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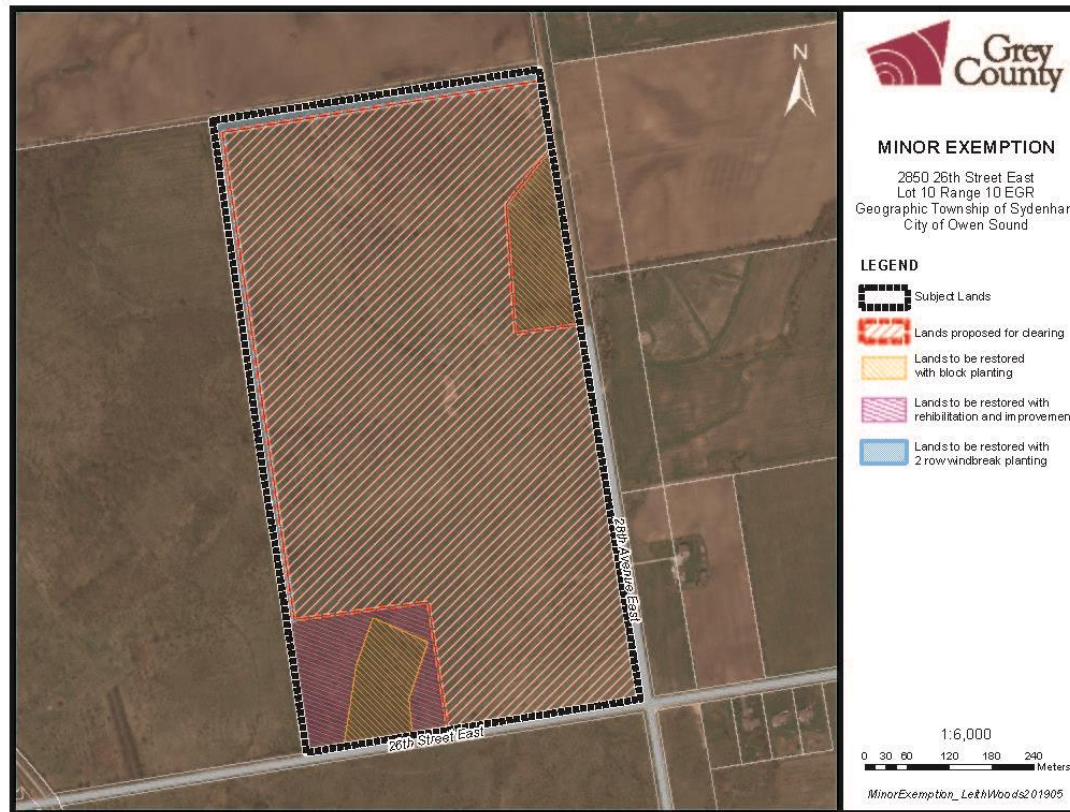
**Leith Woods Investments  
Minor Exemption Application  
Report PDR-CW-32-19**

Lot 10, Range 10 EGR  
(Geographic Township of Sydenham)  
City of Owen Sound

# Proposed Minor Exemption Application

- Application made after some of the work has been completed.
- The minor exemption application proposes to clear/remove the invasive buckthorns; and to
- Cut/remove the ash trees that are threatened by the Emerald Ash Borer;
- The intent is to return the land to agricultural uses (last used as agricultural in late 1980's).

# Proposed Tree Clearing



# Comments Received on Minor Exemption

- ▶ As per the process outlined under the County's Forest Management By-law, the application was circulated to agencies and the public.
  - No comments were received from the public.
  - Grey Sauble Conservation Authority noted the applicant would require a permit from their office, if site grading was proposed.
  - The City of Owen Sound had no comments.
  - Grey County's Forest By-law Enforcement Officer noted that the trees already destroyed were mainly ash and buckthorn. He also indicated that provided the restoration plan is carried out he is satisfied with the plan.
  - County planning staff are recommending approval of this minor exemption application.

# Recommendation

- ▶ **That Report PDR-CW-32-19 be received and that the application for a Minor Exemption under the County's Forest Management By-law for Lot 10, Range 10, EGR, in the Geographic Township of Sydenham, City of Owen Sound be approved subject to the following conditions:**
  - **That the provided restoration plan is completed as submitted;**
  - **That the necessary permits be obtained from the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority; and**
  - **That the diseased ash trees be disposed of using best forestry management practices to limit the further spread of the Emerald Ash Borer.**