

Welcome to the Manhattan Point Walkshop!

What is a Walkshop, anyway?

A walkshop is a mobile public engagement workshop held on-location at the site of a future park, and which is intended to allow participants to experience the site firsthand, and learn more about its history, unique

features and context. Participants are encouraged to share their ideas about features and amenities they would like to see incorporated into the design of the future park.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Manhattan Point Park is a 0.33 hectare (0.85 acre) waterfront park in Kelowna's North End, and is one of the most westerly points in the entire city. It has spectacular panoramic views, and a natural sandy beach, although access is restricted by pre-existing concrete retaining walls. It is the terminus of a strong east-west axis along Bay Avenue through the former mill site and the North End neighbourhood.

The property was purchased by the City of Kelowna in 2004 and for more than a decade the unimproved park was open to the public, with access to the pier, beach and lake. In 2017 and 2018 the pier, wharf and retaining walls were significantly damaged by flooding,

and the park had to be closed for safety reasons. In 2023 temporary shoreline stabilization measures were installed to mitigate against beach erosion resulting from the flood damage.

Manhattan Park is classified as a *City-Wide Park*, which is defined as having special recreational, environmental or cultural significance, and being of sufficient importance that it attracts people from across the city, as well as tourists.¹

¹ "Kelowna Park Classifications," City of Kelowna Parks Master Plan (2022)

Please scan the QR code or visit getinvolved.kelowna.ca/manhattanpointpark to take the online survey.

