



# **SOUTHGATE SOLAR PROJECT**

## **Community Liaison Committee**

**Workbook 1**

**November 18, 2014 (Meeting #1)**

**6:00-9:00pm**

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### Objectives of this meeting:

- Get to know each other;
- Increase the public's knowledge base of solar energy by providing accurate and up-to-date information on the development, construction, installation, use, operation, maintenance and retirement of the Project (as applicable);
- Help Southgate Solar LP (SSLP) better understand the public's concerns and perception of the project, especially during the development and construction process (as applicable);
- Engage in meaningful and open dialogue in order to identify opportunities for improvements and mitigation and work towards resolving or minimizing conflicts and gaining support/acceptance for the Project;
- Understand the function of the CLC and our roles; and
- Discuss concerns related to the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process.

### Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Purpose and Guiding Principles of the CLC
3. CLC Terms of Reference Review and Discussion
4. Role and Commitment of CLC Members and SSLP
5. Southgate Solar Project Background and Update
6. CLC Member Questions about the Project

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### **Attendees:**

#### CLC Members:

Don Lewis

Brian Milne

Peter Misener

Kent Fletcher

Kathryn Roe-Guerin

#### CLC Facilitator & Note-taker:

Karla Kolli (Dillon Consulting)

Megan Bellamy (Dillon Consulting)

#### SSLP Team:

A. José De Armas

Simon Kim

Tim Smitheman

#### Gengrowth:

Paul Merkur

David Singer

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### Role and Commitment of CLC Members and SSLP

#### What is a CLC?

Membership of the CLC is intended to reflect a mix of voices and interests to help us understand different perspectives. Notices for the establishment of this CLC were posted on the Township of Southgate website, and in three newspapers (the Owen Sound Sun Times, the Mount Forest Confederate, and the Dundalk Herald). Notices were also mailed to approximately 200 stakeholders within 120 metres of the project location, or those who indicated their interest in the project at the first Public Meeting on July 17, 2014.

#### What is our purpose and why are we here?

Consultation with the community is an important part of the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process. The purpose of the CLC is to provide a place for **discussion of community issues** and concerns related to the approval process for the project, as well as the phases of the project after approval (construction, operations, decommissioning). Specifically, the CLC will:

- Act as a liaison facilitating two way communication between SSLP and members of the public with respect to issues related to the development, construction, installation, use, operation, maintenance and retirement of the Project (as applicable);
- Provide a forum for SSLP to provide regular updates on the development, construction, installation, use, operation, maintenance and retirement of the Project (as applicable) with members of the public; and
- Ensure that any issues or concerns resulting from the development, construction, installation, use, operation, maintenance and retirement of the project (as applicable) are discussed and communicated to SSLP.

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We want the CLC to be guided by principles of **collaboration** and **problem solving**, resolution of issues, **mitigation of impacts** and encouraging the **use of best practices** in the areas of health, safety, and the environment. It is not anticipated that the CLC will have decision-making authority, but will act in an advisory capacity.

### **How do we want to work together?**

- Start on time and end on time;
- Respect the agenda and focus on community-level discussion topics;
- Participate;
- Listen to each other;
- Use respectful language;
- Only one person should speak at a time (limit side conversations);

### **Discussion Question**

**Do you have suggestions for other items that should be added to this list? Do you have suggestions for how the CLC should be run?**

### **When will we meet?**

The CLC has been established for a minimum of three (3) meetings. CLC meetings are open to the general public; however it is intended that the discussion be among those who are committee members only. SSLP will provide administrative support for the meetings, including providing space, agendas and meeting records. At this point, we anticipate meeting two more times over the next year, as follows:

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- Meeting #2 – To be determined (TBD), tentatively second Quarter (Q2) of 2015
- Meeting #3 – To be determined (TBD), tentatively fourth Quarter (Q4) of 2015

### Discussion Questions

**Are there things happening in your community we should be aware of that could conflict with this schedule? Are there any concerns?**

### The CLC Terms of Reference (ToR):

You were provided with a Draft Terms of Reference for the CLC. Let's review this document together to ensure that all participants agree with the guiding principles of the committee. The ToR outlines the mandate, membership, Code of Conduct, and meeting schedule for the CLC.

