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Re: Addendum to the Caledon Station Secondary Plan Final Community-Wide Comprehensive Environmental Impact Study and Environmental Management Plan (21T-24006C)

In response to a comment from the Town of Caledon, dated September 18, 2024, on the application for draft plan of subdivision 21T-24006C ("subject property"), Beacon has prepared this addendum to the Final Community-Wide Comprehensive Environmental Impact Study and Environmental Management Plan ("CEISMP"), dated October 11, 2024.

Context

The Final Community-Wide CEISMP was submitted concurrent with draft plans of subdivision 21T-22001 and 21T-22002 in October, 2024. The CEISMP describes the Natural Heritage System ("NHS") blocks throughout the Caledon Station Secondary Plan area. At the time of submittal, all comments on 21T-22001 and 21T-22002 were addressed.

Secondary Plan policy 7.16.4.6.2 describes the requirements for CEISMP submission as follows:

> *"Prior to or concurrent with submission of the first plan of subdivision or site plan application in the Plan Area, the Plan Area landowners will prepare and submit to the Town the Final Community-Wide CEISMP for the Plan Area to be implemented at the site level, without amendment to this Plan. Minor refinements to the details and recommendations contained in the Final Community-Wide CEISMP can be supported through addendums to the Final Community-Wide CEISMP, specific to the applicable draft plan of subdivision or site plan application."*

In preparation for re-submission of 21T-24006C, it was noted that one outstanding comment pertained only to the subject property that was not relevant to 21T-22001 and 21T-22002. The comment requested the CEISMP to "*include the recommendation on planting density and species, for the Natural Heritage System blocks, for Town's review, comment and approval."* As such, this CEISMP addendum has been prepared to address this comment, in accordance with Secondary Plan policy 7.16.4.6.2.

The subject property contains two NHS blocks (Blocks 50 and 51) that will be connected by a culvert and wildlife passage, as described in the Final CEISMP as the Greenway Corridor. The intent of the

Greenway Corridor is to provide conveyance and storage for the regional flood, wetland compensation and wildlife habitat. A preliminary plan for this corridor was provided in Appendix L (Figures G-1 and D-1) of the Final CEISMP. This previously approved plan is reproduced in **Attachment 1** of this addendum to assist review.

Landscape Requirements

The Greenway Corridor includes two distinct areas with separate planting requirements – the proposed wetland, and the Greenway Corridor side slopes, as illustrated in **Attachment 1**. The specifics regarding stock type, and quantities, along with seeding rates will be provided in detailed design. Planting spacing and species provided below may also be revised during detailed design.

Wetlands

The wetland will be seeded with native seed and planted with herbaceous plugs, shrubs, and trees.

The proposed species to include in the seed mix in the wetland is included below in **Table 1.** The seed mix will be applied at a density of 25 kilograms (kg) per hectare (ha).

Table 1. Wetland Seed Mix

Scientific Name	Common Name
Forbs	
Asclepias incarnata	Swamp Milkweed
Doellingeria umbellata	Flat-topped Aster
Eupatorium maculatum	Spotted Joe-Pye Weed
Eupatorium perforatum	Boneset
Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal Flower
Lobelia siphilitica	Great Blue Lobelia
Rudbeckia laciniata	Tall Coneflower
Solidago canadensis	Canada Goldenrod
Symphiotrichum puniceum	Swamp Aster
Verbena hastata	Blue Vervain
Grasses & Sedges	
Calamagrostis canadensis	Canada Blue Joint
Carex vulpinoidea	Fox Sedge
Elymus virginicus	Virginia Wild Rye
Elymus riparius	Riverbank Wildrye
Glyceria striata	Fowl Manna Grass
Panicum virgatum	Switch Grass
Poa palustris	Fowl Bluegrass
Sorghastrum nutans	Indian grass
Nurse Crop Seed Mix (Spring Seeding)	
Avena sativa	Oats
Lolium multiflorum	Annual Ryegrass

Scientific Name	Common Name
Panicum miliaceum	White Millet
Nurse Crop Seed Mix (Fall Seeding)	
Triticum aestivum	Winter Wheat

The proposed species for herbaceous plug plantings in the wetland is included in **Table 2**. Herbaceous plugs will generally be planted at a density of 6 units per m^2, except for within tree or shrub plantings nodes.

