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RE: BRET AND KATHRYN THURMAN RESPONSE TO SAN JUAN COUNTY SHORELINE CHARACTERIZATION

SUBJECT PROPERTY (ITEM 1,2,3) West Sound Management Area reach 34, Physical Address is 214, 324 and 350 Community Club Drive, Deer Harbor, WA. 98243 TAX PARCELS: 260711002000, 260643002000

To whom it may concern;

We write to share our findings in our comparison of your Draft Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report (DSICR) to reality. We also will share historical photos and knowledge we have of our site.

As a blanket statement we have found your maps and to be over-complicated to use and lacking in "zoom in detail." This information was derived with GIS data and we are astonished and shocked that the county cannot seem to publish this information using its Polaris software on a dedicated website. It seems the county has spent a lot of money to get these reports, but does not really wish to share the knowledge. Zooming in on a PDF is the same as using a magnifying glass on paper. The maps themselves are of such low resolution that things like docks are depicted as wetlands. It even says on each map: "The functionality of this map is optimized when viewed digitally." While a PDF is digital, it is not the "digital" they are referring to.

The management areas and reach concepts do not seem to reflect reality and do not appear to reflect any scientific principle, just an arbitrary political division. The report itself conflicted with the maps in one instance we found. (See below discussion of Map 4A Existing Land Use.) It seems to us that the division should be based on the characteristics of the land and water. For example the channels between Shaw Island and Orcas Island have some of the swiftest currents in the county, if not the state. Yet these same waters are characterized with waters with little movement such as the north end of Deer Harbor or even Massacre Bay. Further, why is Shaw Island in its own

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management area? Wouldn't it make more sense to have the entire area of Wasp pass and Harney channel treated the same?

The Home and related buildings, Barn, Guest House have been on the site since the 1930's as far as we can ascertain and the homestead could reach further back than this. Attached (ITEM 4, 5) you will find the main house showing apple orchards and no power pole and the second picture shows the addition of a power pole and associated well. Our dock and boathouse (ITEM 6) are at least 50 years old. The oldest photograph we can find is from the DOE in 1977. (ITEM 3) Please note the large fields, note pilings, note the overwater deck for the ramp. The docks are not present, but the pilings are.

The various ways we have enjoyed the property primarily living within the 200' buffer re as follows: beach fires, BBQ, large and small parties, our wedding site, swimming in the pond, swimming off the shore and docks, dogs in the pond and on the beach. Shooting clay pigeons from the deck, shooting targets, water skiing, boating, golfing, frisbee, lawn darts, volleyball, big garden, horses, cows, sheep, chickens, camping, fishing off the dock and in the man-made pond, crabbing, clamming, harvesting oysters, etc, etc. Everything one would do living we have done here.

ITEMS 6-20 Show the various things on our property that are in the shoreline environment. While this is not a full representation as this document is long enough already it does show most of the buildings and condition of the property.

We are troubled and worried that our continued use and enjoyment of our property is in jeopardy looking at these maps and documents. A few examples of problems we found:

On map 9A Shoreline Modifications (ITEM 21,16) we note that our pilings are missing and we also see no designation for our boathouse. Further we have a boat ramp to our southern beach and this is missing.

On to map 12A Floodplains and Wetlands v2 (ITEM 22) We do not understand how this indicated area alongside Deer Harbor Road could be a frequently flooded area. It is mostly a cliff. Further, we see you are saying we have "potential associated wetlands." This is related to two man-made ponds for surface water drainage during the winter months. There is no continuous source of water. You can see this in the attached photos.

On 17A geologic hazards, (ITEM 23) We note that you say we either have a slope exceeding 40% or you are saying we have an unstable bluff, I really cannot tell from

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your key and map. If you are saying we have an unstable bluff I would disagree as most of our shoreline is rock.

