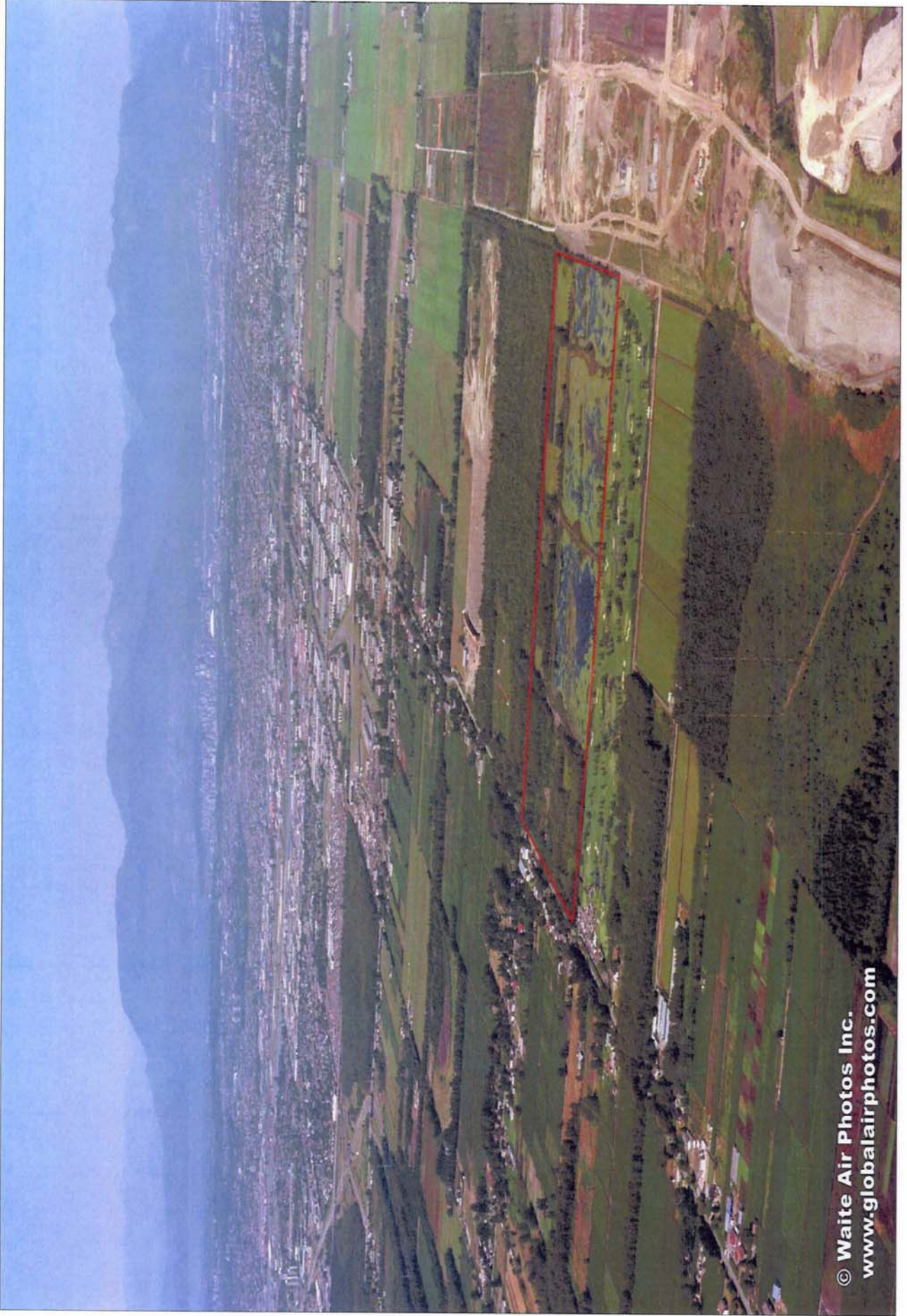


8060 No.6 Road – General Location





Lulu Wetland and Adjacent Bog Woodland





Pending Development application



