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Air Photo of the Gibby's Field Vicinity VanMap: City of Vancouver's Online Mapping

## **Plants**

The site is edged on the south and west sides by a mix of evergreen and deciduous trees. A few are currently in flower including **mountain ash** and **bitter cherry** trees.







Invasive species also exist on the site, although they have not taken over yet. These include **Japanese knotweed**, **blackberry**, and **creeping buttercup**.





## Remnant Stream Channel

Streams in Vancouver have nearly all been put into underground pipes. However, streams have a great cultural significance in the history of the city. Salmon used to spawn in the many streams that flowed through hemlock and fir forests. There is an existing culvert and stream channel at Gibby's Field, although Gibson Creek no longer flows there.



## Community Involvement

Gibby's Field is on three lots which belong to the Property Endowment Fund of the City of Vancouver's Real Estate Services. The City has owned the lots since at least 1915.

A few years ago, the site was under threat of development. A group of local citizens and the Kensington-Cedar Cottage CityPlan committee convinced the City Council to put a moritorium on development of the Gibby's Field lots to allow community members to create a lasting community vision for the site.

The vision developed at that time included:

- 1. Mark the history of the neighbourhood
- 2. Create habitat for birds & butterflies
- 3. Create water habitat and riparian edge
- 4. Create a pedestrian alternative to Knight St.

