 145 ha (~358 ac) using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

Alfred Bog Provincial Park is a 3,063 ha (~7,566 ac) non-operating, natural environment class park that was established in 2023. The park is located 20 km southwest of Hawkesbury and 70 km east of Ottawa ([see map](#)). The park protects the largest peat bog in southern Ontario and is home to provincially and regionally rare animal species, including insects, birds, and reptiles.

This site is one of two natural environment class provincial parks that are representative of the Kemptville [Ecodistrict 6E-12](#) within the [Lake Simcoe-Rideau Ecoregion](#). It is classified by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources as a provincially significant wetland and an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest.

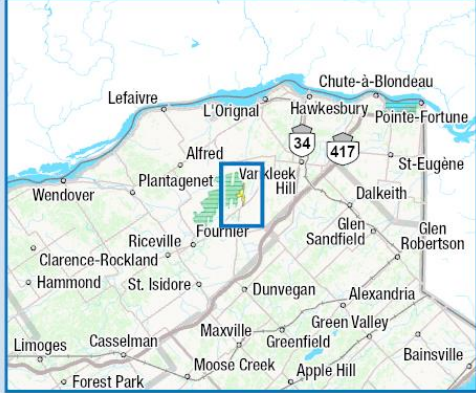
The proposed additions will provide greater protection for the lowland bog community, which provides habitat for many significant species. Adding these lands to the Alfred Bog Provincial Park will further protect the ecological integrity of this area and the largest bog of its kind in Southern Ontario.

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

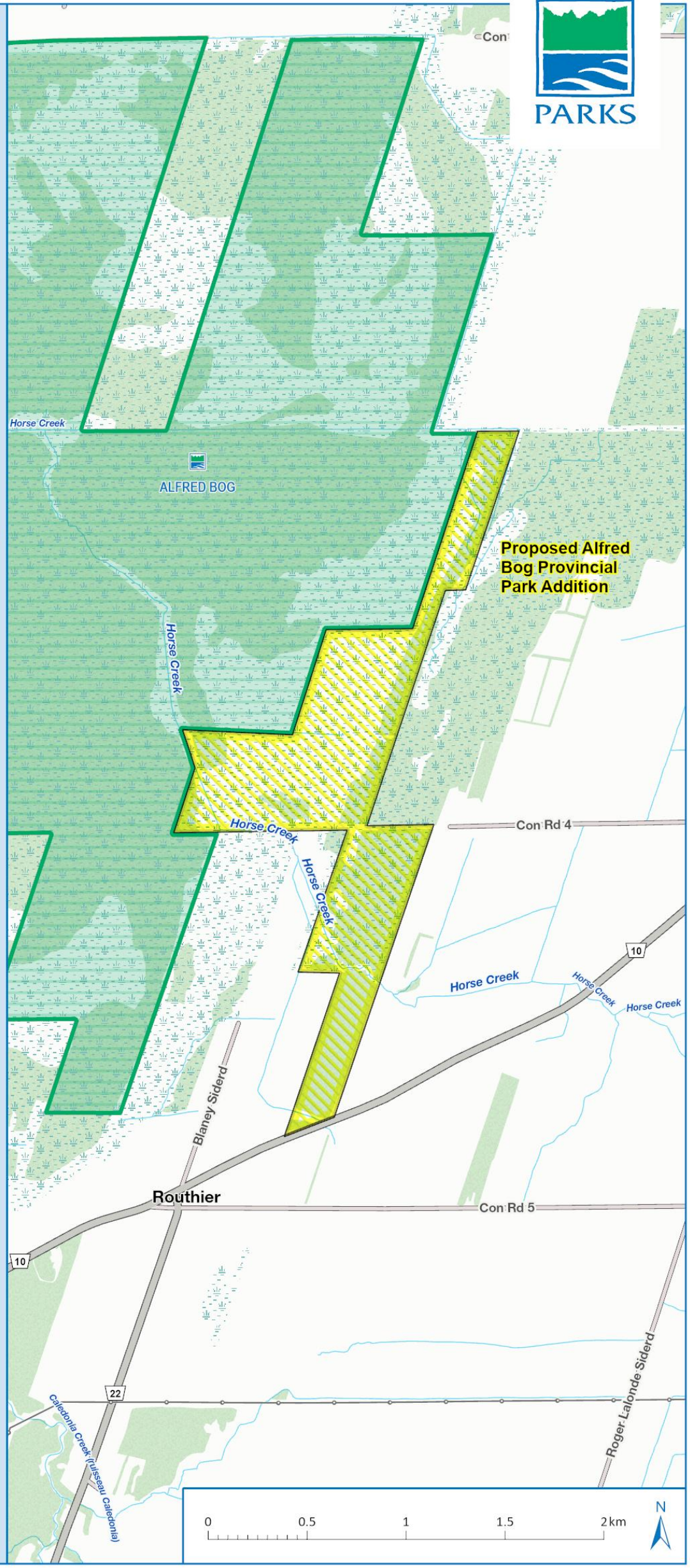
Hunting is currently permitted in this provincial park under O. Reg. 663/98 of the FWCA. The proposal is to continue to allow sustainable hunting in the proposed additions consistent with the existing park hunting regulations under O. Reg. 665/98 of the FWCA.

Please see below for a map of the proposed additions

Proposed Alfred Bog Provincial Park Addition



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17. Brockville Long Swamp Fen Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Brockville Long Swamp Fen Provincial Park by adding one (1) additional parcel totaling approximately 44 ha (~109 ac) using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

Brockville Long Swamp Fen Provincial Park is a 174 ha (~430 ac) non-operating, nature reserve class park that was established in 2017. The park is located within the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley, approximately 11 km north of the city of Brockville, in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (see map).

This site is representative of Ontario Ecodistrict 6E-11 at the eastern edge of the Frontenac Axis portion of the Canadian Shield. It protects a portion of the greater Long Swamp Fen, which is a provincially significant wetland complex comprised primarily of open fen, treed fen and mixed swamp communities.

