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## Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment

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Part of Lot 19, Concession 5 East of Centre Road,  
Former Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, Peel County,  
Now Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, Ontario*

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## Executive Summary

*The Executive Summary highlights key points from the report only; for complete information and finding the reader should examine the complete report.*

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Background research determined that the Study Area has archaeological potential for both pre-contact Indigenous and historical Euro-Canadian sites. This determination was based on the presence of a tributary of the West Humber River that flows through the Study Area and the fact that the Study Area is located in an area of Chinguacousy Township with a history of Euro-Canadian occupation dating back to the early to mid-19<sup>th</sup> century.

Given the results of the Stage 1 AA of the Study Area, the following recommendations are provided:

- 1) Portions of the Study Area assessed as having archaeological potential (Map 9) require Stage 2 AA prior to development/construction impacts.
- 2) Portions of the Study Area that may be ploughed should be subject to Stage 2 pedestrian survey at 5 m intervals in accordance with Section 2.1.1 of the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism's (MCM) *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* (2011).
- 3) Portions of the Study Area that cannot be ploughed should be subject to Stage 2 shovel test pit survey at 5 m intervals in accordance with Section 2.1.2 of the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism's (MCM) *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* (2011).

The Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism is asked to review the results and recommendations presented herein, accept this report into the Provincial Register of archaeological reports and issue a standard letter of compliance with the Ministry's 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* and the terms and conditions for archaeological licencing.

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## 1.0 PROJECT CONTEXT

### 1.1 Development Context

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The Stage 1 AA was conducted under professional archaeological license P457, issued to Lafe Meicenheimer of WSP by the Ontario Ministry Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) (PIF # P457-0149-2023).

### 1.2 Historical Context

Table 1 provides a general outline of the pre- and post-contact culture history for south central Ontario, drawn from Ellis and Ferris (1990), while Map 2 displays the pre-contact Indigenous culture history of southern Ontario.

**Table 1: Cultural Chronology for Southern Ontario**

| Period   |              | Time Range (circa) | Characteristics   |
|----------|--------------|--------------------|---|
| Paleo    | Early        | 9000 - 8400 BC     | Gainey, Barnes, and Crowfield traditions; small bands; mobile hunters and gatherers; utilization of seasonal resources and large territories; fluted projectiles  |
|          | Late         | 8400 - 8000 BC     | Holcombe, Hi-Lo, and Lanceolate biface traditions; continuing mobility; campsite/way-station sites; smaller territories are utilized; non-fluted projectiles  |
| Archaic  | Early        | 8000 - 6000 BC     | Side-notched, Corner-notched, and Bifurcate Base traditions; growing diversity of stone tool types; heavy woodworking tools appear (e.g., ground stone axes and chisels)  |
|          | Middle       | 6000 - 2500 BC     | Stemmed (e.g., Kirk, Stanly/Neville), Brewerton side- and corner-notched traditions; reliance on local resources; populations increasing; more ritual activities; fully ground and polished tools; net-sinkers common; earliest copper tools    |
|          | Late         | 2000 - 950 BC      | Narrow Point, Broad Point, and Small Point traditions; less mobility; use of fish-weirs; more formal cemeteries appear; stone pipes emerge; long-distance trade (marine shells and galena)  |
| Woodland | Early        | 950 - 400 BC       | Meadowood tradition; cord-roughened ceramics emerge; Meadowood cache blades and side-notched points; bands of up to 35 people   |
|          | Middle       | 400 BC - AD 500    | Saugeen tradition; stamped ceramics appear; Saugeen projectile points; cobble spall scrapers; seasonal settlements and resource utilization; post holes, hearths, middens, cemeteries, and rectangular structures identified                    |
|          | Transitional | AD 550 - 900       | Princess Point tradition; cord roughening, impressed lines and punctate designs on pottery; adoption of maize horticulture at the western end of Lake Ontario; oval houses and 'incipient' longhouses; first palisades; villages with 75 people |

| Period |                      | Time Range (circa) | Characteristics   |
|--------|----------------------|--------------------|---|
|        | early Late Woodland  | AD 900 - 1300      | Glen Meyer tradition; settled village-life based on agriculture; small villages (0.4 ha) with 75–200 people and 4–5 longhouses; semi-permanent settlements  |
|        | middle Late Woodland | AD 1300 - 1400     | Uren and Middleport traditions; classic longhouses emerge; larger villages (1.2 ha) with up to 600 people; more permanent settlements (30 years)  |
|        | late Late Woodland   | AD 1400 - 1600     | Larger villages (1.7 ha); Examples up to 5 ha with 2,500 people; extensive croplands; also, hamlets, cabins, camps and cemeteries; potential tribal units; fur trade begins ca. 1580; European trade goods appear |

### 1.2.1 Paleo Period

The first human occupation of southern Ontario, known as the Paleo Period, begins just after the end of the Wisconsin Glacial Period. During this time there was a complex series of ice retreats and advances that played a large role in shaping the local topography. Southwestern Ontario was finally ice free by about 12,500 years ago, but the first evidence of human settlement dates to about 11,000 years ago when this area was inhabited by Indigenous groups that had been living south of the Great Lakes.

Our current understanding of Early Paleo settlement patterns suggests that small bands consisting of up to 25 to 35 individuals followed a pattern of seasonal mobility extending over large territories (Ellis and Deller 1990). Sites from this time are exceedingly rare, in part because population densities are thought to have been very low, with all southern Ontario being occupied by perhaps only 100 to 200 people (Ellis and Deller 1990).

Many Early Paleo sites are located in elevated locations on well-drained loamy soils, and many have been found on former beach ridges associated with post-glacial Lake Algonquin that had previously occupied the Lake Huron/Georgian Bay basin. Given their placement in elevated locations, which were likely conducive to the interception of migratory mammals such as caribou, it has been suggested that these sites may represent communal hunting camps. Although most Early Paleo sites are relatively small, there are a few large sites, such as one located close to Parkhill, Ontario, which covered as much as 6 ha (Ellis and Deller 1990:51). However, it appears that these larger sites were formed when the same general locations were occupied for short periods of time over the course of many years.

There are also smaller Early Paleo camps scattered throughout the interior of southern Ontario, usually situated adjacent to wetlands. Research suggests that population densities were very low during the Early Paleo Period, with all of southwestern Ontario being occupied by perhaps only 100 to 200 people (Ellis and Deller 1990).

The Late Paleo Period (8400 - 8000 BC) has been less well researched than the Early Paleo, and as a result it is poorly understood. By this time, the environment of southwestern Ontario was coming to be dominated by closed coniferous forests with some minor deciduous elements. It seems that many of the large game species that had been hunted in the early part of the Paleo Period had either moved further north or became extinct.

During the Late Paleo Period people continued to cover large territories as they moved about in response to seasonal resource fluctuations. On a province-wide basis Late Paleo projectile points are far more common than Early Paleo materials, suggesting a relative increase in population.



The end of the Paleo Period was heralded by numerous technological and cultural innovations that appeared throughout the Archaic Period. These innovations may be best explained in relation to the dynamic nature of the post-glacial environment and region-wide population increases.

### 1.2.2 Archaic Period

During the Early Archaic Period (8000 - 6000 BC), the jack and red pine forests that characterized the Late Paleo environment were replaced by forests dominated by white pine with some associated deciduous trees (Ellis, Kenyon and Spence 1990). Notable technological changes during this period include the appearance of side- and corner-notched projectile points not found during the previous Paleo times, and the introduction of ground stone tools such as celts and axes, which suggest woodworking was increasing in importance. In addition to the introduction of new tools, there may have been some reduction in the degree of seasonal movement of groups, although it is still suspected that population densities were quite low, and band territories large.

During the Middle Archaic Period (6000 - 2500 BC) the trend towards more diverse toolkits continued, as the presence of net-sinkers and fish weirs suggest that fishing was becoming an important aspect of the subsistence economy. The preserved wooden fish weirs at the Mnjikaning site located in the Atherley Narrows between Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching demonstrate the technological complexity utilized to harvest local resources (Needs-Howarth 2013). It was also at this time that "bannerstones" were first manufactured. Bannerstones are carefully crafted ground stone devices that may have served as a counterbalance for "atlatls" or spear-throwers.

Another characteristic of the Middle Archaic is an increased reliance on local, often poor-quality chert resources for the manufacturing of projectile points. It seems that during earlier periods, when groups occupied large territories, it was possible for them to visit a primary outcrop of high-quality chert at least once during their seasonal round. However, during the Middle Archaic, groups inhabited smaller territories that often did not encompass a source of high-quality raw material. In these instances, it appears that lower quality materials which had been deposited by the glaciers in the local till and river gravels were utilized more regularly.

The apparent reduction in territory size may be linked to gradual region-wide population growth which led to the infilling of the landscape and a reorganization of subsistence practices as more people became more reliant on resources from smaller areas. It may also have been the impetus for the development of long-distance trading as shown by the increased presence of exotic materials and items during the later part of the Middle Archaic Period. For example, tools manufactured from natural sources of copper found in areas northwest of Lake Superior were being widely traded across the northeast (Ellis, Kenyon, and Spence 1990).

During the Late Archaic (2500 - 950 BC) the trend towards decreased territory size and a broadening subsistence base continued. Late Archaic sites are far more numerous than either Early or Middle Archaic sites, and it seems that the local population had expanded. It is during the Late Archaic that more formal cemeteries appear. The appearance of cemeteries during the Late Archaic has been interpreted as a response to increased population densities and competition between local groups for access to resources. It is argued that cemeteries would have provided strong symbolic claims over a local territory and its resources. These cemeteries are often located on heights of well-drained sandy/gravel soils adjacent to major watercourses.

This suggestion of increased territoriality is also consistent with the regionalized variation present in Late Archaic projectile point styles. It was during the Late Archaic that distinct local styles of projectile points appear. Also, during the Late Archaic the trade networks which had been established during the Middle Archaic continued to flourish. Native copper from northern Ontario and marine shell artifacts from as far away as the Mid-Atlantic coast are frequently encountered as grave goods. Other artifacts such as polished stone pipes and banded slate gorgets also appear on Late Archaic sites. One of the more unusual and interesting of the Late Archaic artifacts is

the "birdstone". Birdstones are small, bird-like effigies usually manufactured from green banded slate. While the function of these artifacts is presently poorly understood, they appear to be relatively common in the London area compared with the rest of the province.

