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Botanical Surveys for Rare Plants and Habitat Assessment along the Equitrans Expansion Project

BOTANICAL SURVEYS FOR RARE PLANTS AND HABITAT ASSESSMENT ALONG THE EQUITRANS EXPANSION PROJECT IN ALLEGHENY, WASHINGTON, AND GREENE COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA AND WETZEL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Overall Project Description

Equitrans (EQT) proposes to develop the Equitrans Expansion Project (Project) in Allegheny, Washington, and Greene counties, Pennsylvania and Wetzel County, West Virginia (Figure 1). The Project includes construction of three new pipelines alignments in Pennsylvania as well as areal facilities (compressor and connector stations and laydown yards) in both West Virginia and Pennsylvania. On behalf of their client EQT, Tetra Tech contracted Environmental Solutions & Innovations, Inc. (ESI) to conduct botanical surveys and habitat assessments for the Project.

The two states have markedly different approaches to botanical resources and these differences are reflected in all aspects of this study.

1.1.1 Pennsylvania Project Description

The Project in Pennsylvania involves construction of approximately 7.5 miles of pipeline (at multiple separate locations), and a new compressor station. Equitrans proposes the following three non-continuous system modifications in Pennsylvania: (i) build a new 3.32 mile, 30-inch diameter pipeline in Greene County, Pennsylvania (the "H-316 Pipeline"); (ii) build a new 4.18 mile, 20-inch-diameter pipeline in Allegheny and Washington Counties, Pennsylvania (the "H-318 Pipeline"); and (iii) replace and expand its existing Pratt Compressor Station with the Redhook Compressor Station in Greene County, Pennsylvania. The existing Pratt Station will become a pipe yard, and include existing and upgraded measurement and interconnect facilities.

The H-318 and H-316 segments require the use of horizontal directional drilling (HDD) to cross the Monongahela River and Ten-Mile Creek, respectively. The Project is designed to minimize greenfield construction to the extent practicable, and to parallel existing EQT Rights-of-Way (ROW). Construction and maintenance of these alignments will require the use of access roads including 2.65 miles of existing access roads. In addition to the ROW and access roads, several ancillary areas were also within the proposed sampling buffer.

1.1.2 West Virginia Project Description

Ground disturbance associated with the project in West Virginia involves the creation of two interconnects (Mobley Interconnect and Webster Interconnect) between three previously permitted pipelines. The Webster Interconnect will connect future pipelines to the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP). The Mobley Tap will include valving and piping linking MVP's proposed Mobley Tap and the H-302 pipeline. These activities will affect 3.89 acres of land, much of which was already disturbed.





1.2 Project Setting

The Project lies in the Appalachian Plateaus Province within both the Waynesburg Hills and Pittsburgh Low Plateau physiographic sections in Pennsylvania and the Appalachian Low Plateau physiographic section in West Virginia. The Waynesburg Hills Section is defined by narrow hilltops with steep-sloped, narrow valleys. Local relief is between 183-305 meters (600-1,000 ft). The Pittsburgh Low Plateau Section consists of smooth undulating upland surface cut by numerous narrow shallow valleys. The Appalachian Low Plateau is comprised of primarily flat rock formations with some folds and faults on the eastern side. These uplands are developed on rocks containing significant amounts of coal. Evidence of mining (both historic and recent) abound within the Project footprint.

1.3 Project Screening

1.3.1 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

The Project is an interstate natural gas pipeline and thus requires FERC to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act. In support of that effort FERC has requested information about the distribution of habitat types and exotic and invasive species within the Project Workspace.

1.3.2 Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI)

In Pennsylvania, potential impacts to natural resources are managed through the PNDI process which acts as a clearing house for project proponents and the Commonwealth's natural resources agencies. Due to the Project's size, a large PNDI review was initiated by EQT on 27 April 2015 and changes in project design led to a second large project PNDI request which was submitted by ESI on 24 June 2015.

As a result of both PNDI requests, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) screened the Project for potential impacts to species and resources (Appendix A). The second review (PNDI# 22453) determined the Project had potential to impact six plant species listed or that have the potential to become listed as endangered, threatened, or rare (Table 1) in the state. When a rare plant survey is requested, the DCNR requires a permitted botanist to conduct the survey because the goal is not just to look for the species listed on the PNDI report, but to be able to recognize any other rare plants in the survey area and to provide the DCNR with a "reasonably complete" list of all plant species identified during the survey. Field surveys were conducted by Mr. Lawrence Brewer (PA DCNR Wild Plant Management Permits 15-546 and 16-546, Appendix B) and an assistant. This report details the methods and results of the survey.

1.3.3 Project Screening in West Virginia

In West Virginia, potential impacts to natural resources are addressed by opening direct correspondence with both the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources



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Scientific Name	Common Name	Current Status ¹	Proposed Status ¹	Survey Date	Preferred Habitat	Locally Documented Habitat
Baptisia australis	blue false-indigo	Ν	PT	flowers May –June.	open woods, stream banks, sandy floodplains	rich wooded riverine slope
Erythronium albidum	white trout-lily	Ν	PR	flowers Apr. – May.	moist woods and rich slopes, especially on limestone	floodplain forest on rich wooded slopes along rivers and creeks
lodanthus pinnatifidus	purple rocket	PE	PE	flowers May – June.	moist alluvial woods and wooded slopes	rich wooded riverine slope
Scutellaria saxatilis	rock skullcap	TU	PE	flowers July – Aug.	low woods, rocky stream banks, roadsides	sycamore scrub floodplain
Trillium nivale	snow trillium	PR	PR	flowers March – Apr.	stream valleys and wooded slopes, especially limestone	rich stream valley wooded slopes
Tipularia discolor	cranefly orchid	PR	PR	Flowers June – August; leaf visible fall, winter, spring	deciduous forest and stream banks	red oak mixed hardwood forest

Table 1. PNDI review list of six potentially impacted plant species (Receipt Number 22453) for the Equitrans Expansion Project in Allegheny, Washington, and Greene counties, Pennsylvania.

¹**PE** = Pennsylvania Endangered, **PR** = Pennsylvania Rare, **TU** = Tentatively Undetermined, **N** = Not Listed, but Under Review



(WVDNR) for resources under state jurisdiction and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) field office in Elkins, West Virginia. WVDNR did not provide comments, but USFWS noted concern for the Indiana (*Myotis sodalis*) and northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), both protected under the ESA. USFWS requested a Myotid Bat Conservation Plan (MBCP) which includes an assessment of land cover. Field surveys in West Virginia were conducted as part of the MBCP by Mr. Brian Dennis, a permitted bat biologist trained to identify habitat characteristics including land cover and common invasive species.

2.0 Methods

2.1 Pennsylvania

2.2 Time of Survey

Because of the potential for rare plants, all portions of the Project in Pennsylvania were surveyed on three occasions. Surveys were completed during flowering and/or vegetative periods when one or more of the target plant species was readily identifiable. For example, cranefly orchids are readily identified in early spring when they are among the few plants with green leaves and in late summer when the species is in flower. The first survey was conducted during 6 to 9 April 2016 for cranefly orchid, snow trillium, and white trout lily. The second survey was conducted 23 and 24 May 2016 for white trout lily, purple rocket, and blue false-indigo. The last survey was conducted during 18 to 20 July 2016 for rock skullcap and flowering cranefly orchid. As such, all species and the presence or absence of potentially suitable habitat could be identified.

