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◆ **BACKGROUND**

On July 16, 1999, the Ontario Government released the *Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy* to guide the planning and management of Crown lands in central and parts of northern Ontario. A major part of the *Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy* was a government intent to establish 378 new protected areas. This commitment marks the biggest expansion of provincial parks and conservation reserves in Ontario's history.

The proposed **Amable du Fond River Provincial Park** is part of this significant expansion of Ontario's protected areas system.

◆ **SIZE AND LOCATION**

The proposed Amable du Fond River Provincial Park is approximately 770 ha and is found within parts of the unorganized townships of Lauder and Boulter and the Corporation of the Township of Calvin. This waterway park also connects the Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park to Algonquin Provincial Park. The site encompasses Crooked Chute and Smith Lakes as well as parts of the Amable du Fond River.

◆ **AREA HIGHLIGHTS**

This waterway, in site districts 5E-10 and 5E-5 protects an ecological link between two existing protected areas, Samuel de Champlain and Algonquin Provincial Parks. The area offers a variety of recreational opportunities including a popular canoe route linking Algonquin and Samuel de Champlain Provincial Parks.

Amable du Fond River Provincial Park is underlain by migmatitic and gneissic rocks of undetermined protolith. It is also underlain by gneissic rocks of metasedimentary origin. There is also a large body of anorthositic and alkalic igneous rocks – predominantly anorthosite, anorthositic gabbro, gabbro, nepheline syenite and alkalic syenite. These rock units belong to the Central Gneiss Belt of the Grenville Province and are of Mesoproterozoic age. Occurrences of kyanite and vermiculite have been discovered northwest of the park.

◆ **LAND USE INTENT**

Provincial Parks are areas of Crown land set aside by regulation under the *Provincial Parks Act*. The *OLL Land Use Strategy* establishes the Ministry's intent to manage this park as a Waterway Class Park. Provincial Parks protect Ontario's representative natural areas and special landscapes. Most recreational activities (e.g. hiking, skiing, tourism related uses,

nature appreciation) that have traditionally been enjoyed in the area will continue, provided that these uses do not impact on the natural features needing protection.

Waterway class parks incorporate outstanding recreational water routes with representative natural features and historical resources to provide high quality recreational and educational experiences for park visitors. Activities permitted in this classification of park range from backcountry travel and camping to car camping, hunting, fishing, boating, picnicking and swimming.

Commercial timber harvesting, mining, aggregate extraction and commercial hydroelectric development are prohibited in provincial parks. New private access roads and new resource access roads are not permitted in provincial parks unless a prior written commitment has been made, with the exception of necessary access to existing mining claims, leases and patents enclosed by the provincial park.

Where there are existing Aboriginal and treaty rights, the establishment of this provincial park does not extinguish these rights.

◆ NEXT STEPS

The *OLL Land Use Strategy* established the Ministry's intent to add these Crown lands to Ontario's protected areas system, following the extensive public consultation associated with the *Ontario's Living Legacy* and *Lands for Life* land use planning initiatives between 1997 and 1999. Prior to the finalization of the boundary of this provincial park proposed for regulation under the *Provincial Parks Act* and consistent with the Ministry's *Environmental Assessment Act* responsibilities, the Ministry is inviting public comment on the proposed boundary from all potentially affected stakeholders between **October 15 to November 15, 2002**. The Ministry is committed to ongoing consultation with First Nations who are potentially affected by OLL decisions.

In the interim, the area has been withdrawn and protected from resource extraction activities such as timber harvesting, hydroelectric development, aggregate extraction and new mineral exploration.

In the future and subject to the intended regulation of the area as a provincial park, Ontario Parks will prepare an Interim Management Statement to document the known values and uses of the area. This will provide custodial management policies until a detailed park management plan is prepared.