Environmentally Sensitive Areas



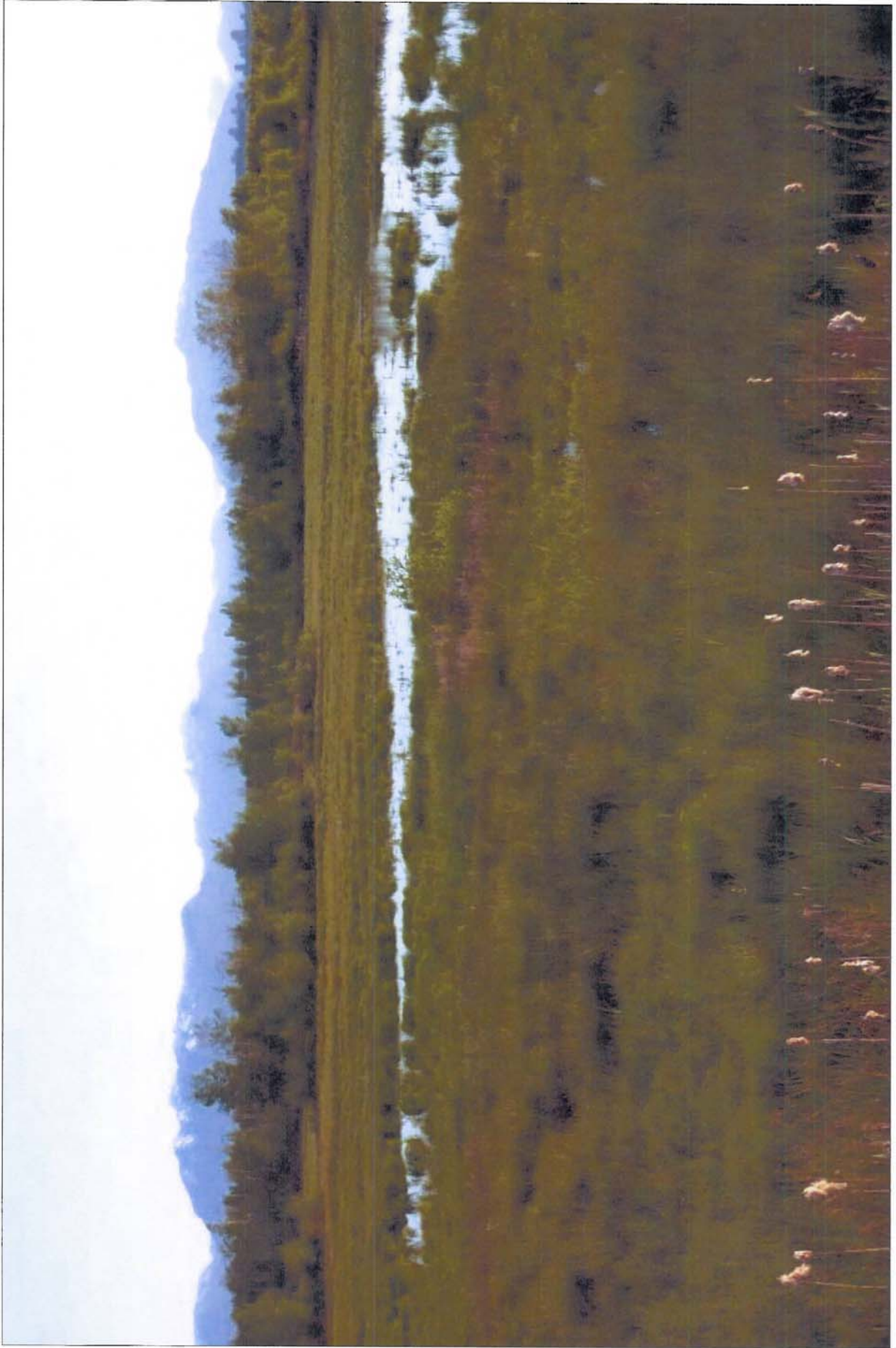
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VIEW OF LUIU ISLAND WETLAND – EAST SIDE OF Wetland