### 1.2.3 Woodland Period

The Early Woodland Period (950 - 400 BC) is distinguished from the Late Archaic Period primarily by the addition of ceramic technology. While the introduction of pottery provides a useful demarcation point for archaeologists, it may have made less difference in the lives of the Early Woodland peoples. The first pots were thick walled and friable. It has been suggested that they were used in the processing of nut oils by boiling crushed nut fragments in water and skimming off the oil (Spence, Pihl and Murphy 1990). These vessels were not easily portable, and individual pots must not have sustained a long use life. There have also been numerous Early Woodland sites located at which no pottery was found, suggesting that these early vessels had yet to assume a central position in the day-to-day lives of Early Woodland peoples.

Other than the introduction of ceramic technology, the life ways of Early Woodland peoples show a great deal of continuity with the preceding Late Archaic Period (2500 - 950 BC). For instance, birdstones continue to be manufactured, although the Early Woodland varieties have "pop-eyes" which protrude from the sides of their heads.

Likewise, the thin, well-made projectile points which were produced during the terminal part of the Archaic Period continue in use. However, the Early Woodland variants were side-notched rather than corner-notched, giving them a slightly altered and distinctive appearance.

The trade networks which were established in the Middle and Late Archaic also continued to function, although there does not appear to have been as much traffic in marine shell during the Early Woodland Period. During the last 200 years of the Early Woodland Period, projectile points manufactured from high quality raw materials from the American Midwest begin to appear on sites in the London area.

In terms of settlement and subsistence patterns, the Middle Woodland (400 BC - AD 900) provides a major point of departure from the Archaic and Early Woodland Periods. While Middle Woodland peoples still relied on hunting and gathering to meet their subsistence requirements, fish became an even more important part of their diet. This is especially true relatively nearby London, Ontario area, where some Middle Woodland sites have produced literally thousands of bones from spring spawning species such as walleye and sucker. In addition, Middle Woodland peoples relied much more extensively on ceramic technology. Middle Woodland vessels are often garishly decorated with hastily impressed designs covering the entire exterior surface and upper portion of the vessel interior. Consequently, even very small fragments of Middle Woodland vessels are easily identifiable.

It is also at the beginning of the Middle Woodland Period that rich, densely occupied sites appear on the valley floor of major rivers. While the valley floors of floodplains had been utilized by earlier peoples, Middle Woodland sites are significantly different in that the same location was repeatedly occupied over several hundred years. Because this is the case, rich deposits of artifacts often accumulated. Unlike earlier seasonally utilized locations, these Middle Woodland sites appear to have functioned as base camps, occupied off and on over the course of the year. There are also numerous small upland Middle Woodland sites, many of which can be interpreted as special purpose camps from which localized resource patches were exploited. This shift towards a greater degree of sedentism continues the trend witnessed from at least Middle Archaic times and provides a prelude to the developments that follow during the Late Woodland Period.

The Late Woodland Period began with a shift in settlement and subsistence patterns involving an increasing reliance on corn horticulture (Fox 1990; Smith 1990; Williamson 1990). Corn may have been introduced into southwestern Ontario from the American Midwest as early as AD 600. However, it did not become a dietary staple until at least three to four hundred years later.

The Late Woodland Period is widely accepted as the beginning of agricultural life ways in south-central Ontario. The first agricultural villages in southern Ontario date to the 10<sup>th</sup> century AD. Unlike the riverine base camps of the Middle Woodland Period, these sites are located in the uplands, on well-drained sandy soils.

The middle Late Woodland Period (AD 1300 - 1400) witnessed several interesting developments in terms of settlement patterns and artifact assemblages. Changes in ceramic styles have been carefully documented, allowing the placement of sites in the first or second half of this 100-year period.

Village size also continues to expand throughout the latter part of the Late Woodland Period, with many of the larger villages showing signs of periodic expansions. The middle Late Woodland Period and the first century of the late Late Woodland Period was a time of village amalgamation. These large villages were often heavily defended with numerous rows of wooden palisades, suggesting that defence may have been one of the rationales for smaller groups banding together. Late Woodland village expansion has been clearly documented at several sites throughout southwestern and south-central Ontario (Anderson 2009).

During the late 1600s and early 1700s, the French explorers and missionaries reported a large population of Iroquoian peoples clustered around the western end of Lake Ontario. The area which was later to become Peel Region was known to have been occupied by ancestors of two different Late Woodland groups who evolved to become the historically known Neutral and Huron. For this reason, the Late Woodland groups which occupied parts of south-central Ontario prior to the arrival of the French are often identified as "Prehistoric Neutral" and "Prehistoric Huron" (Lennox and Fitzgerald 1990; Smith 1990).

#### **1.2.4 Post-Contact Indigenous Period**

The post-contact Indigenous occupation of southern Ontario was heavily influenced by the dispersal of various Iroquoian-speaking peoples by the New York State Iroquois and the subsequent return of Algonkian-speaking groups from northern Ontario at the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century and beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century (Schmalz 1991).

Following the introduction of Europeans to North America, the nature of Indigenous settlement size, population distribution, and material culture shifted as settlers began to colonize the land. Despite this shift in Indigenous life ways, "written accounts of material life and livelihood, the correlation of historically recorded villages to their archaeological manifestations, and the similarities of those sites to more ancient sites have revealed an antiquity to documented cultural expressions that confirms a deep historical continuity to Iroquoian systems of ideology and thought" (Ferris 2009). This deep continuity is reflected in the oral and written histories of the Anishinaabek peoples as well. As a result, Indigenous peoples of southern Ontario have left behind archaeologically significant resources throughout southern Ontario which show continuity with past peoples, even if this connection has not been recorded in historical Euro-Canadian documentation.

Portions of southern Ontario were also occupied by Algonkian-speaking groups both before and after European contact. Generally, the pre-contact Indigenous presence in much of southern Ontario reflects occupation by northern Iroquoian speakers. During and following the Iroquois Wars of the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century and the dispersal of the Iroquoian-speaking Huron-Petun and Neutral, a considerable reduction in the extent of territory occupied by Algonkian speakers occurred in southern Ontario. Beginning about 1690, northern Algonkian speakers from northern Ontario began to move southwards and southern Iroquoian speakers began to push southern Algonkian-speakers further west (Ferris 2009; Schmalz 1991).

Dominance of southern Iroquois-speaking peoples in the southern Ontario began to wane at the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and Algonkian-speaking peoples returned to many parts of southwestern Ontario throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries (Schmalz 1991).

### 1.2.5 Historical Euro-Canadian Period

Following the Toronto Purchase of 1787, today's southern Ontario was within the old Province of Quebec and divided into four political districts: Lunenburg, Mechlenburg, Nassau, and Hesse. These became part of the Province of Upper Canada in 1791, and renamed the Eastern, Midland, Home, and Western Districts, respectively. The Study Area is within the former Nassau District, then Home District, which included what would become Peel County and Chinguacousy Township.

The Study Area is within lands that first enter the historical Euro-Canadian record as part of Treaty Number 19, or the "Ajetance Purchase", between Anishinaabe peoples and the Crown in 1818:

*"[Treaty 19] was made by the Honourable William Claus, Deput-Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs on behalf of His Majesty, and the Principal Men of the Mississauga Nation of Indians, inhabiting the River Credit, Twelve and Sixteen Mile Creeks on the north shore of Lake Ontario, within the Home District, whereas the said Indians were to receive 522 pounds and ten shillings, yearly for the said tract, described as follows: 'A tract of land in the Home District called the Mississague Tract, bounded southerly by the purchase made in 1806; on the east by the Townships of Etobicoke, Vaughn and King; on the south west by the Indian Purchase, extending from the outlet of Burlington Bay, north forty-five degrees west, fifty miles; and from thence north seventy-four degrees east or thereabouts, to.'"*

(Morris 1943: 24)

#### 1.2.5.1 Chinguacousy Township and Peel County

The Study Area is located within part of the Mississauga Tract, which was ceded to the British by the Mississaugas on October 28, 1818, under Treaty Number 19, for £522 and 10 shillings annually. Treaty 19 was the "Second Purchase" involving the Tract, of which the "First Purchase" or "Mississauga Purchase" of 1805 allowed the British Crown to acquire over 74,000 acres of land in southern Peel County. Treaty Number 19 transferred an additional 648,000 acres of the Tract to the British, who surveyed the area in 1819 and divided it into the Townships of Toronto, Chinguacousy, Caledon, Albion, and Toronto Gore (PAMA 2014).

Chinguacousy Township likely derives its name from Chippewa chief Shinguacose, who fought at the capture of Fort Michilimackinac during the War of 1812. The township was surveyed in 1819 by Richard Bristol who employed the double-front survey system (Pope 1877).

Settlers began arriving in Chinguacousy Township shortly after the survey was complete and by 1820, the population had reached 412 and the first town meetings were being held in a tavern located on Seventh Line. The construction of York Road connecting Toronto to Guelph through the township in 1832, spurred growth in the area, and by 1850, all of the lands in Chinguacousy Township had been settled and the population had grown to 5,489 (Smith 1850). The completion of the Sarnia-Toronto line of the Grand Trunk Railway in 1856, which passed through the southern half of the township, brought further growth between 1850 and 1860, however a general shift away from agricultural production toward industrial and commercial enterprises in urban centres in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century caused the growth of Chinguacousy Township to plateau, with populations declining to 5,154 by 1880 (Ontario Agricultural Commission 1881).

At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, economic development of Chinguacousy Township, like that of adjacent counties and townships, relied on the prosperity of nearby Toronto and exports to the United States and Britain. Following World War II, the widespread use of motor vehicles brought changes to urban and rural development. As vehicular traffic increased, the network of roadways throughout the region improved, providing Chinguacousy Township and its communities with better connections to the growing metropolis of Toronto.

Significant new growth and development has occurred in Peel County over the past four decades. In 1973, Chinguacousy Township was amalgamated with the Township of Caledon, Albion Township, and the Villages of Bolton and Caledon East to form the Town of Caledon in the new Regional Municipality of Peel. In 2011, the population of the Town of Caledon numbered 59,460, while in 2016 it had grown to 66,502 (Statistics Canada 2016).