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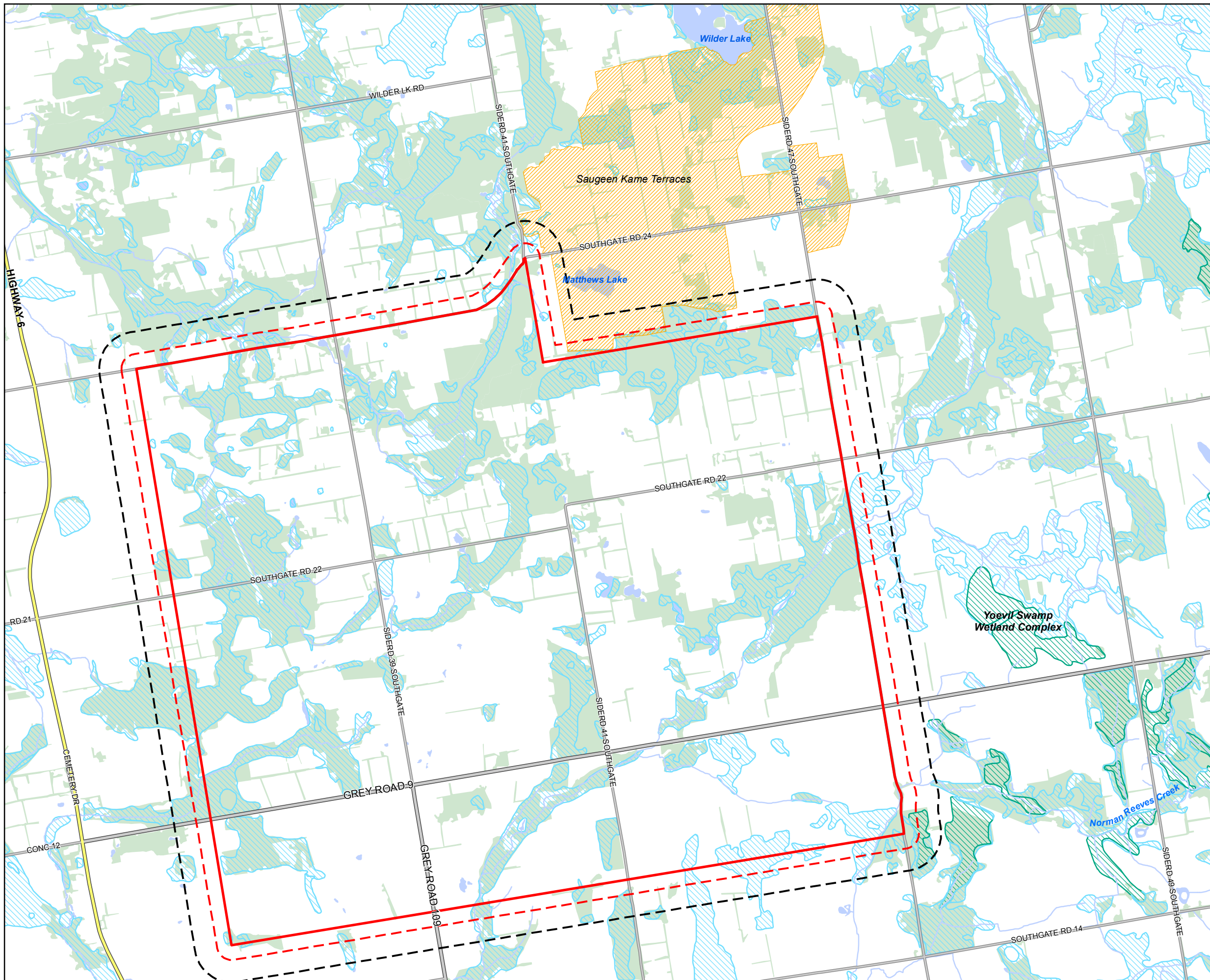
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### **Southgate Solar Project Background and Update**

Southgate Solar LP (SSLP) is committed to ongoing consultation throughout the REA process for the proposed Southgate Solar Project (SSP). Community Liaison Committees (CLCs) are usually established after an approval has been issued by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), however, SSLP has agreed to host a CLC prior to the submission of the REA application to MOECC to facilitate ongoing project consultation within the host municipality (the Township of Southgate).

The proposed project would have a total nameplate capacity of 50 megawatts (MW) alternating current. The proposed Project Location is contained within an area bounded on the north by Southgate Road 24, Southgate Road 14 to the south, Southgate Road 47 to the east, and Highway 6 to the west. The final parcels for use are still being determined as the preliminary layout progresses, but the project location will fall within the area identified below:





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### PROJECT LOCATION AND NATURAL FEATURES

- Project Location
- 120 m Project Location Setback
- 300 m Project Location Setback
- Watercourse
- Water Body
- ANSI, Earth Science
- Provincially Significant Wetland
- Unevaluated Wetland
- Woodland