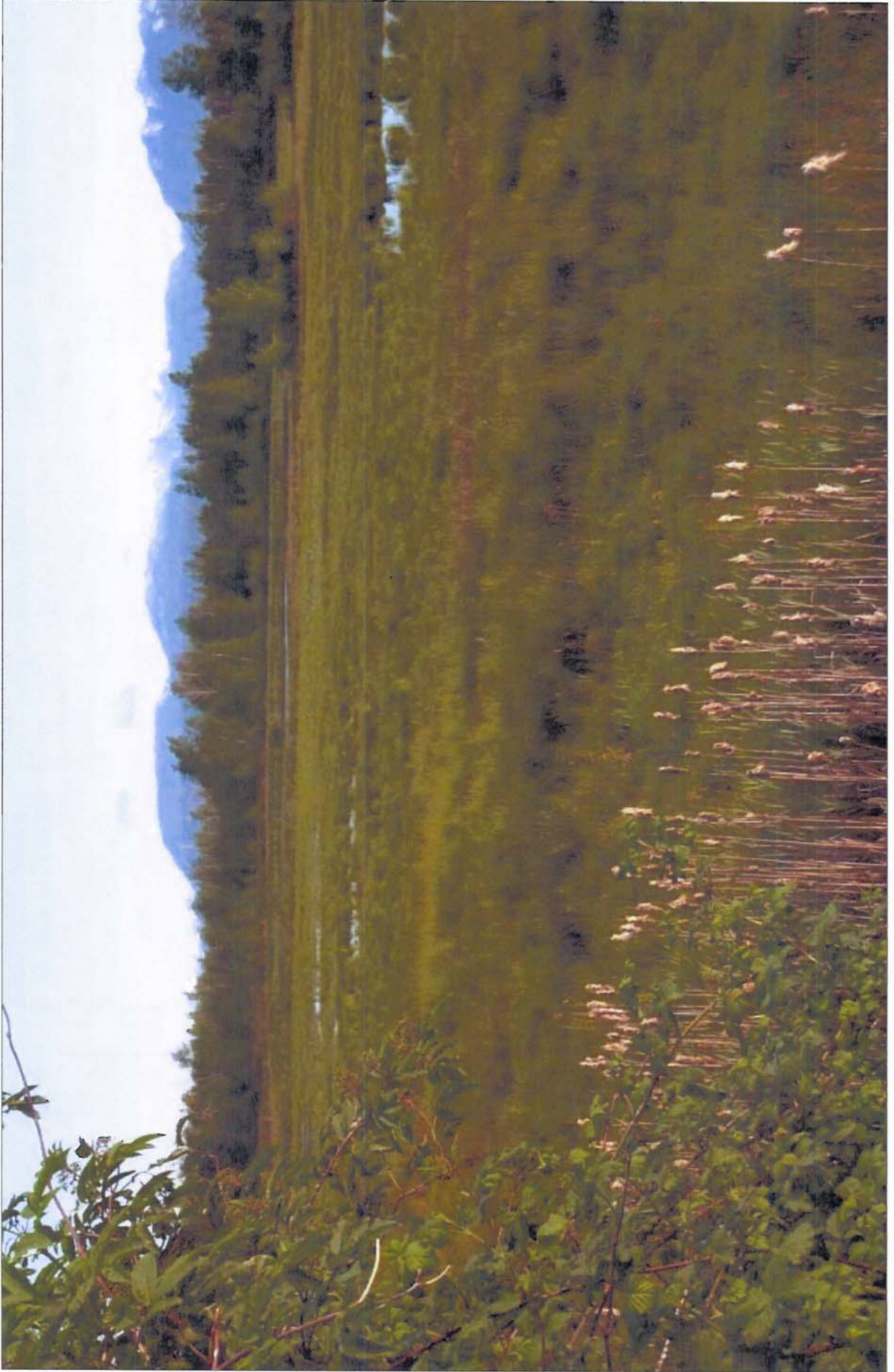
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