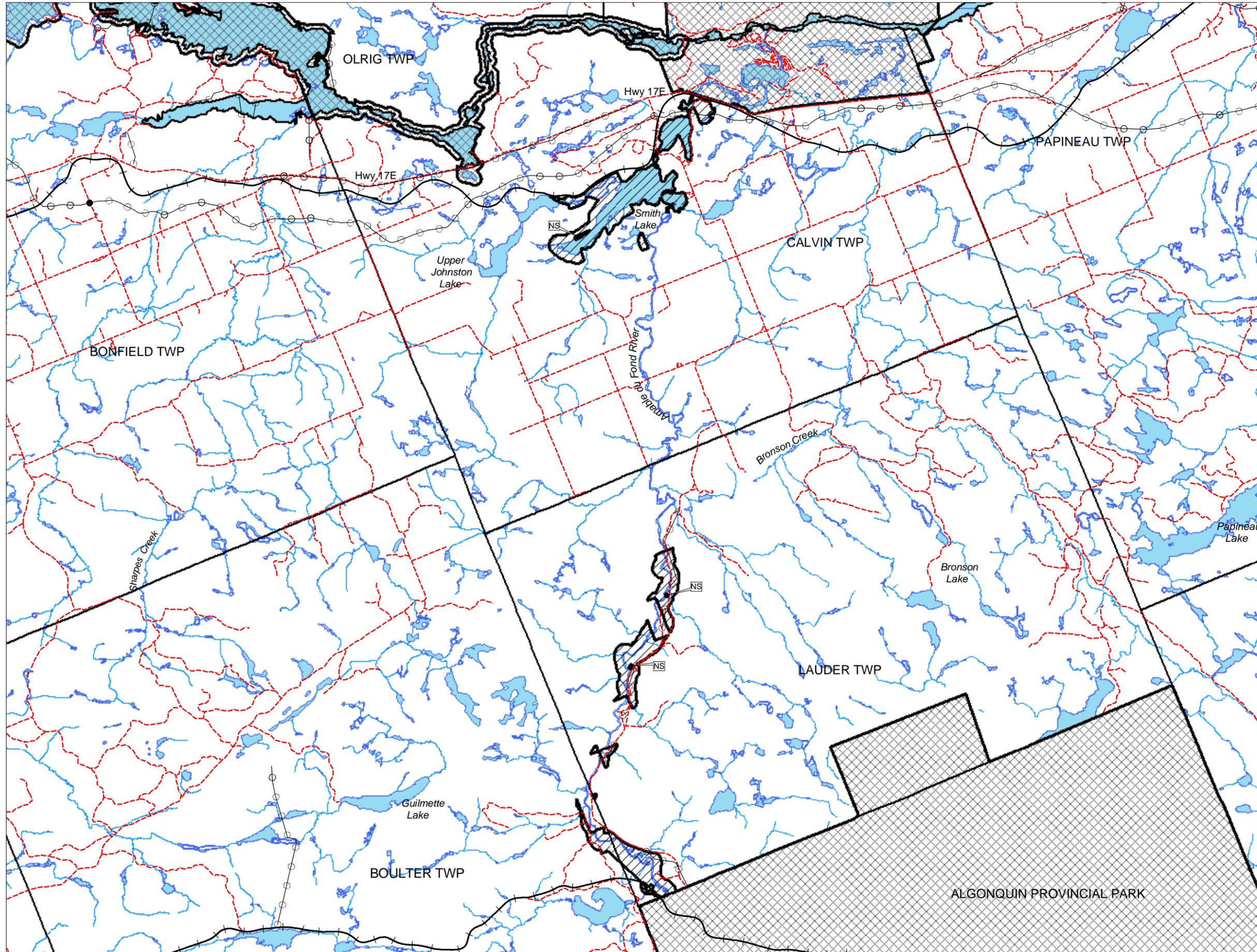
Planning, management and the uses permitted within this park will be consistent with the commitments of the *Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy* and Ontario Provincial Parks Planning and Management Policies (1992).

◆ **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For further information on the proposed **Amable du Fond River Provincial Park**, please contact Sally Renwick, District Planner at the Ministry of Natural Resources, 3301 Trout Lake Road, North Bay, Ontario P1A 4L7, phone (705) 475-5533, fax (705) 475- 5500. You may also visit the Ministry's Internet website at www.ontarioslivinglegacy.com for information about *Ontario's Living Legacy*.

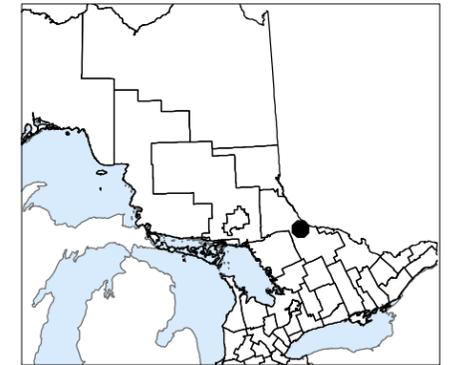
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Proposed Boundary
Public Consultation Map
Amable du Fond River Provincial Park
(Waterway Class)
P128



- NS Excluded from the proposed boundary
- Crooked Forest Provincial Park (Waterway Class)
- Forest Reserves
- Existing Protected Areas
- Lakes
- Streams
- Lot Lines
- Townships
- Roads
- Utility Lines
- Railroad Tracks

Locator Map



This map is illustrative only. Do not rely on it as being a precise indicator of routes, locations of features, nor as a guide to navigation.

Only Ontario Crown land is included in this provincial park. Where the boundary appears to overlap private land, Federal land, Indian Reserves, or existing Mining Act tenure, that portion of the site is not being regulated as a part of this provincial park. Consistent with the Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy however, should mining claims or leases within this area be retired in the future through normal processes, these claim or lease areas will be withdrawn and added to the provincial park.

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