

Five Points Forest - Driedger Tract

This 74 acre (30 ha) forest/wetland property is located near Putnam in the Municipality of Thames Centre, Middlesex County. This property is part of a provincially significant wetland complex called the Five Points Woods Wetland, so named as it is located at the intersection of five roads (Robinson Rd., Five Points Rd, Five Points Line and Thomas Rd.) that form a star pattern. The Ontario Heritage Trust (an agency of the Ontario government) owns the adjacent wetland to the west so together, this wetland complex is in good hands. The property was a gift from Al and Lilianne Driedger in 2009.

The property contains a large mix of habitat types, from young to old, dry to moist to wet. There are extensive areas of planted Scots Pine and Red Pine, but these are now dying and giving way to more appropriate species such as Trembling Aspen, ash, hawthorn, apple and cedar. Jane Bowles noted the real gem of the site is a White Cedar Swamp that has developed in seepage areas and represents a northern or boreal element. The understory contains Cinnamon Fern, Skunk Cabbage, and many boreal plants that are uncommon in Middlesex County. Also uncommon for Middlesex, is a large marsh dominated by sedges. Treats here include Swamp Loosestrife and a family of Wood Ducks on a small pond covered with pondweed. There is also a large Green Ash tree on the property, an Endangered species in Ontario. The control of buckthorns and other non-native plants is a priority, to preserve the site's unique plant life.

Limited public access is allowed from Robinson Road – contact the TTLT for further details.



Thames Talbot Land Trust

Subject Property:

Dredger
Part Lots A and B, Con. B
Geographic Township of
North Dorchester
Municipality of Thames Centre
Middlesex County

Legend

- Tenant ownership layer
- Property to be Reclaimed
- Evaluated Wetland



1:8,000



Aerial imagery taken in 2005.

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