

**Review of Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF)  
Report under Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) requirement**

Saugeen Valley CA Forest

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In my voluntary review of the information provided in the HCVF report, I surmised that overall, this report is consistent with the requirements of FSC Principle 9. Several documents were checked and consulted during this review, including researching and comparison of other HCV reports posted for public information. As a Biologist in the consulting industry with almost 20 years of diversified experience, my knowledge is with environmental impact & aquatic/terrestrial/SAR habitat assessments and reporting / monitoring; including habitat restoration and enhancement projects, as well as, inspection for compliance of environmental protection. My expertise includes conducting inventories and assessing habitat; environmental approvals and liaison with approval agencies, as well as negotiate and develop mitigation measures and compensation plans.

SVCA provide a concise and detailed assessment of HCVF areas within their 8,808.79 hectares of forested land. Category 1 conservation values (Key Questions 1–6), Category 3 (Q's 9-11) and Category 6 (Q's 16-17) are described in sufficient detail to enable a good understanding of the relevant environmental attributes of each HCVF group. The report provides appropriate technical information to understand the decisions about presence of HCVs and delineation of the area on their tracts for management and future monitoring. SVCA has extensively researched and identified the majority of their forested areas as containing globally, regionally or nationally significant concentrations of biodiversity values (HCV1), attributed mainly to Species At Risk that exist on their property.

Current sources of information were utilized to assess the HCVs and reference a variety of private, public and government publications / data. These sources and documents result in their appropriately outlined management and monitoring plan for conservation of the HCV features outlined in the report.

In reviewing SVCA's approach and gathered information, the 3 HCV categories presented in the report is suitable and supportable. This HCVF report has been reviewed for Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority and is considered acceptable and complete for the HCV features existing in their forested lands.