Table 2: Wetland Herbaceous Plantings

Scientific Name	Common Name
Acorus americanus	American Sweet-flag
Asclepias incarnata	Swamp Milkweed
Carex aquatilus	Water Sedge
Elymus riparius	Virginia Wild Rye
Eutrochium maculatum var. maculatum	Spotted Joe Pye Weed
Glyceria grandis	Reed Manna Grass
Lobelia siphilitica	Great Blue lobelia
Sagittaria latifolia	Broadleaf Arrowhead
Schoenoplectus tabarnaemontani	Softstem Bulrush
Sparganium eurycarpum	Great Bur-reed
Symphiotrichum puniceum	Swamp Aster
Verbena hastata	Blue Vervain

The proposed species for trees and shrubs is included in **Table 3.** Plantings will be designed to target an overall coverage of trees or shrubs not exceeding 15%, respectively, so as to create a marsh rather than a swamp. Tree and shrub plantings will be concentrated in designated areas (to be specified during detailed design), to create a structurally complex habitat with localised thickets and tree clusters. Within these clusters, planting density will be one plant per 5 m^2.

Table 3: Wetland Tree and Shrub Nodal Plantings

Scientific Name	Common Name
Shrubs	
Cornus sericea	Red-osier Dogwood
Sambucus canadensis	Common Elderberry
Salix discolor	Pussy Willow
Salix eriocephala	Heart-leaved Willow
Salix interior	Sandbar Willow
Spiraea alba	White Meadowsweet
Trees	
Acer rubrum	Red Maple

Scientific Name	Common Name
Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple
Populus balsamifera	Balsam Poplar
Populus tremuloides	Trembling Aspen
Salix amygdaloides	Peachleaf Willow
Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar

Plantings along the channel will consist of Dogwood and Willow shrubs, planted at a higher density (typically one per m^2). Details of species and planting density will be finalised during detailed design.

Greenway Corridor Side Slopes

The slopes will be seeded with native seed and planted with trees and shrubs.

A proposed seed mix for the Greenway Corridor side slopes is included below in **Table 4.** The seed mix will be planted at a density of 25 kg/ha.

Table 4: Seed Mix for Corridor Side Slopes

Scientific Name	Common Name
Forbs	
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Milkweed
Asclepias syriaca	Common Milkweed
Desmodium canadense	Showy Tick-trefoil
Eupatorium maculatum	Spotted Joe-Pye-Weed
Lespedeza capitata	Round-Headed Bush-Clover
Monarda fistulosa	Wild Bergamot
Oenothera biennis	Common Evening Primrose
Ritibida pinnata	Gray-headed Coneflower
Rudbeckia hirta	Brown-eyed Coneflower
Solidago canadensis	Canada Goldenrod
Solidago juncea	Early Goldenrod
Symphyotrichum pilosum	Heath Aster
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	New England Aster
Verbena stricta	Hoary Vervain
Grasses & Sedges	
Andropogon gerardii	Big Bluestem
Elymus canadensis	Canada Wild Rye
Elymus virginicus	Virginia Wild Rye
Panicum virgatum	Switch Grass
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little Bluestem
Sorghastrum nutans	Indian Grass
Andropogon gerardii	Big Bluestem

Scientific Name	Common Name
Carex crinita	Fringed Sedge
Nurse Crop Seed Mix (if planted in spring)	
Avena sativa	Oats
Lolium multiflorum	Annual Ryegrass
Panicum miliaceum	White Millet
Nurse Crop Seed Mix (if planted in fall)	
Triticum aestivum	Winter Wheat

The proposed species list for trees and shrubs is included in **Table 5.** As in the wetland, plantings will be designed to target an overall coverage of trees and shrubs not exceeding 15%, with clusters of trees and shrubs in specific areas to be specified during detailed design.

Table 5: Trees and Shrubs for Corridor Side Slopes

Scientific Name	Common Name
Shrubs	
Cornus sericea	Red-osier Dogwood
Cornus racemosa	Grey Dogwood
Prunus virginiana	Choke Cherry
Rhus typhina	Staghorn Sumac
Sambucus canadensis	Common Elderberry
Viburnum lentago	Nannyberry
Trees	
Acer rubrum	Red Maple
Carya ovata	Shagbark Hickory
Pinus strobus	Eastern White Pine
Quercus macrocarpa	Bur Oak
Thuja occidentalis	Eastern White Cedar
Tilia americana	Basswood

