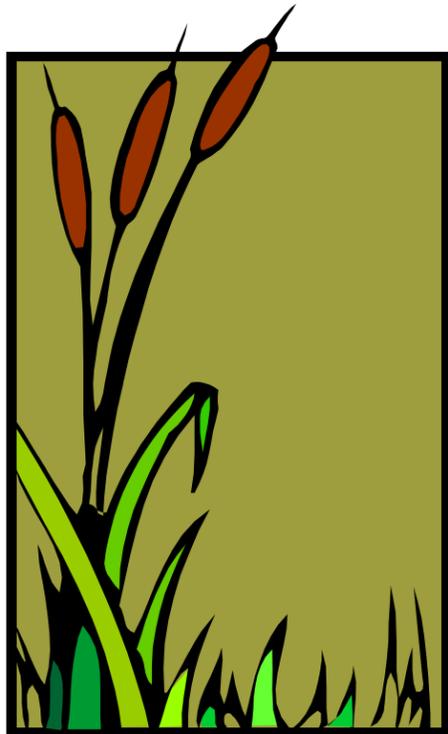


## Mitigation Benefits

Mitigating the impact of development on our local wetlands is vital to ensuring the continued health and wellbeing of our community. Wetlands support a wide diversity of wildlife and create a valuable educational opportunity for both children *and* adults. They also play a critical role in enhancing water quality by filtering runoff and recharging the groundwater. Bakerview Park offers us the perfect opportunity in which to enhance and take advantage of all of the benefits which wetlands have to offer. As such, we feel this project will be a positive addition to one of our finest parks.



This project will bring the natural beauty of the great outdoors to your doorstep. We look forward to hearing your questions and feedback regarding this exciting project

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## East Bakerview Park Wetland Rehabilitation Project

Exciting news for Bakerview's wetlands! The City of Mount Vernon has received mitigation funds from private developers that we will be using to enhance and rehabilitate the existing wetland areas within the east side of Bakerview Park.

The enhancement and rehabilitation activities will occur in four phases, the first of which will be completed within 2009. Due to funding limitations, the remaining phases will be completed as additional funds become available from mitigation projects or grants. City staff will contact you within the coming two weeks to discuss project details, share detailed drawings, answer questions, or address concerns that you may have.

The map below shows the general area of Bakerview Park and its existing wetlands. The additional map on the following two pages shows where the current project, and future phases are located.



## EAST BAKERVIEW PARK WETLAND ENHANCEMENT AND REHABILITATION PHASING PLAN

### Existing Conditions Photos:



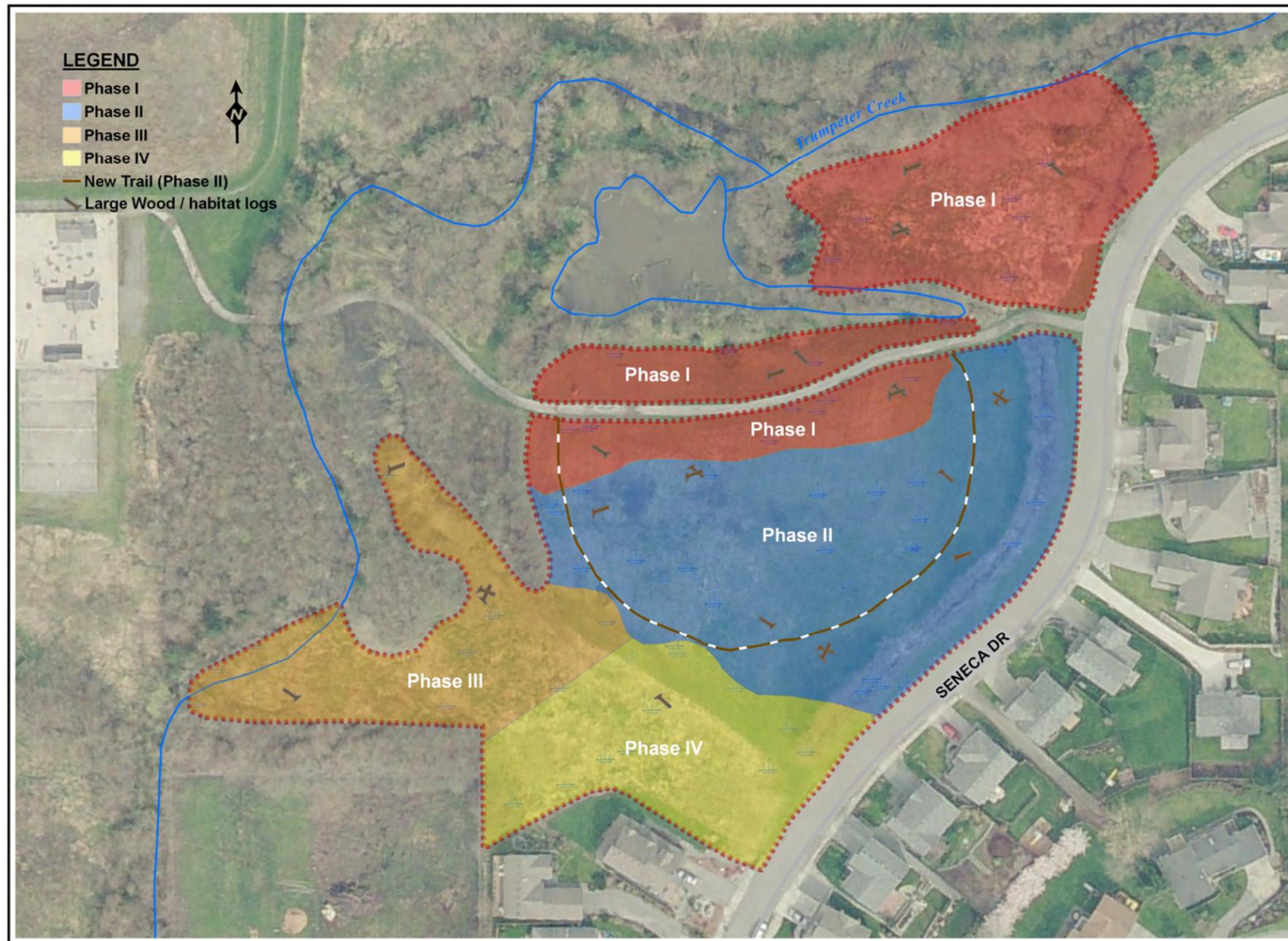
Reed Canary Grass is an invasive species here in Western Washington. It suppresses native vegetation, reduces species diversity, and can be very difficult to eradicate.



The existing trail provides excellent community access to the existing features of Bakerview Park. An addition to the existing trail will further this purpose by providing low-impact access to the soon-to-be wetlands.



Currently a mowed and vacant field, this area will be populated with trees, shrubs, habitat logs, and native grasses to form the foundation of a wetland which will in time develop and mature into a fully functioning wetland ecosystem.



### Proposed Conditions Photos:



Strategic placement of young saplings will help to jumpstart the newly established wetland ecosystem.



Habitat logs placed throughout the project area will provide habitat and nutrients which would otherwise take decades to appear.



These newly formed wetlands will not only be beneficial to community health and education; they will also be beautiful, allowing natural processes to take hold while providing valuable visual relief from the developed landscape.