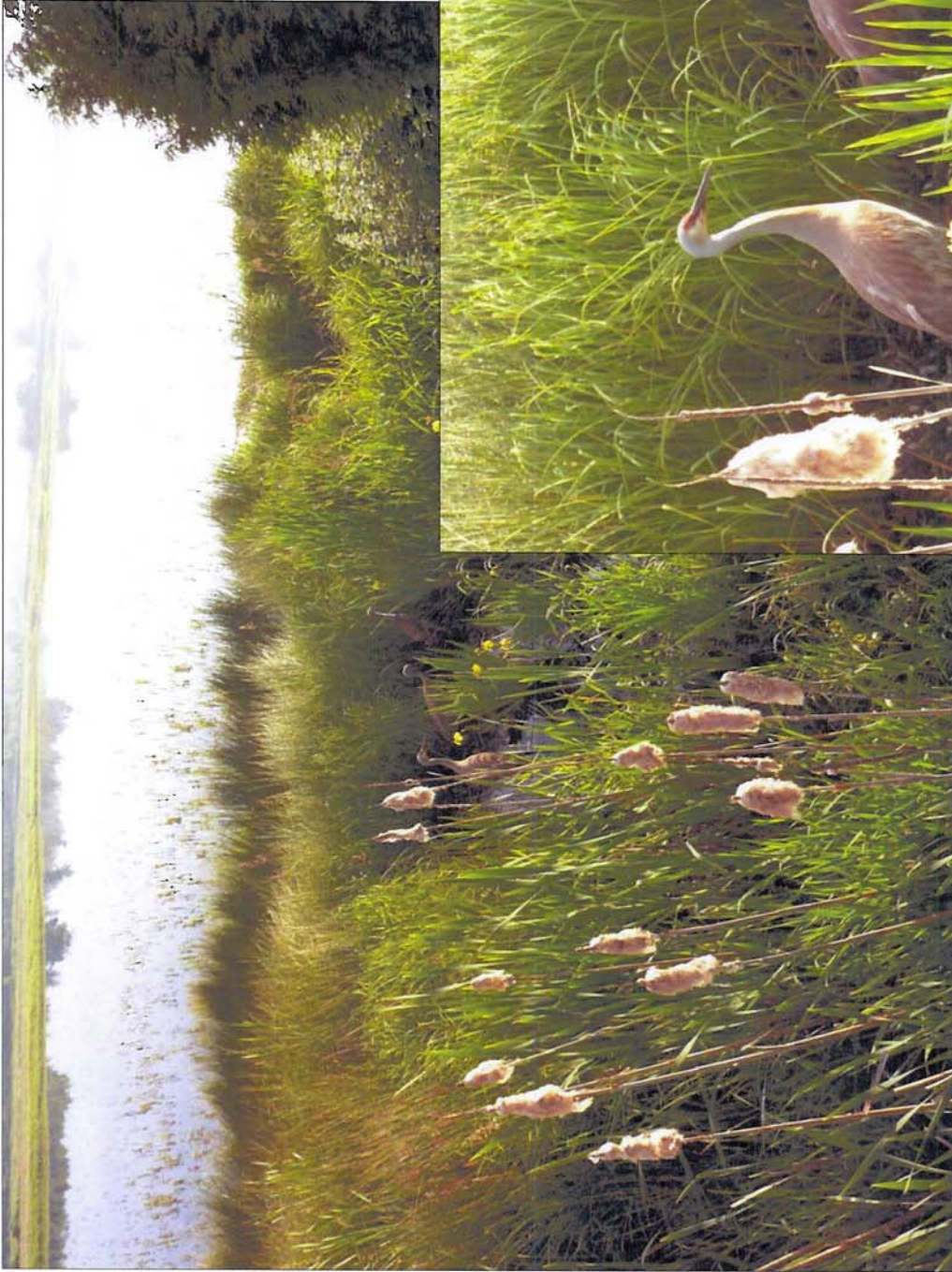
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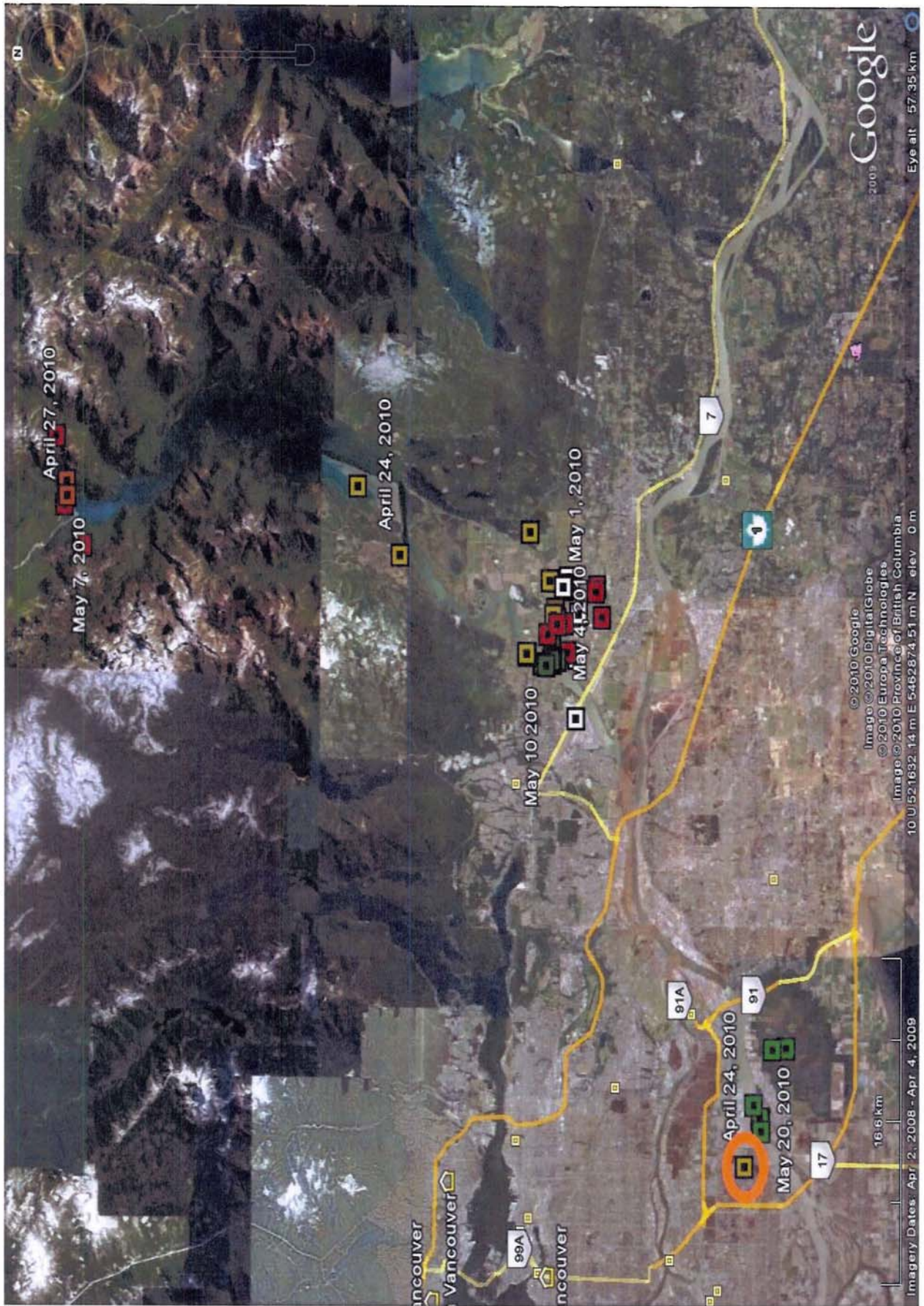
**View of Lulu Island Wetland – West End of Wetland
Looking Northwest from Country Meadows Golf Course**