The six species listed (PNDI Receipt Number 22453) are primarily associated with three major habitat types (stream sides, floodplains and woodlands). Habitat within each area is described in sections 3.3 and 3.4 below.

2.3 Survey Methods

2.3.1 Desktop Review

A desktop review of National Landcover Database (NLCD 2011), publicly available aerial photographs, USGS topographic maps, elevation and aspect layers is completed by ESI to determine potential habitat for the focal species (Table 1). This analysis identifies likely habitat for potential species (e.g., stream banks for blue false-indigo or cranefly orchid, low roadsides for rock skullcap) and helps guide field survey efforts.



2.3.2 In-field Mapping

Map layers are loaded on a GPS-enabled tablet computer allowing biologists to selectively interact (i.e., turn layers on and off or zoom in or out) with maps while in the field. Using this same tablet computer, biologists create a real-time map layer that identifies the location of resources as they are identified, and also allows biologists to link these map layers to other data including habitat patches, disturbance conditions, and location and identification of rare species. In all cases, the mapped location is linked to text descriptions and representative photographs of the item being mapped.

2.3.3 Field Surveys for Rare Plants

Field surveys were conducted using a meander search technique across a 91.4-meter (300-ft) wide survey corridor centered on the Right-of-Way (ROW), along access roads, and at all proposed ancillary footprints. A meander search method is an acceptable approach (Goff et al. 1982) where new habitat variations or unique areas are constantly being searched to maximize effectiveness. Investigators walk the Project limits and vicinity searching for rare plant species occurrences, and habitat types that support rare plant species. General habitat types are identified, including representative plant species. When suitable habitats for rare species or other unique areas are encountered, a more intensive search is performed to ensure adequate surveying of all suitable areas. Conversely, the search effort and detail are less intensive in areas with limited or no potential to contain rare plant species.

Photographs and detailed notes are taken for each area deemed potentially suitable during the site visits. If target species are found, the population/colony boundaries for each site are marked with flagging and mapped with GPS equipment with sub-meter accuracy.

The work is completed during the optimum search windows for the target species and any rare plants encountered within the survey area are recorded and mapped using the interactive mapping tool.

2.3.4 Community Types

A habitat assessment is completed to document habitats encountered. All distinct habitats within the Project area are identified, categorized, and evaluated for potential for any rare species. Each area of similar vegetation is identified and its boundaries are mapped using the interactive mapping program. Data collected for each patch include the overall habitat type (i.e., deciduous forest, grassland, agricultural), relative maturity, dominant plant species, and level of disturbance.



2.3.5 Disturbance Analysis

Rare plants are often associated with habitat patches where minimal anthropogenic disturbance has occurred. Biologists rate disturbance within each habitat area based on the following scale:

- **Undisturbed** is defined as an area that displays features and native vegetative cover types without disturbance. Three to four discernible strata levels of vegetation are present, such as canopy, sub-canopy, shrub, and herbaceous. Examples include an old growth forest with no signs of logging or development within the past 40 years and/or few invasive species present.
- Light Disturbance is defined as an area that displays features and native vegetative cover types with evidence of slight disturbance. Three to four discernible strata levels of vegetation such as canopy, sub-canopy, shrub, and herbaceous are present, but one or two strata levels may not be mature. Examples include a deciduous hardwood forest with some prior logging within the past 40 years, or development such as trails sparsely distributed through an area, or the presence of some invasive plant species.
- **Moderate Disturbance** is defined as an area that displays native vegetative cover types with evidence of moderate disturbance. Two to three discernible strata levels of vegetation such as canopy, shrub, and herbaceous are present, but one or two strata levels may not be mature. Examples include a forest with obvious signs of logging, development such as dirt roads traversing the area, and/or the presence of numerous invasive species.
- **High Disturbance** is defined as an area that displays few native vegetative cover types with evidence of significant disturbance. One or two discernible strata levels of vegetation such as shrub, and herbaceous are present but, not mature or in complete succession. Examples include a hay field or an old-field subsequent to clear cutting or development such as residential areas.

2.3.6 Complete List of Flora Encountered

As required by DCNR, ESI biologists maintain a list of all plants identified during the survey (Appendix C).

2.4 West Virginia

Field surveys in West Virginia were completed on 5 December 2016 and included both new areas and ground truthing of data collected during two prior trips (20 May 2014 and 24 October 2015) to the site for other pipeline projects that partly overlap the site. Because rare plant surveys were not required in West Virginia, biologists identified habitat patches which included information on land cover, dominant species, and areas



invaded by invasive species. Studies were conducted within a 17.13-acre area of interest (AOI) surrounding the 3.89 acres that will be disturbed.

3.0 Results

3.1 Pennsylvania

3.1.1 Time of Survey

Surveys were completed during three time periods: 6 to 9 April; 23 to 24 May; and 18 to 20 July 2016 by Mr. Brewer and an assistant. During the three survey periods, conditions were appropriate for discovery of the six rare plants identified in Table 1.

3.1.2 Detection of Rare Plants

None of the target species were detected, but two other species of concern for the DCNR were identified. One population of nodding rattlesnakeroot (*Prenanthes crepidinea*) was identified in a lightly disturbed section of forest along the ROW on the H318 line (Map 3, Appendix D; 40.22807°N -79.93216° W). Nodding rattlesnakeroot is listed as endangered in Pennsylvania. Two populations of goldenseal (*Hydrastis canadensis*) were also identified (in along the ROW in the H316 line (Maps 8 and 9, Appendix D; 39.9125334359136°N -80.0939988224441°W and 39.907430851277°N,-80.090918116565°W). Goldenseal is listed as vulnerable in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Botanical Field Survey Forms are included in Appendix E.

3.1.3 NLCD Land Cover Types

Nine NLCD land cover types were detected during the survey. Land cover types observed and documented include: deciduous forest; developed, high intensity; developed, medium intensity; developed, open space; emergent herbaceous wetlands; evergreen forest; grassland/herbaceous; open water; pasture/hay. Maps depicting the extent and locations of each of the land cover class along each line are provided in Appendix D. A complete description of each vegetative community is described below. Representative photographs are provided in Appendix F. Areas where land owners failed to allow permission for the survey are labeled as "**No Access**".

• **Deciduous Forest:** Deciduous forests are areas dominated by trees generally greater than 5 meters (16 ft) tall, and comprising greater than 20 percent of total vegetation cover. In addition, more than 75 percent of the tree species shed foliage simultaneously in response to seasonal change. This was the most common habitat type encountered. The vast majority of the deciduous forest encountered was highly disturbed by invasive species. Disturbed forests do not resemble forest types that existed prior to Euro-



American settlement and plant species that do not respond well to frequent disturbance are often excluded. Dominant tree species in this habitat include wild black cherry (Prunus serotina), black locust (Robinia pseudoacacia), black walnut (Juglans nigra), red elm (Ulmus rubra), box elder (Acer negundo), hackberry (Celtis occidentalis), American sycamore (Platanus occidentalis), and sugar maple (Acer saccharum). Dominant shrubs and vines mostly included invasive exotic species such as multifora rose (Rosa multiflora), autumn olive (Elaeagnus umbellata), common privet (Ligustrum vulgare), Tatarian honeysuckle (Lonicera Tatarica), tree of heaven (Ailanthus altissima), oriental bittersweet (Celastrus orbiculatus), and Japanese honeysuckle (Lonicera japonica). Native species such as hornbeam (Ostrya virginiana), flowering dogwood (Cornus florida), and spicebush (Lindera benzoin) are also found. The most abundant herbs included garlic mustard (Alliaria petiolata), lesser celandine (Ranunculus ficaria), spring beauty (Claytonia caroliniana), cutleaf toothwort (Cardamine concetenata), woodland phlox (Phlox divaricata), common blue violet (Viola pubescens), star of Bethlehem (Ornithogalum umbellatum), sweet cicely (Osmorhiza claytonii), zigzag goldenrod (Solidago flexicaulis), pokeweed (Phytolacca americana), wingstem (Verbesina altissima), and large flowered trillium (Trillium grandiflorum).