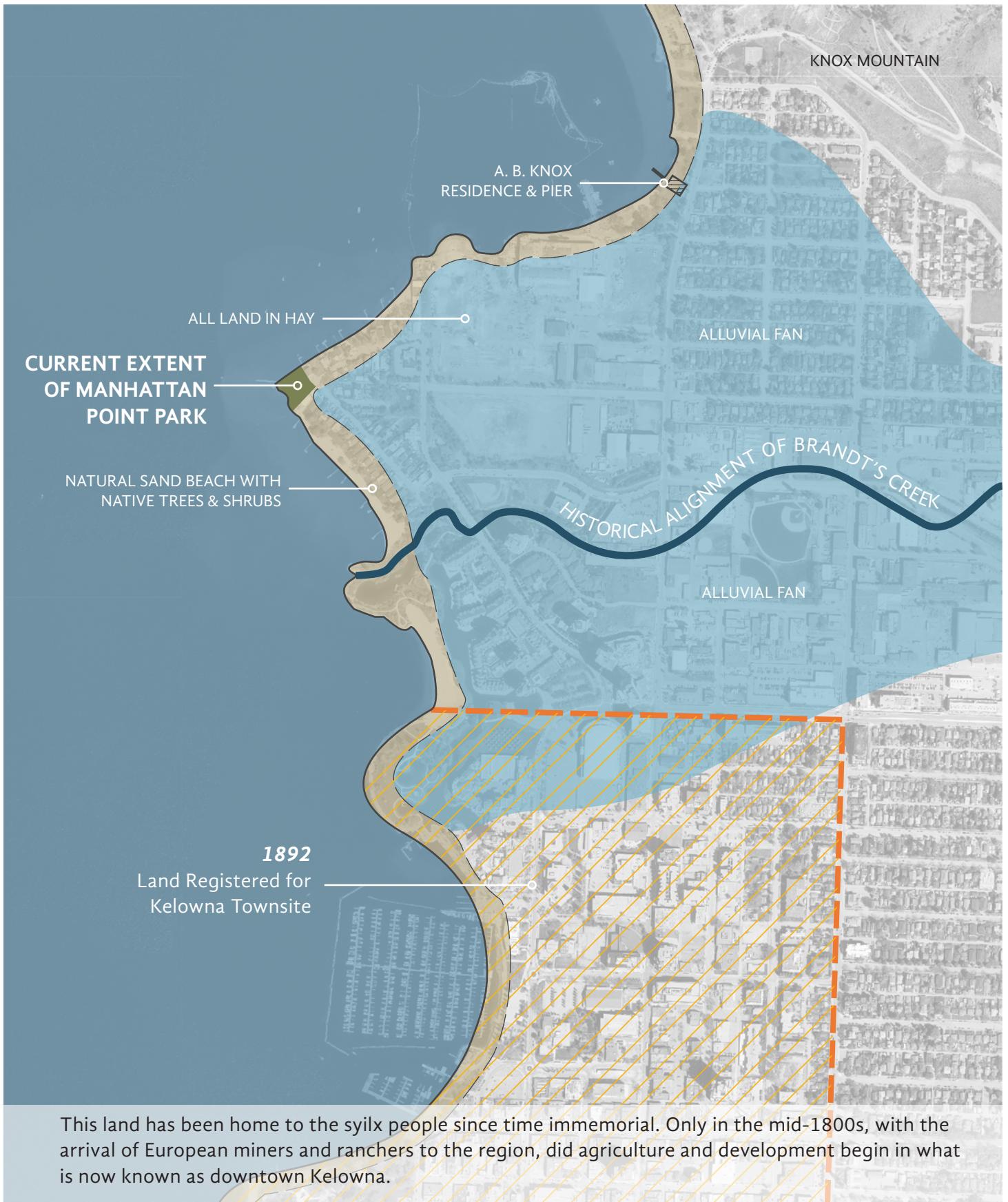


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WALKSHOP INTRODUCTION

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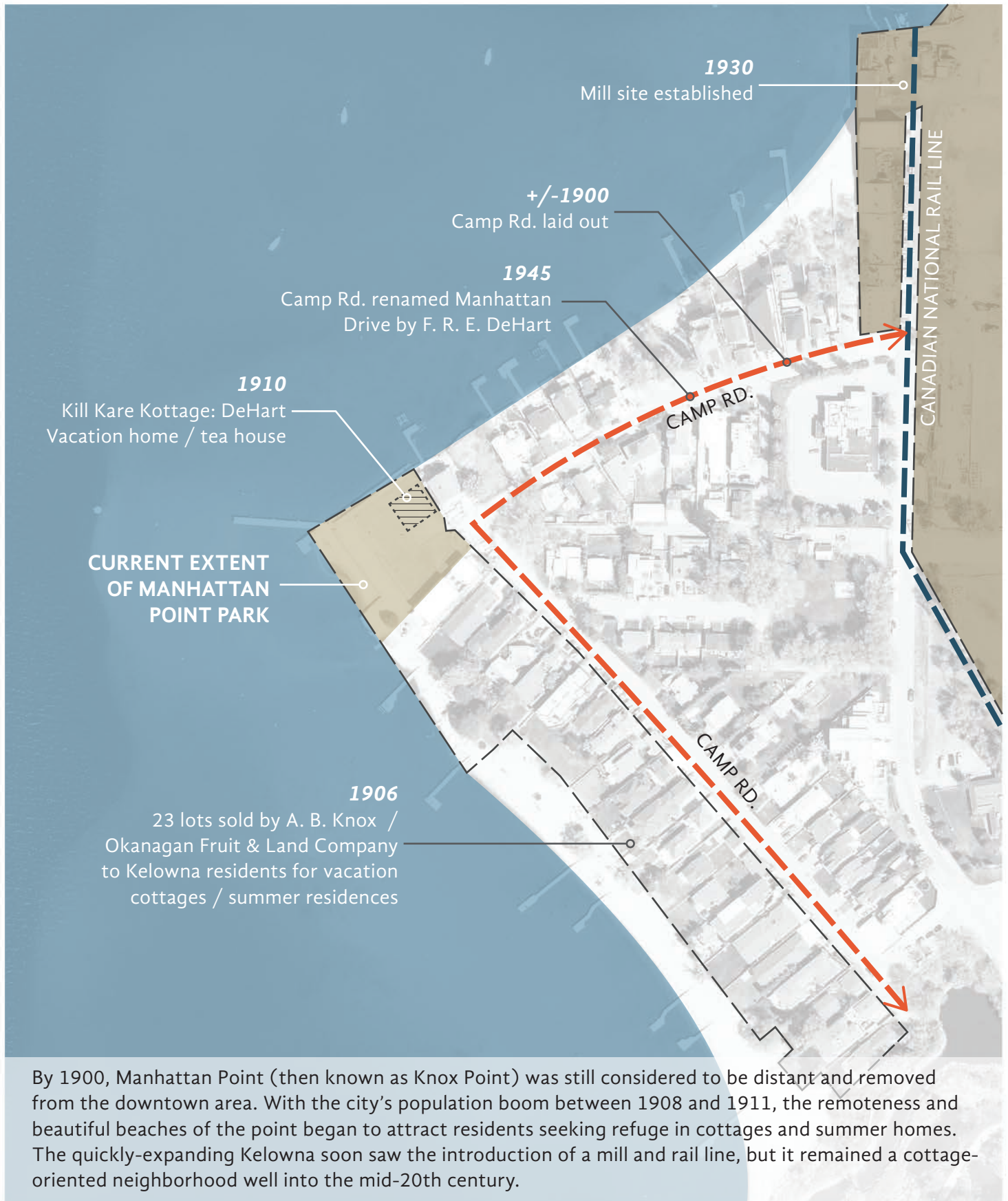


