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Pat Newson
Managing Director of Community Services, Parks & Recreation
Township of Centre Wellington
1 MacDonald Square
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RE: Notice of Intent to Designate

Dear Pat:

Please take notice that, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington intends to designate the property listed below as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 (Ch.O.18, Sec. 29).

**255 Lamond Street,
Fergus, Ontario**

Attached is a copy of the notice regarding the intent to designate including the last date to appeal. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Mariana Iglesias, MCIP, RPP, CAHP
Manager of Planning Services

Encl.

Copy: Ontario Heritage Trust, via email only

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE
PROPERTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990 (Ch.O.18, Sec. 29)**

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington intends to designate the property municipally known as 255 Lamond Street, Fergus, also currently known as the “Pierpoint Fly Fishing Nature Reserve” (see key map below) as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, (c.O.18, Sec. 29)

Cultural Heritage Value: 255 Lamond Street

The cultural heritage value of 255 Lamond Street lies in its historical value and its contextual value.

The property’s history is significant because it has direct association with Richard Pierpoint, who is a designated National Historic Person by Parks Canada in recognition of his life experience, hardships, and contributions as a Black Loyalist in Upper Canada. A former enslaved person, Richard Pierpoint was granted the east half of Lot 6, Concession 1 in 1822, including the lands which now form the subject property, for his military service as part of the War of 1812, fulfilling his settlement duties despite his advanced age. His property has been identified as a stopping point, a place of rest and refuge, for Black individuals and families on their own journey to set down roots in what was known as the Queen’s Bush to the north, along the Garafraxa Road. The subject property has direct associations with historical themes determined to be important to the development of the Township of Centre Wellington. The Pierpoint Fly Fishing Nature Reserve is part of the long history of environmental conservation efforts in Centre Wellington and has developed into a site of commemoration, recreation, stewardship, and community development. Richard Pierpoint and his property in what is now Fergus is part of the larger story of waves of Black settlement and displacement in Upper Canada in the late eighteenth and early to mid-nineteenth century. As part of Richard Pierpoint’s land grant, the property has the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of early Black land ownership, settlement, and displacement in Upper Canada in the late eighteenth and early to mid-nineteenth century.

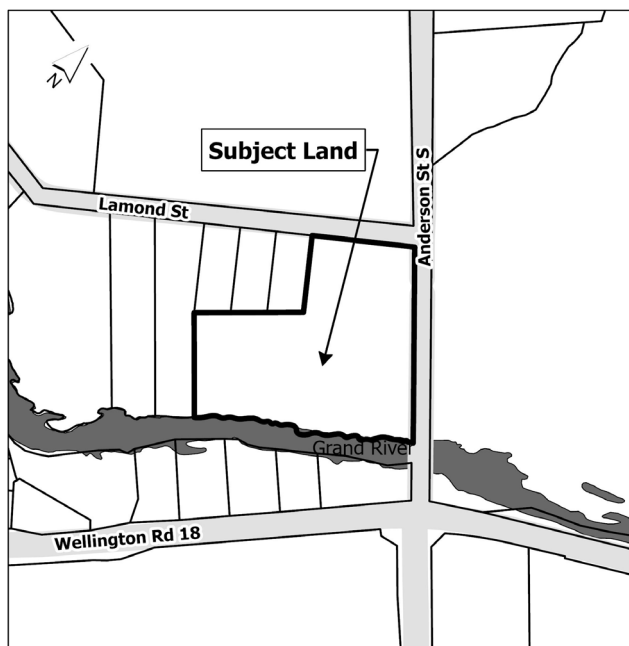
The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining, and supporting the character of the upper section of the Grand River in the Township of Centre Wellington as a popular fly-fishing destination, providing free access to fly fishers and others to appreciate the natural heritage of the Grand River, a Canadian Heritage River. The Pierpoint Fly Fishing Nature Reserve is considered a landmark for various reasons. In addition to being a popular fly-fishing destination, the nature reserve, which is also locally referred to as Pierpoint Park, is also highlighted as a stop on the “Wellington County: Black Heritage Reclaimed Driving Map” as a place of significance to the historical Black community in Wellington County.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

- Its location within the southeast quadrant of Richard Pierpoint's land grant which consisted of the east half of Lot 6, Concession 1, West Garafraxa, in proximity to historical Garafraxa Road.
- Place naming and acts of commemoration, expressing an understanding and celebration of its association with Richard Pierpoint.
- The naturalized and passive state of the park which supports a contemplative setting along the Grand River.
- Its potential to yield additional information, including potential undiscovered archaeological resources or features, that would contribute to a better understanding of this history.
- Its location along the upper section of the Grand River, a Canadian Heritage River, which is a popular fly-fishing destination.
- The naturalized state of the park, including the creek and the variety of vegetation including grasses and shrubs, and a mix of coniferous and deciduous trees of various ages, including apple trees.
- Its public access point at the northeast corner of the park.
- The walking trails which meander through the reserve and provide access to the Grand River.

For further information with respect to the proposed designation please contact Mariana Iglesias, Manager of Planning Services, at (519) 846-9691, Ext. 289.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Township of Centre Wellington on or before the 6th day of November, 2023.



Dated at the Township of Centre Wellington this 5th day of October, 2023.

Kerri O'Kane, Clerk
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