

- Mine Area; Plant Area; Stockpile Area
- Alternative Tailings Basin
- Existing Stage I Tailings Basin
- Expanded Stage I Tailings Basin
- Alternative Tailings Pipeline
- Stage I Tailings Pipeline
- Approximate Powerline Alignment**
- Preferred Gas Pipeline Alignment*
- New Road*
- New Railroad*
- Existing Railroads

Plant Communities

- Northern Hardwoods (1)
- Second Growth Quaking Aspen (2)
- Conifer Swamp (3)
- Conifer/Hardwood Swamp (4)
- Wet Alder Thicket (5)
- Lichen Heaths (6)
- Scrub Forests (6A)
- Upland Shrub Thicket (7)
- Sedge/Wet Meadow (8)
- Ponds/Lakes (9)
- Cattail/Reed Marshes (10)
- Grasslands (11)
- Cut-over Forests (12)
- Upland Conifer
- Wetlands
- Mixed Communities*

*Community numbers shown on map
 ** Source: SEH
 ***Option 1, Minnesota Power

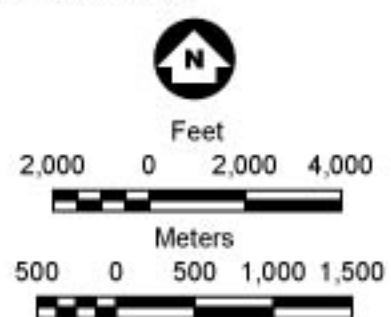


Figure 9-2
 PLANT COMMUNITIES
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 Nashwauk, Minnesota

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