### **1.2.5.2 Study Area Specific Context**

The Study Area occupies the southern portion of the eastern half of Lot 19, Concession 5 East of Centre Road in the former geographic Township of Chinguacousy, Peel County.

Richard Bristol's 1819 survey map indicates that Lot 19 is clergy land, and no structures are depicted on this map (Map 3).

The patent plan for Chinguacousy Township shows John Ewing as the owner of the southern half of the eastern half of Lot 19 (Map 4), however an Abstract Index Book digitized by Service Ontario's ONLand database (Land Registry Office I.D. # 43, Book *Chinguacousy Book B*) shows that John Ewing was issued the patent for the eastern half of the southern half of Lot 19 in 1869. The patent plan does not illustrate any structures on it.

Later, Tremaine's *Map of the County of Peel, Canada West*, published in 1859, shows the Ewing Brothers as the owners of the eastern half of Lot 19 (Map 5). No structures are shown in the Study Area.

The map of Chinguacousy Township in the 1877 *Illustrated Historical Atlas of the County of Peel* shows that Mrs. Ewing owns the southern half of the eastern half of Lot 19, with a house and orchard on the eastern side along what is now Torbram Road (Map 6).

Topographic mapping from the 20<sup>th</sup> century shows that there was no development in or around the Study Area until the construction of the Mayfield Golf Club in the late 1970s (Map 7). Topographic mapping shows a residential structure in the Study Area during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, which was likely the house depicted on the 1877 map of Chinguacousy Township. This house no longer appears on topographic maps after 1940, and current aerial photography of the Study Area confirms that it no longer exists (Map 8).

## **1.3 Archaeological Context**

### **1.3.1 Study Area Overview**

The Study Area is approximately 20.7 ha of land situated within the South Slope physiographic region. The South Slope is described as:

*"...the southern slope of the Oak Ridges Moraine but it includes the strip south of the Peel plain. ...it rises 300 to 400 feet in an average width of 6 or 7 miles. Extending from the Niagara Escarpment to the Trent River it covers approximately 940 square miles. The central portion is drumlinized. The streams flow directly down the slope; being rapid they have cut sharp valleys in the till. Bare grey slopes, where soil is actively eroding are common in this area."*

Chapman & Putnam, 1984: 172-174

Localized topography of the Study Area is generally flat, sitting around 250 m above sea level, with a lower valley bordering the creek flowing through the Study Area sitting at approximately 240 m above sea level. The soils of the Study Area are mapped as Chinguacousy Clay Loam, with alluvial bottomland surrounding the creek present in the Study Area (Hoffman and Richards 1953). The bedrock deposits in the vicinity date to the Upper Ordovician Period and consist of the Queenston Formation (Hewitt 1972).

The closest potable water source is an unnamed tributary of the West Humber River, which flows through the centre the Study Area. The West Humber River joins the Humber River approximately 20 km southeast of the Study Area, which ultimately enters Humber Bay of Lake Ontario approximately 30 km southeast of the Study Area.

The Study Area lies within the Mixed-wood Plains ecozone of Ontario (Ecological Framework of Canada n.d.). Although largely altered by recent human activity, this ecozone once supported a wide variety of deciduous trees, such as various species of ash, birch, chestnut, hickory, oak, and walnut, as well as a variety of birds and small to large land mammals, such as raccoon, red fox, white tailed deer, and black bear.

Currently, the Study Area consists of agricultural land as well as the uncultivated valley bordering the tributary of Humber River flowing through the centre of the Study Area.

### 1.3.2 Previous Archaeological Work

A search of the Ontario Archaeological Sites Database (OASD) indicated that there are 7 registered archaeological sites located within a 1 km radius of the Study Area (Table 2), none of which are within 300 m of the Study Area (MCM 2022).

**Table 2: Sites within a 1 km Radius of the Study Area**

| Borden # | Site Name               | Site Type     | Affinity                              |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| AkGw-101 | Countryside             | Findspot      | Pre-Contact Indigenous, Early Archaic |
| AkGw-386 | Patilda 1 Site          | Farmstead     | Euro-Canadian                         |
| AkGw-387 | Patilda 2 Site          | Farmstead     | Euro-Canadian                         |
| AkGw-388 | Patilda 3 Site          | Farmstead     | Euro-Canadian                         |
| AkGw-504 | Archdeacon-Griffen Site | Homestead     | Euro-Canadian                         |
| AkGw-545 |                         | Camp/Campsite | Pre-Contact Indigenous                |
| AkGw-546 |                         | Scatter       | Pre-Contact Indigenous, Euro-Canadian |

In 2022, Golder Associates Ltd., A Member of WSP, now WSP Canada Inc., completed a Stage 1 AA for the proposed residential redevelopment of the Mayfield Golf Club, as well as the existing residential property at 12580 Torbram Road (PIF # P1013-0022-2022). The study area for this Stage 1 AA included approximately 70.3 hectares (ha) of land located adjacent to the current Study Area on part of Part of Lots 19, 20, and 21, Concession 5 East of Centre Road in the former geographic Township of Chinguacousy, Peel County, now Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, Ontario. This Stage 1 AA, which consisted of background research and a property inspection, determined that the study area had archaeological potential, although property inspection identified disturbed and undisturbed areas within the study area, as well as areas that are sloped and permanently wet. As a result, Stage 2 AA was recommended for the study area, including test pit survey at 5 m intervals in portions of the study area that were identified during the Stage 1 property inspection as relatively undisturbed, and test pit survey at 10 m intervals to confirm disturbance for portions of the study area were identified during the

Stage 1 property inspection as likely disturbed due to the construction of the golf courses, but the level of disturbance was not able to be visually confirmed (Golder 2022). A Stage 2 AA is currently being conducted for this study area (PIF # P457-0149-2023).

To the best of our knowledge, no additional archaeological assessments have been conducted within 50 m of the current Study Area.

Information concerning specific site locations is protected by provincial policy and is not fully subject to the *Freedom of Information Act*. The release of such information in the past has led to looting or various forms of illegally conducted site destruction. Confidentiality extends to all media capable of conveying location, including maps, drawings, or textual descriptions of a site location. For this reason, maps and data that provide information on archaeological site locations are provided as supplementary documentation and do not form part of this public report.

The MCM will provide information concerning site location to the party or an agent of the party holding title to a property, or to a licensed archaeologist with relevant cultural resource management interests.

### 1.3.3 Archaeological Potential

Archaeological potential is established by determining the likelihood that archaeological resources may be present within a property. In accordance with the MCM's 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* the following are features or characteristics that indicate archaeological potential:

- Previously identified archaeological sites.
- Water sources:
  - Primary water sources (lakes, rivers, streams, creeks).
  - Secondary water sources (intermittent streams and creeks; springs; marshes; swamps).
  - Features indicating past water sources (e.g., glacial lake shorelines indicated by the presence of raised gravel, sand, or beach ridges; relic river or stream channels indicated by clear dip or swale in the topography; shorelines of drained lakes or marshes; and cobble beaches).
  - Accessible or inaccessible shoreline (e.g., high bluffs, swamps or marsh fields by the edge of a lake; sandbars stretching into marsh).
- Elevated topography (eskers, drumlins, large knolls, plateaux).
- Pockets of well drained sandy soil, especially near areas of heavy soil or rocky ground; distinctive land formations that might have been special or spiritual places, such as waterfalls, rock outcrops, caverns, mounds, and promontories and their bases (there may be physical indicators of their use, such as burials, structures, offerings, rock paintings or carvings).
- Resource areas including:
  - Food or medicinal plants.
  - Scarce raw minerals (e.g., quartz, copper, ochre or outcrops of chert).
  - Early Euro-Canadian industry (fur trade, mining, logging).

- Areas of Euro-Canadian settlement.
- Early historical transportation routes.

In recommending a Stage 2 property survey based on determining archaeological potential for an area, the MCM stipulates the following:

- No areas within 300 m of a previously identified site; water sources; areas of early Euro-Canadian Settlement; or locations identified through local knowledge or informants can be recommended for exemption from further assessment.
- No areas within 100 m of early transportation routes can be recommended for exemption from further assessment.
- No areas within the property containing an elevated topography; pockets of well-drained sandy soil; distinctive land formations; or resource areas can be recommended for exemption from further assessment.

Based on the criteria outlined above, the Study Area was determined to have archaeological potential for both pre-contact Indigenous and historical Euro-Canadian sites. This determination was based on the presence of a tributary of the West Humber River that flows through the Study Area and the fact that the Study Area is located in an area of Chinguacousy Township with a history of Euro-Canadian occupation dating back to the early to mid-19<sup>th</sup> century.



## **2.0 ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Based on background research, the Study Area was determined to have archaeological potential as indicated by the criteria found in Section 1.3.3.

### 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Given the results of the Stage 1 AA of the Study Area, the following recommendations are provided:

- 1) Portions of the Study Area assessed as having archaeological potential (Map 9) require Stage 2 AA prior to development/construction impacts.
- 2) Portions of the Study Area that may be ploughed should be subject to Stage 2 pedestrian survey at 5 m intervals in accordance with Section 2.1.1 of the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* (2011).
- 3) Portions of the Study Area that cannot be ploughed should be subject to Stage 2 shovel test pit survey at 5 m intervals in accordance with Section 2.1.2 of the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* (2011).

The Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism is asked to review the results and recommendations presented herein, accept this report into the Provincial Register of archaeological reports and issue a standard letter of compliance with the Ministry's 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* and the terms and conditions for archaeological licencing.

## 4.0 ADVICE ON COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATION

This report is submitted to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism as a condition of licensing in accordance with Part VI of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (Government of Ontario 1990b). The report is prepared to ensure that it complies with the standards and guidelines that are issued by the Minister, and that the archaeological fieldwork and report recommendations ensure the conservation, protection and preservation of the cultural heritage of Ontario. When all matters relating to archaeological sites within the project area of a development proposal have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, a letter will be issued by the Ministry stating that there are no further concerns with regards to alterations to archaeological sites by the proposed development.

It is an offence under Section 48 and 69 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for any party other than a licensed archaeologist to make any alterations to a known archaeological site or to remove any artifact or other physical evidence of past human use or activity from the site, until such time as a licensed archaeologist has completed archaeological fieldwork on the site, submitted a report to the Minister stating that the site has no further cultural heritage value or interest, and the report has been filed in the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological reports referred to in Section 65.1 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (Government of Ontario 1990b).

Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out archaeological fieldwork, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (Government of Ontario 1990b).

The *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act*, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33, requires that any person discovering or having knowledge of a burial site shall immediately notify the police or coroner (Government of Ontario 2002). It is recommended that the Registrar of Cemeteries at the Ministry of Consumer Services is also immediately notified.

## 5.0 IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS REPORT

WSP has prepared this report in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the archaeological profession currently practicing under similar conditions in the jurisdiction in which the services are provided, subject to the time limits and physical constraints applicable to this report. No other warranty expressed or implied is made.

This report has been prepared for the specific site, design objective, developments, and purpose described to WSP by the Client. The factual data, interpretations, and recommendations pertain to a specific project as described in this report and are not applicable to any other project or site location.

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Unless otherwise stated, the suggestions, recommendations, and opinions given in this report are intended only for the guidance of the Client in the design of the specific project.

Special risks occur whenever archaeological investigations are applied to identify subsurface conditions and even a comprehensive investigation, sampling and testing program may fail to detect all or certain archaeological resources. The sampling strategies incorporated in this study, if any, comply with those identified in the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism's 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists*.

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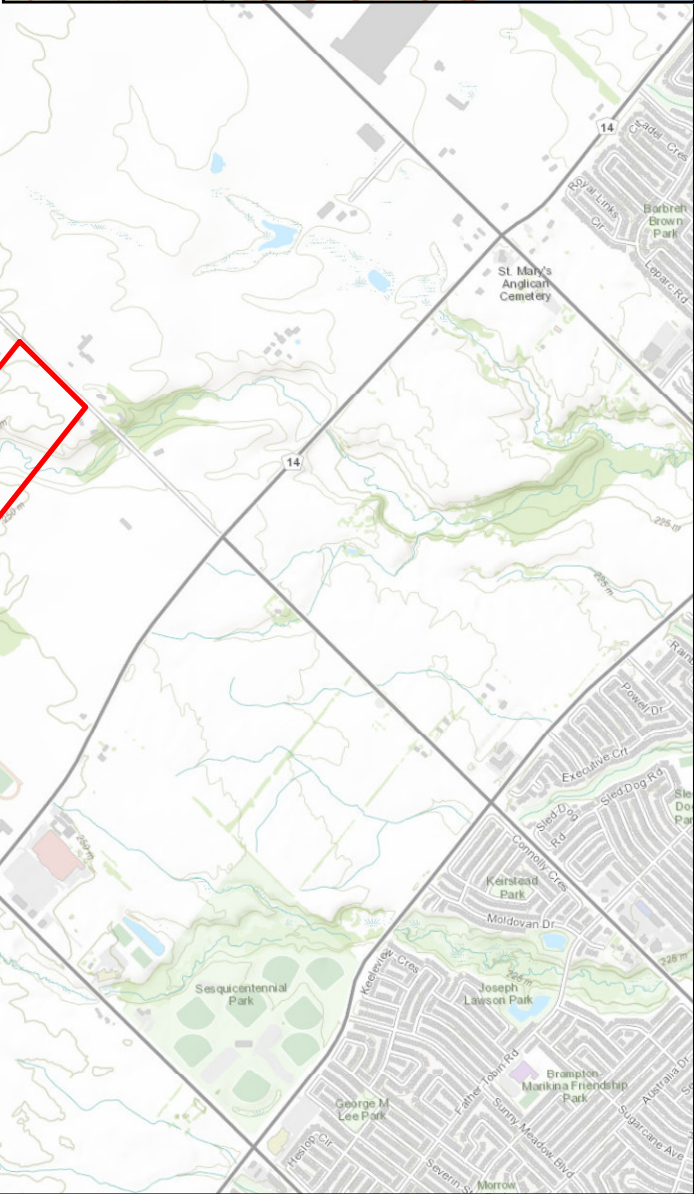
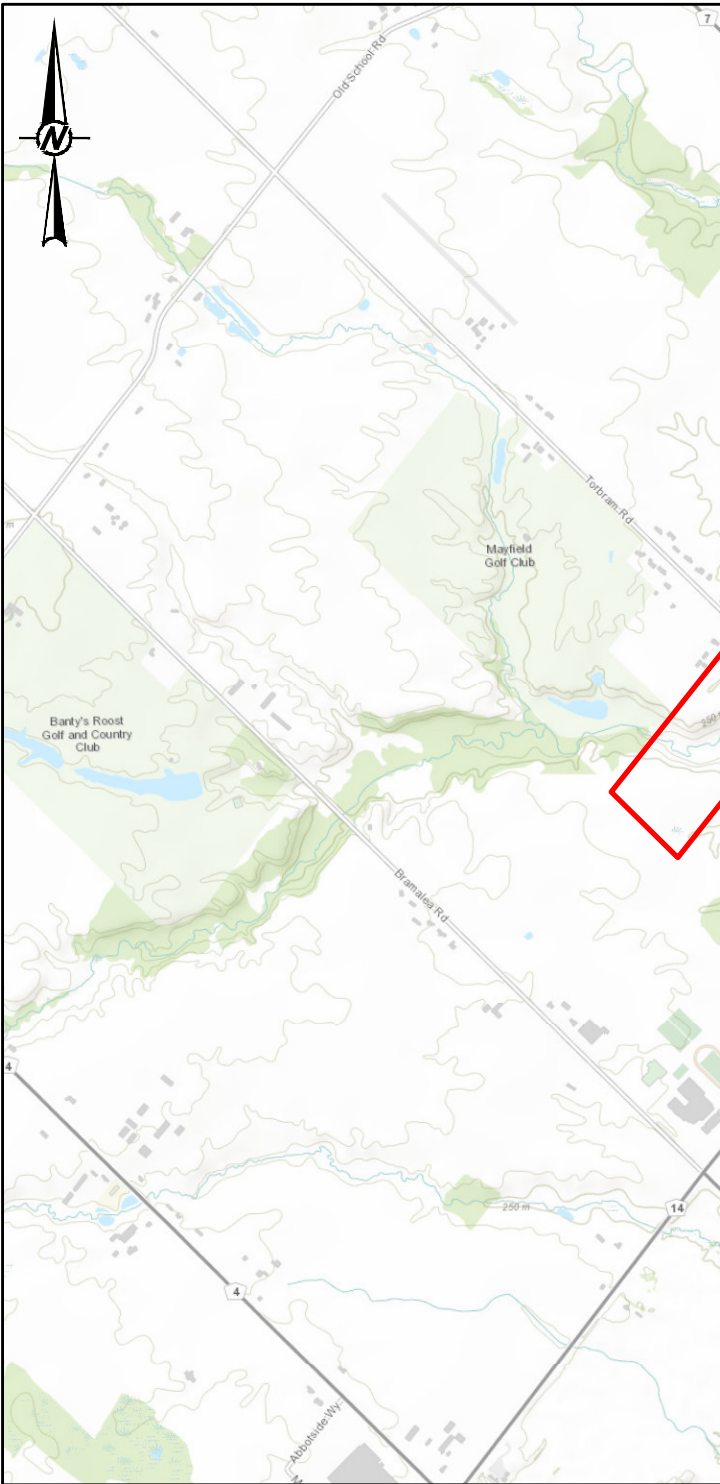
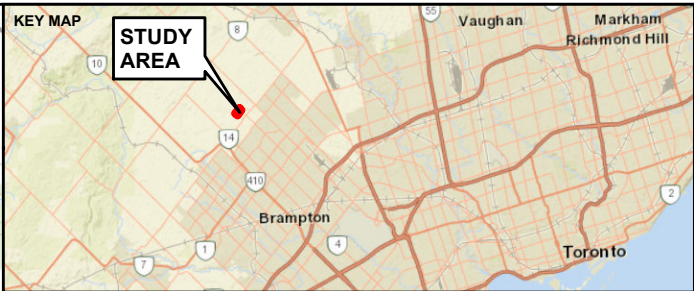
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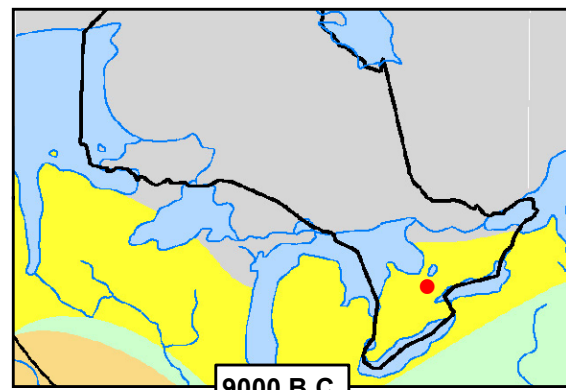
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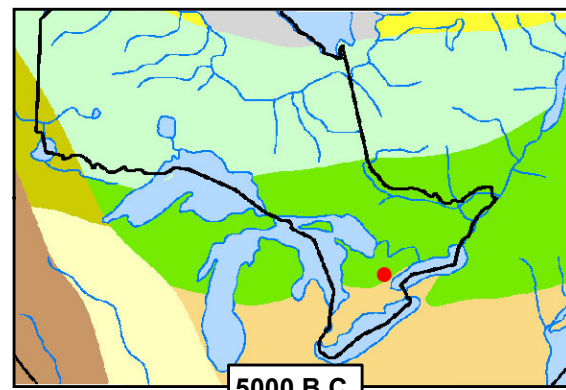
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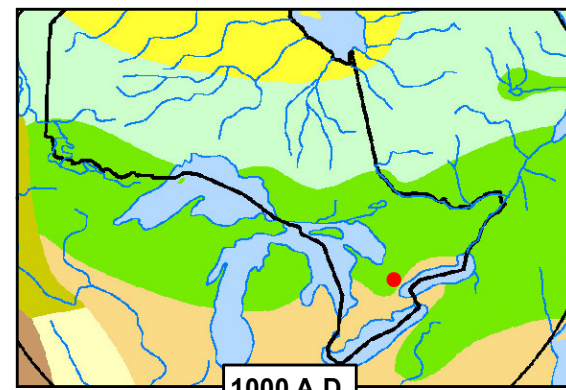