We trust that this addendum addresses the outstanding comment regarding planting density and species for the Natural Heritage System blocks. Should you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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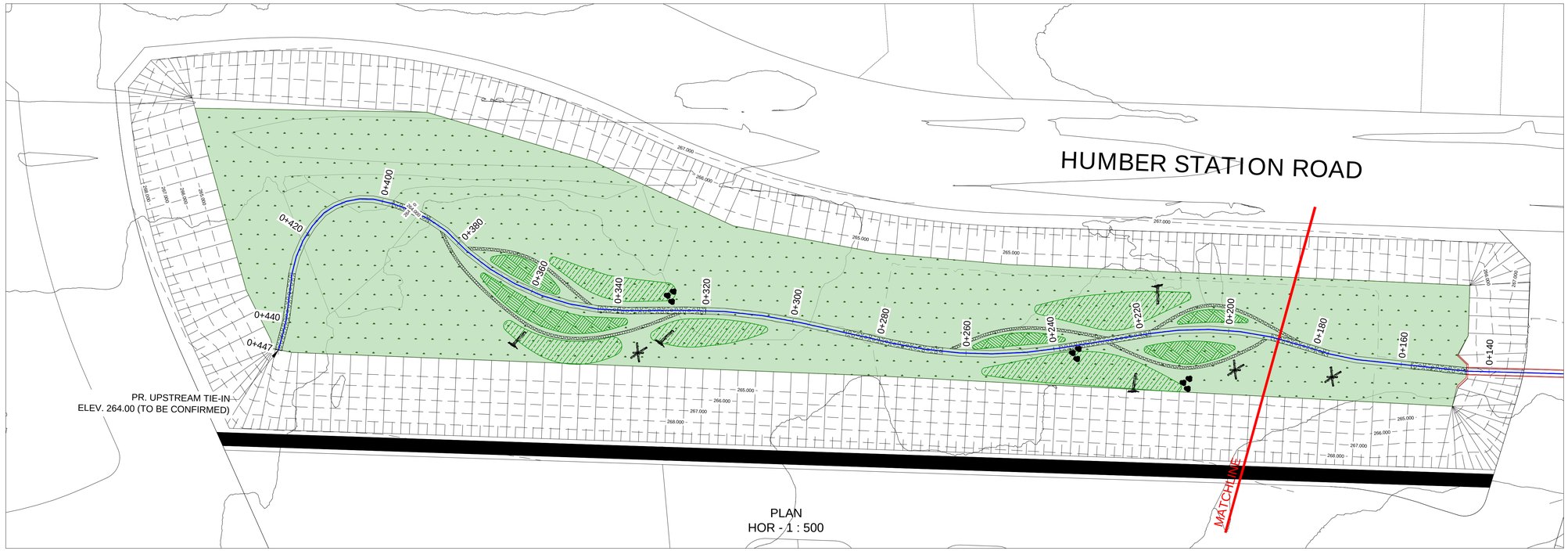

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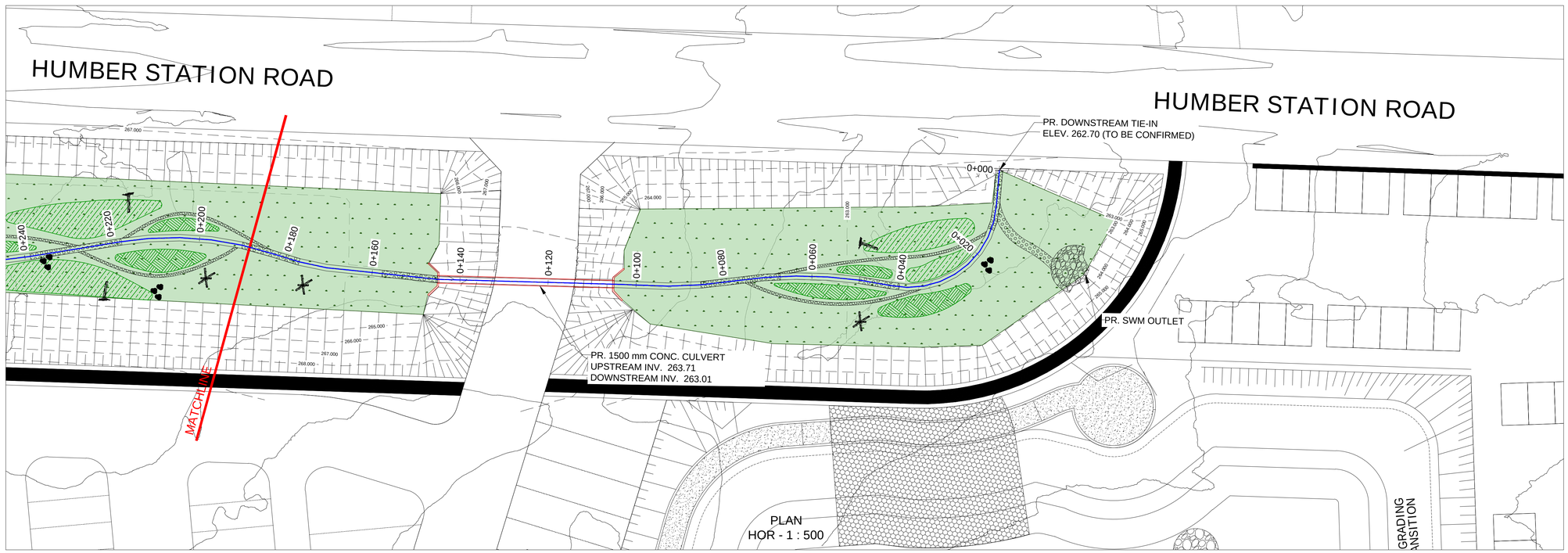