- Developed, High Intensity: These are highly developed areas where people reside or work in high numbers. Examples include apartment complexes, row houses and commercial/industrial. Impervious surfaces account for 80 to 100 percent of the total cover. For this Project, these areas included paved or highly graveled areas, urban areas with mowed lawns and landscaping, an older commercial lot, a railroad yard and natural gas facilities. These areas had very little plant cover. The plant cover that existed was mainly exotic herbs such as multiflora rose, Chinese silvergrass, common periwinkle, dandelion, and Kentucky blue grass
- Developed, Medium Intensity: These areas are a mixture of constructed materials and vegetation. Impervious surfaces account for 50 to 79 percent of the total cover. These areas most commonly include single-family housing units. In this Project, this land cover type primarily consisted of areas along gravel or paved roads, areas of abandoned homesteads, and an abandoned academy. Gravel dominates the land cover, however, scattered herbaceous plants occur including Kentucky blue grass, dandelion, white clover (*Trifolium repens*), red clover (*Trifolium pratense*), roundleaf ragwort (*Packera obovata*), garlic mustard, and orchard grass (*Dactylis glomerata*). Invasive shrubs such as multiflora rose, Tatarian honeysuckle and common privet were also dominant in these areas.
- **Developed, Open Space:** These areas contain a mixture of some constructed materials, but primarily consist of vegetation in the form of lawn grasses. Impervious surfaces account for less than 20 percent of total cover.

These areas most commonly include large-lot single-family housing units, parks, golf courses, and vegetation planted in developed settings for recreation, erosion control, or aesthetic purposes. In this Project, a single developed open space occurred comprising a large gravel lot containing invasive species on the edges and growing from the rock. These species included multiflora rose, Tatarian honeysuckle, Japanese honeysuckle, Amur honeysuckle, common privet, and tree of heaven.

- Emergence Herbaceous Wetlands: These areas include greater than 80 percent perennial herbaceous vegetation cover and soil or substrate is periodically saturated with or covered with water. Two small emergent wetlands were identified in the Project area in Greene County. Dominant species included black willow (*Salix nigra*), pussy willow (*Salix discolor*), black walnut (*Juglans nigra*), autumn olive, Tatarian honeysuckle, *Rubus* spp., narrowleaf cattail (*Typha angustifolia*), reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), and Allegheny monkeyflower (*Mimulus ringens*). Several of these species are invasive, thus the quality of the wetlands has been compromised.
- Evergreen Forest: These areas are dominated by trees generally taller than 5 meters (16 ft) tall that comprise greater than 20 percent of total vegetation cover. More than 75 percent of the tree species maintain their leaves all year, thus the canopy is never void of green foliage. Two small areas were noted as evergreen forest in the Project area. One, in Washington County was dominated by hemlock and Norway spruce. A few Japanese yew were also observed. This area was highly disturbed and several invasive species were observed. A second area and previous pine plantation in Greene County, was dominated by Austrian pine (*Pinus nigra*), white pine (*Pinus strobus*), white spruce (*Picea glauca*), and Norway spruce (*Picea abies*). Primarily invasive shrubs such as autumn olive and common privet comprised the understory. The herbaceous layer was mainly grasses.
- Grassland/Herbaceous: These are areas dominated by graminoid or herbaceous vegetation which generally accounts for greater than 80 percent of total vegetation. Grasslands were the second most common land cover classification for the Project, predominantly consisting of old fields and existing ROWs for natural gas lines and powerlines. Dominant grass species included broomsedge bluestem (Andropogon virginicus), perennial ryegrass (Lolium perenne), orchard grass (Dactylis glomerata), kentucky bluegrass (Poa pratensis), purpletop tridens (Tridens flavus), and fescue (Festuca spp.). Dominant forbs included wild garlic (Allium veniale), indianhemp (Apocynum cannabinum), white clover (Trifolium repens), dandelion (Taraxacum officionale), Joe pye weed (Eupatorium fistulosum), flat-top goldenrod (Euthamia graminifolia), Canada goldenrod (Solidago canadensis), American pokeweed (Phytolacca americana), yarrow (Achillea millefolium), and mountainmint (Pycnanthemum spp.). The introduced



lesser celandine (*Ranunculus ficaria*) was very common in a few grasslands. Dominant shrubs and briars included Allegheny blackberry (*Rubus alleghenienesis*), black raspberry (*Rubus occidentalis*) and the introduced multiflora rose, and autumn olive. A few American sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*), boxelder (*Acer negundo*), tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*) and red maple (*Acer rubrum*) were scattered across this habitat type.

- **Open Water:** These are areas of open water with less than 25 percent cover of vegetation or soil. This habitat type is represented by the Monongahela River at the Washington and Allegheny county borders and by the Ten-mile Creek crossing in Greene County.
- **Pasture/Hay:** These are areas of grasses, legumes, or grass-legume mixtures planted for livestock grazing or the production of seed or hay crops. Pasture was the third most common habitat type encountered during the Project, primarily in Washington and Allegheny counties. Dominant plants included orchard grass, Kentucky bluegrass, broomsedge bluestem, fescue, white clover, dandelion, multiflora rose, Tatarian honeysuckle, Amur honeysuckle, and tree of heaven.

3.1.4 ROW Habitat

The Project area is dominated by deciduous forest (32.17%), grassland/herbaceous (26.77%), and pasture/hay (17.32%; Table 2). Developed, medium intensity (8.66%), and developed, high intensity (6.27%) were occasionally encountered. All other documented habitat types (developed, open space, open water, evergreen forest, and emergent herbaceous wetlands) comprised less than five percent of the land cover.

NLCD Land Cover Class	Acreage	%	Miles of Centerline
Deciduous Forest	127.80	32.17	2.44
Grassland/Herbaceous	106.32	26.77	1.83
Pasture/Hay	68.79	17.32	1.74
Developed Medium Intensity	34.42	8.66	0.50
Developed High Intensity	24.92	6.27	0.29
No Access	18.36	4.62	0.51
Developed, Open Space	7.30	1.84	0.02
Open Water	6.95	1.75	0.19
Evergreen Forest	2.20	0.55	0.13
Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands	0.16	0.04	0.00
Total	397.21	100.00	7.65

Table 2. NLCD Land Cover Classes occurring within the Equitrans Expansion Project in Allegheny, Washington, and Greene counties, Pennsylvania.

3.1.5 Invasive species and Disturbance Analysis

Invasive species were very prevalent throughout the Project area. Overall, 29 species listed on the DCNR invasive plant list and an additional four species on the DCNR watch list were identified (Appendix C). The most common introduced species included multiflora rose, garlic mustard, Tatarian honeysuckle, Amur honeysuckle, Japanese honeysuckle, lesser celandine, autumn olive, oriental bittersweet, and tree of heaven.