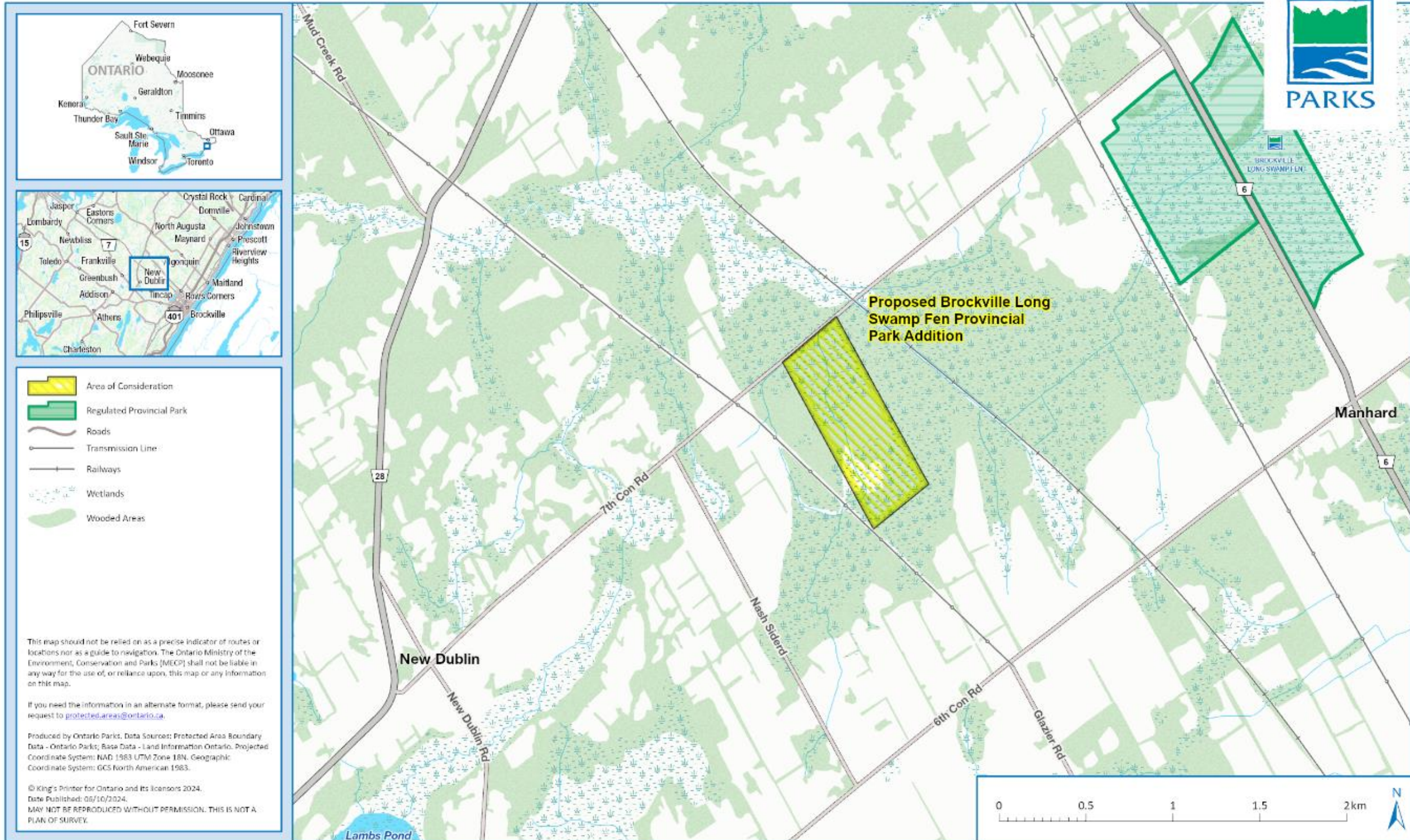
The proposed addition is roughly 3 km southwest from Brockville Long Swamp Fen Provincial Park along 7th Concession Road, north of Nash Side Road. This addition will protect an important headwater wetland and recharge zone for the Rideau and South Nation rivers that support a diversity of significant and sensitive wildlife species.

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

Hunting is not currently permitted in this provincial park. The proposal is to not allow hunting in the proposed addition.

Please see below for a map of the proposed addition

Proposed Brockville Long Swamp Fen Provincial Park Addition



18. Charleston Lake Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Charleston Lake Provincial Park by adding one (1) additional parcel totaling approximately 6 ha (~15 ac) using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

Charleston Lake Provincial Park is a 2,869 ha (~7,088 ac) natural environment class park that was established in 1975. The park is located 60 km northeast of Kingston (see map) and 15 km north of the St. Lawrence River.

The park protects provincially significant landscapes, including rugged areas with extensive mixed forest and areas of provincially significant wetland, all of which provide habitat for many significant species. This operating park offers a variety of recreational opportunities including camping, canoeing, fishing, swimming and hunting.

This site is one of two natural environment class provincial parks that are representative of Ontario's Charleston Lake Ecodistrict (6E-10). The park is identified as a core protected area within the Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve, an international designation that recognizes this area.

This proposed addition includes areas with mixed forest which provide habitat for significant species. Adding these lands to the Charleston Lake Provincial Park will further protect the ecological integrity of this area.

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

Hunting is currently permitted in portions of the provincial park as described under O. Reg. 663/98 of the FWCA. The proposal is to amend O. Reg. 663/98 to allow for sustainable hunting to occur in the proposed addition, consistent with O. Reg. 665/98 of the FWCA.

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Proposed Charleston Lake Provincial Park Addition



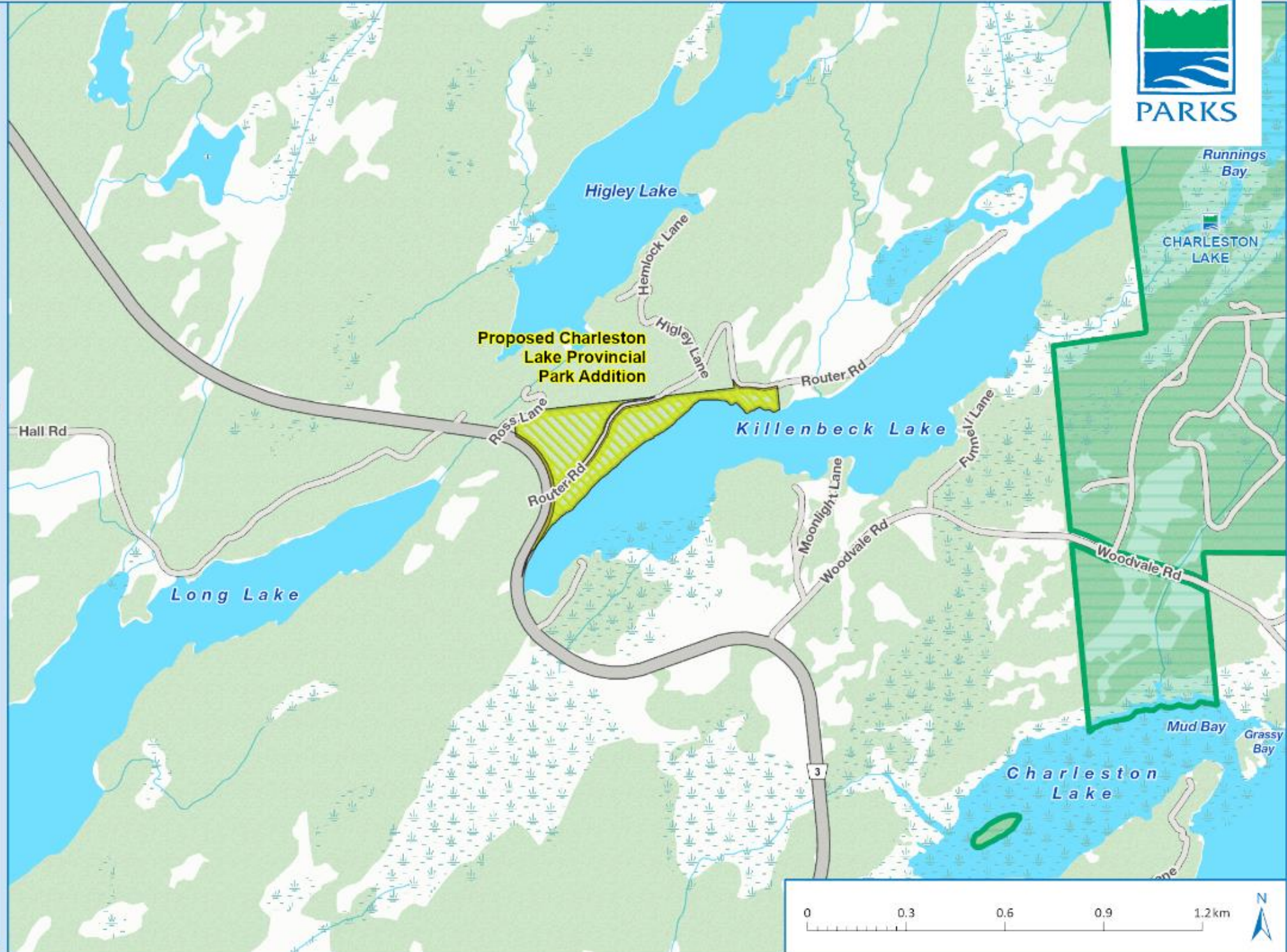
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19. Emily Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Emily Provincial Park by adding two (2) additional parcels totaling approximately 29 ha (~72 ac) using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

