

2017 – 2018 Specific Agreement:

Haudenosaunee Wildlife and Habitat Authority and Hamilton Conservation Authority

This agreement is to be read jointly with the Protocol made between the Haudenosaunee Wildlife and Habitat Authority (HWHA) and the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) on November 3, 2011.

This agreement addresses the Dundas Valley Conservation Area (DVCA), which is administered by the HCA and specifically those parts of the Area illustrated on the attached two maps, Schedule "A" and Schedule "B".

The following factors have helped to establish some parameters for the taking of deer:

1. This Specific Agreement, like the Protocol that authorizes it, has been developed in the spirit of a growing relationship between the HCA and the HWHA based upon respect, trust, and friendship.
2. HCA staff and HWHA members will continue to make observation of the ground conditions of the DVCA with respect to deer habitat, over grazing, and potential damage to other native species.
3. The conservation lands identified in Schedule A and Schedule B of the DVCA are permitted for deer harvesting ensuring public and harvester safety as the overriding priority. Private property land holdings outside of the scheduled conservation lands is strictly prohibited for the deer harvest.
4. HWHA will continue to provide the deer harvest communication with all harvesters. HWHA will also continue to provide the final tally of the harvest per each scheduled area indicating the number of deer taken, sex, and approximant age (yearly or older).

For the 2017-2018 season, the number of deer taken from the areas identified as Schedules "A" and "B" combined shall not exceed sixty.

Deer harvesting within the Schedule "A" lands will take place only on HCA owned lands, and only on weekdays, excluding Fridays, between November 13 and December 7, 2017, inclusive. Deer harvesting within the Schedule "B" lands will take place only on weekdays, excluding Fridays, between January 2 and January 11, 2018, inclusive. The HCA and the HWHA will monitor the deer harvest and will remain in consistent contact throughout the harvesting period.

The HCA and the HWHA will contact the Hamilton Police Services and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to inform them of the intent and provisions and of this agreement, and to secure their co-operation and involvement in ensuring public and harvester safety.

Haudenosaunee harvesters will use the safest means possible to take deer humanely. They will use archery equipment, including compound bows and crossbows. They will not use firearms – rifles or shotguns. They will not use dogs, feed bait, or jack-lighting. They will not harvest before dawn or after dark. They will as often as possible use tree stands and blinds, such use to be determined by factors of safety and effectiveness. They may also wear blaze orange clothing to ensure they are aware of one another's presence.

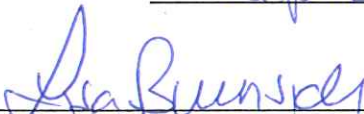
The HCA will use the "Conservation Alert and Trail Closure Protocol" approved by its Board on February 3, 2011 as a basis for informing the public of the taking of deer pursuant to this agreement.

Specifically, public notification of "Trail Closure" will be:

- A media release to local radio, television and newspapers.
- Notification to the Board of the HCA, City Council, and the office of the City Manager of Hamilton by way of the written media release.
- Hand delivery of notice to the owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the harvest area. The notice will include telephone numbers and contacts for the HCA staff, HWHA members, and the Hamilton Police Services.
- Posting of the "Public Notice of Trail Closure" on the HCA website.
- Posting of Notice of Closure at the Dundas Valley Trail and Conservation Area gatehouse.
- Posting of public notification of closure at main trail entry points.

Date:

