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**From:** Katharina Walton <kwalton@nrsi.on.ca>

**Date:** 2015-05-27 11:28 AM

**To:** Samantha Mason <smason@hrca.on.ca>

**CC:** Dave Stephenson <dstephenson@nrsi.on.ca>

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NRS 1624  
 May 27/15.



Map 1

## Halton Hills Premier Gateway Secondary Plan Existing Conditions

- Legend**
- Subject Area
  - Highway
  - Primary Road
  - Secondary Road
  - Watercourse
  - Wetland (Non-PSW)
  - Wooded Area
  - Natural Heritage Area

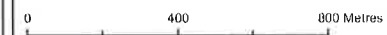
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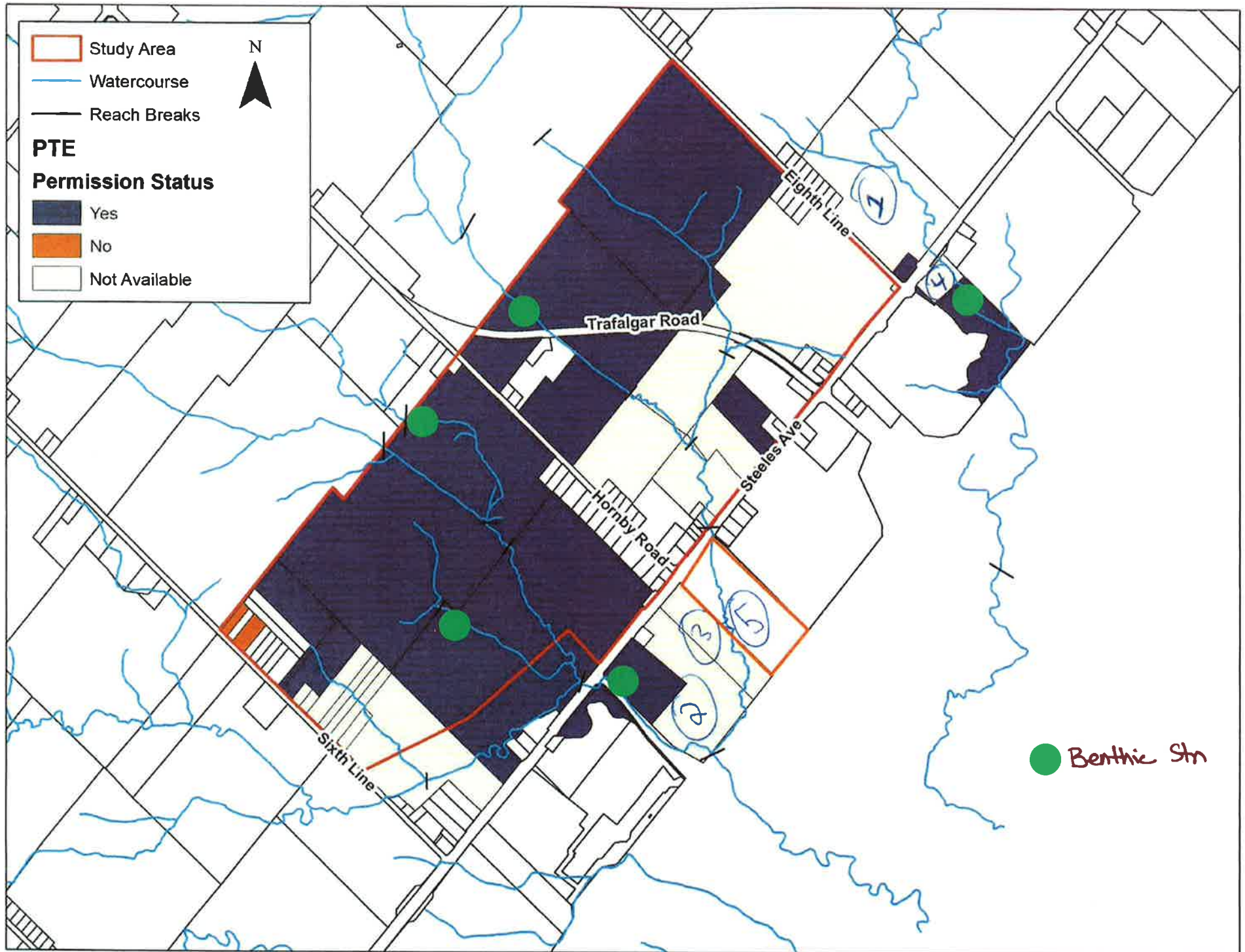
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**Date:** 2015-06-03 1:50 PM  
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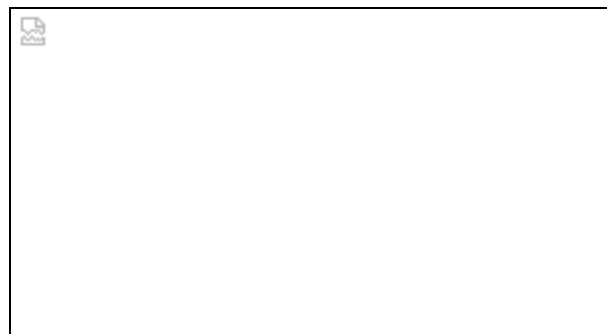
OK, thanks very much Katharina. I hope all went well with the benthic sampling last week J

