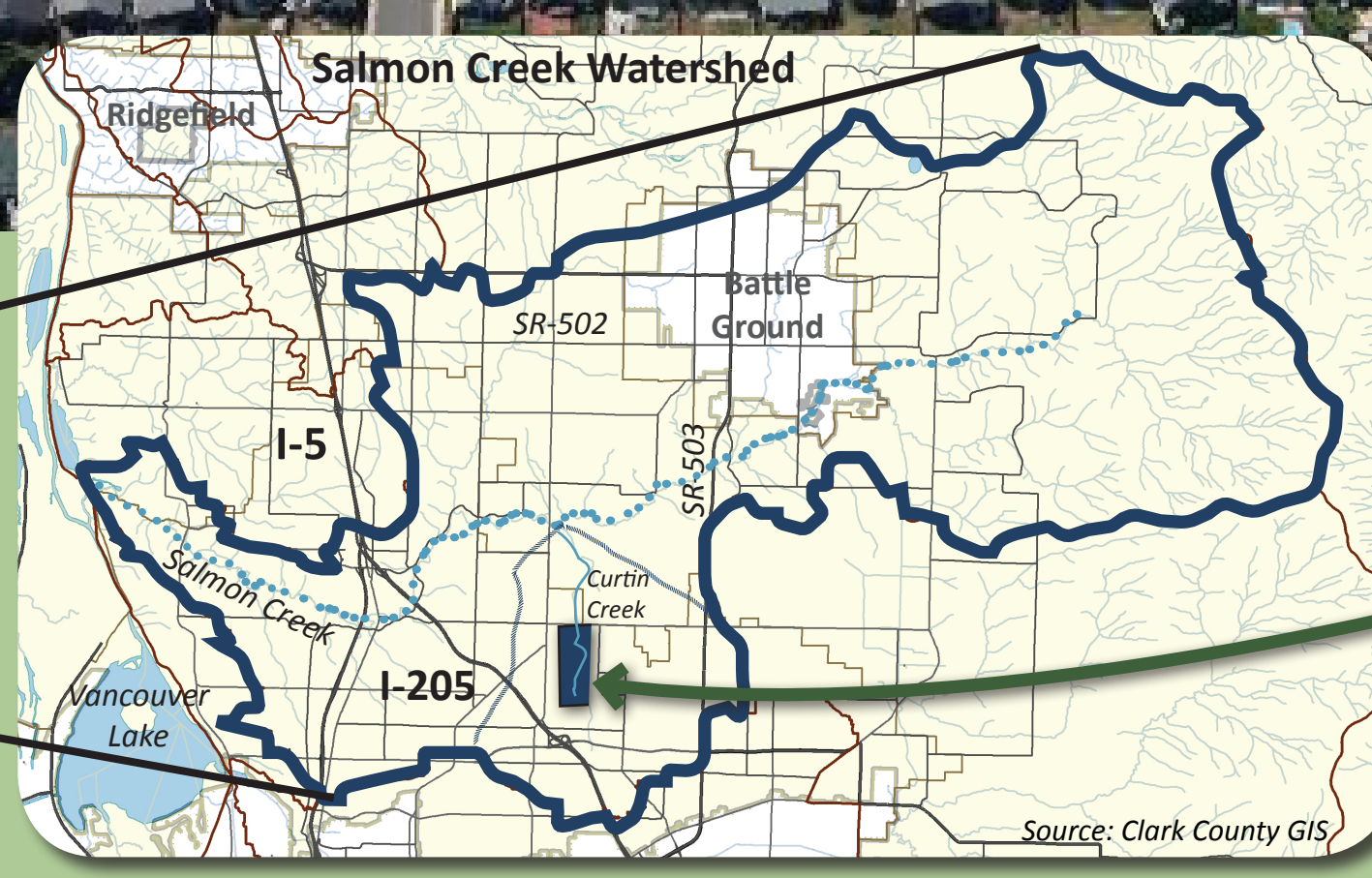




Welcome to

# CURTIN CREEK WETLANDS Nature Area



The Curtin Creek Wetland Nature Area is in the Salmon Creek watershed. The watershed has had declining health due to increased urbanization in the watershed. The Curtin Creek subwatershed ranked poor in water quality and biological health in the *Clark County 2010 Stream Health Report*. Protecting natural areas, such as this, helps protect water quality and wildlife habitat for the region.

## ABOUT THIS SITE

The wetland enhancement site is a mitigation site for road construction at NE 72 Avenue and St. Johns in 2009. Mitigation is compensation for damage to wetlands and habitat caused by road construction. Clark County's restoration work (as identified in the white dashed lines on the map) includes 35 acres of wetland, creek and upland habitat. The wetland area connects other restoration along Curtin Creek to the north and south creating a contiguous greenway that provides excellent wildlife habitat.