Emily Provincial Park is an 83 ha (~205 ac) recreational class park that was established in 1957. This operating park is situated on the east shore of Pigeon River, in the Township of Emily, County of Victoria. The park is approximately 22 km northwest of the City of Peterborough and approximately 130 km northeast of Metro-Toronto (see [map](#)) and offers a variety of recreational opportunities including camping, boating, fishing, and swimming.

This site is representative of Ontario's Peterborough Ecodistrict (6E-8). It is part of the Pigeon River Provincially Significant Wetland. The Ecodistrict is associated with the Eastern Temperate Deciduous Forest Vegetation Zone allocated most of the area to the Huron-Ontario Section of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Forest Region.

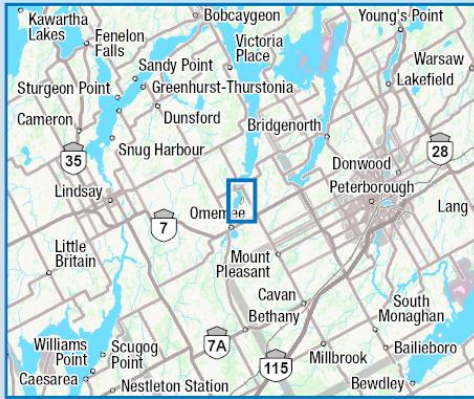
The proposed additions of these lands to Emily Provincial Park will increase protection of the provincially significant wetland.

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

Hunting is not currently permitted in this provincial park. The proposal is to not allow hunting in the proposed additions.

Please see below for a map of the proposed additions

Proposed Emily Provincial Park Addition



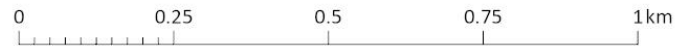
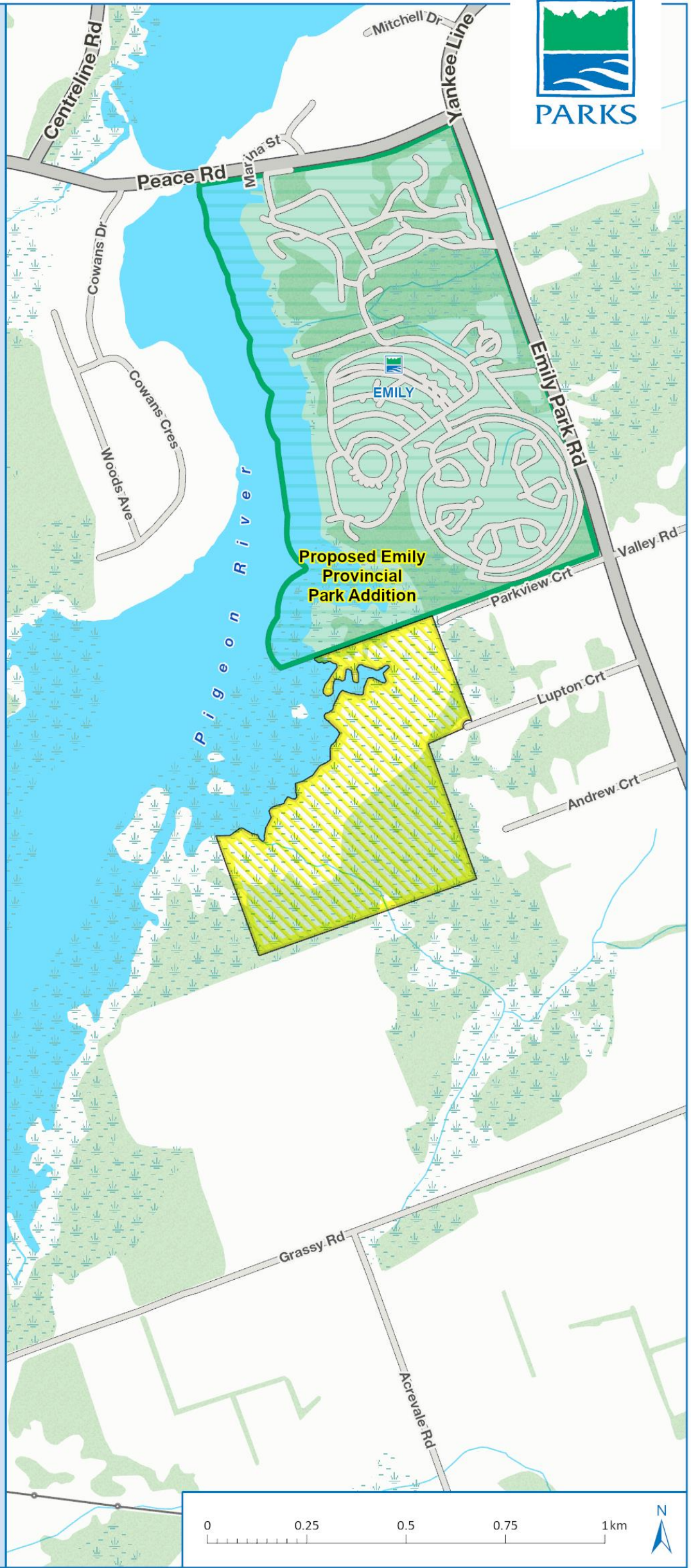
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20. Voyageur Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Voyageur Provincial Park by adding one (1) additional parcel totaling approximately 31 ha (~78 ac) using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

Voyageur Provincial Park is a 1,445 ha (~3,569 ac) recreational class park that was established in 1966. This operating park is located in East Hawkesbury Township, in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (see [map](#)) and offers a variety of recreational opportunities including camping, canoeing, fishing, and swimming.

This site is representative of Ontario Kemptville Ecodistrict (6E-12). This Ecodistrict is associated with the Eastern Temperate Deciduous Forest and the Upper St. Lawrence Region of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Forest Region. Forested areas are predominantly deciduous. Upland deciduous forests are dominated by sugar maple and American beech. Lowland, moister sites support American elm, red maple, black ash, large-toothed aspen, silver maple, green ash, and bur oak.

