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Total Area and Percent Cover of Land Cover Classes within the Regional Study Area (FEIS, AEM, 2014)

Regional Land Cover Class	Regional Land Cover Class Description	Total Area of RSA (ha)	Total percent of RSA
Heath			
Heath boulder	Occurs on rapidly to well-drained sites that contain a high proportion of boulder deposits in association with bedrock outcrop.	26,499	11
Heath lichen – hair lichen	Typically associated with eskers and the crests and upper slopes of small ridges with poorly developed, rapidly drained soils.	4,503	2
Heath lichen – Cetraria	Typically occurs on the lower slopes of ridges and eskers or as veneers over flat rocky plains characterized by frost boils.	1,733	1
Heath tundra	Occurs on well-drained soils.	109,826	45
	Heath vegetation subtotal	142,562	58
Wetlands / Riparian			
Low shrub	Associated with imperfectly to poorly drained soils characteristic of riparian areas and depressions.	3,478	1
Tussock-hummock	Typically found in flat to low-lying areas, where soils are poorly to very poorly drained.	25,699	10
	Wetlands / riparian subtotal	29,177	12
Miscellaneous			
Bare ground (rock outcrop)	Represents areas with limited to no vegetation cover and is typically associated with eskers, steep sandy slopes, and the tidal an inter-tidal beaches along Hudson's Bay.	5,263	2
Water	Associated with rivers and lakes, as well as portions of Hudson's Bay.	69,298	28
	74,561	30	
	246,300	100	

Note: Some numbers are rounded for presentation purposes. Therefore, it may appear that the totals do not equal the sum of the individual values.

ha = hectares; RSA = Regional Study Area

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