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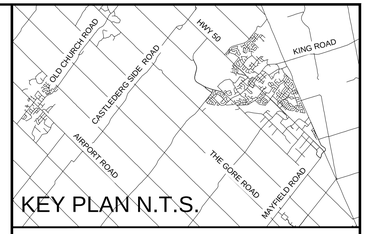

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- PR. RIVERSTONE MIX (REFER TO DETAILS ON D-1)
- PR. SECONDARY OVERFLOW CHANNELS
- PR. WETLAND (REFER TO DETAILS ON D-1)
- PR. HUMMOCK FEATURES
- PR. VERNAL POOLS
- PR. BOULDER CLUSTERS
- PR. BASKING LOGS
- PR. WOOD DEBRIS HABITAT FEATURES

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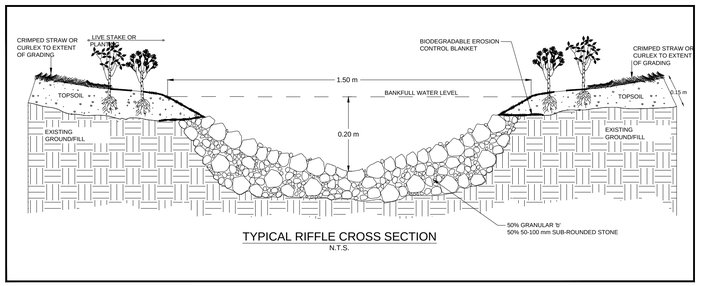

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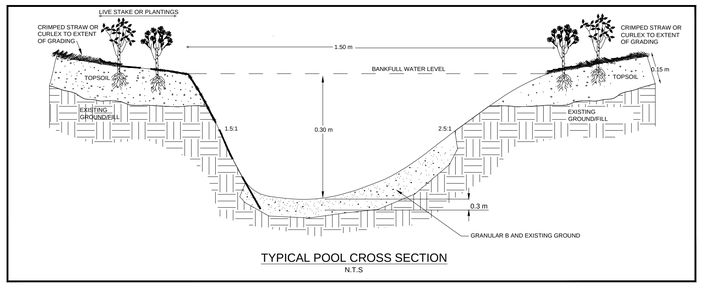

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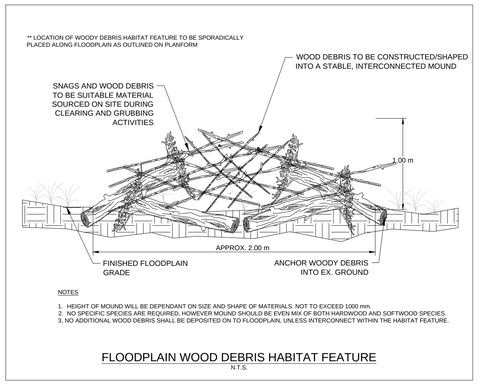

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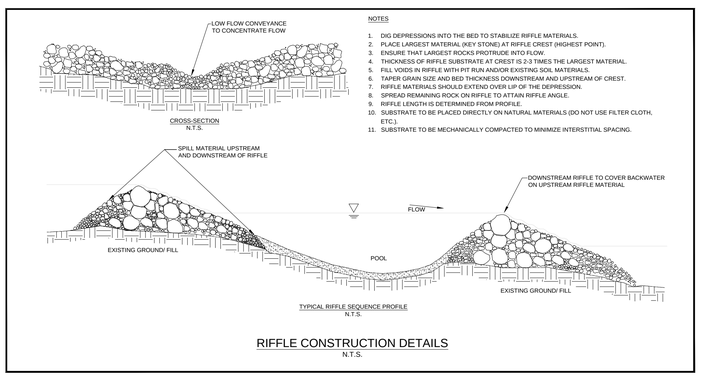

