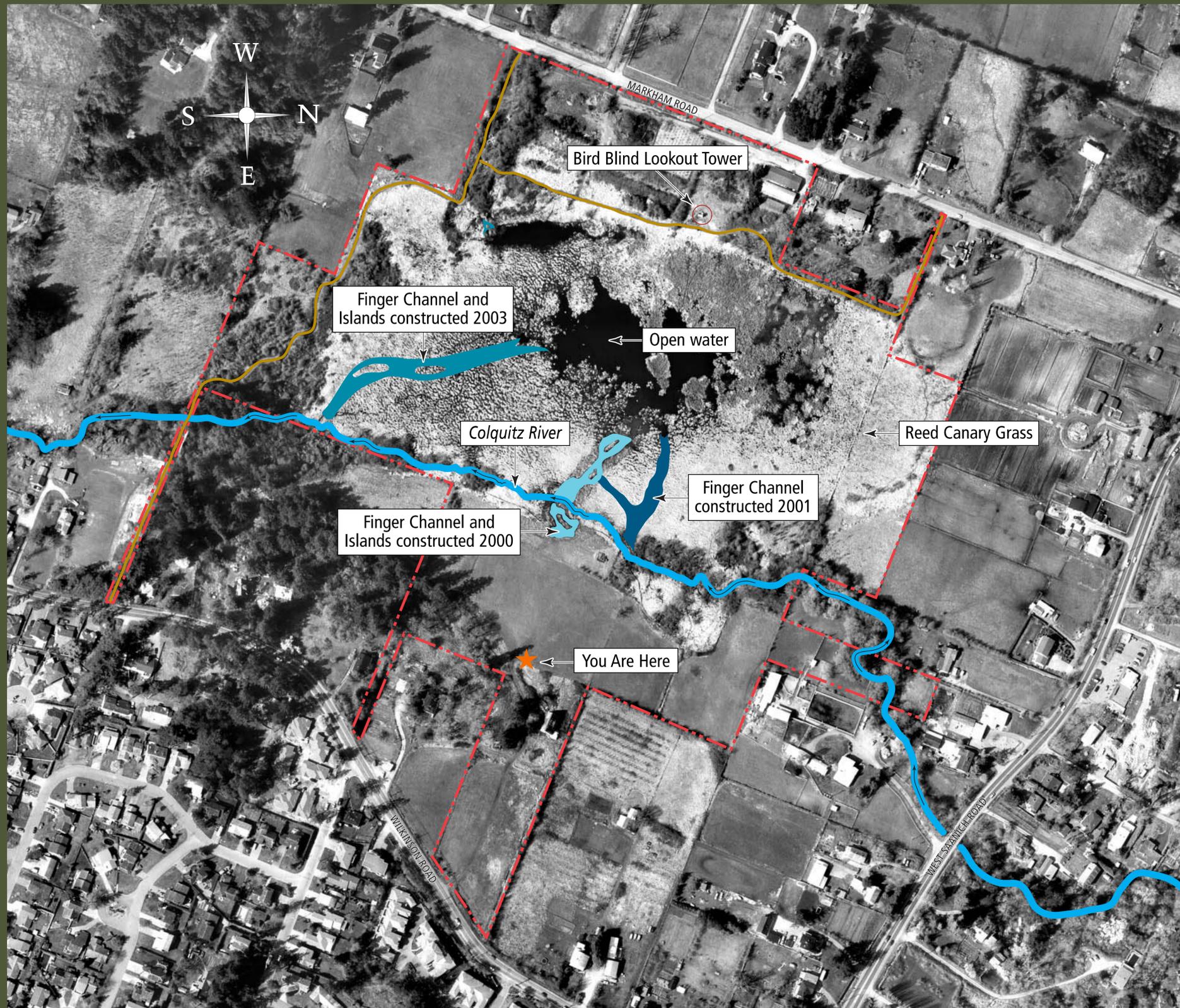


Quick's Bottom Park

Wetland Rehabilitation Project



Quick's Bottom Park protects an urban wetland within the Colquitz River Watershed. The wetland is home to a diversity of fish and wildlife. Over 40 species of birds and 5 species of fish make Quick's Bottom their home at various times throughout the year. Urbanization, deforestation, and

farming activities dating back to the 1940's have changed the wetland's natural functions. Today, it is overtaken by invasive reed canary grass, affecting water quality and reducing species diversity within this fragile ecosystem.



Through partnerships established in 1999, a plan has developed and work has started that focus on returning the wetland to a healthy, functioning ecosystem, in addition to enhancing the Park's recreational values. A goal of the plan is to increase open water, allowing improved fish access to spawning and rearing habitat in the upper reaches of the Colquitz Watershed and greater access to the wetland for waterfowl.

Conservation and restoration efforts have included conducting preliminary habitat assessments and hydrological and geomorphologic surveys. Three channels within the wetland have been constructed to increase open water, introduce habitat complexity, and improve water quality. Riparian planting at selected sites has been initiated to introduce plant diversity and control reed canary grass invasion.



On-going efforts will continue to focus on restoring the Quick's Bottom wetland to a healthy, functioning ecosystem for the benefit of the wildlife and the local community.

MAP LEGEND

- - - Park Boundaries
- Public Trail

Scale 0m 20m 40m 60m 80m 100m

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