Most deciduous forest and grasslands were scored as highly disturbed. Only two small areas were scored as moderately to lightly disturbed. These included areas with some aspects indicative of a mature forest and were examined closely for the potential for rare plants even though disturbances (invasive species) may have produced less than optimal habitat.

3.1.6 Total Floral Diversity

Overall botanists identified 290 species belonging to 82 plant families and 213 genera during the surveys and this list is provided in Appendix C.

3.2 West Virginia

3.2.1 NLCD Land Cover Types

The AOI surrounding the Project site was dominated by deciduous forest (11.62 acres, 67.88%), and developed, open space (5.34 acres, 31.16%) with a very small amount of developed low intensity (0.17 acre, 0.97%). The 3.89 acre LOD contained 1.54 acres (39.50%) of deciduous forest and 2.35 acres (60.50 percent) of developed, open space (primarily pipeline ROW).

3.2.2 Invasive Species and Disturbance Analysis

EQT has specifically selected the LOD in West Virginia to maximize use of areas disturbed by previous activities. As such, developed portions of the LOD and AOI in West Virginia are characterized as heavily disturbed. The remnant forest within the LOD is moderately disturbed including the presence of multiple Invasive species. Invasive species noted during the survey included multiflora rose, Tatarian honeysuckle, Japanese honeysuckle, and Amur honeysuckle.

4.0 Discussion and Conclusion

ESI completed three surveys for rare plants. None of the focal plant species (Table 1) were observed but one population of nodding rattlesnakeroot, a Pennsylvania state endangered species, and two populations of goldenseal, a state vulnerable species, were identified and mapped. Locations of these rare plants were provided to EQT, who



indicated the project, as currently designed, will not be able to avoid impacts to the population of nodding rattlesnakeroot. However, EQT would be willing to move the plants to the edge of ROW. EQT is evaluating the potential to voluntarily avoid and/or move individual goldenseal.

Nine distinct vegetative community types were contained within the Project. The most common habitat type was deciduous forest which is the preferred habitat type for many of the focal species (Table 1).

Pervasive anthropogenic disturbance limits the value of the proposed ROW, access roads and ancillary facilities as rare plant habitat. The prevalence of introduced species, maintained existing ROWs, mowing, grazing, and road development has resulted in soil disturbance, competition with native plant species, and loss of habitat for native plant species. Disturbed soils and communities lack natural qualities essential for moisture, pH and mycorrhizal relationships and also potentially diminish native seed banks. Areas with minimal anthropogenic disturbance in the Project are rare, and are associated with the two areas where rare plants were found.

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APPENDIX A PENNSYLVANIA NATURAL DIVERSITY INVENTORY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECEIPT NUMBER 22453





BUREAU OF FORESTRY

July 22, 2015

PNDI Number: 22453

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Re: Equitrans Expansion Project Allegheny, Washington, and Greene Counties, PA

Dear Mr. Sparks,

Thank you for the submission of the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) Environmental Review Large Project Number 22453 for review. PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources screened this project for potential impacts to species and resources under DCNR's responsibility, which includes plants, terrestrial invertebrates, natural communities, and geologic features only.

Potential Impact Anticipated

PNDI records indicate species or resources under DCNR's jurisdiction are located in the project vicinity. Based on a detailed PNDI review, DCNR determined potential impacts to the following threatened or endangered species or species of special concern.

Segment 11510				
Scientific Name	Common Name	PA Current Status	PA Proposed Status	
Baptisia australis	Blue False-indigo	Not Listed	Threatened	
Erythronium albidum	White Trout-lily	Not Listed	Rare	
Iodanthus pinnatifidus	Purple Rocket	Endangered	Endangered	
Scutellaria saxatilis	Rock Skullcap	Undetermined	Endangered	
Trillium nivale	Snow Trillium	Rare	Rare	

Segment H318

Segments H316/H158-M80

Scientific Name	Common Name	PA Current Status	PA Proposed Status
Erythronium albidum	White Trout-lily	Not Listed	Rare
Scutellaria saxatilis	Rock Skullcap	Undetermined	Endangered
Tipularia discolor	Cranefly Orchid	Rare	Rare
Trillium nivale	Snow Trillium	Rare	Rare

Survey Request

DCNR requests a survey for the following species:

- *Baptisia australis* (Blue False-indigo): locally documented on a rich wooded riverine slope; prefers open woods, stream banks, and sandy floodplains; flowers May June
- *Erythronium albidum* (White Trout-lily): locally documented in floodplain forest and on rich wooded slopes along rivers and creeks; prefers moist woods and rich slopes, especially on limestone; flowers April May

- *Iodanthus pinnatifidus* (Purple Rocket): locally documented on a rich wooded riverine slope; prefers moist alluvial woods and wooded slopes; flowers May June
- *Scutellaria saxatilis* (Rock Skullcap): locally documented in sycamore scrub floodplain; prefers low woods, rocky stream banks, and roadsides; flowers July August
- *Tipularia discolor* (Cranefly Orchid): locally documented in red oak mixed hardwood forest; prefers deciduous forest and stream banks; leaf visible fall, winter, and spring
- *Trillium nivale* (Snow Trillium): locally documented on rich stream valley wooded slopes; prefers stream valleys and wooded slopes, especially on limestone; flowers late March April
- ✓ A survey for the above species should be conducted by a qualified botanist at the appropriate time of year and then submitted to our office for review. Your botanist should carefully review the new DCNR Botanical Survey Protocols available at <u>http://www.gis.dcnr.state.pa.us/hgis-er/Login.aspx</u>. These protocols are recommended to ensure that the all necessary information is collected and that survey reports are prepared properly. It is the expectation of DCNR that these protocols will be followed when conducting surveys for species under our jurisdiction.
- ✓ Your botanist should *fill out the field survey form while performing their survey*: <u>http://www.gis.dcnr.state.pa.us/hgis-er/hgis/2012%20DCNR%20Field%20Survey%20Form.pdf</u>. Contact our office prior to the survey for detailed information about the species, or for a list of qualified surveyors.
- ✓ Any target and non-target state-listed species found during the site visit should be reported to our office. Mitigation measures and monitoring may be requested if species or communities of special concern are found on or adjacent to site.
- ✓ If the land type(s) does not exist on site, a survey may not be necessary; <u>please submit a habitat assessment report</u> which describes the current land cover, habitat types, and species found on site.

This response represents the most up-to-date review of the PNDI data files and is valid for two (2) years only. If project plans change or more information on listed or proposed species becomes available, our determination may be reconsidered. Should the proposed work continue beyond the period covered by this letter, please resubmit the project to this agency as an "Update" (including an updated PNDI receipt, project narrative and accurate map). As a reminder, this finding applies to potential impacts under DCNR's jurisdiction only. Visit the PNHP website for directions on contacting the Commonwealth's other resource agencies for environmental review.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jason Ryndock, Ecological Information Specialist, by phone (717-705-2822) or via email (c-jryndock@pa.gov).

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APPENDIX B PA DCNR WILD PLANT MANAGEMENT PERMIT





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WILD PLANT MANAGEMENT PERMIT

Date: 22 June 2015

Permit No. 15-546

THIS PERMIT IS ISSUED TO:

Larry Brewer for collection of Pennsylvania Endangered and Threatened plant species for submission as voucher specimens while conducting botanical studies and research in Pennsylvania.

