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# **Marvara Farms Limited Minor Exemption Application Report PDR-CW-17-18**

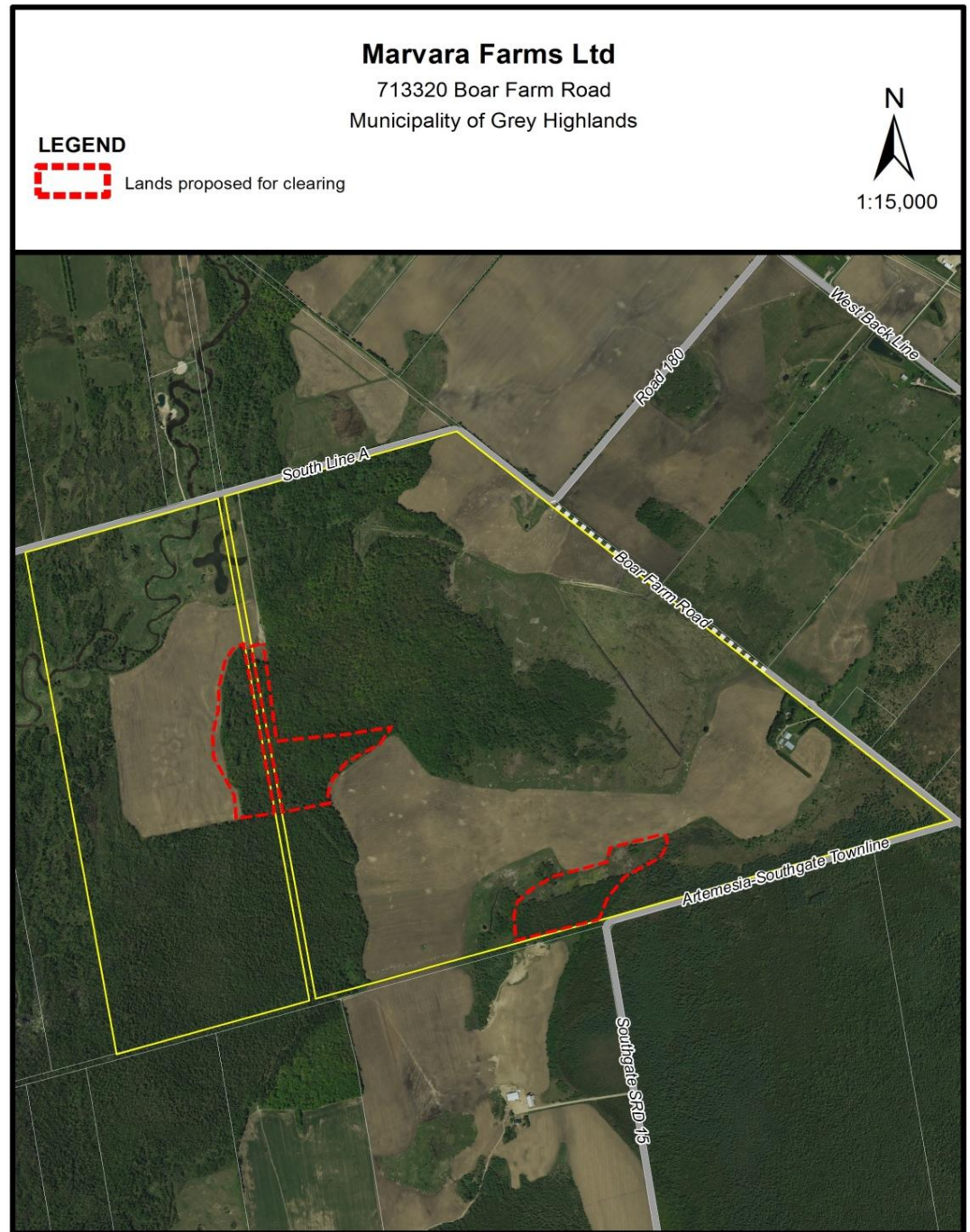
Lots 38 - 40, Concession 2 SDR and  
Lots 41 – 45 Concession 3 SDR  
(geographic Township of Artemesia)  
Municipality of Grey Highlands

This presentation contains a summary of Staff Report PDR-CW-17-18. For more details on this application, including a thorough comment summary and planning analysis, please see the Staff Report.

# Proposed Minor Exemption Application

- Original minor exemption application proposed to clear 12 acres of pine plantation and 27 acres of natural mature secondary growth forest.
- The purpose of the clearing was to better connect farm lands on the subject property.
- Initial comments were not supportive of this amount of clearing and recommended an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) be completed.
- Following the completion of the EIS, the application was amended to clear 2.5 acres of pine plantation and 0.7 acres of natural mature secondary growth forest.
- The revised proposal would allow for the installation of two laneways to connect farm fields and improve efficiency.

# Original Proposed Tree Clearing



# Revised Tree Clearing Proposal



# 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 members of the public.
- Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) is supportive of the revised proposal, but noted that permits would be required for the proposed laneways.
- The Municipality of Grey Highlands has no concerns subject to the SVCA and County criteria being addressed.
- The County's Forest Management By-law Enforcement Officer is supportive of the revised proposal.
- County Planning staff are recommending approval of the revised proposed tree clearing.

# Recommendation

1. That Report PDR-CW-17-18 be received and that the application for a Minor Exemption under the County's Forest Management By-law for Lots 38 – 40, Concession 2 South of the Durham Road (SDR) and Lots 41 – 45, Concession 3, SDR, in the geographic Township of Artemesia, Municipality of Grey Highlands, be approved.