



Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club
Club des naturalistes d'Ottawa

July 29, 2016

Re: EBR Registry Number: 012-8004

Dear Ms Seabert:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed development.

In order to achieve an overall benefit for the Blanding's Turtle there must be more than no net loss of habitat. Any approved project should require the following:

- No loss of category 1 or 2 habitat
- Temporary fencing to keep turtles out of construction areas during work
- Habitat connectivity is maintained through aquatic channels
- Blanding's Turtle awareness training of work staff
- Restoration work uses only locally sourced and native species
- Appropriate permanent fencing to keep turtles out of backyards and off roads
- Creation and arrangements for maintaining artificial nesting sites near the wetland areas and away from roads
- Post-construction surveys to determine if there is any roadkill of Blanding's Turtles
- A cash donation to a local environmental group for turtle conservation
- Educational materials on the Blanding's Turtle to be provided to all new home buyers

We look forward to seeing these suggestions implemented by the proponent.

Sincerely,

Fenja Brodo

President, Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club