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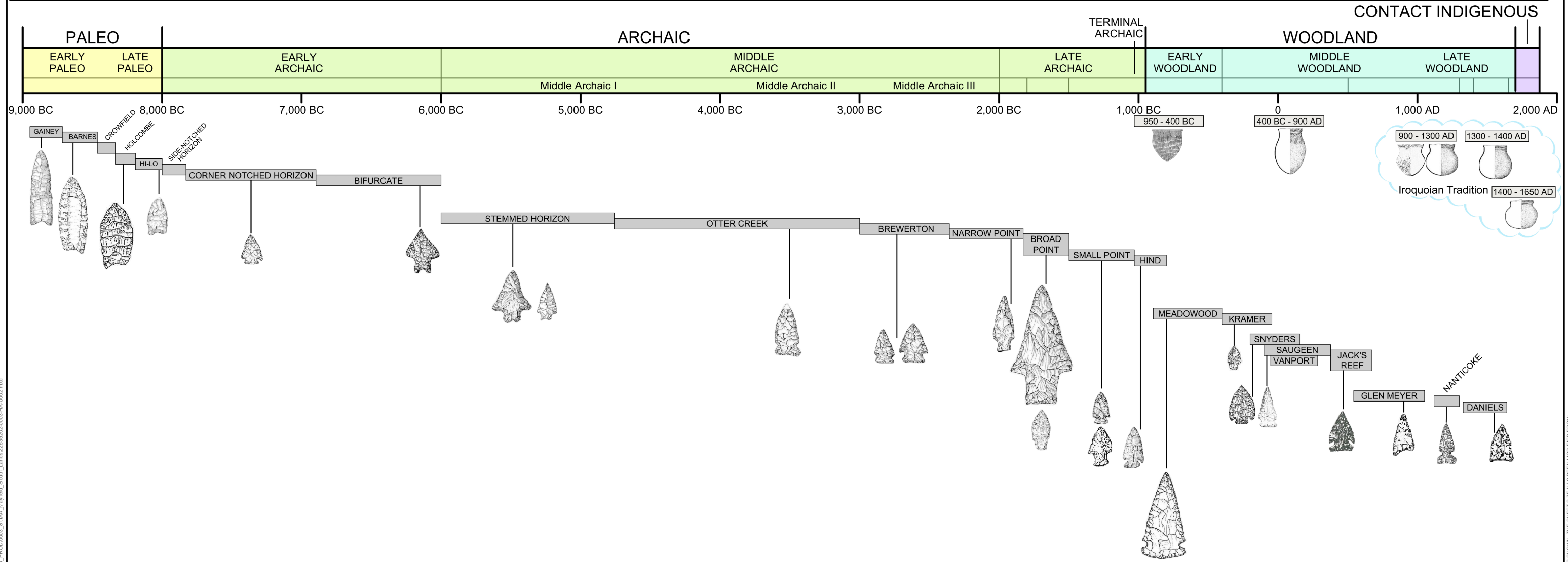
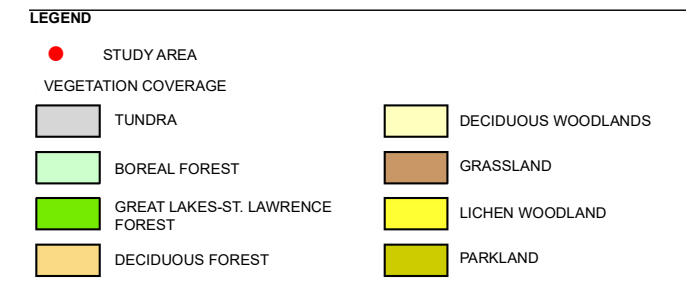
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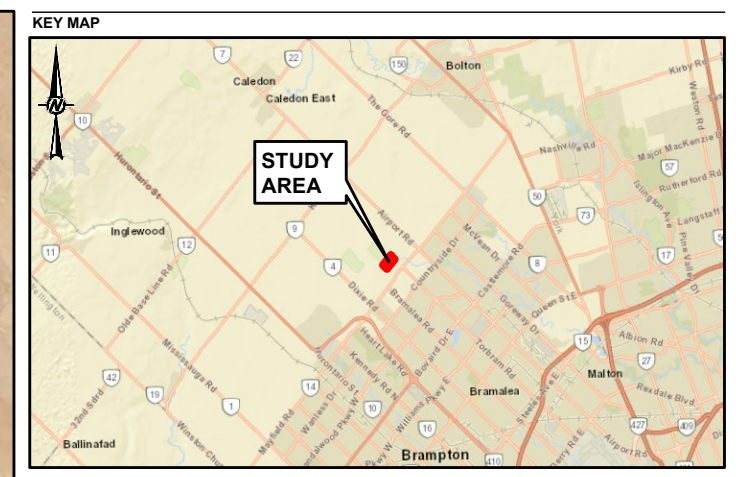
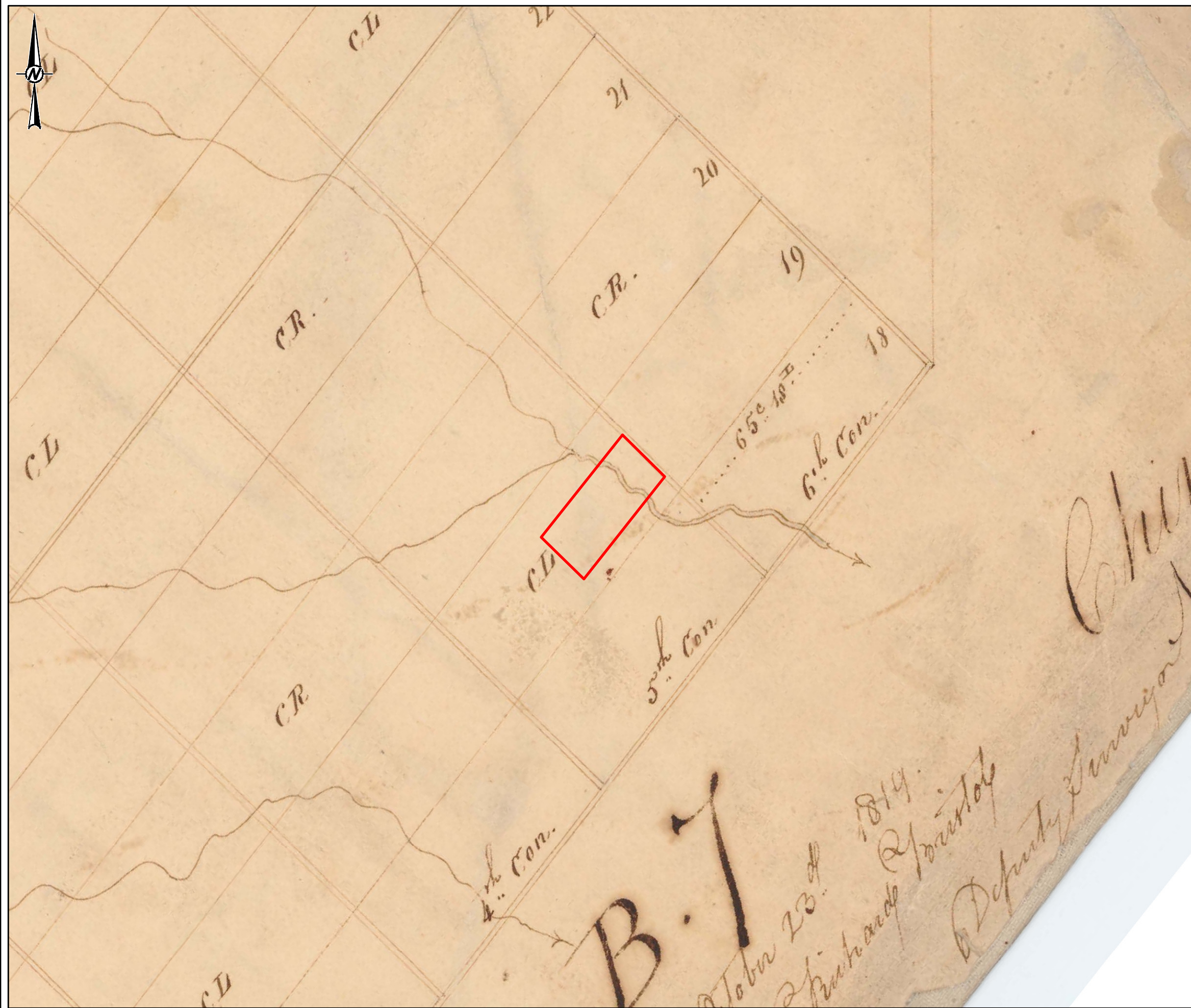
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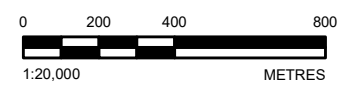
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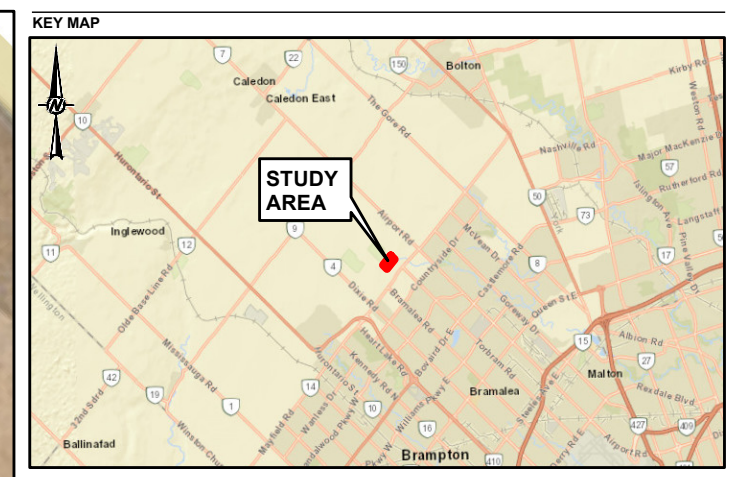
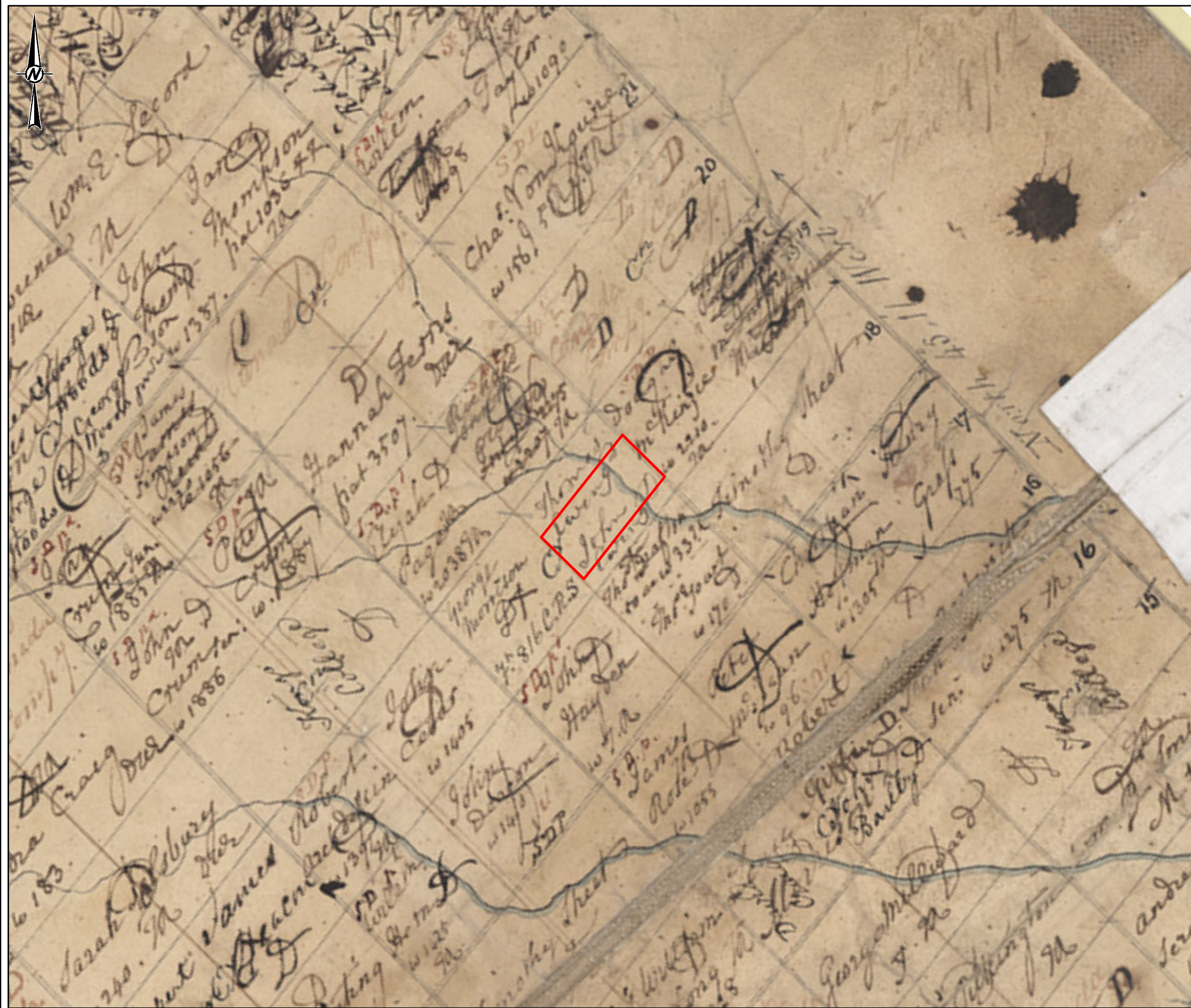
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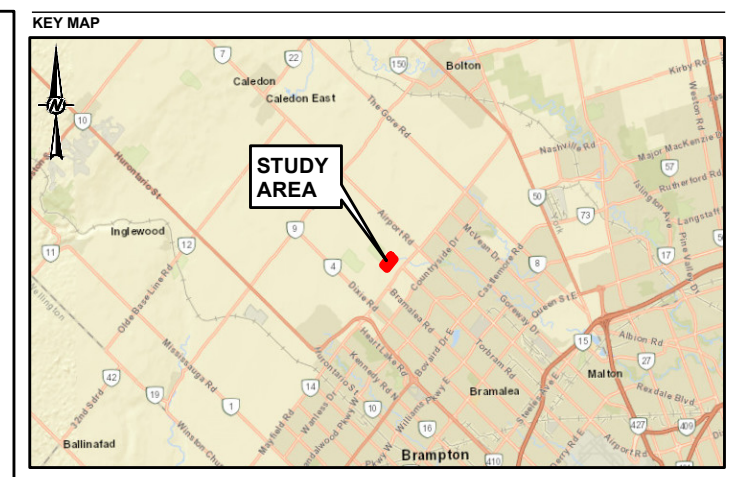
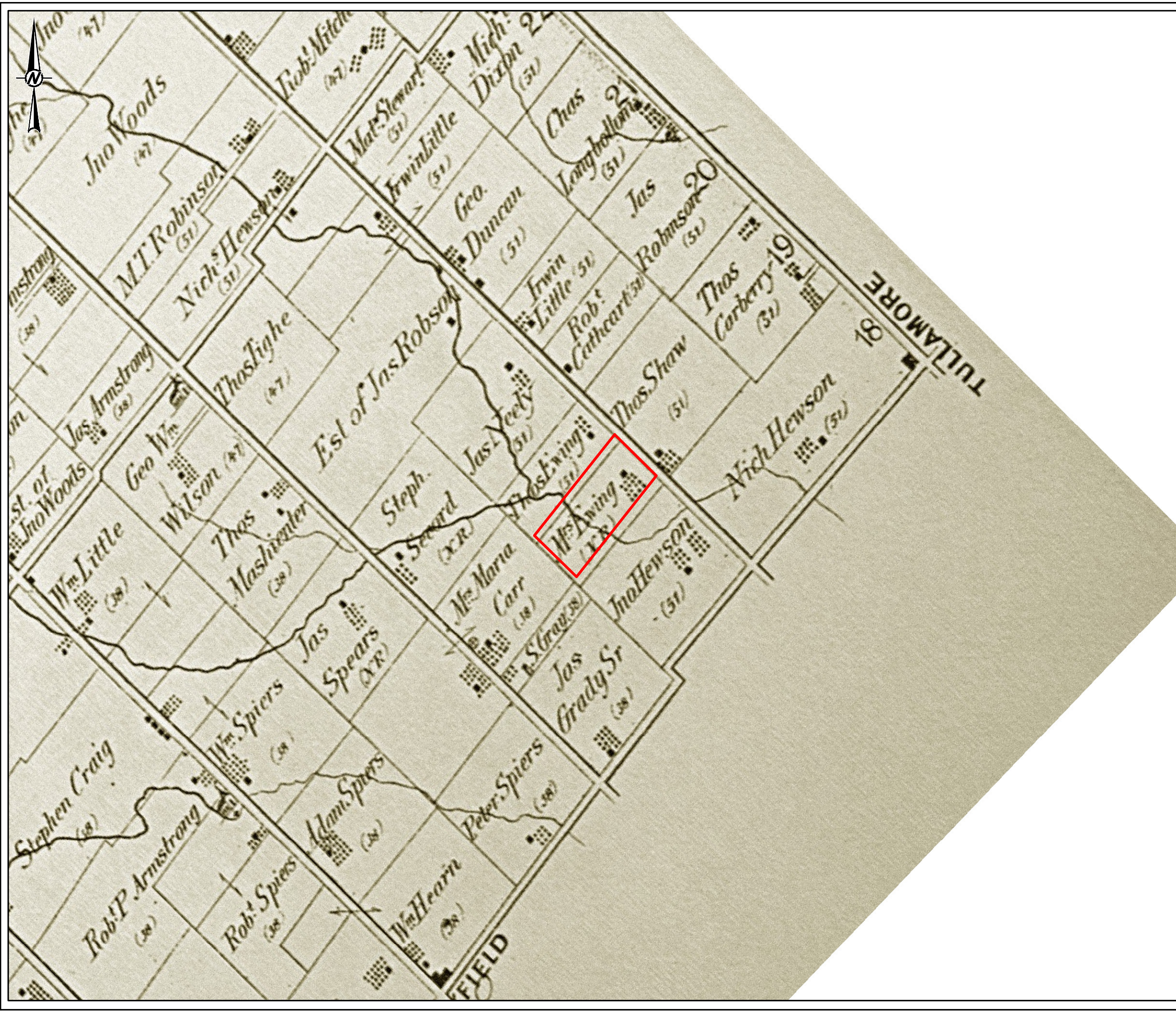
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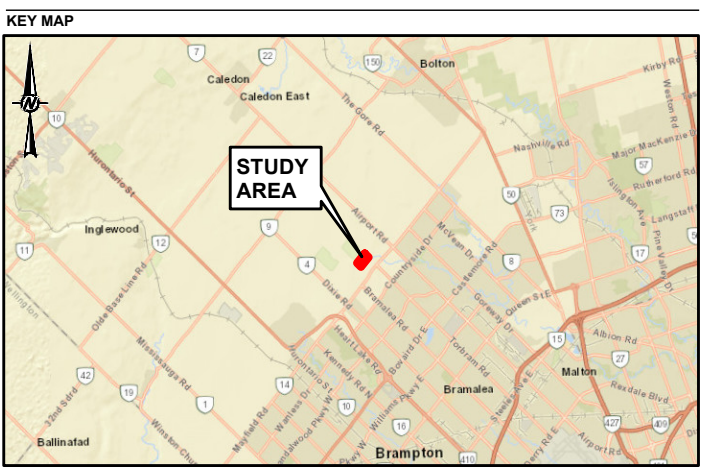
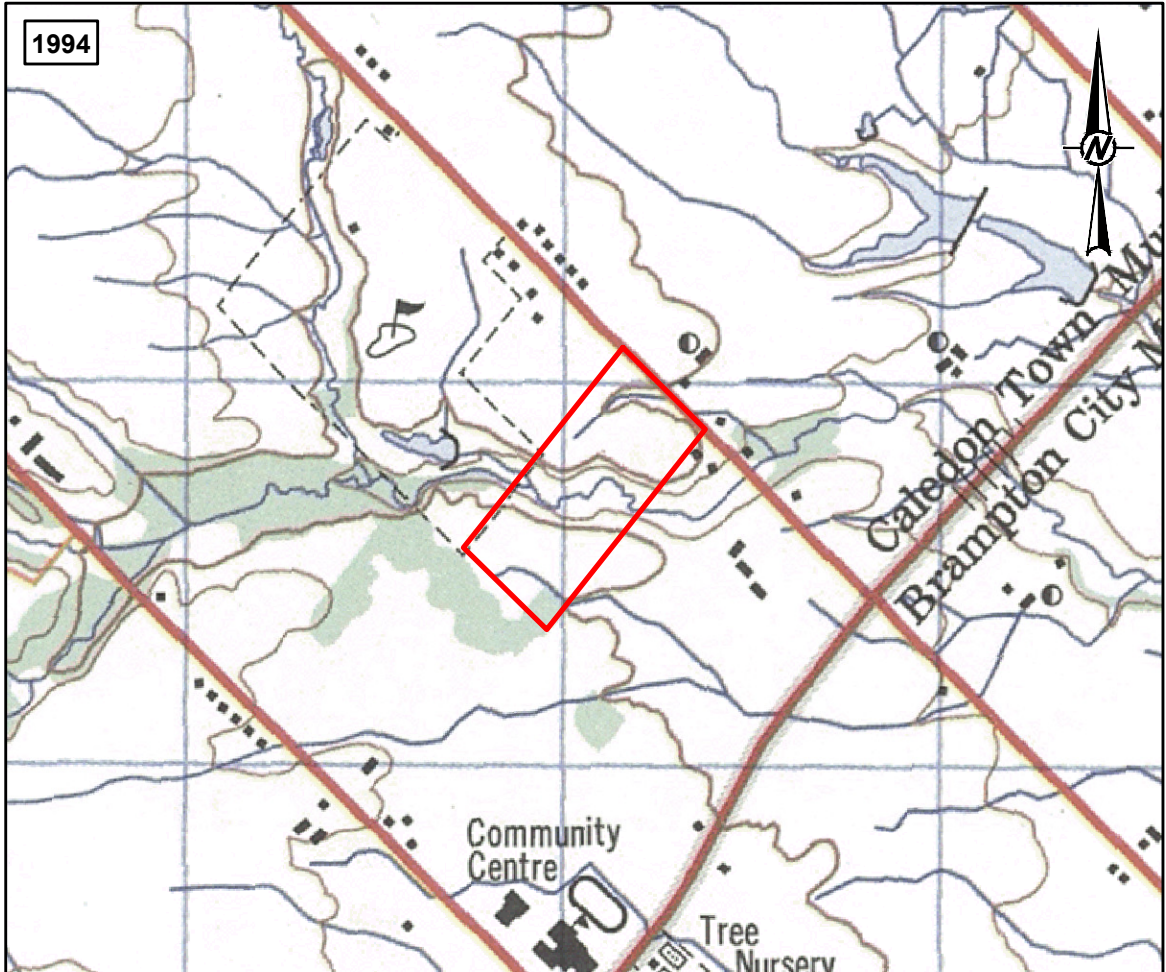