THE PERMITTEE MUST CARRY THIS PERMIT DURING THE REMOVAL, COLLECTION, OR TRANSPLANTING OF PA ENDANGERED AND PA THREATENED PLANT SPECIES AND WILL PRESENT THIS PERMIT FOR INSPECTION UPON REQUEST. THE PERMITTEE MUST ALSO COMPLY WITH CHAPTER 45, SECTION 47 AND 48 RELATING TO REPORT INFORMATION.

PERMIT CONDITIONS:

Vouchers are to be deposited in an accredited institution. Notify land managers before conducting permitted activities. Permittee shall report results to the Bureau of Forestry, Ecological Services. Land owner permission must be acquired before conducting work.

Chris & Ferestono

DCNR, BUREAU OF FORESTRY, WILD PLANT PROGRAM MANAGER

THIS PERMIT WILL EXPIRE JUNE 22, 2016

NONTRANSFERRABLE

THIS PERMIT MAY BE REVOKED FOR GOOD CAUSE.

PA Bureau of Forestry, Ecological Services Section

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WILD PLANT MANAGEMENT PERMIT

Date: 15 June 2015

Permit No. 16-546

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The permittee must carry this permit during the removal, collection, or transplanting of PA Endangered and PA Threatened plant species and will present this permit for inspection upon request. The permittee must also comply with Chapter 45, section 47 and 48 relating to report information.

PERMIT CONDITIONS:

Vouchers are to be deposited in an accredited institution. Notify land managers before conducting permitted activities. Permittee shall report results to the Bureau of Forestry, Ecological Services. Land owner permission must be acquired before conducting work.

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DCNR, BUREAU OF FORESTRY, WILD PLANT PROGRAM MANAGER

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APPENDIX C LIST OF FLORA IDENTIFIED ALONG THE EQUITRANS EXPANSION PROJECT IN ALLEGHENY, WASHINGTON, AND GREENE COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA



Species Number	Common Name ¹	Scientific Name
1	Norway maple ²	Acer platanoides ²
2	boxelder	Acer negundo
3	red maple	Acer rubrum
4	silver maple	Acer saccharinum
5	sugar maple	Acer saccharum
6	sweetflag	Acorus sp.
7	winged sumac	Rhus copallinum
8	smooth sumac	Rhus glabra
9	staghorn sumac	Rhus typhina
10	eastern poison ivy	Toxicodendron radicans
11	pawpaw	Asimina triloba
12	poison hemlock ²	Conium maculatum ²
13	Queen Anne's lace	Daucus carota
14	longstyle sweetroot	Osmorhiza longistylis
15	wild parsnip ²	Pastinaca sativa ²
16	sanicle	Sanicula sp.
17	yellow pimpernel	Taenidia integerrima
18	Indianhemp	Apocynum cannabinum
19	common periwinkle ³	Vinca minor ³
20	American holly	llex opaca
21	Jack in the pulpit	Arisaema triphyllum ssp. triphyllum
22	Canadian wildginger	Asarum canadense
23	common milkweed	Asclepias syriaca
24	ebony spleenwort	Asplenium platyneuron
25	common yarrow	Achillea millefolium
26	white snakeroot	Ageratina altissima
27	annual ragweed	Ambrosia artemisiifolia
28	lesser burdock	Arctium minus
29	annual wormwood	Artemisia annua
30	devil's beggarticks	Bidens frondosa
31	chicory	Cichorium intybus
32	Canada thistle ²	Cirsium arvense ²
33	bull thistle ²	Cirsium vulgare ²
34	field thistle	Cirsium discolor
35	eastern daisy fleabane	Erigeron annuus
36	Philadelphia fleabane	Erigeron philadelphicus
37	Joe Pye weed	Eupatorium fistulosum
38	common boneset	Eupatorium perfoliatum
39	late boneset	Eupatorium serotinum
40	flat-top goldentop	Euthamia graminifolia
41	smooth oxeye	Heliopsis helianthoides
42	lettuce	Lactuca sp.
43	oxeye daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare

List of Flora Identified along the Equitrans Expansion Project in Allegheny, Washington, and Greene counties, Pennsylvania.

Species Number	Common Name ¹	Scientific Name
44	roundleaf ragwort	Packera obovata
45	cutleaf coneflower	Rudbeckia laciniata
46	Canada goldenrod	Solidago canadensis
47	zigzag goldenrod	Solidago flexicaulis
48	early goldenrod	Solidago juncea
49	common blue wood aster	Symphyotrichum cordifolium
50	calico aster	Symphyotrichum lateriflorum
51	New England aster	Symphyotrichum novae-angliae
52	Short's aster	Symphyotrichum shortii
53	common dandelion	Taraxacum officinale
54	coltsfoot	Tussilago farfara
55	wingstem	Verhesina alternifolia
56	diant ironweed	Vernonia dicentiona
57	spotted knapweed ²	Centaurea stoehe ²
58	iowelwood	Impatiens capansis
50	Jeweiweeu Japanoso barborry?	Rorboris thupborgi?
59	twinloof	lofforsonia dinbulla
00 41	lwinear	Dedenbullum poltatum
01 40	iviayappie	
02		Allius seruliaiana
03	American hornbeam	Carpinus caroliniana
64	American nazeinut	Corylus americana
65	nopnornbeam	Ostrya Virginiana
66	southern catalpa	Catalpa bignonioides
6/	beggarslice	Hackelia virginiana
68	Virginia bluebells	Mertensia virginica
69	garlic mustard ²	Alliaria petiolata ²
70	smooth rockcress	Arabis laevigata
71	garden yellowrocket	Barbarea vulgaris
72	black mustard	Brassica nigra
73	bulbous bittercress	Cardamine bulbosa
74	cutleaf toothwort	Cardamine concatenata
75	crinkleroot	Cardamine diphylla
76	limestone bittercress	Cardamine douglassii
77	spring draba	Draba verna
78	watercress ⁴	Nasturtium officinale ⁴
79	common hop	Humulus lupulus
80	Japanese Honevsuckle ²	Lonicera japonica ²
81	Amur honevsuckle ²	Lonicera maacki ²
82	Tatarian honeysuckle ²	Lonicera tatarica ²
83	American black elderberry	Sambucus niora ssp. canadensis
84	manleleaf Viburnum	Viburnum acerifolium
85	hlackhaw	Viburnum prunifolium
86	mouse-ear chickweed	Cerastium sn
90 87	common mouse car chickwood	Corastium fontanum
07		Dianthus amaria

