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## **1.0 Introduction**

This document provides an overview and decision table (Appendix A) for evaluating Natural Resources that might be required for the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Location Studies. The Decision Table is for the Consultant project manager and the VDOT Location Studies Project Manager (PM) to assess and agree upon the level of effort required for the completion of the Location Study. This document is a "living document" and the VDOT PM is encouraged to confer with the Location Studies team to discuss any recent developments that could influence the development of this document. Furthermore, the consultant team is welcome to present any improvements/deviations that may apply for the given study. Such changes should not be made without written approval by the VDOT PM. Approved changes will be considered in future updates to this document.

## **2.0 Overview**

The Natural Resource information presented in a Location Study is very dependent on the type of project and the location of the project. The purpose of this guidance is to provide an overview of information that might need to be considered in a Location Studies document and present a Decision table to begin coordination with the VDOT Location Studies Project Manager to document the topics that need to be addressed in the environmental study and provide guidance on the appropriate level of effort for the project.