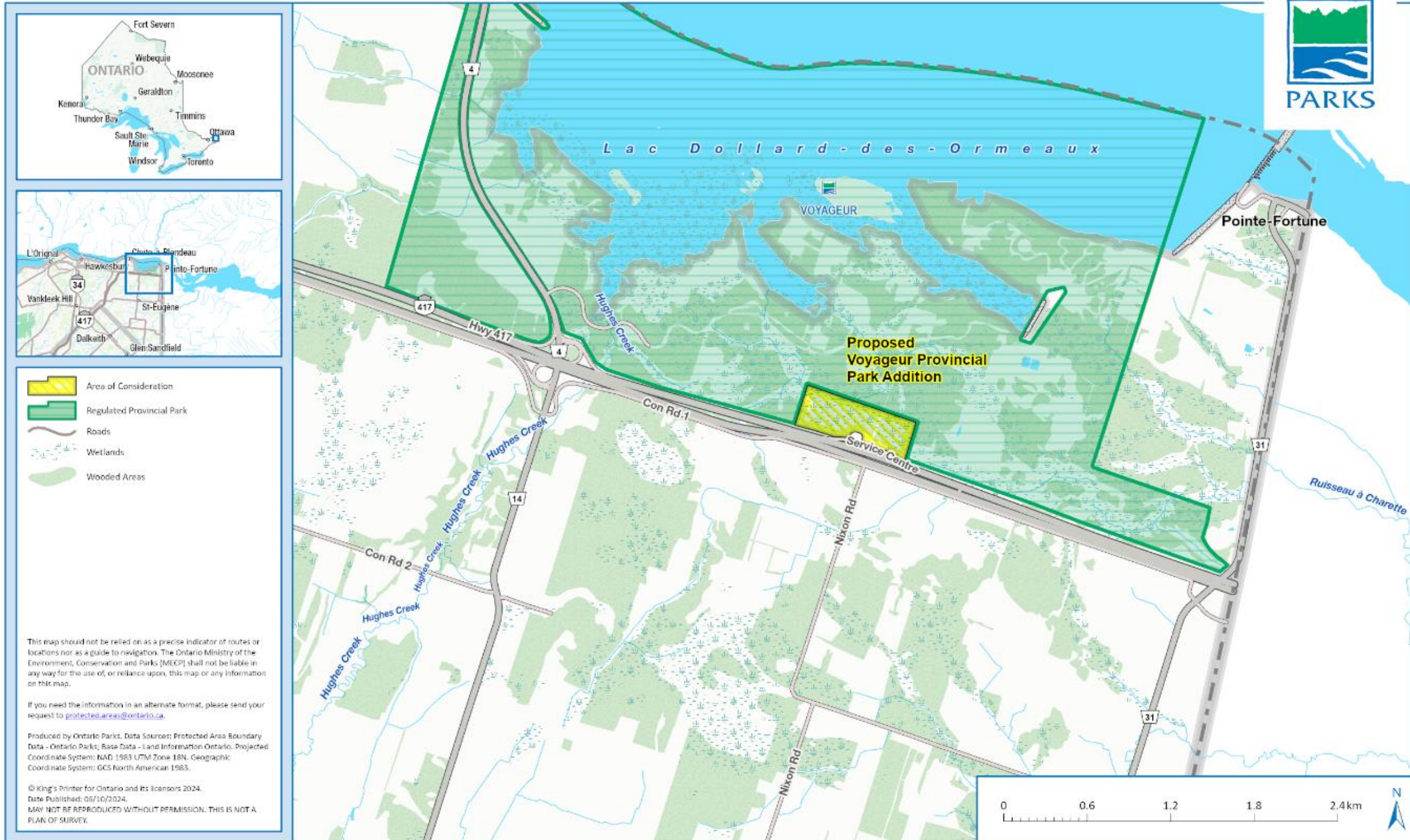
The proposed addition includes mixed and tolerant hardwood forest dominated by sugar maple and beech with red maple. Adding these lands to the Voyageur Provincial Park would further protect hardwood forest in the Ecodistrict.

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

Hunting is not currently permitted in this provincial park. The proposal is to not allow hunting in the proposed addition.

Please see below for a map of the proposed addition

Proposed Voyageur Provincial Park Addition



Southwest Zone (SWZ)

Proposed Site List

21. Awenda Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Awenda Provincial Park by adding seven (7) additional parcels totaling approximately 108 ha (~266 ac) using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

Awenda Provincial Park is a 2,917 ha (~7,203 ac) operating, natural environment class park that was established in 1975. The park offers many recreational opportunities including camping, hiking, canoeing, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The park is located 11 km northwest of Penetanguishene and 17 km northwest of Midland (see [map](#)).

Awenda Provincial Park is located in Ontario's Barrie Ecodistrict (6E-6) which is characterized by a gently rolling topography consisting of deep glaciolacustrine and morainal deposits overlying Paleozoic bedrock. There are provincially significant geological values, including a well-preserved sequence of post-glacial Lake Algonquin shorelines on the island and mainland. In addition, there are several beautiful Georgian Bay beaches, sand dunes, upland forests, fen and bogs. There are many provincially significant archaeological sites on the mainland ranging in chronology from Archaic to Post-European contact.

The proposed additions to Awenda Provincial Park will increase habitat connectivity between provincially significant sites. No new recreational activities are proposed within the parcels on Giant's Tomb Island, and any changes to recreational uses within the mainland parcels (e.g., expansion of trail networks or park infrastructure) would only occur following an amendment to the Awenda Provincial Park Management Plan.