## QUICK FACTS

- The site finished construction and plantings in 2010
- The site includes three main pond areas, excellent for waterfowl habitat
- Plantings include: 12 acres of willows, 10 acres of ash/cottonwood, <1/4 aspen, and 3 acres of oak as well as wetland plantings
- The site contains 520 wood habitat structures for diverse animal use

## WHY IS THIS SITE IMPORTANT?

- Creates new wetlands to enhance the creek corridor and greenway
- Recreates a floodplain for the creek, including new pool areas for diverse fish and waterfowl habitat, as well as a meandering channel
- Creates opportunities to clean the stormwater runoff that eventually flows to the Salmon Creek

## Enjoy your visit to the nature area:

- This site is currently closed to general public access due to monitoring requirements.
- This site is being monitored for 10 years to ensure healthy wetland plant growth.
- If on a site tour, stay on the designated trails to prevent damage to plants and habitat.
- This property provides habitat for at least 80 types of animals, birds and fish. Can you spot some wildlife?

Some of the wildlife you could expect to see on this site:

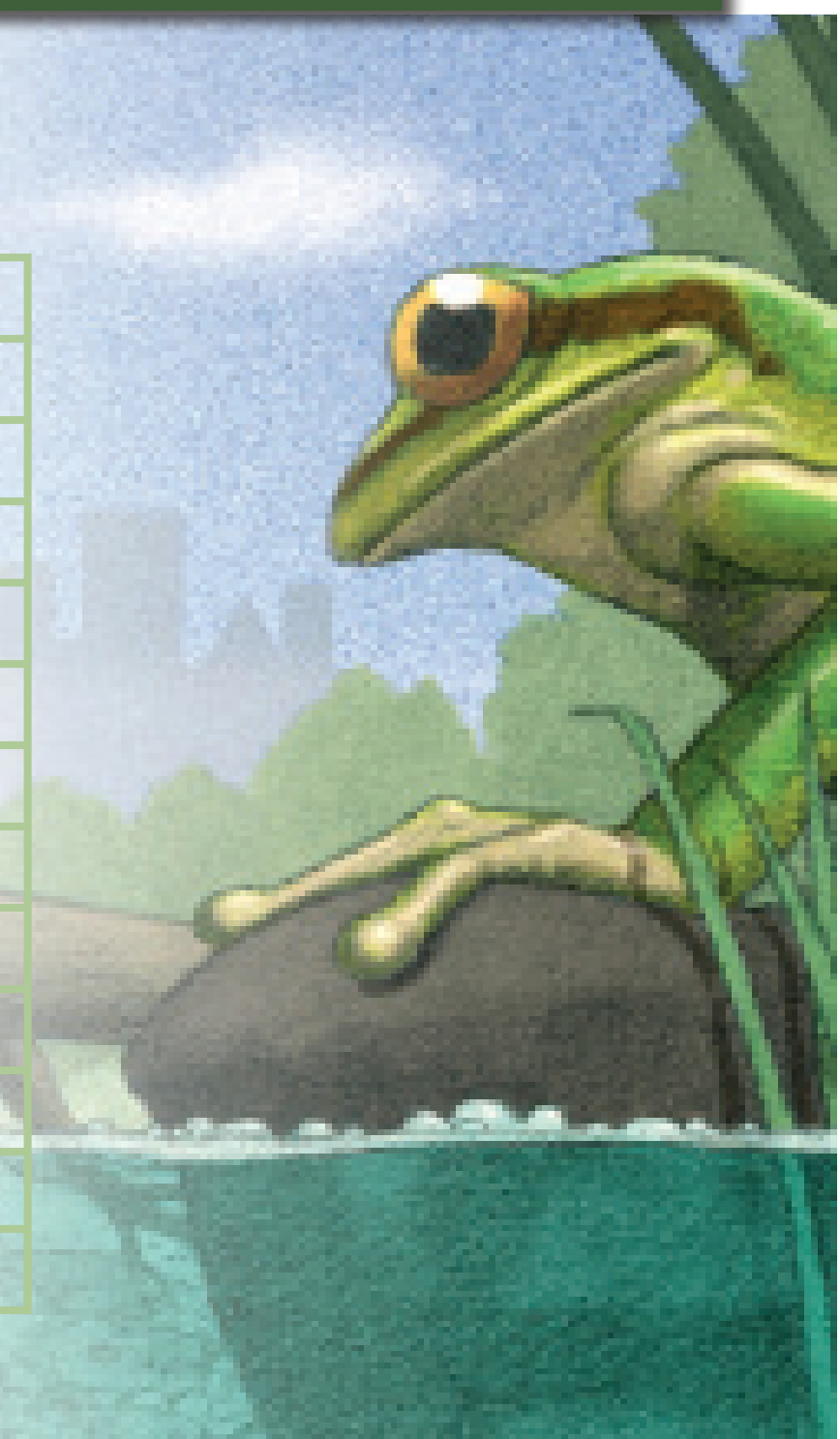
Mammals	Raptors & Hawks
Chorus frog	Bald eagle
Coyote	Cooper's hawk
Deer	Kestrel
Garter snake	Osprey
Gray squirrel	Red-tailed hawk
Opossum	
Pacific tree frog	
Raccoon	

### Waterbirds

American wigeon
Buffelhead
Canada goose
Cinnamon teal
Double-crested cormorant
Great blue heron
Great egret
Hooded merganser
Killdeer
Lesser yellowlegs
Northern shoveler
Sandpiper
Wood duck

### Songbirds, perching birds

American robin
Barn swallow
Black-capped chickadee
Common yellowthroat
Dark-eyed junco
Golden-crowned sparrow
Hummingbird
Mourning dove
Song sparrow
Stellar jay
Tree swallow
Western scrub-jay
Wilson's warbler



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