Sandhill Crane Family Feeding in Wetland, June 2010



Use of Wetland by Sandhill Crane Tracked by Biologist



Cranes on Adjacent Golf Course, June 2010





Lulu Island Wetlands - Richmond, BC

A little-known but ecologically significant wetland exists less than five kilometres from the downtown core of Richmond, British Columbia, just southeast of Blundell Road and No.6 Road. It has been named 'The Lulu Island Wetlands' by a number of local naturalists who have only recently discovered this hidden jewel, which is in fact Richmond's largest freshwater wetland. The Lulu Island Wetlands lie on 80 acres of private property, and are bounded on the southern edge by Country Meadows Golf Course and a large parcel of birch forest along its northern edge. On the eastern side of the property is a large landfill, and despite the activity there, the wetlands have remained an incredibly diverse and productive ecosystem.

*Please note: The wetland is on private property and there is **NO** public access.*

From the 1940s to the 1970s the property was used for peat mining. Since then, the area has been largely undisturbed. Roughly one third of the property, running north-south and adjacent to No. 6 Road, is densely forested, primarily with birch. This stand of birch trees blocks any view of the wetland from No.6 Road, and, as a result, the area has been undetected by naturalists, municipal government, and by provincial and federal government agencies.





Sandhill Cranes have bred in the wetland for several years, raising one or two chicks a year. The presence of these birds in the Lulu Island Wetlands is regionally very significant: there are only four other Sandhill Crane breeding sites in the Lower Mainland and the entire Lower Mainland population consists of less than 30 individual birds.

Richmond's largest herd of Black-tailed Deer use the site as a refuge. Beavers have built a number of lodges there. In the marginal vegetation Pacific Tree Frogs and American Bitterns can be found. Waterfowl that use the wetland include Bufflehead, American Wigeon, Mallard, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Gadwall, Green-winged Teal and Pied-billed Grebe. Raptors such as Northern Harriers, Cooper's and Red-tailed Hawks, Peregrine Falcons and Barn Owls have been seen hunting over the wetland.

As The Lulu Island Wetlands are on private lands and have only recently become known to a handful of naturalists and biologists, its flora and fauna have not yet been surveyed in any detail. Having been left unused since the cessation of peat mining in the 1970s, ecological succession has resulted in the development of a rich wetland habitat.

THERE ARE TWO MAJOR THREATS TO THIS WETLAND!

Firstly, the current owner, who also owns the adjacent landfill, has applied for a permit to commence operations in the wetland.

Secondly, the future extension of Blundell Rd. along the northern perimeter of the property

THIS WETLAND HAS EVOLVED INTO SOMETHING FAR MORE VALUABLE THAN A DUMPING GROUND!

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SAVE THIS UNIQUE WILDLIFE HABITAT!

For further information on The Lulu Island Wetlands contact Nature Vancouver: Dan Overmyer, Conservation Section: 604-732-6719, vnhs_news@hotmail.com



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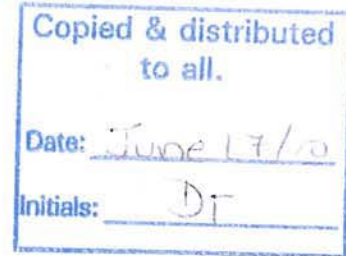
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June 17, 2010
File:

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Fax 604-276-4052

Margaret Coutts, President
Vancouver Natural History Society
PO Box 3021
Vancouver, BC V6B 3X5

Dear Ms. Coutts:

Re: Proposed Development At 8060 No. 6 Road (No. 6 and Blundell Roads)

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your May 25, 2010 letter regarding the above noted property.

