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RE: Credit Valley Conservation's Comments on ERO Posting 025-1133 – Refining a protected corridor of land for future electricity transmission infrastructure in the Northwest Greater Toronto Area

BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Energy and Mines (MEM) is refining the study area for the Northwest GTA Transmission Corridor Identification Study. This will be the final major revision to the study area, which is intended to be preserved long term until transmission infrastructure is constructed.

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) is one of 36 Conservation Authorities (CAs) in Ontario. We support a strong provincial economy, safe housing and critical infrastructure development, and protecting municipal drinking water sources. Consistent with our mandate, we are committed to protecting people and property from the risks associated with natural hazards and wetland loss, while supporting sustainable economic development and the creation of safe, prosperous communities.

CREDIT VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMENTS

Lands Containing Hazardous Land

Figures 1 and 2 highlight areas within CVC's jurisdiction where the proposed *Narrowed Area of Interest (NAI)* for the transmission corridor extends beyond the existing alignment into areas containing hazardous land. This new alignment affects wetlands — including Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs) — and watercourse corridors that were previously avoided or less fragmented.

Unintentionally, the proposed NAI may further:

- Increase the loss of wetlands;
- Further fragment watercourse corridors;
- Elevate risks to people and property from natural hazards; and
- Result in higher costs for mitigation and risk management measures.

Impacts to CVC's Regulatory Role and Involvement in Local Planning Approvals

Within the Heritage Heights master-planned community in Northwest Brampton (see Figure 1), the proposed NAI extending outside of the current NAI boundaries is expected to affect previously approved or well-advanced regulatory and land use planning work significantly.

This includes the following studies and applications:

- Heritage Heights Subwatershed Study
- Heritage Heights Secondary Plan
- Privately initiated Planning Act applications
- Functional Servicing Studies
- Geomorphic Assessments
- Wetland Hydrology and Water Balance Assessments
- Water Resource Hydraulic Analyses

- Environmental Impact Studies

The result of the proposed deviation from the current corridor boundaries in this area would cause a loss of progress in reviews, commenting and approvals made to date – resulting in delay in process, duplication of effort, and unexpected use of limited resources.

CVC's RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

CVC recommends that MEM revise the October 2025 proposed NAI within CVC's jurisdiction to stay within the boundaries of the May 2025 NAI boundaries (see Figure 1 and 2), avoiding, to the greatest extent practicable, impacts to wetlands and lands containing natural hazards.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the ERO posting no. 025-1133. I would be pleased to discuss these comments further at your convenience.

Regards,



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FIGURE 1. Brampton - Heritage Heights Community

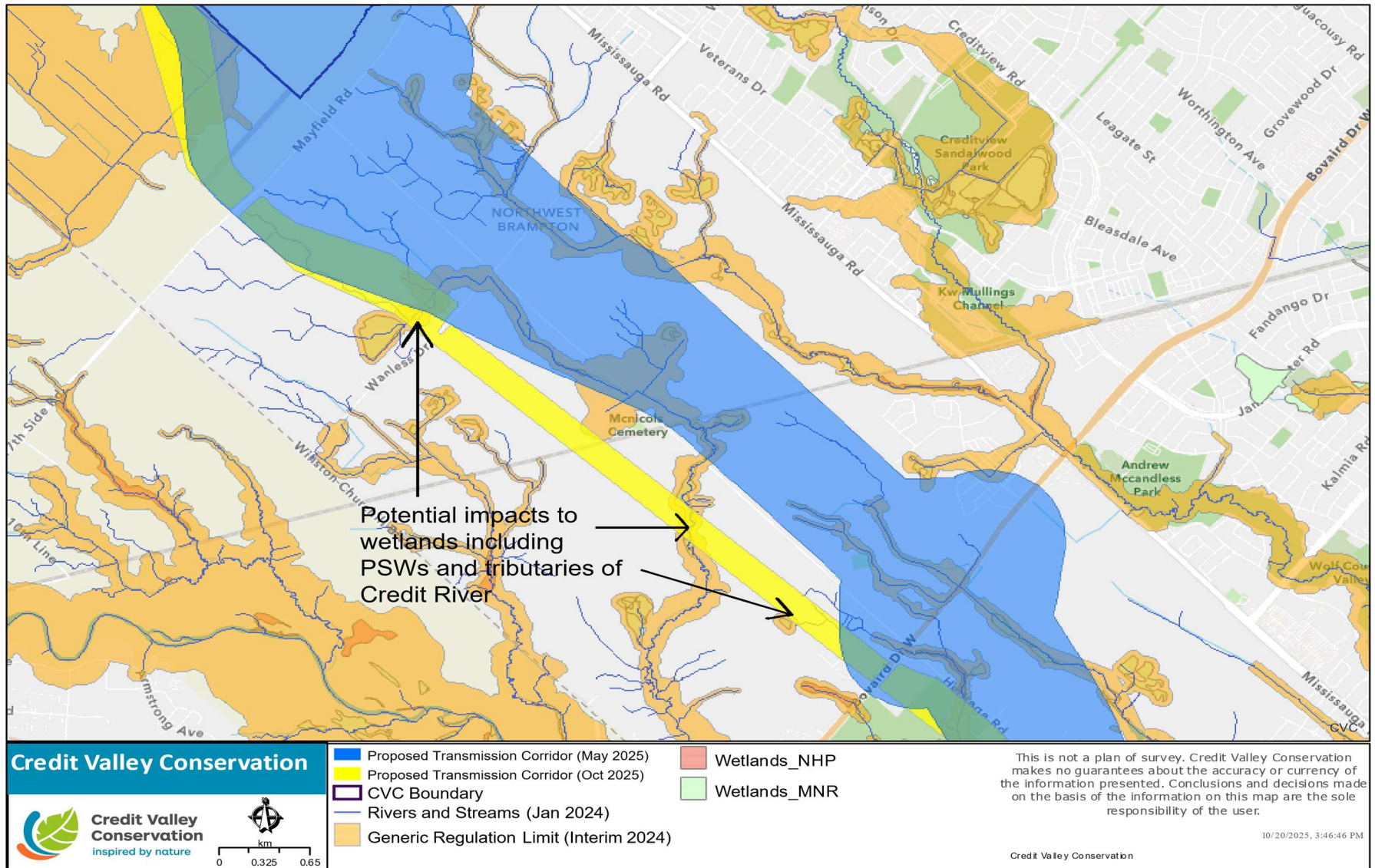


FIGURE 2. Halton Hills Impact Area