Species Number	Common Name ¹	Scientific Name
89	bouncing bet	Saponaria officinalis
90	common chickweed	Stellaria media
91	star chickweed	Stellaria pubera
92	Oriental bittersweet ²	Celastrus orbiculatus ²
93	winged burning bush ²	Euonymus alatus ²
94	common St. John's wort	Hypericum perforatum
95	shrubby St. John's wort	Hypericum prolificum
96	flowering dogwood	Cornus florida
97	woodland stonecrop	Sedum ternatum
98	Pennsylvania sedge	Carex pensylvanica
99	yellow nutsedge	Cyperus esculentus
100	softstem bulrush	Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani
101	areen bulrush	, Scirpus atrovirens
102	Fuller's teasel	Dipsacus fullonum
103	lowland bladderfern	Cystopteris protusa
104	silver false spleenwort	Denaria arostichoides
105	woodfern	Dryonteris sp
105	spinulose woodfern	Dryopteris carthusiana
100	intermediate woodfern	Dryonteris intermedia
107	sensitive fern	Onoclea sensibilis
100	Christmas fern	Polystichum acrostichoides
107	autumn olive2	Flapagnus umbellata ²
110	field borsetail	Enclayinas ambenata Fauisatum arvense
111	Plue Didge blueborny	Vaccinium pallidum
112	doorborny	Vaccinium panidum Vaccinium stamipoum
113	asstorn rodbud	
114	bopovlocust	Cloditaia triacanthas
110		Gieulisia illacatilitos
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110	Sweetclover	Melliolus sp.
119	DIACK IOCUST	
120	crown vetch ²	Coronilla varia/Securigera varia ²
121	alsike clover	Trifolium hybridum
122	red clover	I rifolium pratense
123	white clover	l rifolium repens
124	American beech	Fagus grandifolia
125	white oak	Quercus alba
126	swamp white oak	Quercus bicolor
127	shingle oak	Quercus imbricaria
128	chestnut oak	Quercus montana
129	chinquapin oak	Quercus muehlenbergii
130	northern red oak	Quercus rubra
131	black oak	Quercus velutina
132	yellow fumewort	Corydalis flavula
133	squirrel corn	Dicentra canadensis

Species Number	Common Name ¹	Scientific Name
134	Dutchman's breeches	Dicentra cucullaria
135	eastern prickly gooseberry	Ribes cynosbati
136	Ohio buckeve	Aesculus alabra
137	wild hydrangea	Hydrangea arborescens
138	mock orange	Philadelphus coronarius
139	great waterleaf	Hvdrophyllum appendiculatum
140	narrowleaf blue-eved grass	Sisvrinchium angustifolium
141	bitternut hickory	Carva cordiformis
142	red hickory	Carva ovalis
143	shaqbark hickory	Carya ovata
144	black walnut	Juglans nigra
145	common rush	Juncus effusus
146	poverty rush	Juncus tenuis
147	Canada horsebalm	Collinsonia canadensis
148	ground ivy	Glechoma hederacea
149	henbit deadnettle	Lamium amplexicaule
150	purple deadnettle	Lamium purpureum
151	common motherwort	Leonurus cardiaca
152	spearmint	Mentha spicata
153	peppermint	Mentha xpiperita
154	wild bergamot	Monarda fistulosa
155	common selfheal	Prunella vulgaris
156	mountainmint	Pycnanthemum sp.
157	northern spicebush	Lindera benzoin
158	sassafras	Sassafras albidum
159	wild garlic	Allium vineale
160	dogtooth violet	Erythronium americanum
161	orange daylily ³	Hemerocallis fulva ³
162	feathery false lily of the valley	Maianthemum racemosum
163	star of Bethlehem ²	Ornithogalum umbellatum ²
164	smooth Solomon's seal	Polygonatum biflorum
165	red trillium	Trillium erectum
166	white trillium	Trillium grandiflorum
167	false mermaidweed	Floerkea proserpinacoides
168	tulip tree	Liriodendron tulipifera
169	osage orange	Maclura pomifera
170	forsythia	Forsythia viridissima
171	white ash	Fraxinus americana
172	European privet ²	Ligustrum vulgare ²
173	broadleaf enchanter's nightshade	Circaea canadensis
174	purpleleaf willowherb	Epilobium coloratum
175	common evening primrose	Oenothera biennis
176	cutleaf grapefern	Botrychium dissectum
177	downy rattlesnake-plantain	Goodyera pubescens
178	tall rattlesnakeroot	Prenanthes altissima

Species Number	Common Name ¹	Scientific Name
179	nodding rattlesnakeroot	Prenanthes crepidinea
180	beechdrops	Epifagus virginiana
181	violet woodsorrel	Oxalis violaceae
182	bloodroot	Sanguinaria canadensis
183	American pokeweed	Phytolacca americana
184	Norway spruce	Picea abies
185	Colorado spruce	Picea pungens
186	white spruce	Picea glauca
187	Austrian pine	Pinus nigra
188	eastern white pine	Pinus strobus
189	eastern hemlock	Tsuga canadensis
190	narrowleaf plantain	Plantago lanceolata
191	American sycamore	Platanus occidentalis
192	broomsedge bluestem	Andropogon virginicus
193	smooth brome	Bromus inermis
194	orchardgrass	Dactylis glomerata
195	poverty oatgrass	Danthonia spicata
196	deertongue	Dichanthelium clandestinum
197	barnyard grass	Echinochloa crus-galli
198	Canada wildrye	Elymus canadensis
199	riverbank wildrye	Elymus riparius
200	hairy wildrye	Elymus villosus
201	fescue	Festuca sp.
202	fowl mannagrass	Glyceria striata
203	common velvetgrass ³	Holcus lanatus ³
204	Japanese stiltgrass ²	Microstegium vimineum ²
205	Chinese silvergrass ³	Miscanthus sinensis ³
206	switchgrass	Panicum virgatum
207	witchgrass	Panicum capillare
208	reed canarygrass ²	Phalaris arundinacea ²
209	timothy	Phleum pratense
210	Canada bluegrass	, Poa compressa
211	Kentucky bluegrass	Poa pratensis
212	green bristlegrass	Setaria viridis
213	purpletop tridens	Tridens flavus
214	wild blue phlox	Phlox divaricata
215	fall phlox	Phlox paniculata
216	Greek valerian	Polemonium reptans
217	Japanese knotweed ²	Fallopia iaponica/Polygonum cuspidatum ²
218	iumpseed	Polvaonum viainianum
219	curly dock	Rumex crispus
220	bitter dock	Rumex obtusifolius
221	Carolina springbeauty	Claytonia caroliniana
222	Virginia springbeauty	Claytonia virginica
223	creeping Jenny ²	Lysimachia nummularia ²

Species Number	Common Name ¹	Scientific Name
224	northern maidenhair	Adiantum pedatum
225	black baneberry	Actaea racemosa
226	dwarf larkspur	Delphinium tricorne
227	liverleaf	Hepatica nobilis var. acuta
228	goldenseal	Hydrastis canadensis
229	fig buttercup ²	Ranunculus ficaria ²
230	littleleaf buttercup	Ranunculus abortivus
231	bristly buttercup	Ranunculus hispidus
232	early meadow-rue	Thalictrum dioicum
233	king of the meadow	Thalictrum pubescens
234	rue anemone	Thalictrum thalictroides
235	glossy buckthorn ²	Frangula alnus ²
236	harvestlice	Agrimonia parviflora
237	hawthorn	Crataegus
238	Virginia strawberry	Fragaria virginiana
239	white avens	Geum canadense
240	spring avens	Geum vernum
241	apple	Malus sp.
242	common ninebark	Physocarpus opulifolius
243	sulphur cinquefoil	Potentilla recta
244	common cinquefoil	Potentilla simplex
245	sweet cherry	Prunus avium
246	black cherry	Prunus serotina
247	callery pear ²	Pyrus calleryana ²
248	multiflora rose ²	Rosa multiflora ²
249	Allegheny blackberry	Rubus allegheniensis
250	northern dewberry	Rubus flagellaris
251	black raspberry	Rubus occidentalis
252	Pennsylvania blackberry	Rubus pensilvanicus
253	stickywilly	Galium aparine
254	licorice bedstraw	Galium circaezans
255	lanceleaf wild licorice	Galium lanceolatum
256	false baby's breath	Galium mollugo
257	fragrant bedstraw	Galium triflorum
258	acure bluet	Houstonia caerulea
259	bigtooth aspen	Populus grandidentata
260	pussy willow	, Salix discolor
261	sandbar willow	Salix interior
262	black willow	Salix nigra
263	Allegheny monkeyflower	Mimulus ringens
264	moth mullein	Verbascum blattaria
265	common mullein	Verbascum thapsus
266	common gypsyweed	Veronica officinalis
267	birdeye speedwell	Veronica persica
268	thymeleaf speedwell	Veronica serpyllifolia

