

The Ministry of Natural Resources has identified a new Provincially Significant Wetland Complex centred on the East Humber that will be released in the near future. Although it is anticipated that all of these wetlands have been included in the Network, the policy framework with respect to individual units may change. For example, where the results of this study identified options for restoration and enhancement of the Network, a designation of PSW would likely make that impossible in the context of the PPS.

The City of Vaughan is engaged in several studies aimed at resolving flooding issues in the Black Creek watershed, a tributary to the Humber River. In order to safeguard public health and safety, it may be necessary to reconfigure the wetland and stormwater pond complex northeast of Jane and Highway 7 (Block 23). As a result, a modifier has been placed on the NHN designation at that location.

Similarly, the Environmental Assessment for the extension of the subway into Vaughan proposes to realign the drainage to facilitate a new station, and existing plans, and the fly-over planned for north of Hwy 400 and Hwy 7 (Blocks 29 and 30) will have consequences to the final NHN on these lands. As a result, these areas have similarly been modified or identified as in transition.

Consideration of development proposals has not abated during the preparation of the studies supporting the New Official Plan. The outcomes of applications sufficiently advanced, or recently approved have been incorporated into the TNHS for the watersheds provided by TRCA. These plans provide the land use planning framework for the Block that incorporates the findings of the background environmental studies, and incorporates the judgment of the Conservation Authority and City staff.

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