Background

The subject property is located in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). In the Richmond Official Community Plan (OCP) the site is designated "Agricultural" and the north west portion of the property is designated as an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) Development Permit (DP) area.

The intent of an ESA DP is to ensure that sensitive environmental features on, or adjacent to, the site are not unduly affected as development occurs. ESA DP's are triggered when subdivision or construction are proposed. Avoidance strategies, mitigation and compensation measures can be considered through the ESA DP process.

Applications On The property

The City's Community Bylaws Department received an application from the owner, Ecowaste Industries Ltd, for a non-farm use (to place fill on the property) application on May 30, 2008. Non farm use applications are determined by both Council (with input from the City's Agricultural Advisory Committee) and the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC). As well, the City received an ESA DP application. The review will better clarify the proposed activity and if an ESA DP will actually be required.

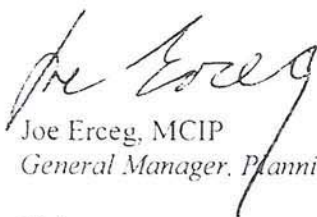
Status of Applications

In order to review the application for a non-farm use, the City requested a considerable amount of information from the applicant in July 2008. To date, the applicant has not submitted it and therefore, the review by City staff has not proceeded. Please note that the submission by the applicant of the required information does not mean that the application will be approved.

As well, the applicant has not received formal permission from the City to place any fill at the subject address and any fill activity, prior to formal approval, will be subject to bylaw enforcement.

Thank you for your interest in the matter. If you have any questions, please call Terry Crowe, Manager of Policy Planning at (604) 276-4139.

Yours truly,



Joe Erceg, MCIP
General Manager, Planning and Development

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pc: Mayor and Councillors,
Dan Overmyer, Member, Vancouver Natural History Society,
Wayne Mercer, Manager, Community Bylaws
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Attention: Margaret Coutts, President
Dan Overmyer, Director

Dear Sirs:

Re: Protection of the wetland at 8060 No. 6 Road (No. 6 and Blundell Roads), next to the Country Meadows Golf Club

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of May 25, 2010 in connection with the above matter.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information. In addition, your letter has been referred to Mr. Joe Erceg, General Manager, Planning and Development for response. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Erceg at 604-276-4083.

Thank you for taking the time to make your views known.

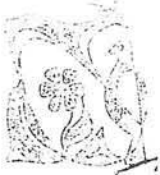
Yours truly,

David Weber
Director, City Clerk's Office

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pc: Mayor and each Councillor (with letter)
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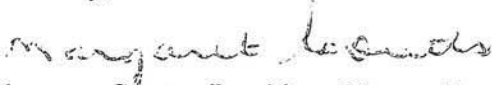
The members of Nature Vancouver are concerned about the possible destruction of Richmond's largest freshwater wetland. This eighty acre site is one of only five breeding areas for approximately thirty sandhill cranes remaining in the Greater Vancouver area, and is a valuable natural habitat for many native plants, frogs, deer, beaver and several species of water birds such as bitterns, bufflehead, mallard, American wigeon, northern pintail, gadwall, green-winged teal, northern shoveler and pied billed grebe. It is also frequented by northern harriers, hawks, falcons and owls, and, remarkably, sandhill cranes, which breed there (a crane chick was just hatched a few weeks ago).

After peat mining of this area ended in the 1970s, this area has reverted to its natural state, but is unprotected and threatened by a private company that we understand plans to use it for a land fill. Indeed, equipment for such a fill is poised for action on one side of the wetland, so time is short. This wetland is a precious resource for Richmond, only five kilometers from the city centre. Several of our members have visited this wetland, and observed and listed many other species of birds as well. We urge that the City of



Richmond designate it as an Environmentally Sensitive Area so that it can be given full protection.

Sincerely,



Margaret Coutts, President, Nature Vancouver (Vancouver Natural History Society)

Dan Overmyer, member of Nature Vancouver Board of Directors, 604 732-6719