Map 20A Does not indicate our driveway as impervious surface.
Map 35A Does not show our many structures as non-conforming

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Bret and Kathryn Thurman

23 ATTACHEMNTS ✓

Item 1



From County Site Now

Item 2

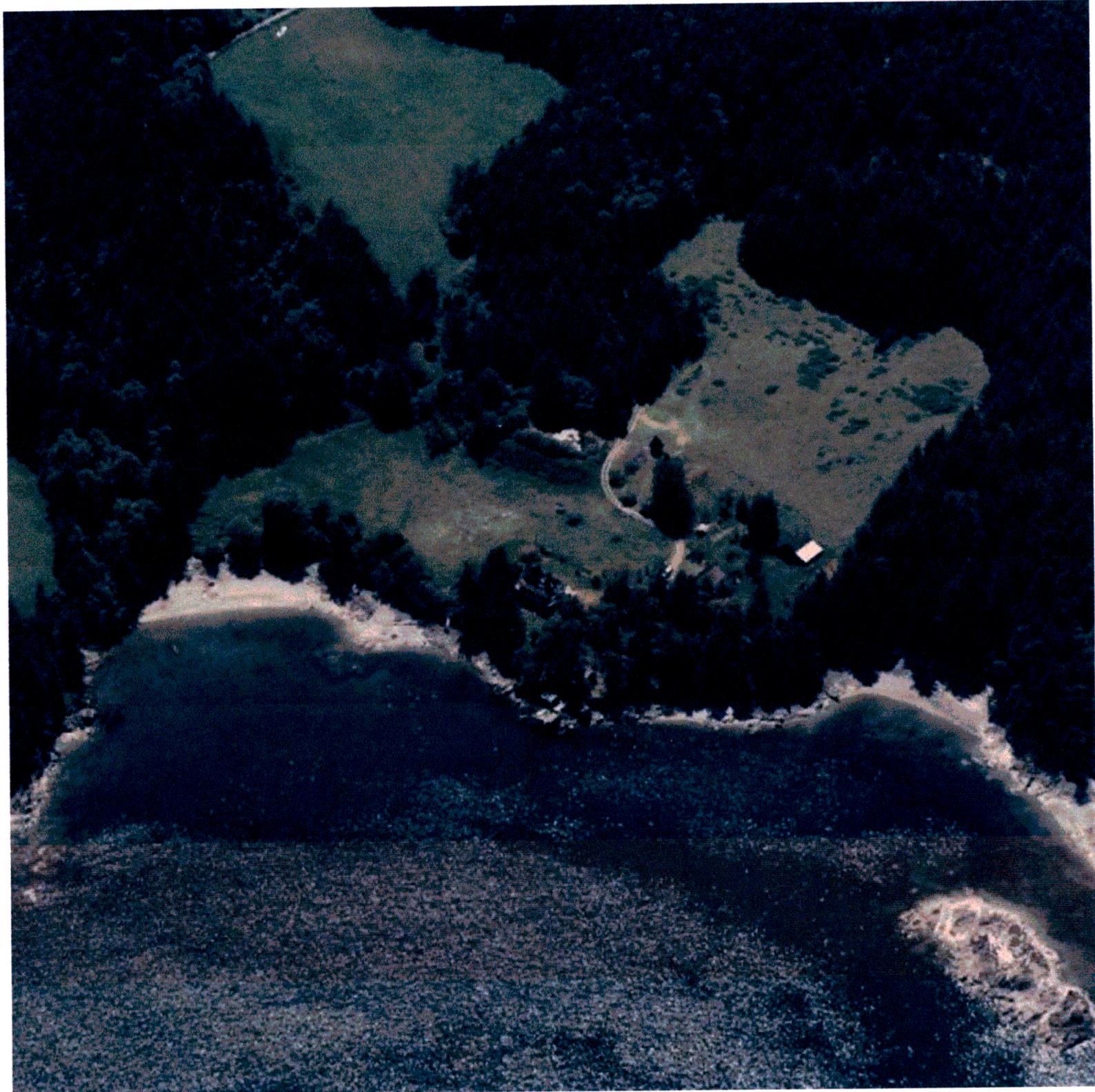


DOE

circa 1995

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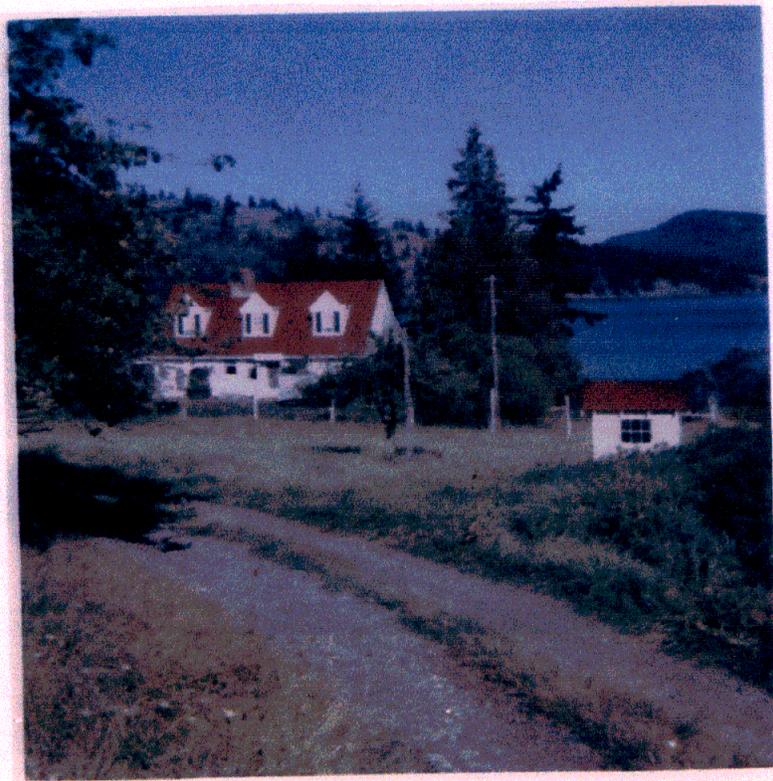
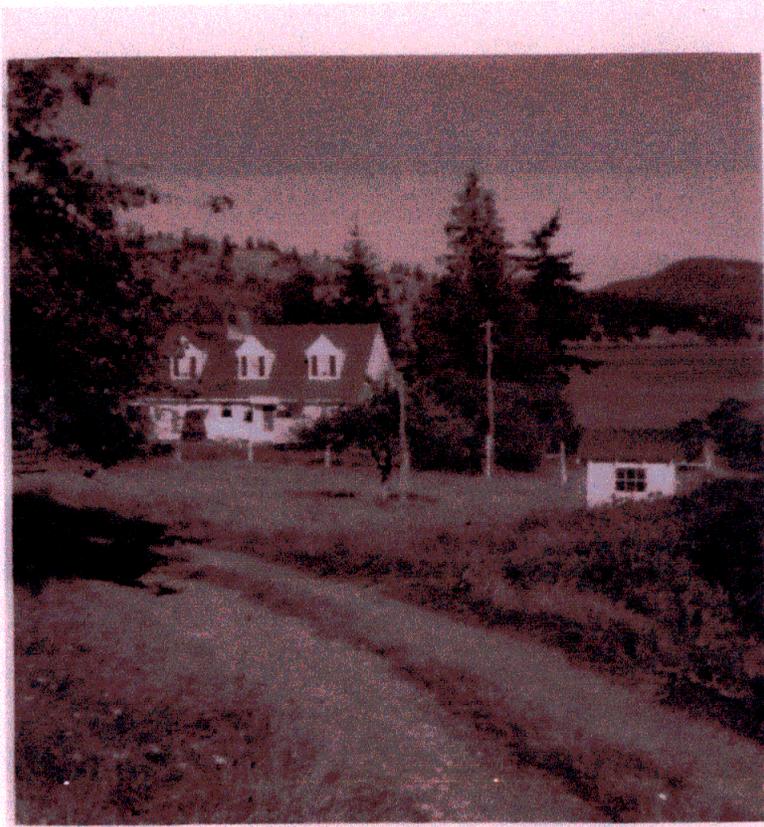
DOE 1977