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

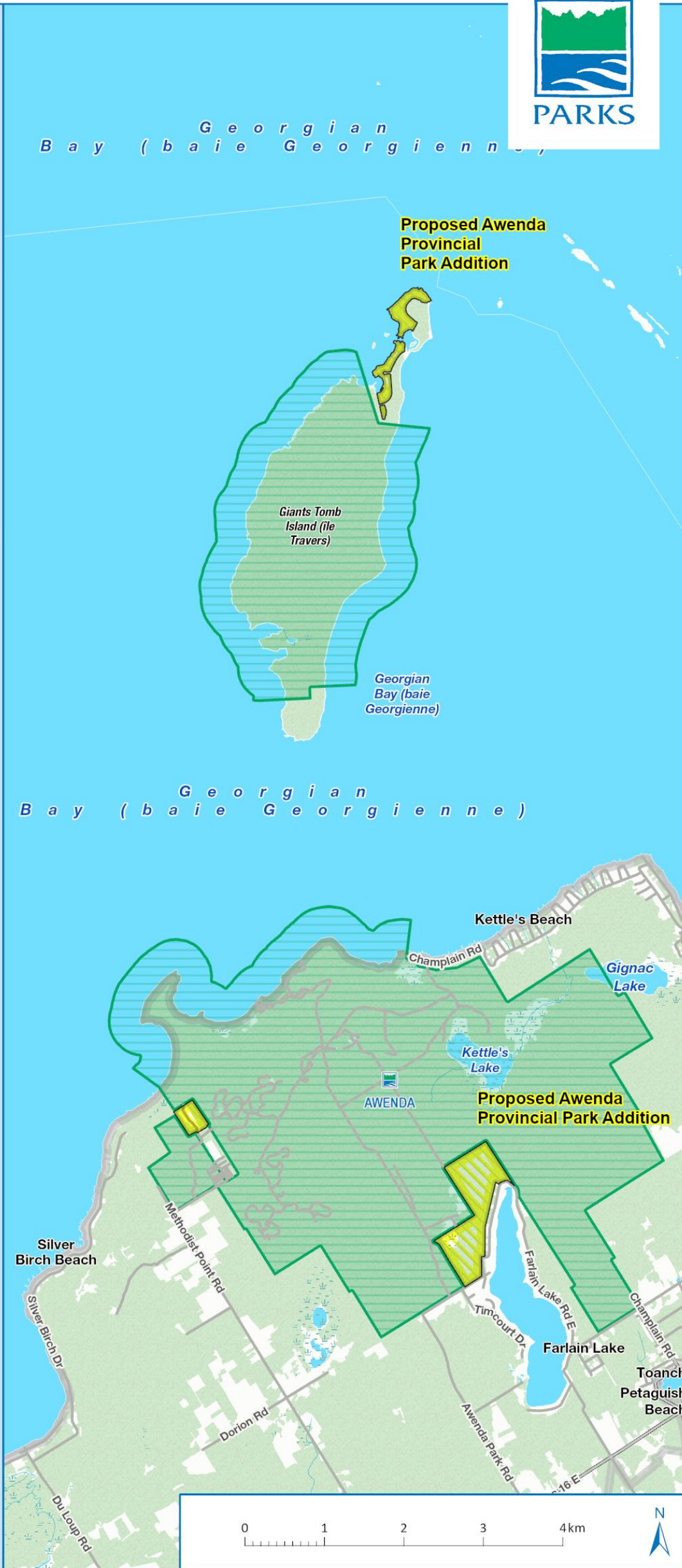
Hunting is not currently permitted in this provincial park. The proposal is to not allow hunting in the proposed additions.

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22. Bayview Escarpment Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Bayview Escarpment Provincial Park by adding nine (9) additional parcels totaling approximately 166 ha (~410 ac) using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

Bayview Escarpment Provincial Park is a 439 ha (~1,085 ac) non-operating, nature reserve class park that was established in 1985. The park is located 10 km northwest of the Municipality of Meaford (see [map](#)).

The park is located in Meaford Ecodistrict (6E-4) and overlaps with the Bayview Escarpment Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) which protects a large, diverse, well-preserved example of the Niagara Escarpment slopes, cliffs and plain forests typical of the Grey County of the escarpment. Ecological communities include rich mixed, broadleaf and conifer talus forests and extensive Mountain Maple talus thickets, sugar maple bedrock forests and open cliff communities. Recreational opportunities include hiking and snowshoeing.

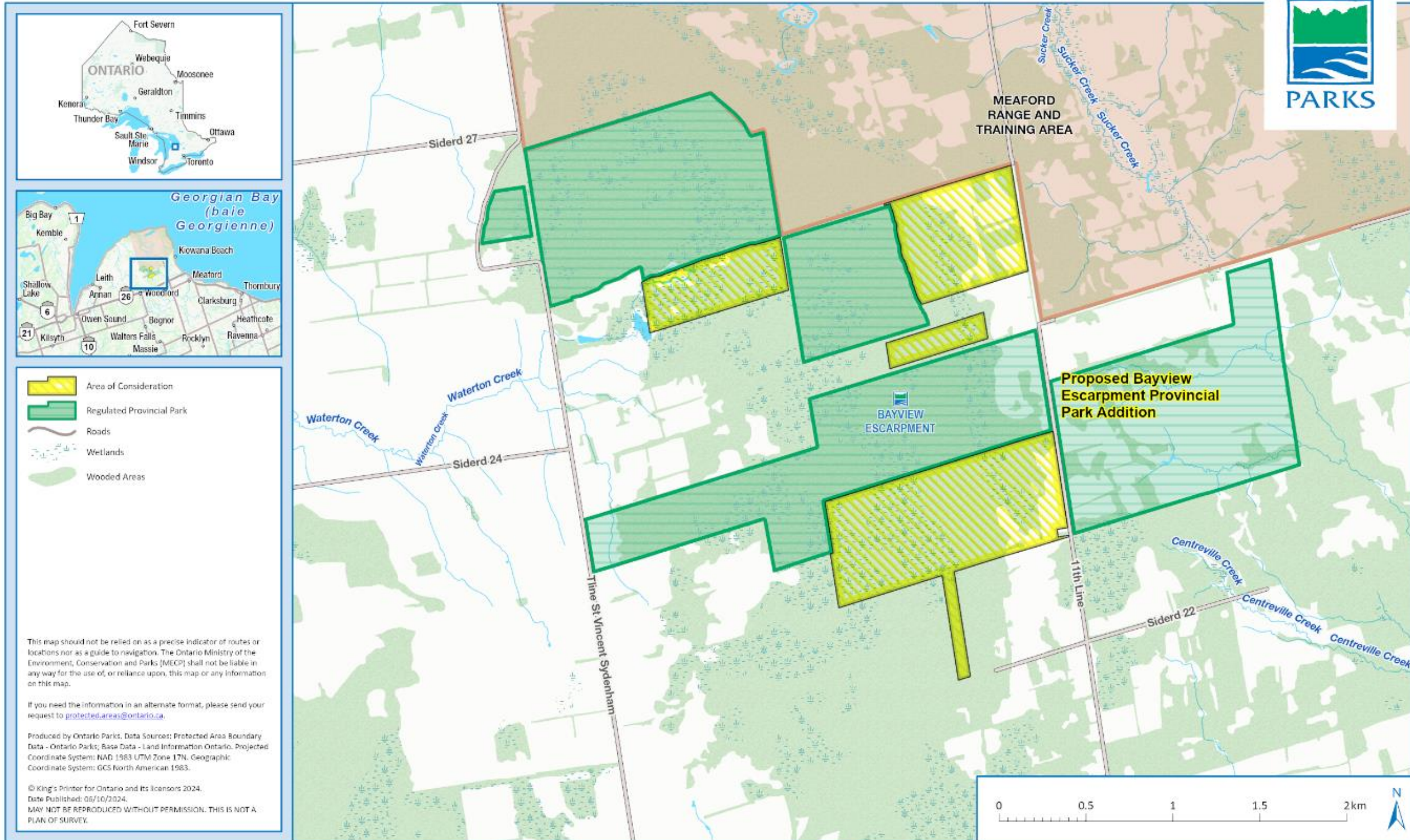
The proposed additions to Bayview Escarpment Provincial Park would increase habitat connectivity between provincially significant sites.

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

Hunting is not currently permitted in this provincial park. The proposal is to not allow hunting in the proposed additions.

Please see below for a map of the proposed additions

Proposed Bayview Escarpment Provincial Park Addition



23. Forks of the Credit Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Forks of the Credit Provincial Park by adding six (6) parcels totaling approximately 8 ha (~20 ac) using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

Forks of the Credit Provincial Park is a 282 ha (~697 ac) operating, natural environment class park that was established in 1985. The park is approximately 18 km southeast of Orangeville, 24 km northwest of Brampton and 40 km northwest of Mississauga (see [map](#)).