Species Number	Common Name ¹	Scientific Name
269	tree of heaven ²	Ailanthus altissima ²
270	common greenbriar	Smilax rotundifolia
271	jimsonweed ²	Datura stramonium ²
272	Carolina horsenettle	Solanum carolinense
273	West Indian nightshade	Solanum ptycanthum
274	American bladdernut	Staphylea trifolia
275	New York fern	Thelypteris noveboracensis
276	American basswood	Tilia americana
277	narrowleaf cattail ²	Typha angustifolia ²
278	common hackberry	Celtis occidentalis
279	American elm	Ulmus americana
280	slippery elm	Ulmus rubra
281	smallspike false nettle	Boehmeria cylindrica
282	cornsalad	Valerianella sp.
283	white vervain	Verbena urticifolia
284	eastern greenviolet	Hybanthus concolor
285	common blue violet	Viola sororia
286	striped cream violet	Viola striata
287	Virginia creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia
288	riverbank grape	Vitis riparia
289	frost grape	Vitis vulpina
290	perennial ryegrass	Lolium perenne

¹Common names follow those listed in the United States Department of Agriculture National Data Base. Common names in the text may differ. ²Species on DCNR list of invasive plants ³Species on DCNR "Watch List" for invasive plants ⁴Exotic species considered invasive in adjacent states

APPENDIX D (MAPS 1-10). LAND COVER AND RARE PLANT SPECIES WITHIN THE EQUITRANS EXPANSION PROJECT AOI IN ALLEGHENY, WASHINGTON, AND GREENE COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA AND WETZEL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA



























APPENDIX E PENNSYLVANIA BOTANICAL FIELD SURVEY FORMS



BOTANICAL FIELD SURVEY FORM – PA PLANT SPECIES OF SPECIAL CONCERN

DCNR requests a Botanical Field Survey Form be submitted for each occurrence/population of a PA Plant Species of Special Concern (SOSC) found during a survey. Please attempt to complete as many fields as possible. Please direct any questions to DCNR Bureau of Forestry, Ecological Services Section at (717)-787-3444.

Species Name: Nodding rattlesnake root (Prenanthes crepidinea)	PNDI # (if applicable): 22453	X New Occurrence	
	EO ID # (if applicable):	Update	
Surveyor(s): Larry Brewer Allyssa (Lopez) Rooks	Survey Date(s): 5/23/16	Time Spent: 30 minutes	
Site Name: unknown	GPS Coordinates of Occurrent maps ; 40.22807°N -79.9321 available upon request.	ce (include datum): see GIS L6° W (NAD 83), shapefiles	
Directions to Site: see GIS maps			
Site Owner: unknown	Landowner aware of Species of Spec	cial Concern?	
)	
Owner Contact Information:	Landowner consent for data submis	sion to PA Heritage Program?	
)	
	Landowner consent for voucher collection?		
	□ YES X NO)	

 General SOSC Habitat Description: Mature Mesic Hardwood Forest

 The forest has a rich herb layer.

 Estimate of Area of Potential Habitat: 75 acres

 Soil conditions (Substrate and soil type, soil moisture, underlying geology, etc.): loam

 Relative age/Successional stage: Young to mature forest

 Aspect: west facing slope

 Elevation (provide units): no topographical map provided

Moisture:	Light:	Topo Position:	Slope:
🗆 Inundated (hydric)	🗆 Open	Crest	X Flat
Saturated (wet-mesic)	Partial	Upper Slope	□ 0-10%
X Moist (mesic)	X Filtered	x Mid-slope	□ 10-35%
🗆 Dry (mesic)	Shaded	Lower Slope	□ 35+%
🗆 Dry (xeric)		Bottom	Vertical

SOSC Occurrence	i			Age Structure:	
Information (de				Annuals	
Phenology: #	Plants:				
20 trees	1-10			%	
	11-50			Seedlings	
X In leaf	51-100 Pamets ¹ 101 100	.		0	
X III leal	1001-100) (1	
\Box In bud \Box	10K+	`	Population	<u> </u>	
	□ EST # 200	0	Area:	Immature	
\Box In flower \Box			□ 1 yd²		Vigor:
🗆 Immature fruit 🗆		Genets ²	□ 1-5 yd²	% 1st Year	🗆 Very
Mature fruit 🗆			X 5-10 yd ²		Feeble
Seed dispersing]		□ 10-100 yd²	% Mature	X Feeble
			□ 100 yd² – 1		Normal
			ас	%	Vigorous
			1+ acres	Senescent	Exceptional
			Est Area		vigor
ID Confidence:			ID Problems (exp	lain):	
X Positive ID 🛛 Sc	omewhat ce:ain 🛛	Uncertain			
Known or	Inferred Land Use Hi	istory: unknown			
Integrity/Fragmentati	ion of Habitat: This N	lesic Hardwood			
Forest has good ecolog	gical integrity. It has	a rich herb layer and			
few invasives.					
Land Use/Disturbance	e Information: unkno	wn but probably			
selectively logged in th	he past – probably ne	ver clear-cut or			
grazed by cattle – lots	of spring ephemerals	i			
Threats (on or off site	a). A ninelina is schor	duled to go through			
the area – maybe it car	n be avoided				
Conservation or Mana	agement Recommend	dations: If the			
pipeline cannot be mo	oved the plants can be	e moved.			

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Ramet: individual reproduced vegetatively (a clone) Genet: individual generated by sexual reproduction (a seedling)

Associated Species :: Most Abundant/Dominant by Strata (est. % cover):						
Canopy:	Sub-Canopy/Shrub:	Herbaceous:				
Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	Poison ivy (Toxicodendron radicans)				
Bitternut hickory (Carya cordiformis)	Blue beech (Carpinus caroliniana)	Mayapple (Podophyllum peltatum)				
White oak (Quercus alba)	Spicebush (Lindera benzoin)	Wild ginger (Asarum canadense)				
	Multifora rose (Rosa multiflora)	Solomon Seal (Polygonatum				
	Invasive exotic	biflorum)				
		White trillium (<i>Trillium</i>				
		grandiflorum)				
		Eastern waterleaf (Hydrophylum				
		virginiana)				
		Woodland stonecrop (Sedum				
		ternatum)				
		Zigzag goldenrod (Solidago				
		flexicalus)				
		Longstyle sweetroot (Osmorhiza				
		longistylis)				
		Early bluegrass (Poa cuspidata)				
		Sanicle (Sanicula sp.)				
Other Species Present:						
Canopy:		Herbaceous:				
Tree-of-heaven						
(Ailanthus altissima)						
Invasive exotic						
Invasive Species Present at Site (est. % Cover): Multiflora rose (Rosa						
multiflora), tree-of-heaven (Ailanthus	altissima). Data on land-cover					
available in a GIS format.						