Note burned house

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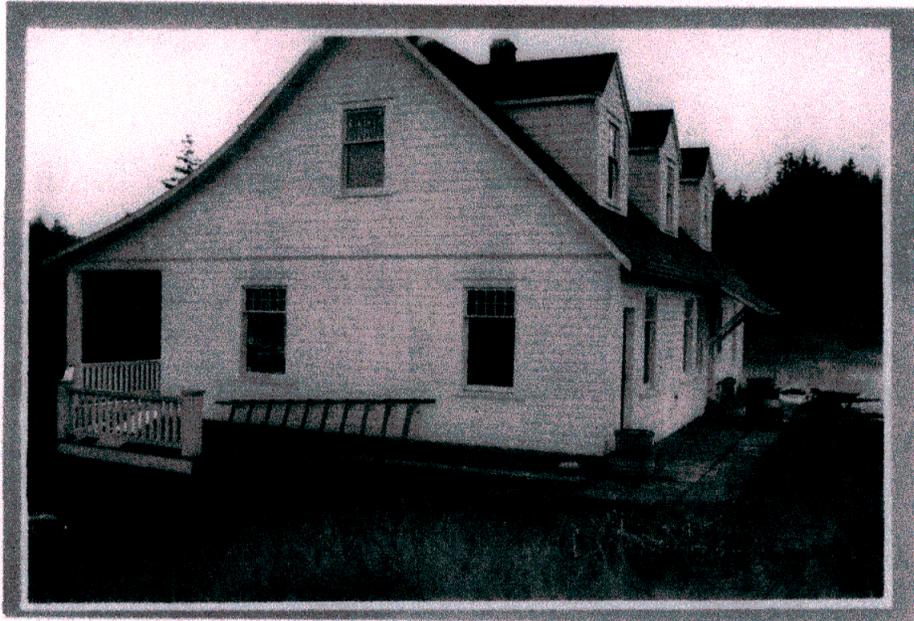
OLD HOUSE #2



