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Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) are areas of land and water containing natural landscapes or features which have been identified as having values related to protection, natural heritage appreciation, scientific study or education.

ANSIs may vary in level of significance. The most significant of these may contribute to the achievement of the Ministry’s protection objective.

Where ANSIs occur on public lands managed by the Ministry, it I will ensure that the land uses and activities which occur, provide for the protection of identified values.

On private lands, the Ministry will, through co-operation with others, attempt to ensure that landowners are aware of significant features on their properties and seek the owners’ co-operation in protecting such features. The identification of areas of natural and scientific interest on private land does not indicate an intent of the Ministry to acquire this land.

ANSIs encourage the protection of additional areas not regulated as provincial parks and provide a focus for both the public and private sectors to contribute to the protection of Ontario’s natural heritage.

Excerpted from Appendix D, Background Land Use Guidelines