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## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

ANSI Area of Natural and Scientific Interest

Alvar limestone plain covered with scattered vegetation that endures extreme wet and

dry conditions, characterized by unique flora, scattered shrubs and limestone

outcroppings

Avifauna relating to birds

**Channelization** straightening (of a stream)

**ESA** Environmentally sensitive area

GIS Geographic Information System

Herpetofaunal relating to frogs and toads, lizards, salamanders, snakes, turtles

NEP Niagara Escarpment Plan

NTS National Topographic System

Talus rock fragments of any size or shape derived from and lying at the base of a cliff

or very steep slope. The accumulated mass of such loose, broken rock formed

chiefly by falling, rolling, or sliding

**Understorey** includes grasses, herbs, shrubs, and sometimes vines, ferns, mosses, lichens

and fungi