September 6, 2017

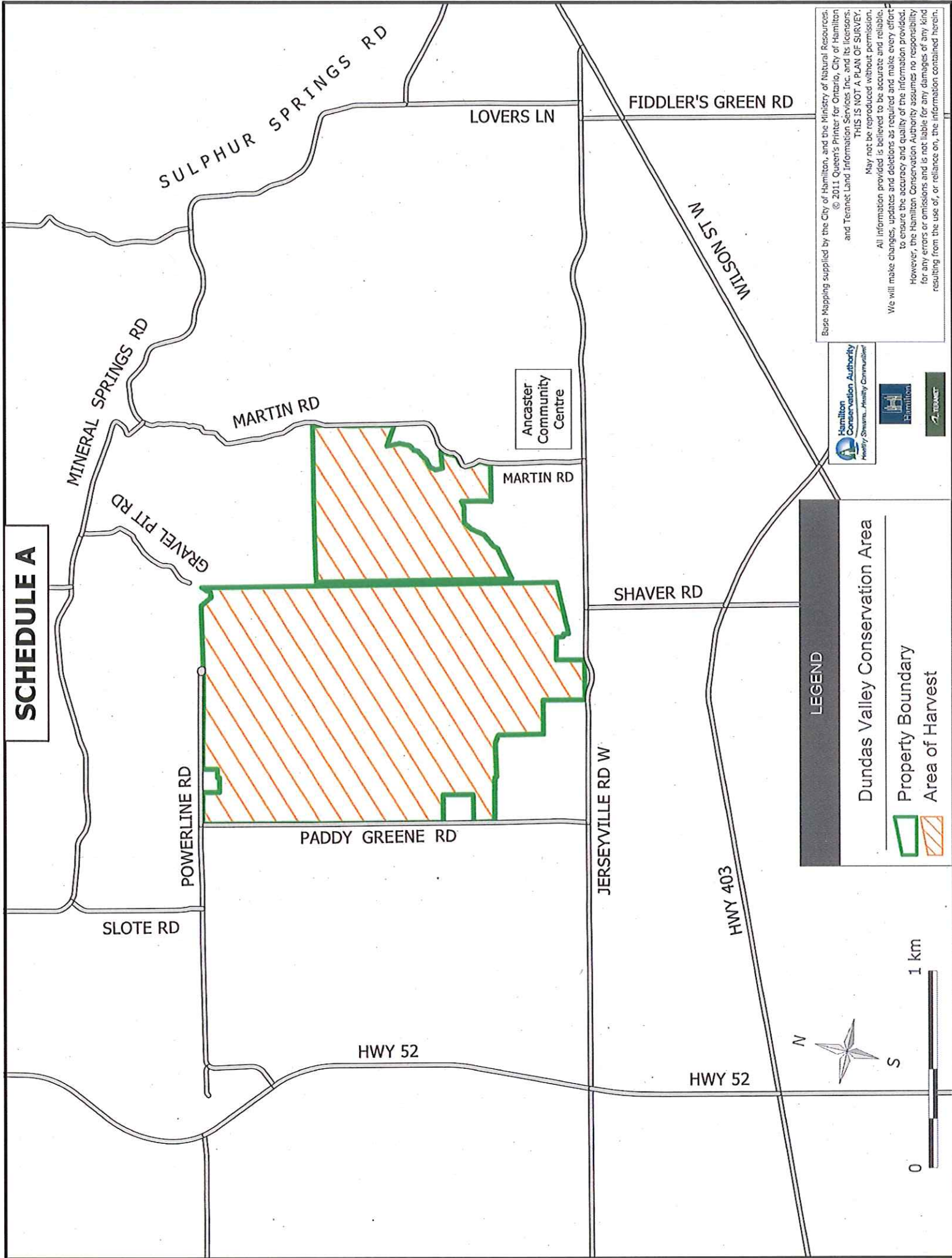


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SCHEDULE A



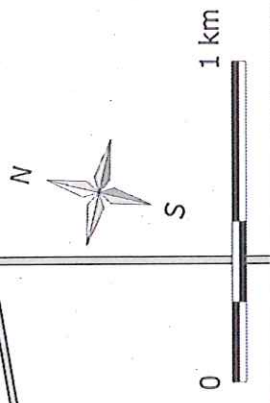
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LEGEND

Dundas Valley Conservation Area

- Property Boundary
- Area of Harvest



SCHEDULE B

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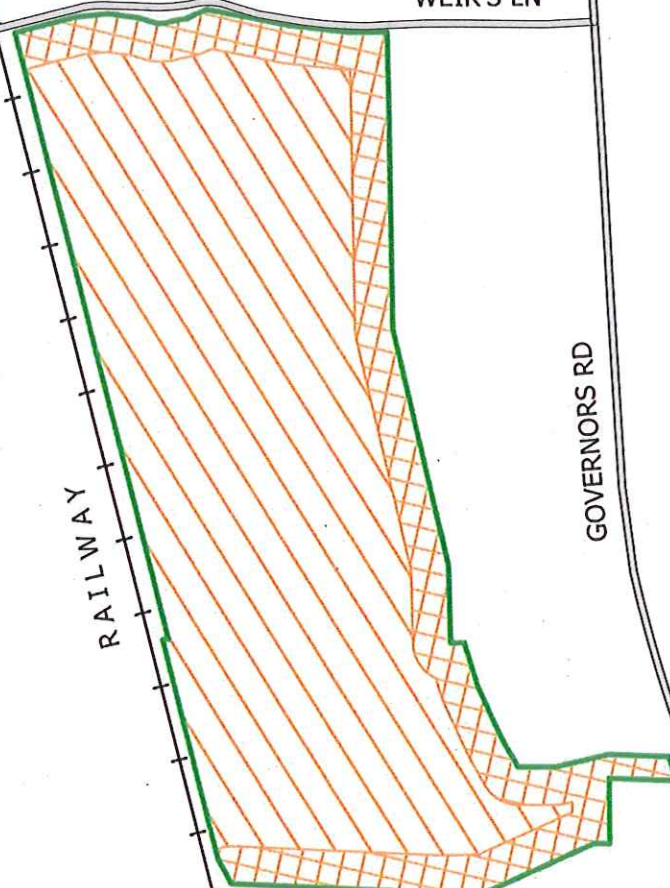
SULPHUR SPRINGS RD

GOVERNORS RD

RAILWAY

MIDDLETOWN RD

BINKLEY RD



LEGEND

Dundas Valley Conservation Area

Property Boundary

Area of Harvest

Area Closed (buffer area)



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