Forks of the Credit is located in Ontario's Oak Ridges Ecodistrict (6E-7). The park contains part of the Credit River, kettle lakes and kame hills, upland and lowland forests, lowland swamp forests, a narrow and deep river gorge, bedrock exposures, waterfall, and a wide river valley with steeply wooded sides. Cultural heritage values on the site include ruins of a historic mill and dam. The park offers a variety of recreational opportunities including biking, fishing, hiking, and horseback riding.

The proposed additions overlap with two (2) Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest: the Caledon Meltwater Deposits ANSI (earth science) and the Forks of the Credit ANSI (life science). Adding these lands to the park would increase connectivity within the park and protect unique talus slope features and species at risk habitat south of the park.

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

Hunting is not currently permitted in this provincial park. The proposal is to not allow hunting in the proposed additions.

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Proposed Forks of the Credit Provincial Park Addition



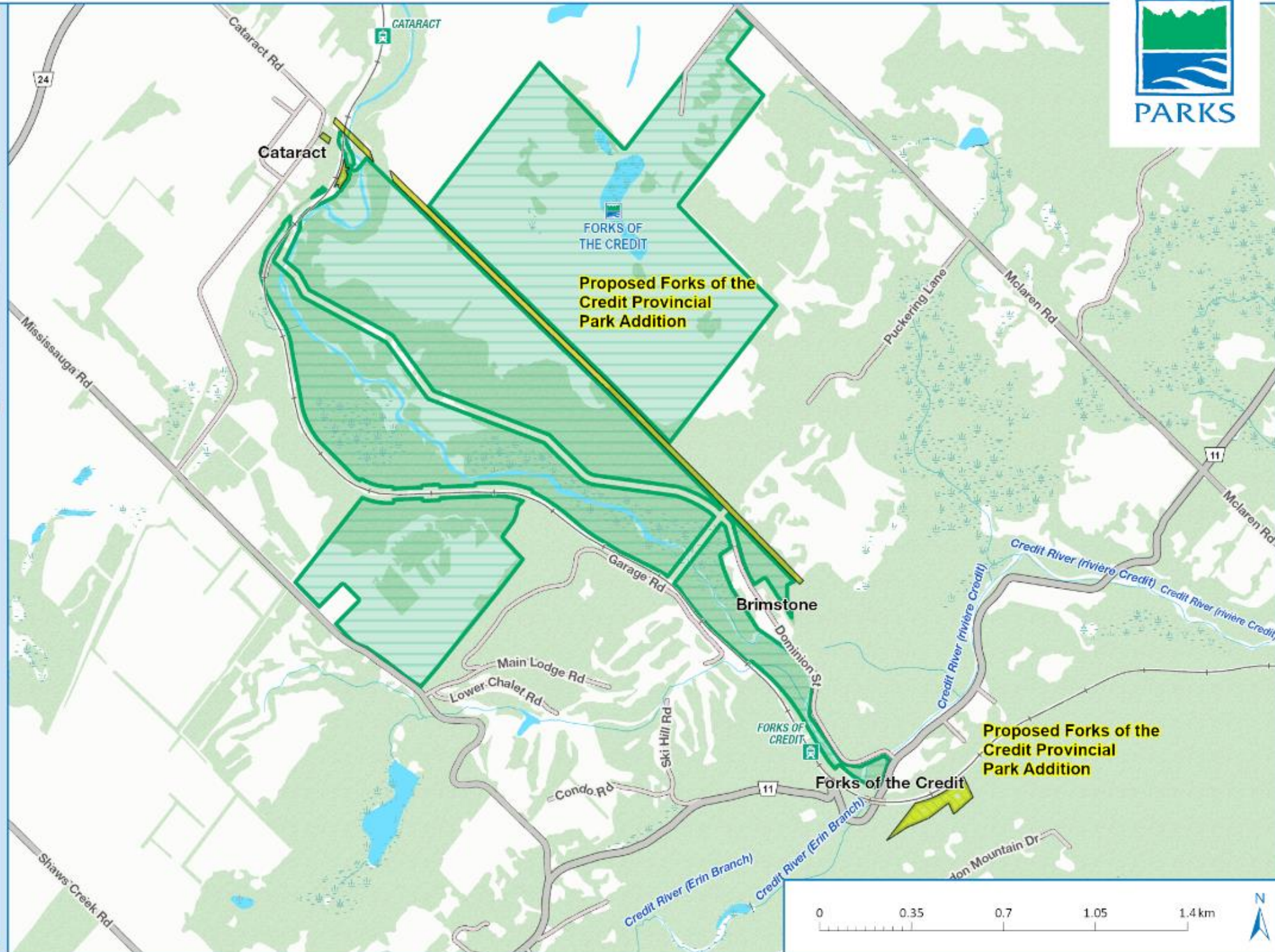
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24. Hockley Valley Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Hockley Valley Provincial Park by adding four (4) additional parcels totaling approximately 45 ha (~111 ac) using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

Hockley Valley Provincial Park is a 388 ha (~933 ac) non-operating, nature reserve class park established in 1989. The park is 5 km northeast of Orangeville, in the Town of Mono, County of Dufferin (see [map](#)).

The park overlaps the Oak Ridges (6E-7) and Stratford (6E-1) Ecodistricts. The park and proposed additions overlap with the Cannings Falls Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) and part of the proposed addition also overlaps with the Caledon Meltwater Deposits ANSI. The park contains a tributary valley leading to the Nottawasaga River and is part of the Orangeville moraine. There have also been several species at risk observations within the park. Recreational opportunities include hiking and snowshoeing.

The proposed additions to Hockley Valley Provincial Park will increase the representation of these two (2) ANSIs within the parks system.

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

Hunting is not currently permitted in this provincial park. The proposal is to not allow hunting in the proposed additions.