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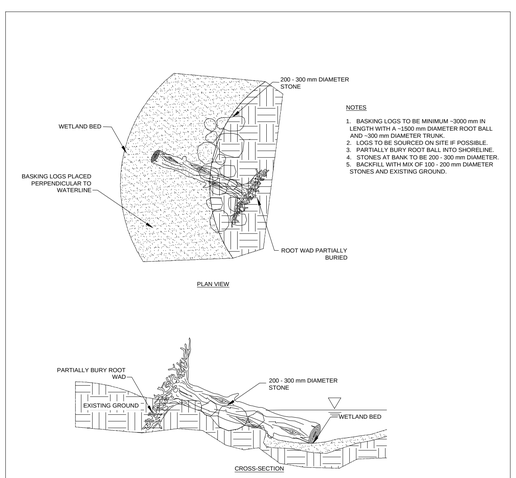

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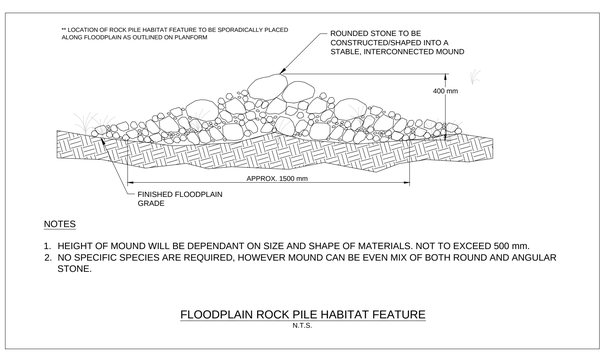

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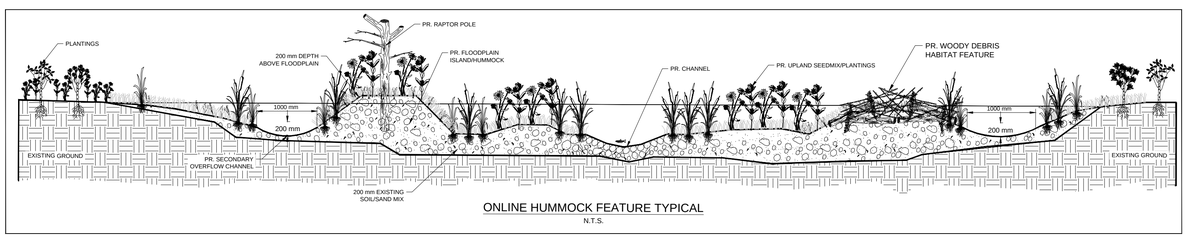

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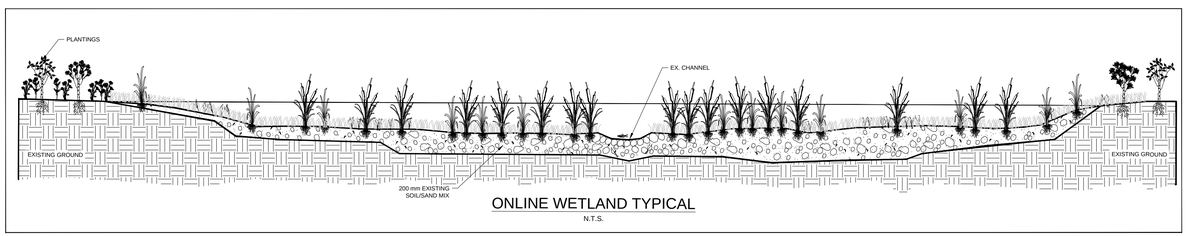

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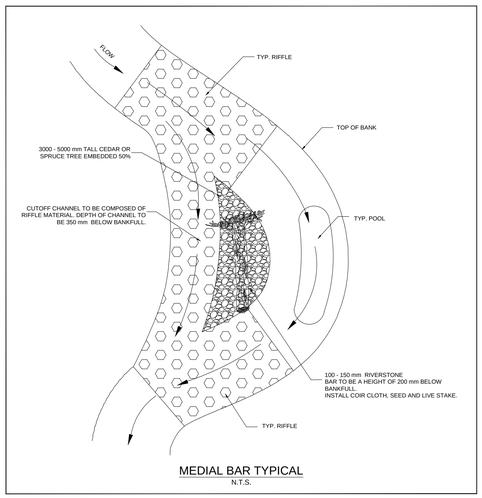

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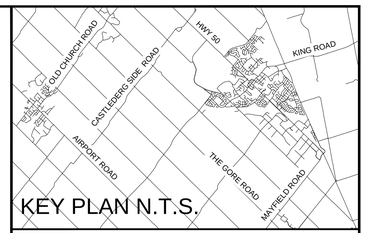

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