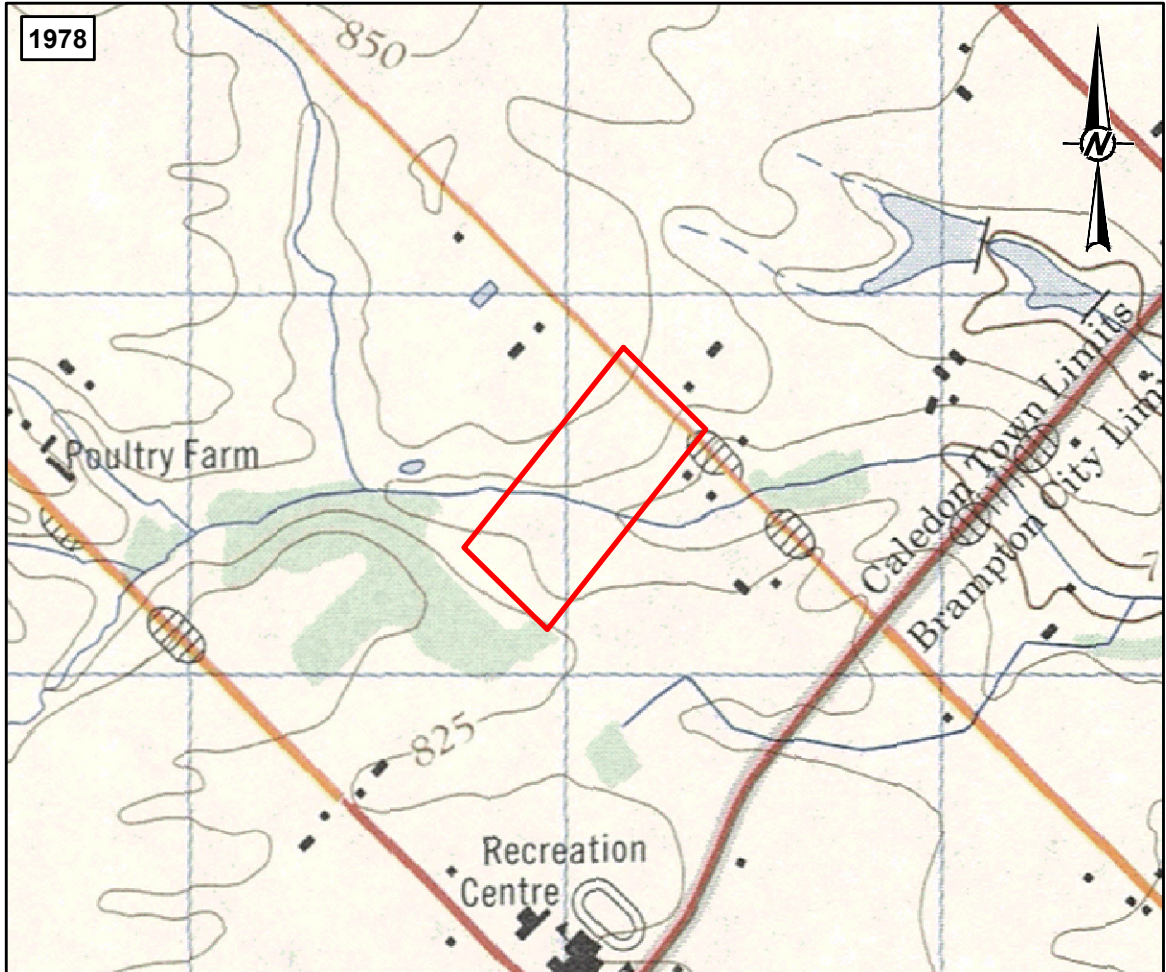
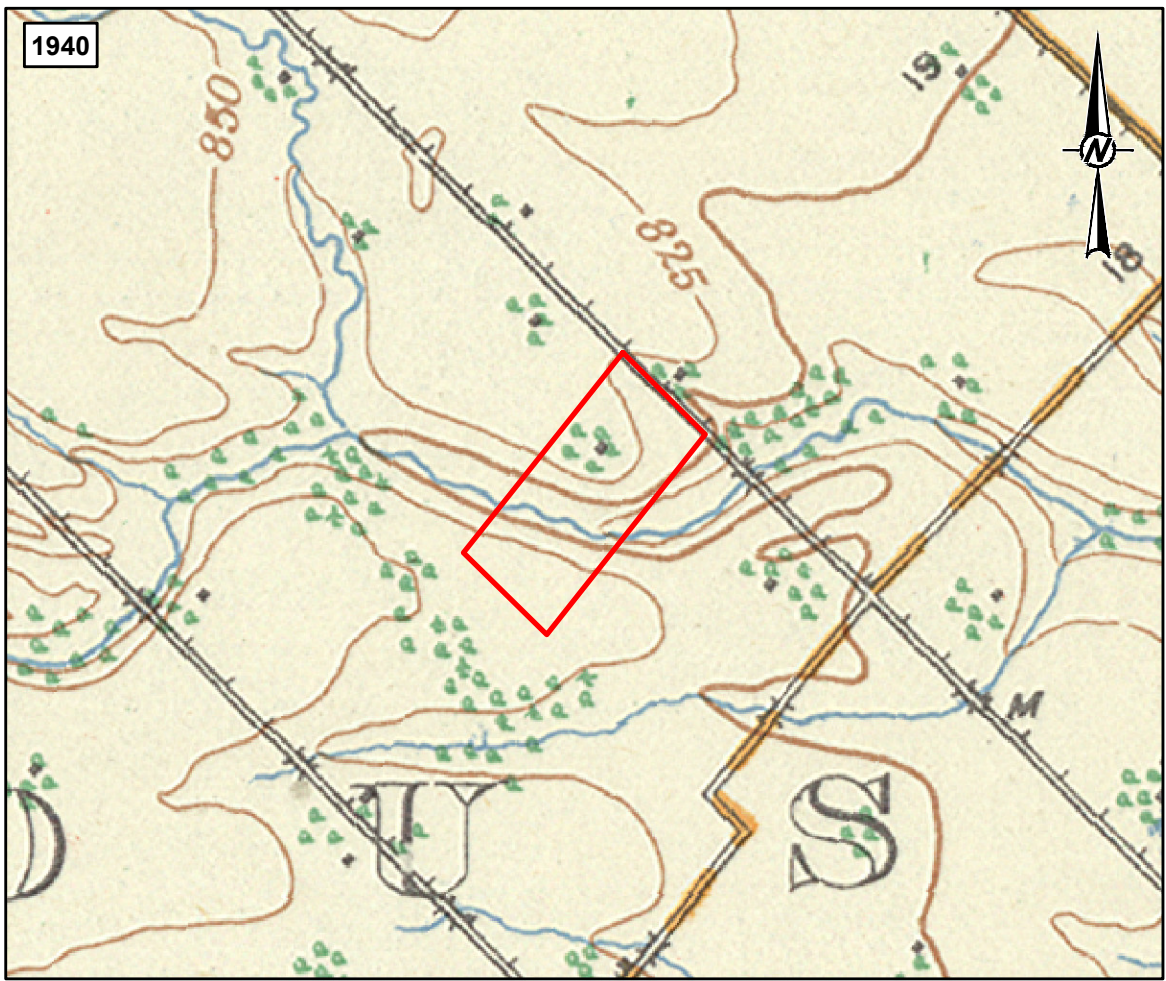
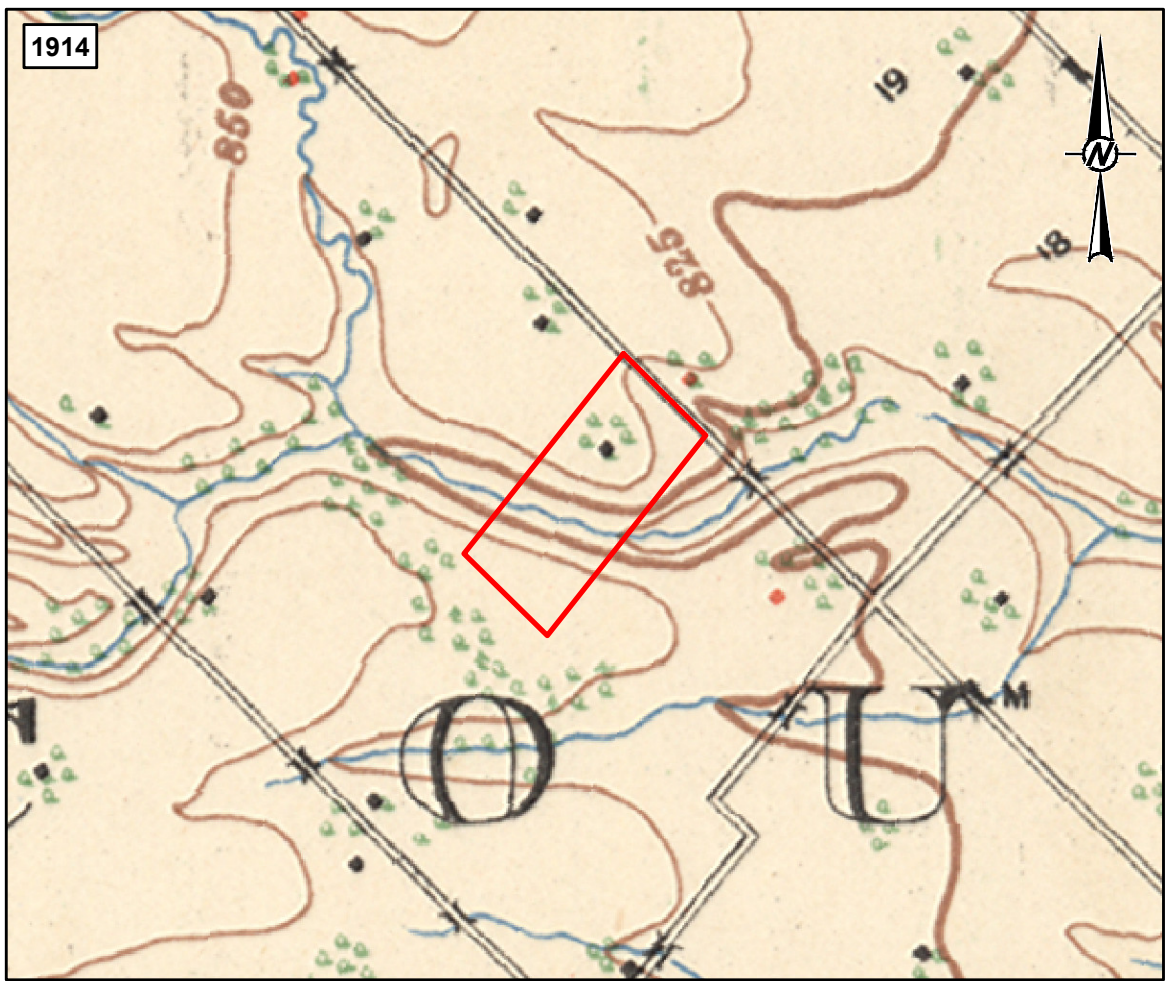
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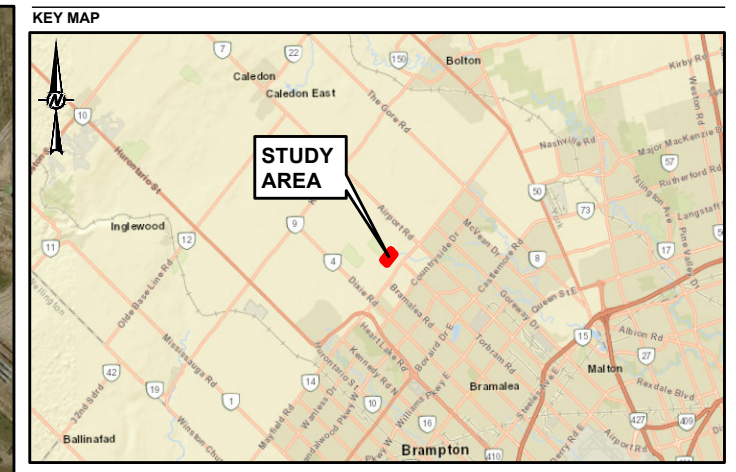
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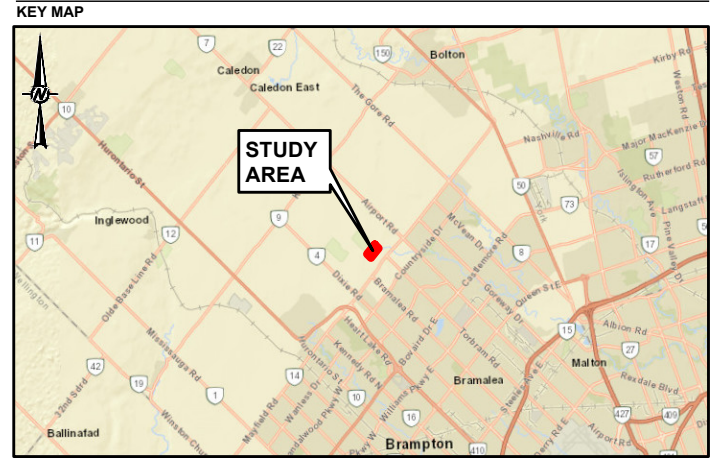
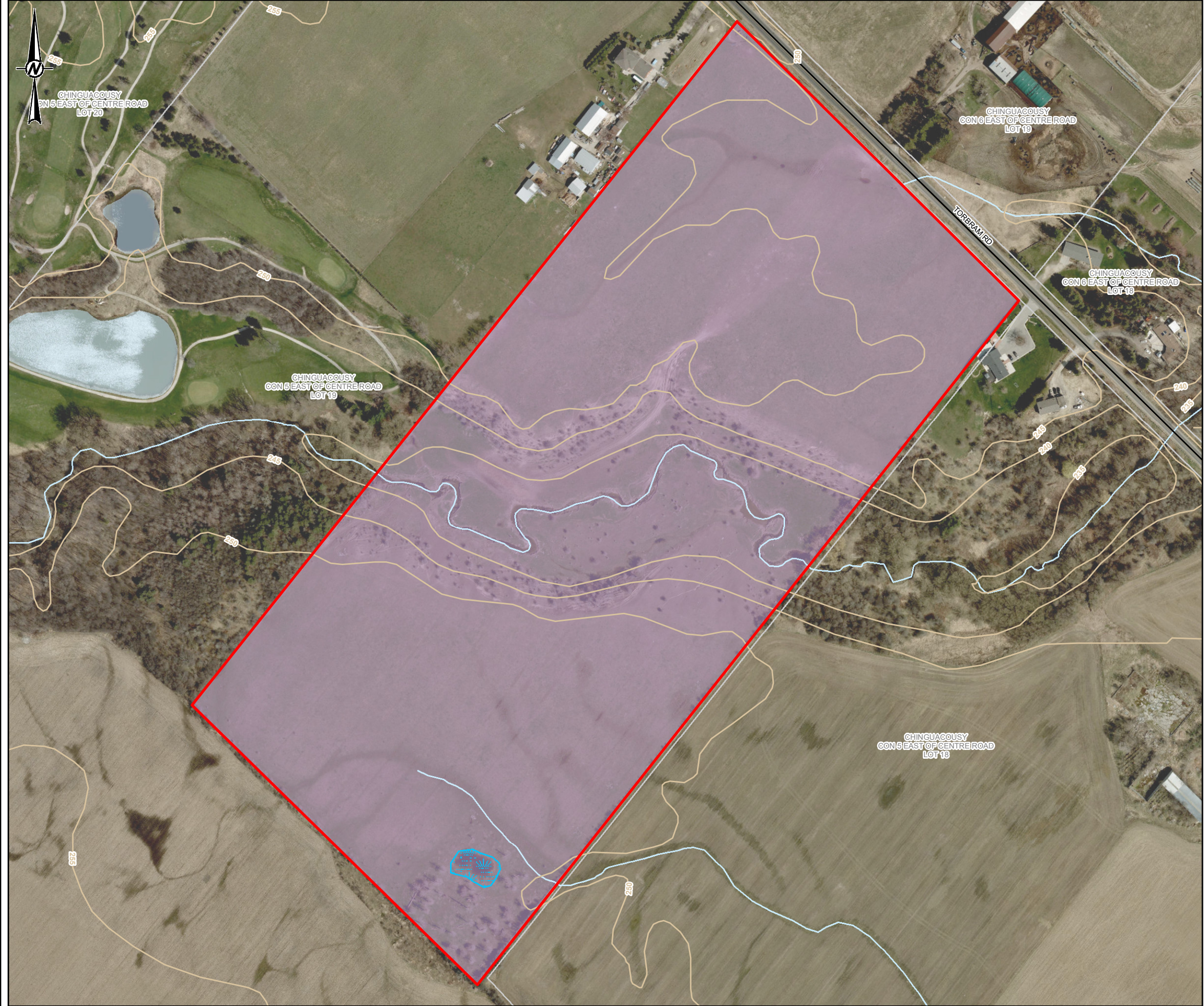
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- STUDY AREA
- ROADWAY
- TOPOGRAPHIC CONTOUR, metres
- WATERCOURSE
- UNEVALUATED WETLAND
- WATERBODY
- TOWNSHIP, CONCESSION AND LOT



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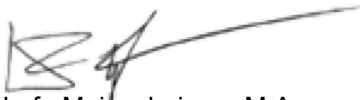
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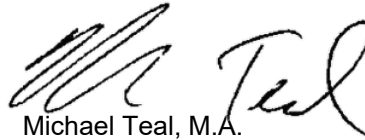
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