

# INTRODUCTION

The District of Saanich acquired the Panama Flats property in 2011.

In early 2013 a consultant team was hired to prepare a concept plan for Panama Flats and the surrounding public parkland.

The purpose of this Open House is to involve members of the community in the planning process, giving them an opportunity to meet with members of the consulting team, learn more about the key issues, as well as provide feedback on the DRAFT Concept Plan.

Study Priorities:

1. Enhance Food Security - Expand ALR
2. Provide Flood Plain Management
3. Optimize Environmental Values
4. Create new Trails and Recreational Opportunities



March 10, 1977 (Saanich Archives)



John Carter From A British Birder in BC - Blog



### Study Area Information:

In addition to Panama Flats, the study area includes portions of the Colquitz River Park and Panama Hill Park. The area has:

- a rich agricultural and First Nations history
- the Colquitz River which runs along the western edge of the study area and is a fish bearing stream
- become an important area for migratory birds passing through the region on a semi-annual basis
- provided the community with a number of popular recreational opportunities such as walking, running/jogging, dog walking, bicycling, birding, photography and kite flying



Edge Farm 1972 (Saanich Archives)



Snowy Egret May 2012 - posted on BC Rare Bird Alert Website by Jeremy Kimm



Colquitz River, 1913 (Saanich Archives)

### Panama Flats Statistics:

Zoning: A1 (Agriculture)  
Size: 26.56 Hectares  
Site was actively farmed until 2008

### Panama Hill Park Statistics:

Zoning: P4 (Park)  
Size: 8.97 Hectares

### Colquitz River Park Statistics (within study area) :

Zoning: P4N (Natural Park)  
Size: 11.68 Hectares



Edge Farm, 1968 (Saanich Archives)

**Consultant Team** (in conjunction with Saanich Parks):  
LADR Landscape Architects Inc. (Project Managers)

In association with:  
Levelton Consultants Ltd. (Geotechnical Engineers)  
Millennia Research Ltd. (Archeological Consultants)  
SWELL Environmental Consulting (Environmental Consultants)  
CEI Architecture Planning Interiors (Architectural Consultants)  
Cobble Hill Organics (Agricultural Consultants)  
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# PANAMA FLATS CONCEPT PLAN