**Please also submit site maps indicating species location, any photographs taken (to aid in confirming ID) and if a voucher specimen is collected, the label data, number, and repository.

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Species Name: Goldenseal (Hydrastis canadensis)	PNDI # (if applicable): 22453	X New Occurrence	
	EO ID # (if applicable):	Update	
Surveyor(s): Larry Brewer Justin Bower	Survey Date(s): 7/19/16	Time Spent: 20 minutes	
Site Name: unknown	GPS Coordinates of Occurrent (39.9125334359136, -80.0939 maps	c e (include datum): 988224441 NAD 1983)see GIS	
Directions to Site: see GIS maps			
Site Owner: unkown	Landowner aware of Species of Spec	cial Concern?	
	□ YES X NO)	
Owner Contact Information:	Landowner consent for data submis	sion to PA Heritage Program?	
	🗆 YES 🛛 X NO)	
	Landowner consent for voucher collection?		
	□ YES X NC)	

General SOSC Habitat Description: Mature Mesic Hardwood Forest The forest has a rich herb layer. Area of goldenseal is 15 x 10 feet

Estimate of Area of Potential Habitat: 10 acres

Soil conditions (Substrate and soil type, soil moisture, underlying geology, etc.): loam

Relative age/Successional stage:Aspect: flatyoung to mature forest			Elevation (provide units): no topographical map provided
Moisture:	Light:	Topo Position:	Slope:
 □ Inundated (hydric) □ Saturated (wet-mesic) X Moist (mesic) □ Dry (mesic) 	□ Open □ Partial X Filtered □ Shaded	X Crest Upper Slope Mid-slope □ Lower Slop	X Flat □ 0-10% □ 10-35% De □ 35+%
□ Dry (xeric)		Bottom	Vertical

SOSC Occurrence Information (de Phenology: # 20 trees	Plants: 1-1 11- 51-1	.0 50		Age Structure: Annuals % Seedlings	
X In leaf □ In bud [□]	Ramets ¹ (84 ram 101-1 □ 1001-	ets 000 10K	Population Area:	% Immature	
 In flower Immature fruit Mature fruit x 5 fruits Seed dispersing 	10ŀ EST #	<+ 200 Genets ²	□ 1 yd ² □ 1-5 yd ² X 5-10 yd ² □ 10-100 yd ² □ 100 yd ² - 1 ac	% 1st Year % Mature	Vigor: Uery Feeble Feeble Normal X Vigorous
			□ 1+ acres Est Area	Sellescent	Exceptional vigor
ID Confidence:			ID Problems (ex	plain):	
Known orInferred Land Use History: unknown Integrity/Fragmentation of Habitat: This Mesic Hardwood Forest has good ecological integrity. It has a rich herb layer and few invasive exotics.					
Land Use/Disturbance selectively logged in th grazed by cattle – lots	e Information: un ne past – probably of spring epheme	kown but probably never clear-cut or rals			
Threats (on- or off-site the area	e): A pipeline is so	heduled to go throu	ugh		
Conservation or Mana voluntary conservation they cannot be avoide	agement Recomm n measure would I d.	endations: A be to move the plar	nts if		
Additional SOSC Com	ments:				

Ramet: individual reproduced vegetatively (a clone) Genet: individual generated by sexual reproduction (a seedling)

Associated Species :: Most Abundant/Dominant by Strata (est. % cover):

Canopy:	Sub-Canopy/Shrub:	Herbaceous:
Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	red maple (Acer rubrum)	Christmas fern (Polystichum
Shagbark hickory (<i>Carya ovata</i>)	white ash (Fraxinus americana)	acrostichoides)
Black cherry (Prunus serotina)	bitternut hickory (Carya cordiformis)	White avens (Geum canadense)
Red maple (<i>Acer rubrum</i>)	Spicebush (Lindera benzoin)	Tall Rattlesnake-root (Nabalus
	Multifora rose (Rosa multiflora)	altissimus)
	Invasive exotic	Common blue violet (Violia sororia)
		Wingstem (Verbesina alternifolia)
		Enchanter's nightshade (Circaea
		canadensis)
		Blue-stemmed goldenrod (Solidago
		caesia)
		Virginia creeper (Parthenocissus
		quinquifolia)
		Sweet-scented bedstraw (Galium
		triflorum)
		Dewberry (Rubus flagellaris)
		Hog-peanut (Amphicarpaea
		bracteata)
Other Species Present:		
Canopy:		Herbaceous:
Invasive Species Present at Site (est. 9	% Cover): 2% Multiflora rose (<i>Rosa</i>	
multifiora),		

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		0		
Owner Contact Information:	Landowner consent for data submis	ssion to PA Heritage Program?		
	□ YES X N	0		
	Landowner consent for voucher collection?			
	□ YES X N	0		

General SOSC Habitat Description: Mature Mesic Hardwood Forest The forest has a rich herb layer. Area of goldenseal is 10 x 10 feet

Estimate of Area of Potential Habitat: 50 acres

Soil conditions (Substrate and soil type, soil moisture, underlying geology, etc.): loam

Relative age/Successional stage:	Aspect: SE facing slope	Elevation (provide units): no
young to mature forest		topographical map provided

Moisture:	Light:	Topo Position:	Slope:
 Inundated (hydric) Saturated (wet-mesic) X Moist (mesic) Dry (mesic) Dry (veric) 	 □ Open □ Partial X Filtered □ Shaded 	X Crest Upper Slope Mid-slope D Lower Slope Bottom	Flat X 0-10% 10-35% 35+% Vertical

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□ Immature fruit □		EST # 200	Genets ²	□ 1-5 yd²	% 1st Year	□ Very
□ Seed dispersing □				X 5-10 yd ²		Feeble
				□ 10-100 yd²	% Mature	Feeble
				□ 100 yd² – 1		Normal
				ас	%	X Vigorous
				□ 1+ acres	Senescent	Exceptional vigor
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Canopy:	Sub-Canopy/Shrub:	Herbaceous:
Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	Blue cohosh (Caulophyllum
Tulip-tree (Liriodendron tulipifera)	Black haw (Viburnum prunifolium)	thalictroides)
		Common blue violet (Violia sororia)
		Wingstem (Verbesina alternifolia)
		Enchanter's nightshade (Circaea
		canadensis)
		Virginia creeper (<i>Parthenocissus</i>
		quinquifolia)
		Forest bedstraw (Gallum
		Circaezans)
		ternatum)
		Hairy wild rye (Flymus villosus)
		Striped violet (Viola striata)
		White snakeroot (<i>Agerating</i>
		altissima)
		Jack-in-the-pulpit (Arisaema
		triphyllum)
		Garlic mustard (Alliaria petiolata)
		White ash (Fraxinus americana)
		Heart-leaved aster
		(Symphyotrichum cordifolium)
Other Species Present:		
Canopy:		Herbaceous:
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APPENDIX F REPRESENTATIVE PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS





Typical highly disturbed forest

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Typical grassland

Typical grassland





Wetland in Greene County

Pine plantation





Ten-Mile Creek

Invasion by Fig Buttercup (*Ranunculus ficaria*)



Typical high intensity developed area



White-flowered trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*) patch



Fruit of Goldenseal (Hydrastis canadensis)



Vegetation of Goldenseal (Hydrastis canadensis)



Vegetation of nodding rattlesnakeroot

(Prenanthes crepidinea)