Circa
1960's

Item 5

OLD HOUSE



view
1940's

T-tomb



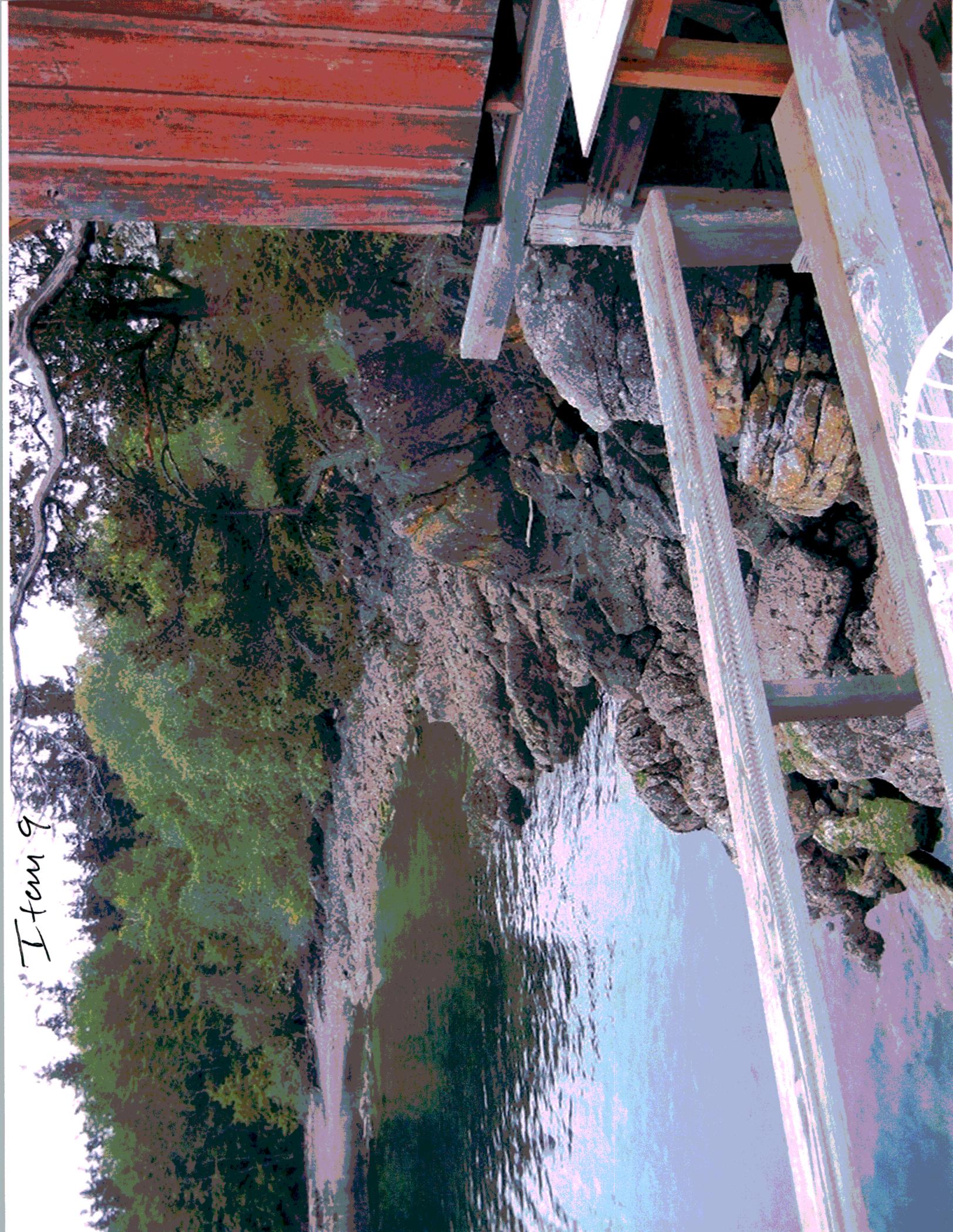
Item 7 Man-made Pond





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Item 9



Item 10



Item 11





ITEM 2

Item 13



I found it



Item 15



Item 16
BOAT RAMP



Item 17



Item 18

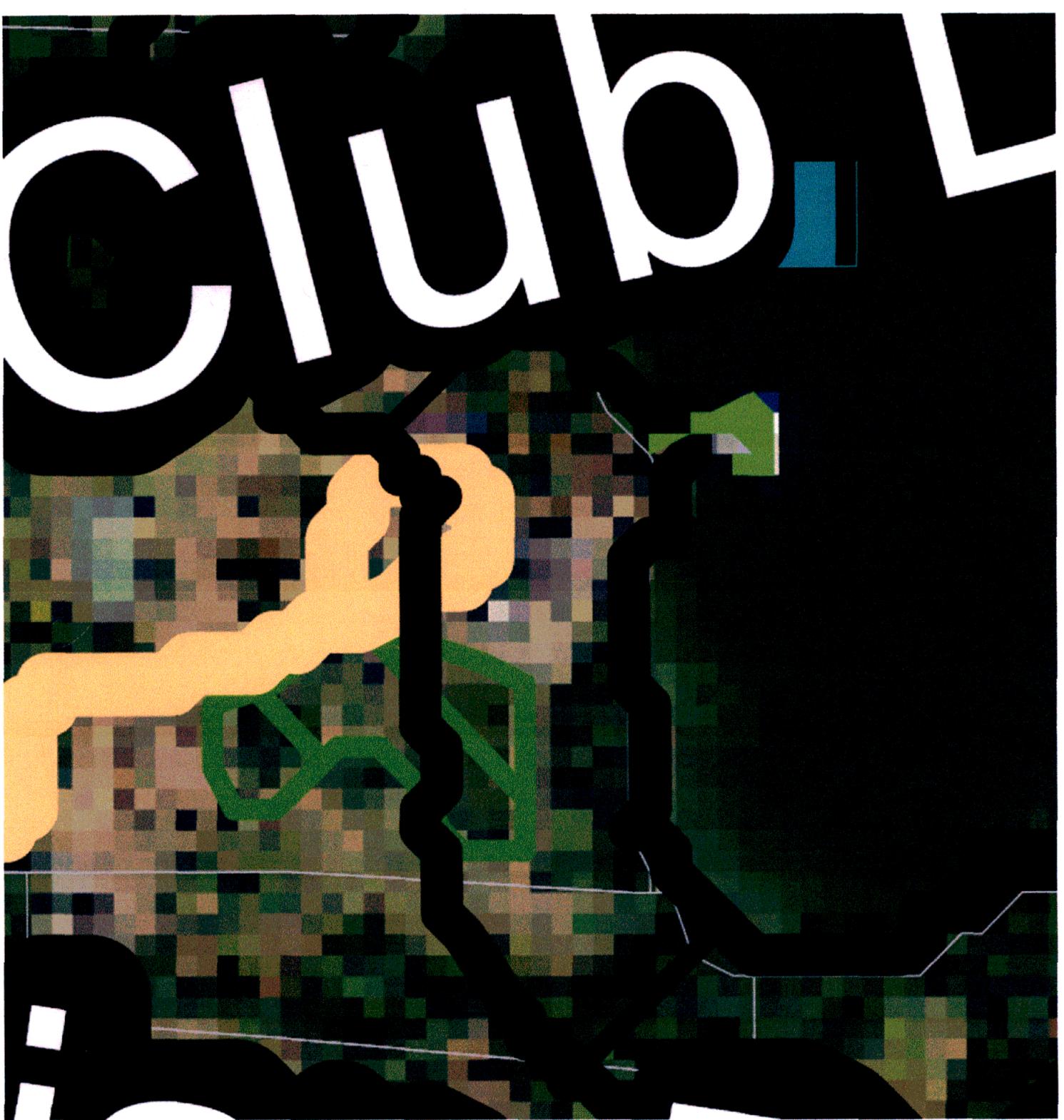


Item 19



Item 20





map 9a shoreline modificationsV2

LEGEND

- Marine overwater structures [2007]**
- Armoring [2009]**
- Marinas, jetties, and breakwaters (snapped to parcel lines) [2009]**
 - Breakwater
 - Combination
 - Jetty
 - Marina
- ▲ Groins (snapped to parcel lines) [2009]**
- ▲ Improved boat ramps (snapped to parcel lines) [2009]**
- ▲ Marine railways (snapped to parcel lines) [2009]**
- Moorings (buoys and floats) [2009]**
- Pillings [2006]**
- Dams [2010]***
- Shoreline Jurisdiction (white)
- Potential associated wetlands
- Water bodies [2008]****
- Watercourses [2000]****
- Parcels [2010]****
- Roads [2009]****

Item 21



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Data sources:

- **Washington Department of Natural Resources
- ***Friends of the San Juans
- ****Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project
- *****San Juan County
- *****Washington Department of Ecology

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Item 22



LEGEND

Floodplains [1998]*

■ Zone A (1% annual chance of flooding)