SITE HISTORY: 1880 - 1900

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SITE HISTORY: 1900 - 1945

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SITE INVENTORY

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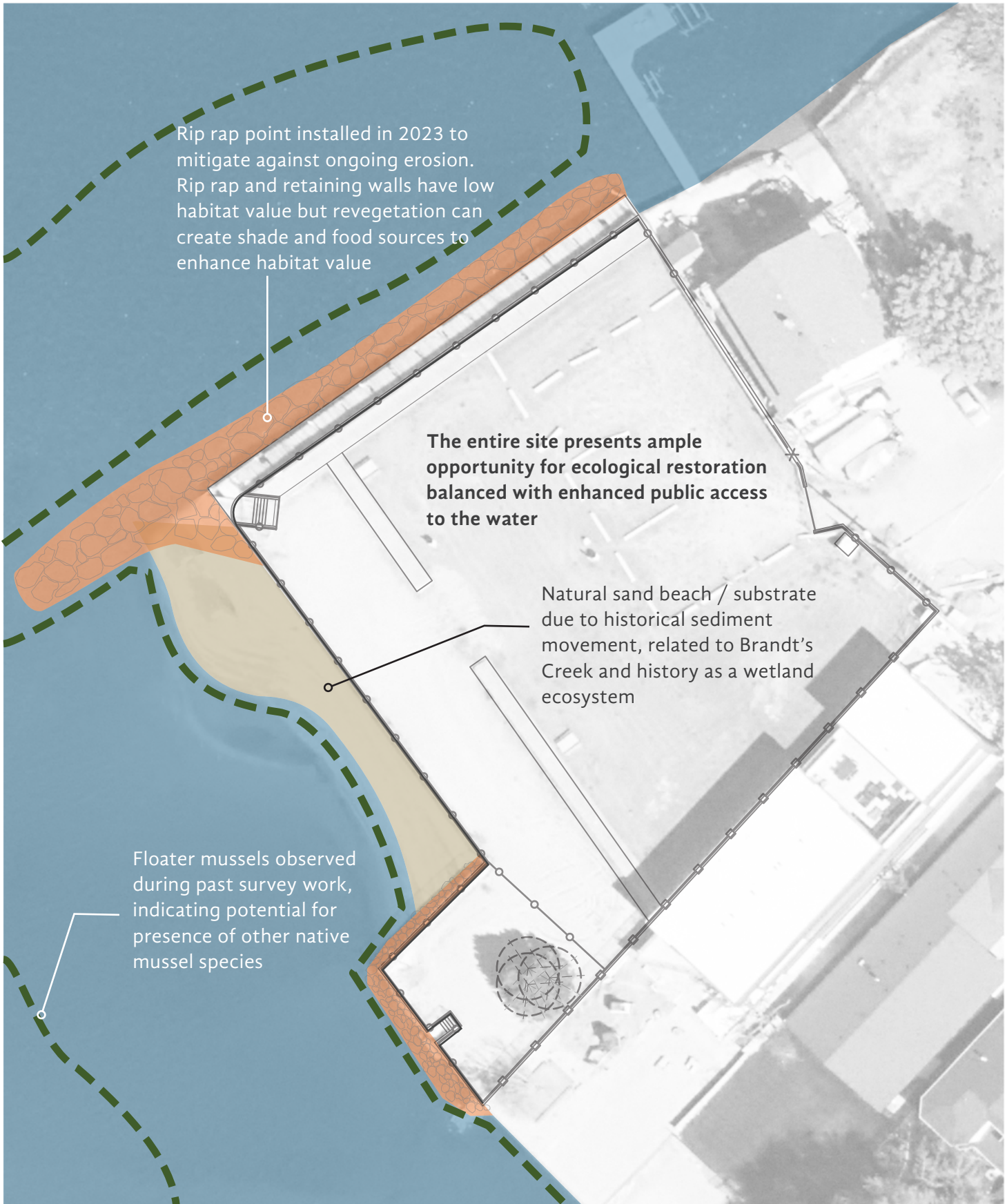


ECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES: CONTEXT

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ECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES: SITE

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SITE ANALYSIS

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Why here?

The property was acquired for the purpose of creating a public park and, in doing so, advancing several goals and objectives established in guiding policy documents for both the North End community and the larger city, including:



IMAGINE KELOWNA

Goal: Preserve Okanagan Lake as a shared resource

- Throughout the Imagine Kelowna process, participants expressed overwhelming support for balancing recreational and quality of life opportunities with environmental protection, water quality and public access to and ownership of the waterfront.

2040 OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

Policy 10.1.4: Park Acquisition Targets

- Provide a standard of 0.6ha to 1.0ha of City-wide parks per 1,000 new population.

Objective 10.3: Ensure parks reflect their unique natural and cultural context

- The park is situated at the City's most westerly point north of City Park, and offers panoramic views of the lake and mountains.

Objective 10.4: Increase public access to water

- Addresses multiple policies, including providing public access to water, activating the waterfront, protecting the waterfront from climatic events through shore protection measures, and balancing the need for public amenities on the waterfront with ecological needs.

NORTH END PLAN PHASE 2 VISIONING & OBJECTIVES

Objective: Parks and Recreation

- Provide more parks and green space to serve growing neighbourhood, core area, and city-wide populations.
- Increase access to the waterfront through expanded parks and public spaces and connect them with a continuous waterfront pathway.
- Prioritize active recreation in the lake, including swimming and non-motorized boats.

POLICY CONTEXT

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