

NATURAL HERITAGE FEATURES

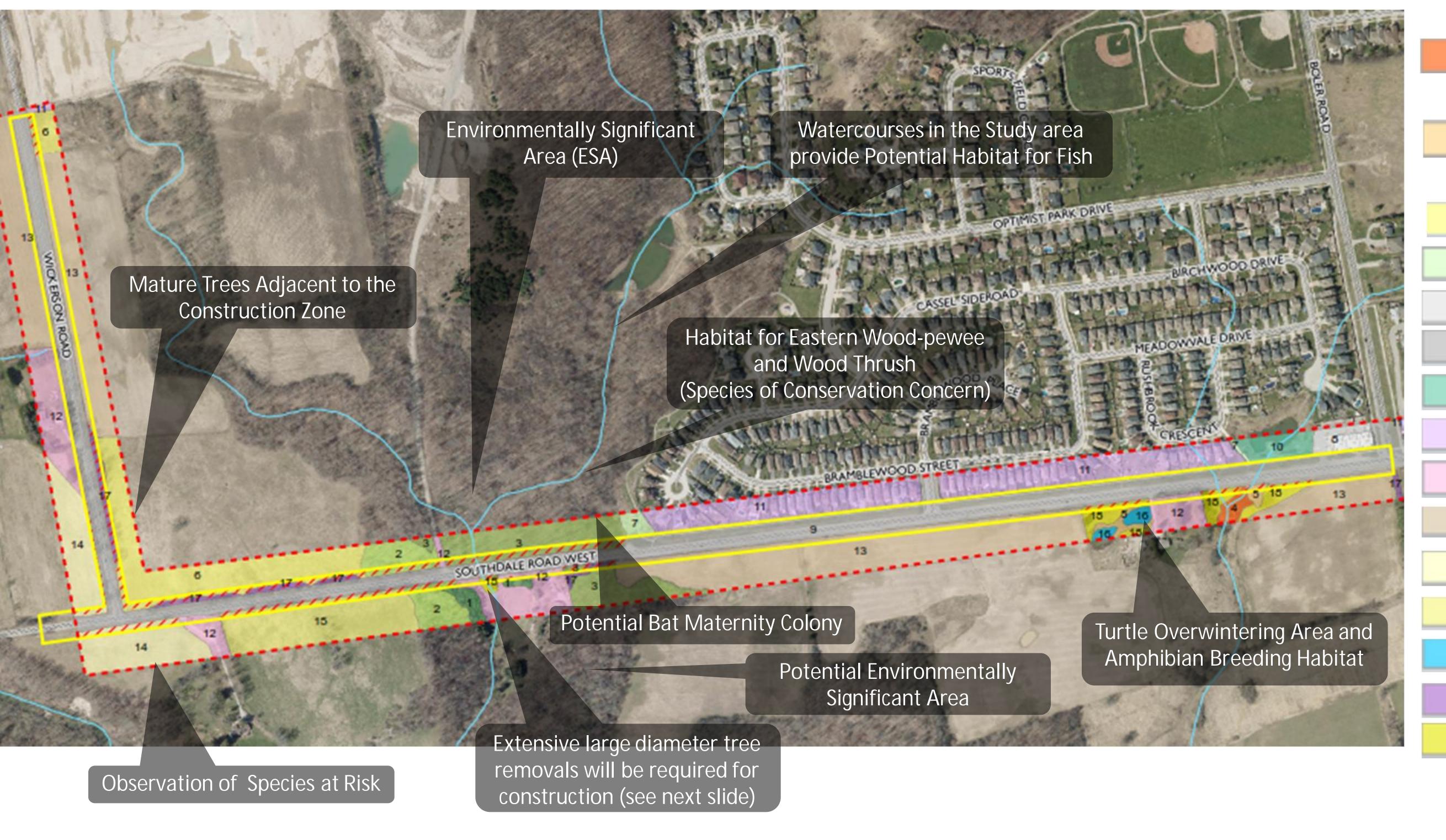




An Environmental Impact Study was completed to understand natural heritage features in the Study Area, including existing aquatic, terrestrial and wildlife conditions.

Natural Heritage features outside of the impacted areas will be mitigated. Strategies for mitigating these impacts are outlined in the next slide.





LEGEND

- Naturalized Coniferous
 Plantation
- Dry-Fresh Sugar Maple-Oak
 Deciduous Forest
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- 4. Common Reed Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh
- Cattail Graminoid Mineral Meadow Marsh
- 6. Dry-Fresh Mixed Meadow
- 7. Greenlands
- 8. Business Sector
- 9. Transportation
- 10. Sewage and Water Treatment
- 11. Single Family Residential
- 12. Rural Property
- 13. Annual Row Crops
- 14. Perennial Cover Crop
- 15. Open Pasture
- 16. Open Aquatic
- 17. Fencerow
- 18. Fresh-Moist Mixed Meadow

MITIGATING IMPACTS TO NATURAL HERITAGE FEATURES





The following mitigation measures are recommended to reduce impacts to natural heritage features in the construction zone:

During Detailed Design	 Create a Tree Preservation Plan, including tree protection fencing and removal timing guidelines and compensation planting plans including compensation ratio's to be used for planting Develop Invasive Species Management Plan to target invasive flora Develop Edge Management and Compensation Planting Plan, including compensation ratio Develop Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Develop Wildlife Impact Mitigation Plan Investigate low impact development techniques
Prior to Construction	 Vegetation removals should take place outside of active season for birds and bats Invasive species removal
During Construction	 Minimize area of disturbance and avoid sensitive vegetation and in-water work Necessary in-water work will be completed timing windows for fish Sediment and erosion control measures Incorporate wildlife impact mitigation measures Develop an environmental monitoring plan, including monitoring in areas where impacts to wildlife are possible and erosion and sediment control measures are undertaken Contractors should receive SAR training
Following Construction	 Planting of new trees to compensate for tree removals required for construction. Trees should be monitored to ensure health and survival Develop monitoring plan