▨ Potential associated wetlands

▨ Wetlands [2010]**

□ Shoreline jurisdiction

■ Water bodies [2008]**

— Watercourses [2000]***

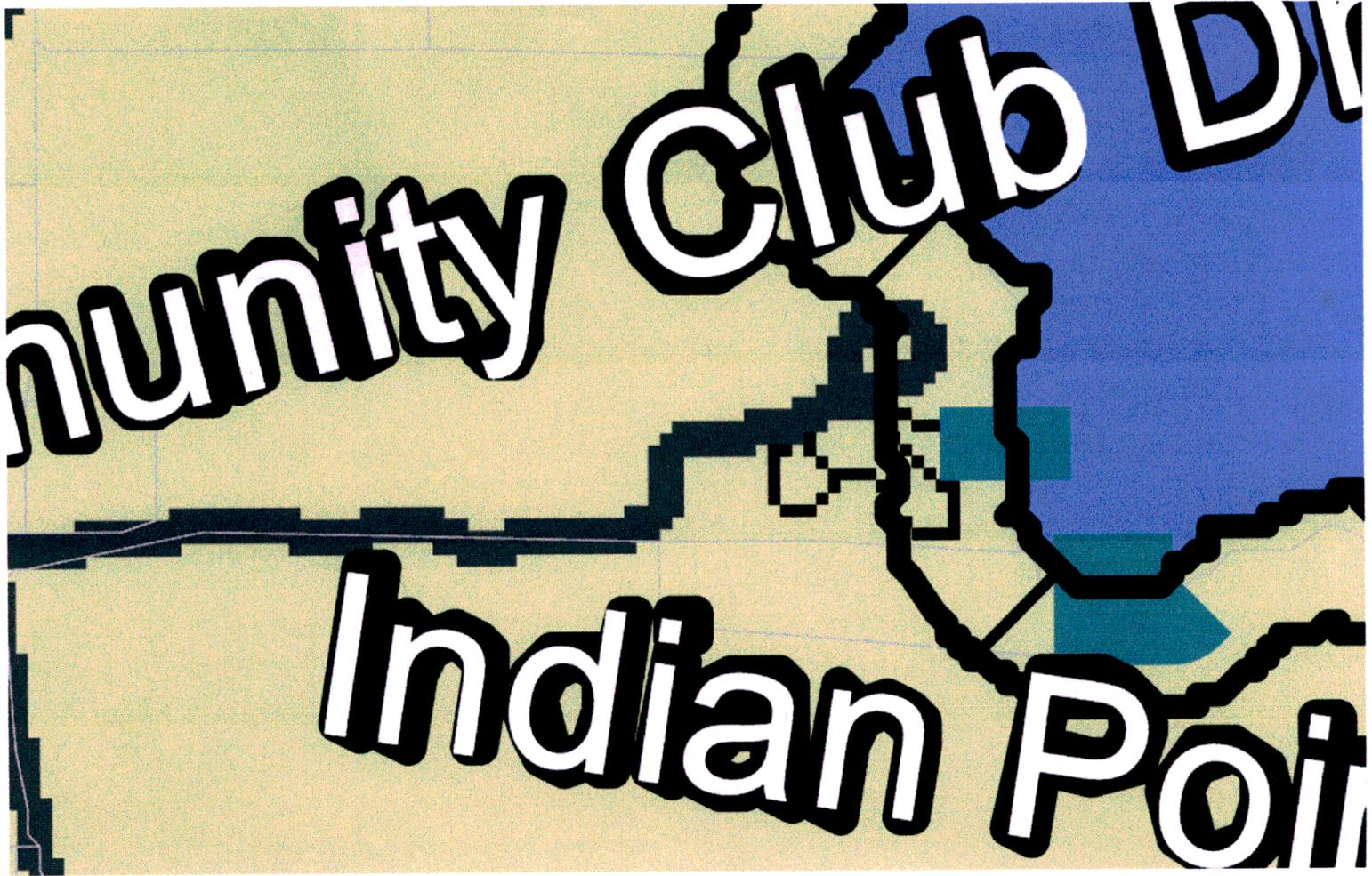
— 20' contours*

— Parcels [2010]*

— Roads [2009]*

12A FLOODPLAINS AND WETLANDSV2

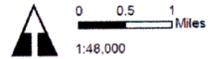
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17A GEOLOGIC HAZARDS V2

LEGEND

- Unstable bluffs [1978]**
- Erosion-prone soils [2003]**
- Slopes exceeding 40% [1998]**
- Shoreline slope stability [2004]*
- Intermediate slope
- Modified
- Unstable slope
- Unstable-recent slide
- Shoreline jurisdiction
- Potential associated wetlands
- Water bodies [2006]**
- Watercourses [2006]**
- Parcels [2010]**
- Roads [2009]**



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