-Samantha

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**Sent:** May-28-15 8:27 AM  
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Yes, we will do fish surveys once we receive the permit.  
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**Subject:** Phase 1B surveyed wetland - Steeles & Trafalgar (proj1624)

**From:** Curtis Marshall <CurtisM@haltonhills.ca>

**Date:** 2017-01-26 3:46 PM

**To:** "McCabe, Owen (Owen.McCabe@halton.ca)" <Owen.McCabe@halton.ca>, "'Matt Howatt' (mhowatt@hrca.on.ca)" <mhowatt@hrca.on.ca>

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Hi Matt and Owen, please see below.

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**From:** Katharina Richter [mailto:krichter@nrsi.on.ca]

**Sent:** January-13-17 10:04 AM

**To:** Curtis Marshall; Farrell Aaron

**Cc:** Steve Burke; Steve Grace

**Subject:** Re: Phase 1B surveyed wetland - Steeles & Trafalgar (proj1624)

Curtis,

With regards to the surveyed wetland, I provide the following, fairly informal report and attached map.

The wetland boundary was surveyed October 26, 2016.

The core areas of the marsh are almost completely Cattails and contain shallow, sporadic pooled water and some degree of organic soils. Fringe areas transition to sparse Cattails mixed with Lance-leaved Aster and occasional Rushes. For a large portion of the eastern boundary the edge of the agricultural field is more or less the boundary of the wetland. There has been some tilling and cultivation of soils that would be part of the wetland but nothing major. There is an overgrown access to the field (grassy, not gravel) leading in from Trafalgar. This creates a separation of the 2 large wetland units by maybe 5m. A culvert could not be seen, but it was thick cattails and there may be direct connection under that laneway; it could be plugged up with muck and detritus.

Overall, the marsh is Cattails, Phragmites, Lance-leaved Aster, and Reed Canary Grass, with a couple of Willow shrubs present as well, but otherwise no trees or shrubs. There are a few other wetland indicators present but it's fairly low diversity overall. The fringe and upland is Canada Goldenrod, Smooth Brome, Canada Thistle, and Common Burdock. The auto shop appears to have encroached into the wetland historically, and there are a few areas of overgrown topsoil piles to the north of the auto shop, as well as a berm-like feature to the far east.

The far eastern wetland pocket is dominated by Reed Canary Grass and exists because of human disturbance. Topographically it is separated from the actual cattail marsh by an area which is fresh-moist meadow and contains no wetland species. The hydrology of the Reed canary Grass area is also likely further influenced by the ditch on the north side of Steeles Ave which would direct some amount of water into this lower area during high rainfall events, thus probably facilitating the wetter vegetation which would not naturally occur in the absence of the berm and the

ditch.

