



## 6. RATIONALE FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN A NATURAL FEATURE OR SETBACK

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The location of the Dufferin Wind Power Project has been subject to numerous field investigations and a thorough review of constraints to development was undertaken prior to delineating the project location. Based on the natural environment information collected, the project location was refined to avoid impacts to significant and/or sensitive natural heritage features, where possible. The layout of the wind project has been developed to minimize its footprint and prioritized the protection of natural features that provided habitat for sensitive species. The project has been developed to retain the significance of natural features identified and mitigates effects that will occur. Of the natural features evaluated to be significant, the layout of the project as shown on Figure 2a-d will allow for the persistence of these natural features after this project is constructed and operational.