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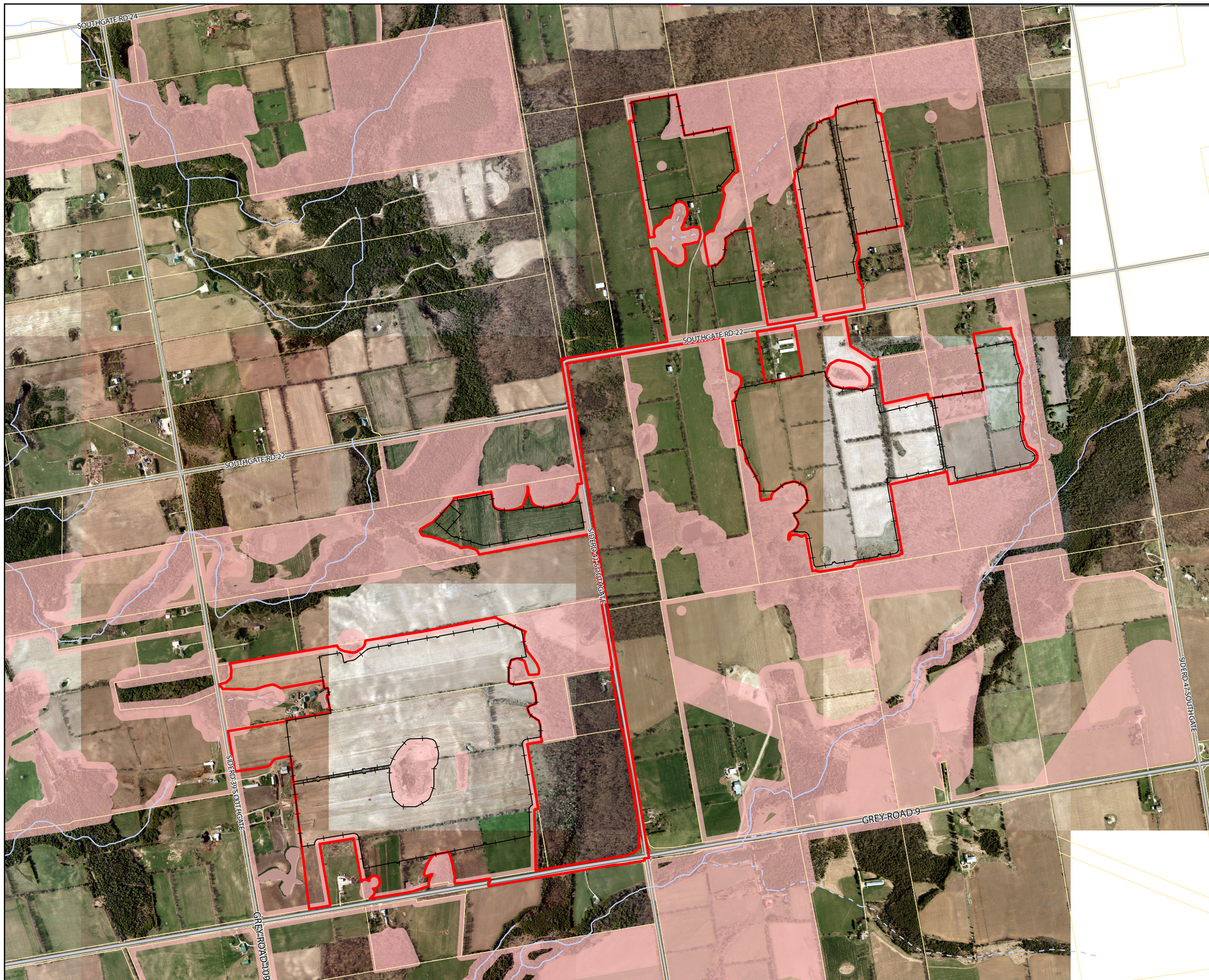
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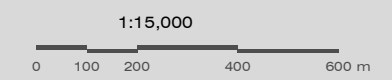




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### RECORDS REVIEW

- +— Fence
- Permanent Watercourse
- - - Intermittent Watercourse
- ▭ Project Location
- ▭ Parcel Boundary
- ▭ Constraint: Hydro One Easement
- ▭ Property Line 20 m Setback
- ▭ Soil CLI 1
- ▭ Soil CLI 2
- ▭ Soil CLI 3
- ▭ Water Body + 30 m Setback
- ▭ Wetland + 30 m Setback
- ▭ Candidate Bat Maternity Colony + 10 m Setback
- ▭ Butternut + 25 m Setback
- ▭ Artifact Location + 20 m Setback
- ▭ Woodland + 10 m Setback



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### What's happening on SSP?

- The first Public Meeting was held on July 17, 2014 and outlined the REA process and studies to be completed as part of the REA application. The second Public Meeting is anticipated to be held in early 2015.
- SSLP and its consultant (Dillon) have completed the preliminary layout for the project – this determined the placement of project components, such as Medium Voltage Stations, underground cabling, panel arrays, the main substation and the operations and maintenance building.
- The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment is underway and is expected to be completed by the end of November.
- The field studies for the Natural Heritage Assessment (NHA) are complete; the results will be compiled into the Records Review and Site Investigation Report and provided to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) for review. Based on the results of these reports, the Evaluation of Significance and Environmental Impact Study will be developed as part of the NHA.
- SSLP is initiating a groundwater monitoring program at a representative sample of residences within 500 m of the proposed project location. This will establish baseline water quality pre-construction and allow for monitoring of water quality during and after the project construction phase. The water samples will be tested for a suite of quality measures, including metals, bacteria and general chemistry. The resulting report will not form part of the REA application package; but will be provided to the selected Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractor prior to the start of construction of the project.

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### **Discussion Questions**

Are there other questions about the project that we need to discuss?