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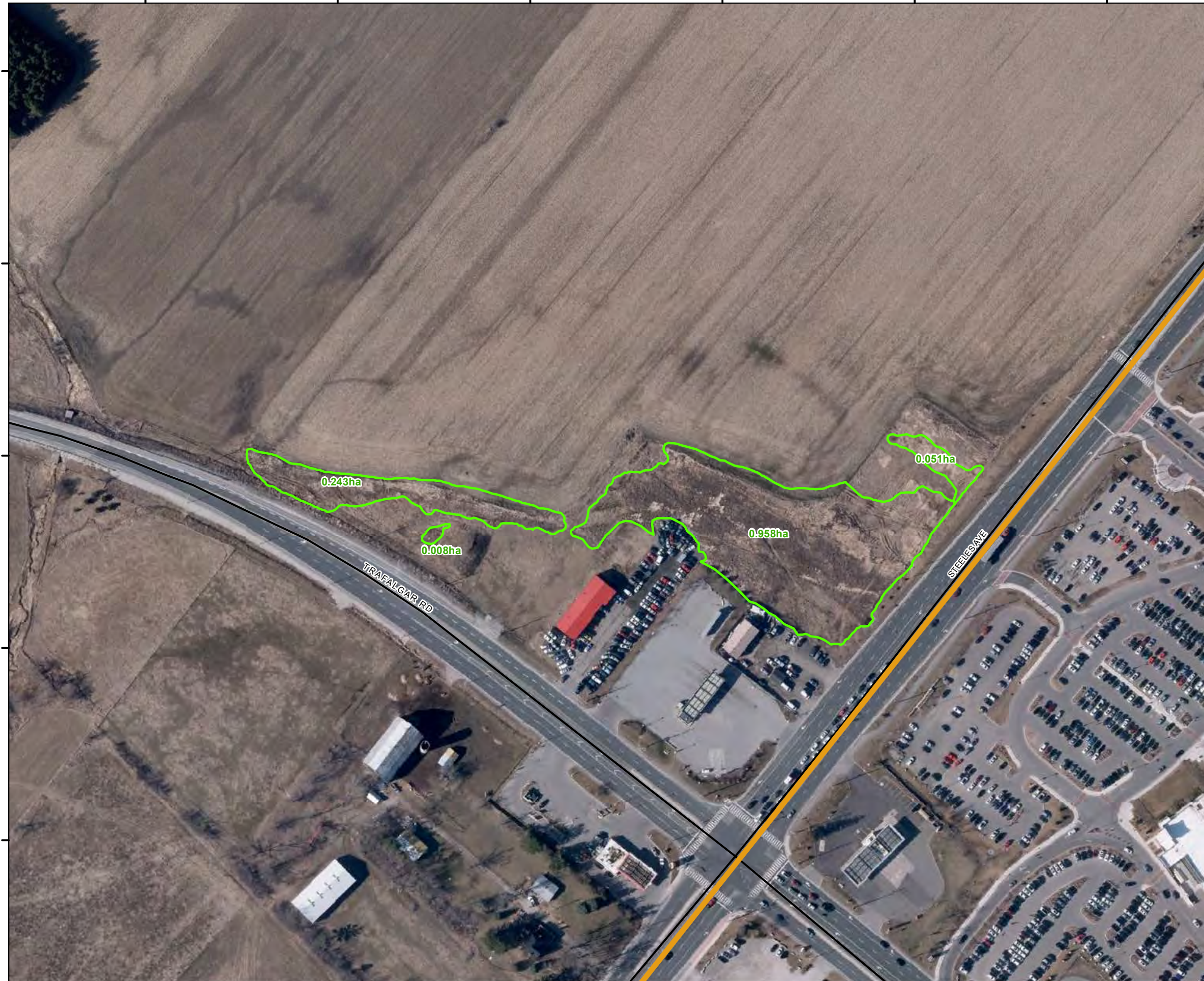
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# Halton Hills Premier Gateway Wetland Delineation

## Legend

-  Subject Area
-  Surveyed Wetland
-  Primary Road



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