

APPENDIX D:

Bank Swallow Colony Survey

**Date:** Sept. 1, 2017

**RE:** Verification of Strang's Campground for Bank Swallow colonial activity

### Report Summary

On August 31, 2017 I visited the Strang's Campground to look for any active Bank Swallow nests along the shoreline of the campground. The visit lasted from about 3 pm to 4pm. Evidence of swallow nest were found on either ends of the campground where there were no rocks. About 10 cavities were found on the west end and about 6 on the east end of the campground.



*West End of Campground*



*East End of the Campground*

While I couldn't see any evidence of nest cavities that had been buried; the habitat (the cliff face) in the middle was probably very similar to the habitat compared to either end where no rocks were placed. Therefore suggesting that cavities could have been easily buried by soil and rocks.

No swallows of any species were noted.

### Proposed Mitigation Measures

If the top 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the fill could be removed, the Banks Swallows might return and nest there. Additional Tree Swallow nest boxes could also be installed. Swallows are an excellent natural way to control insects. If other native tree species were planted on the west and east side of the campground it would provide more habitat for birds, help to control insects and improved green space.



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