Please see below for a map of the proposed additions

Proposed Hockley Valley Provincial Park Addition



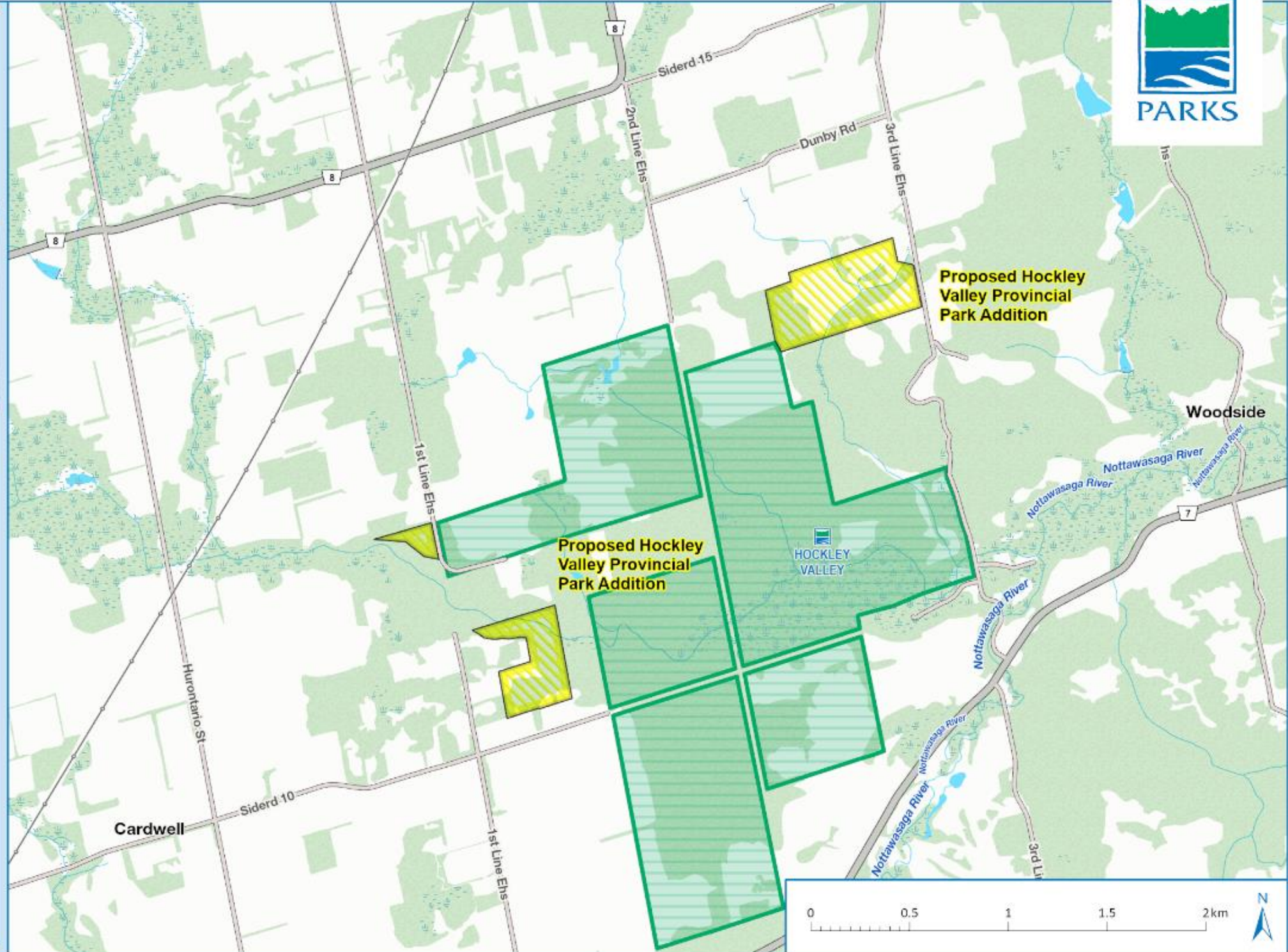
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25. MacGregor Point Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of MacGregor Point Provincial Park by adding five (5) parcels totaling approximately 258 ha (~638 ac) using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

MacGregor Point Provincial Park is a 1,204 ha (~2,976 ac) operating, natural environment class park that was established in 1975. MacGregor Point Provincial Park is located 5 km southwest of Port Elgin and 14 km northwest of Southampton (see [map](#)).

This site is representative of Ontario's Kincardine Ecodistrict (6E-2). The park protects representative and significant natural and cultural features associated with Lake Huron shorelines including significant geomorphological features (the Nipissing Bluff), sensitive natural wetlands containing fragile plant communities and wildlife habitats and is also along a significant migratory pathway for birds called the Huron Fringe. The park offers a variety of recreational opportunities including biking, camping, fishing, hiking, skating, snow shoeing, and swimming.

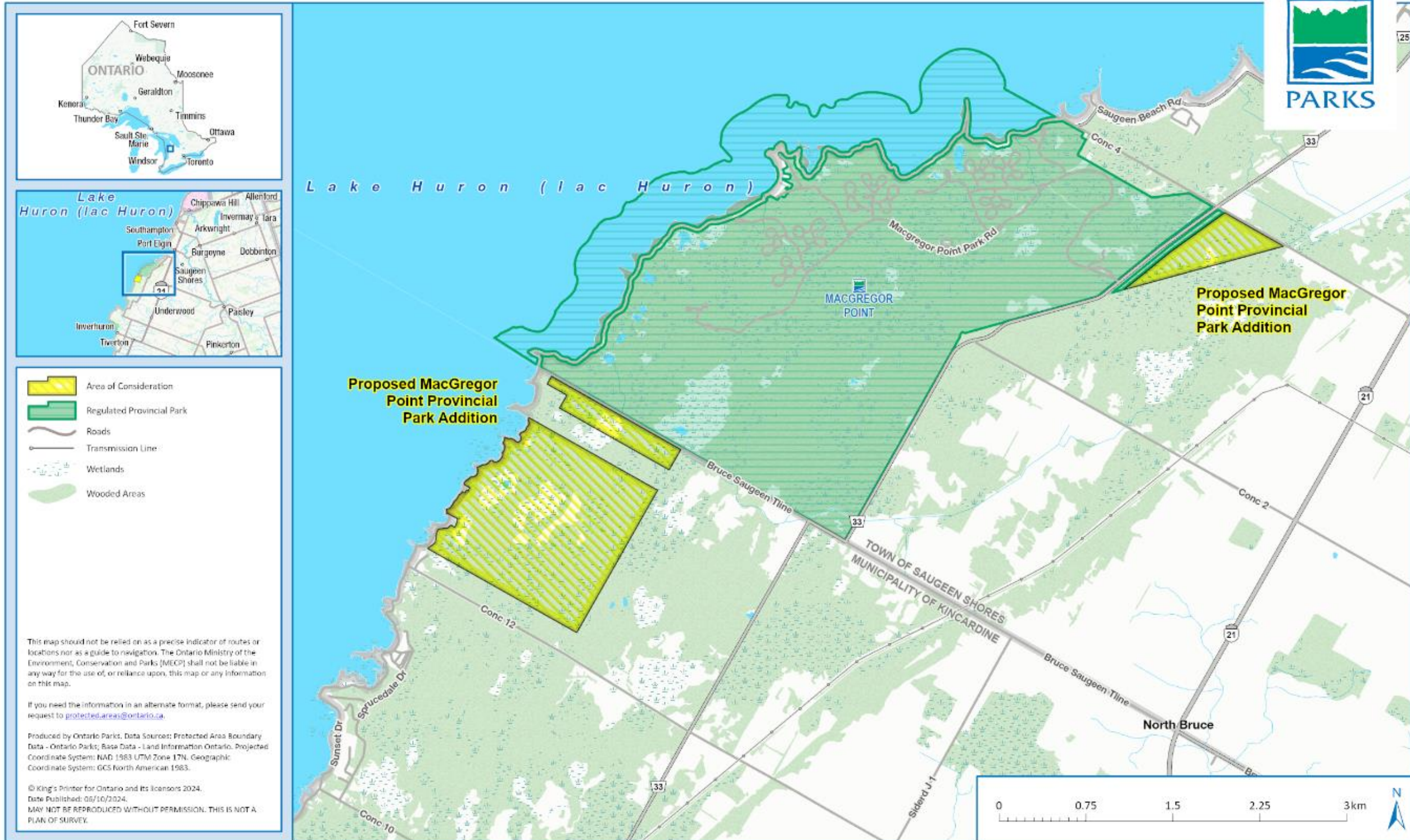
The proposed additions include parts of the MacGregor Point Provincially Significant Wetland. Adding these lands to the provincial park will further protect this sensitive wetland habitat.

