

SITE NUMBER:

DATE:

MAJOR CROSSROADS AROUND SITE:

TRAVEL TIME TO/FROM SITE:

SURVEYOR(S):

TIME SPENT EXAMINING SITE & SURROUNDINGS:

ROADSIDE SURVEY OF POTENTIAL NATURAL AREAS IN THE HURON RIVER WATERSHED, 2007

Photos of site and surrounding area:

While completing this survey, take 5 – 10 photos that show major features of the site and surrounding area, marking on the Site Map the location where the photo was taken and direction camera was pointing.

With the Site Map as a guide, and after driving around the perimeter of the area (as access is available) please answer the following:

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SITE ITSELF:

(1) Describe the general landscape and landforms in the site (check off all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Steep hills, ravines | <input type="checkbox"/> Glacial outwash plain | <input type="checkbox"/> Large boulders (glacial erratics) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gently rolling hills | <input type="checkbox"/> Glacial till, end moraine | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat | <input type="checkbox"/> Kettles, kames, eskers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glacial lake plain | | |

(2) Enter general percentages of land cover on the site (as well as you can estimate):

<u>Land cover</u>	<u>Percent of site</u>		
Forest	_____	Are any trees >16" wide?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Wetland <i>(standing water for some part of year)</i>	_____	Dominated by cat-tails, common reed, or reed canary grass?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Standing water now?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Agriculture or old field	_____	Filled with dense shrubs or small trees?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

(3) Is the site affected by recent construction or development activities?

- Yes No

If Yes, please identify those activities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional structures built | <input type="checkbox"/> Map shows (more) (less) agricultural land than is apparent from field visit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Platted for development | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New roads, driveways | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forest land has been cut | |

(4) Sketch any changes or any other features you feel are important on the Site Map.

(5) Estimate the magnitude any land use changes identified in #3

- Not applicable (no land use changes apparent)
- Less than 25% of forest or wetland cover has been modified or cleared
- 25–50% of the forest or wetland cover has been modified or cleared
- More than 50% of the forest or wetland cover has been modified or cleared
- Other (describe):

(6) Would you judge this site as being worth doing a field assessment on? Explain why.

Other notes about the site:

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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AREA SURROUNDING THE SITE

Consider these questions as you drive around as much of the site perimeter as is accessible and answer them after you have finished driving around the site.

(7) Enter your best estimate of the percentages of land cover and land use in the area you can see surrounding the site:

<u>Land cover or use</u>	<u>Percent of site</u>
Forest	_____
Wetland	_____
Grassland or abandoned agriculture (<i>old field</i>)	_____
Present agriculture (<i>pasture, orchard, crops</i>)	_____
Recreation (<i>golf courses, etc.</i>)	_____
Exurban (<i>Homes on large lots, 2–10 acres</i>)	_____
Suburban/residential	_____
Urban/commercial (<i>including strip malls, roads, parking lots</i>)	_____

(8) Does any natural area extend beyond the site itself (is there a natural buffer around the site)?

- Yes
- No

If yes, estimate amount of natural area that extends beyond actual site, or describe the setting:

(9) As you are driving around site, look at the adjacent areas you pass. Write any additional notes about the surrounding area below or on the reverse side of this sheet, and make any sketches you feel are necessary on the map.