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Subject: County comments for A4-25 Martins Farm Service Inc
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Hello Southgate,

Please note that Grey County is taking steps to streamline development review by limiting planning comments on some development applications. This includes all minor variances and site plan applications, as well as some zoning by-law amendments and consents within settlement areas. County planning staff may still provide comments where these applications are connected with a County application.

County Ecology staff will continue to review **all** applications with regards to natural heritage matters.

As such, a formal planning policy review of the subject application has not been undertaken. Please be advised that planning decisions shall conform with the County's Official Plan and County planning staff can assist with specific questions in this respect.

Comments:

Grey County Ecology staff have reviewed the application and provided the following comments:

1. The subject property contains and/or is adjacent to potential 'Habitat of Threatened or Endangered Species', 'Other Identified Wetlands', 'Significant Wildlife Habitat', potential 'Fish Habitat', and a 'Stream'. Additionally, the property is considered a Significant Groundwater Recharge Area and an area that influences Highly Vulnerable Aquifers. County staff have reviewed the proposal and based on the site plan, the proposed development will be within adjacent lands to the identified natural heritage features and within a previously disturbed area. As such, it is County staff's opinion that the potential impact to the identified features would be negligible, and the requirement for an EIS can be waived.
2. Please note it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the endangered and threatened species policy referred to in the PPS has been appropriately addressed – "Development and site alteration shall not be permitted in habitat of endangered species and threatened species, except in accordance with provincial and federal requirements". While the County is not supportive of development within Habitat of Threatened and/or Endangered Species, County staff are not the regulating authority under the Endangered Species Act. The applicant is advised to contact the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) at SAROntario@ontario.ca for further information on how to address this policy.

3. County ecology staff have no concerns with the application from a natural heritage perspective. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please reach out to ecology@grey.ca

Let us know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Cassandra

County of Grey, Owen Sound, ON