



BUILDING PRODUCTS OF CANADA CORP.
LA CIE MATÉRIAUX DE CONSTRUCTION BP CANADA

Responsible Procurement Policy

Endangered or Vulnerable Species (EVS) and Habitat Conversion Issues

Building Products of Canada Corp. is committed to offering quality products made with wood from known forests and responsible sources.

Following the FSC® (FSC-C113184) National Controlled Wood Risk Assessment for Canada (version 2), whose conclusions identified various risks associated with habitat conversion and endangered species management, BP Canada is adopting new measures aimed at mitigating the risks in these areas.

Endangered or vulnerable species

The company procures wood from the NA0407 and NA0410 Ecoregions, where essential habitats for the following endangered or vulnerable species (EVS) are located:

- Wood turtle
- Blanding's turtle
- Van Brunt's Jacob's-ladder
- American Ginseng
- Allegheny Mountain dusky salamander
- Furbish's lousewort (New Brunswick)

To mitigate the risks associated with these EVS in private forests, Building Products of Canada Corp. distributed a brochure to its suppliers summarizing how to identify EVS and how to adapt harvesting activities to protect them, based on federal government documents. As soon as other EVS-related information becomes available, including data provided by the provincial federation of wood producers (Fédération des producteurs de bois du Québec; FPBQ), Building Products of Canada Corp. will ensure that it is shared throughout its supply chain, as well as with private forest stakeholders in Quebec and New Brunswick.

Habitat conversion

The National Risk Assessment (NRA) identified the risk that natural forests in the Quebec portion of the mixed wood plain ecozone could be converted into plantation areas or used for non-forestry purposes, with forest cover being lost at an alarming rate.

In keeping with its responsible procurement commitment, Building Products of Canada Corp. confirms its intention to avoid wood sourced from deforestation in this ecozone, particularly from the Regional County Municipalities (RCMs) located in the: Greater Québec City; Lower St. Lawrence; Centre-du-Québec; the Eastern Townships; Chaudière-Appalaches; Mauricie; and, Montérégie regions.



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In Building Products of Canada Corp.'s view, the regulations aimed at maintaining forest cover in these RCMs must be applied and enforced. They include the following:

- Quebec's agricultural land protection commission (the CPTAQ), which limits maple deforestation in green areas
- Agricultural Operations Regulation (AOR)
- Section 233.1 of the *Act respecting land use planning and development*, which sets out fines for illegal logging

Building Products of Canada Corp. encourages the RCMs and other municipalities to support and implement measures designed to maintain forest cover. In Building Products of Canada Corp.'s view, the following initiatives should be supported with a view to reducing or eliminating deforestation in these RCMs:

- Forest cover monitoring carried out by municipalities
- Nature Conservancy of Canada's Natural Areas Conservation Program (NACP): <https://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/what-we-do/government-of-canada-partnership/conservation-program/>
- CRE /Nature-Action Québec forest corridors: www.nature-action.qc.ca/site/action-is-in-our-nature

In making this public commitment, Building Products of Canada Corp. hopes to raise awareness among its clients, suppliers, forest stakeholders and land-use managers of these issues involving deforestation and the protection of endangered and vulnerable species.

For further information, please feel free to contact us.

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