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

Hunting is not currently permitted in this provincial park. The proposal is to amend O. Reg. 663/98 under the FWCA to add a new schedule for this provincial park with an area description of the proposed additions that are located south of the regulated park boundary to allow for sustainable hunting to occur in those additions consistent with O. Reg. 665/98 section 110(b) of the FWCA.

Please see below for a map of the proposed additions

Proposed MacGregor Point Provincial Park Addition



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26. Pretty River Valley Provincial Park Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Pretty River Valley Provincial Park by adding three (3) parcels totaling approximately 312 ha (~771 ac) using lands that were previously acquired by Ontario.

Pretty River Valley Provincial Park is an 808 ha (~1,997 ac) natural environment class park in Grey County (see [map](#)). The park was established in 1985 and is a non-operating park that offers a variety of recreational opportunities including biking, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling and hunting.

Pretty River Valley Provincial Park overlaps the boundaries of the Oak Ridges Ecodistrict (6E-7) and the Meaford Ecodistrict (6E-4). Several observations of species at risk plants, birds and amphibians have been made within the current boundaries of the park, and the park contains provincially significant geological features related to glacial and postglacial processes along the Niagara Escarpment.

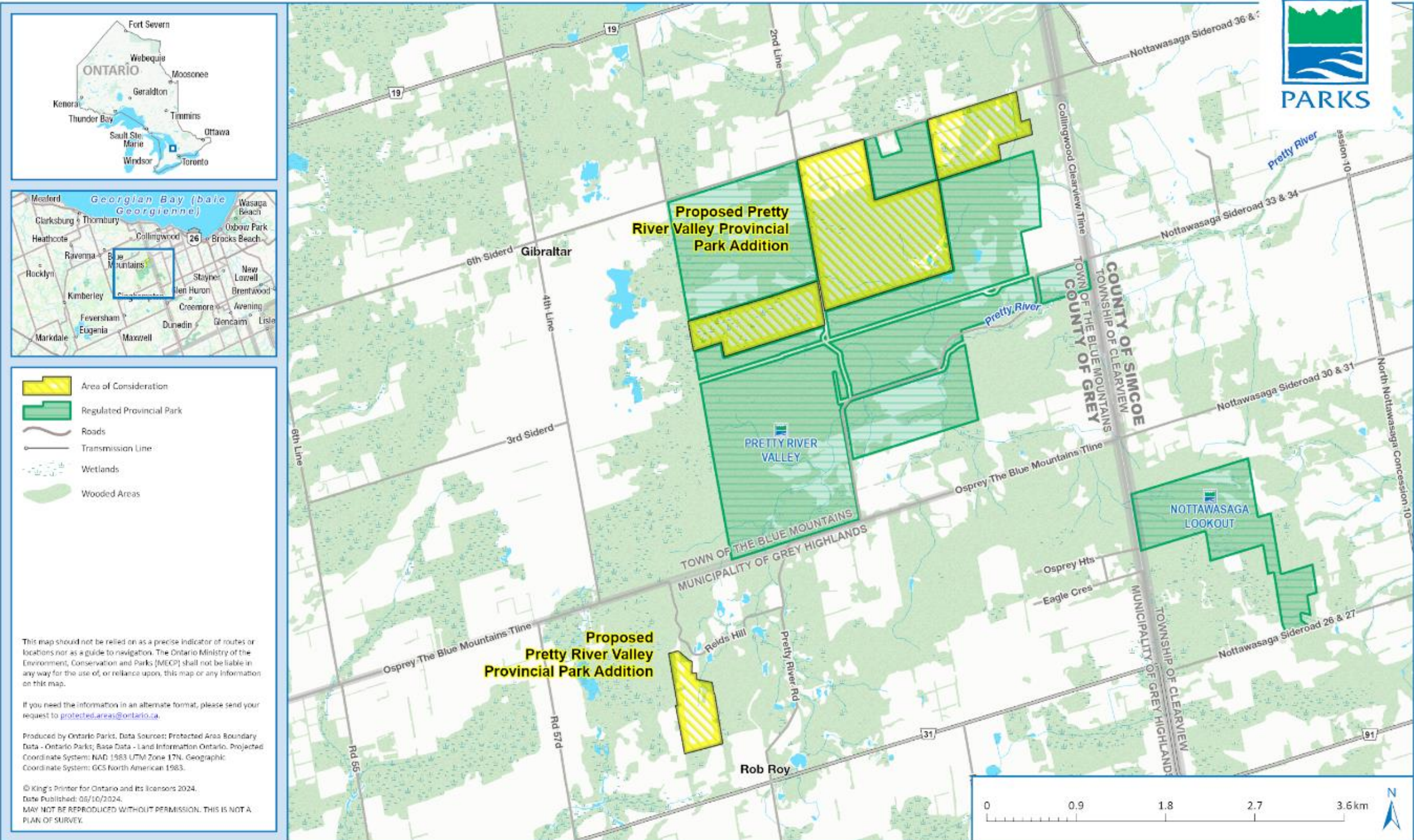
The proposed additions includes parcels that overlap with provincially significant wetland and the Pretty River Valley Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI). Two (2) of the parcels for the proposed addition will increase habitat connectivity within the park. These parcels also contain sections of the Bruce Trail. The third site, while not adjacent to the regulated boundary of the park, is ecologically connected to Pretty River Valley Provincial Park through adjacent forest and swamp communities.

Proposed changes to regulate hunting

Hunting is currently permitted in this provincial park under O. Reg. 663/98 of the FWCA. The proposal is to continue to allow sustainable hunting in the proposed additions consistent with the existing park hunting regulations under O. Reg. 665/98 of the FWCA.

Please see below for a map of the proposed additions

Proposed Pretty River Valley Provincial Park Addition



27. Wainfleet Bog Conservation Reserve Addition

Proposed site details

This proposal is to amend the boundary of Wainfleet Bog Conservation Reserve three (3) parcels totaling approximately 88 ha (~217 ac). The parcels were transferred to the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Natural Resources) from The Nature Conservancy of Canada in 2007.

Wainfleet Bog Conservation Reserve is an 230 ha (~568 ac) protected area that was regulated in 1997. The conservation reserve is located 8 km northwest of the urban area of Port Colborne, within the Township of Wainfleet and the City of Port Colborne (see [map](#)).

This site is representative of Ontario's Niagara Ecodistrict (7E-5) and protects the Wainfleet Bog Area of Natural and Scientific Interest. The site is also part of the Wainfleet Bog Provincially Significant Wetland that is comprised of shrub bog, treed bog and deciduous swamp communities. Activities such as hiking, birdwatching, photography, scientific research, hunting, horseback riding, snowmobiling, all terrain vehicle riding and motorbiking have historically occurred in this area.

Adding these proposed additions to the conservation reserve would further protect these sensitive wetland habitats.

Please see below for a map of the proposed additions

