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*Community Stewardship,
Collaborative Restoration*

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-----> Problem Solving



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-----> Trust Building

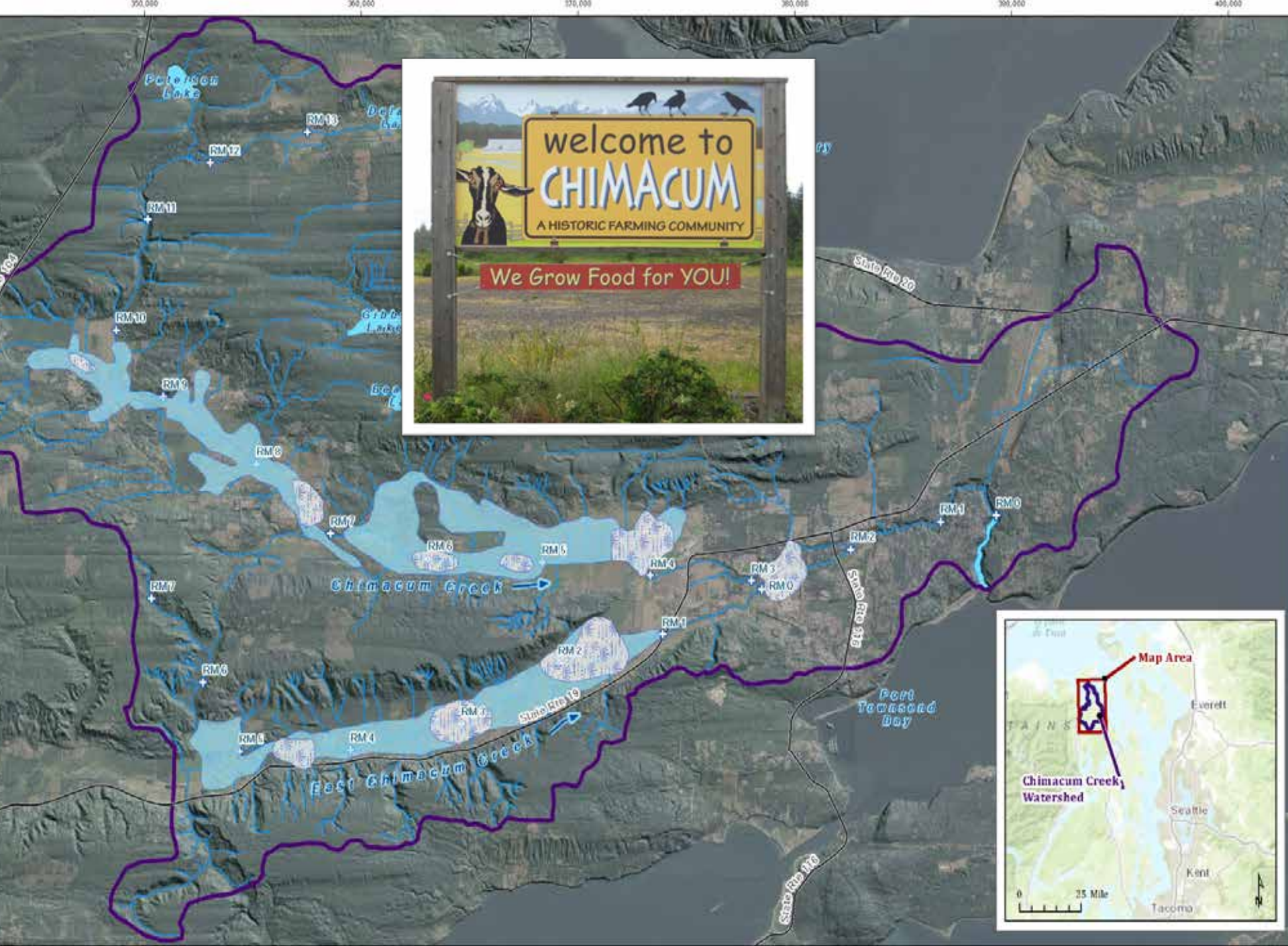


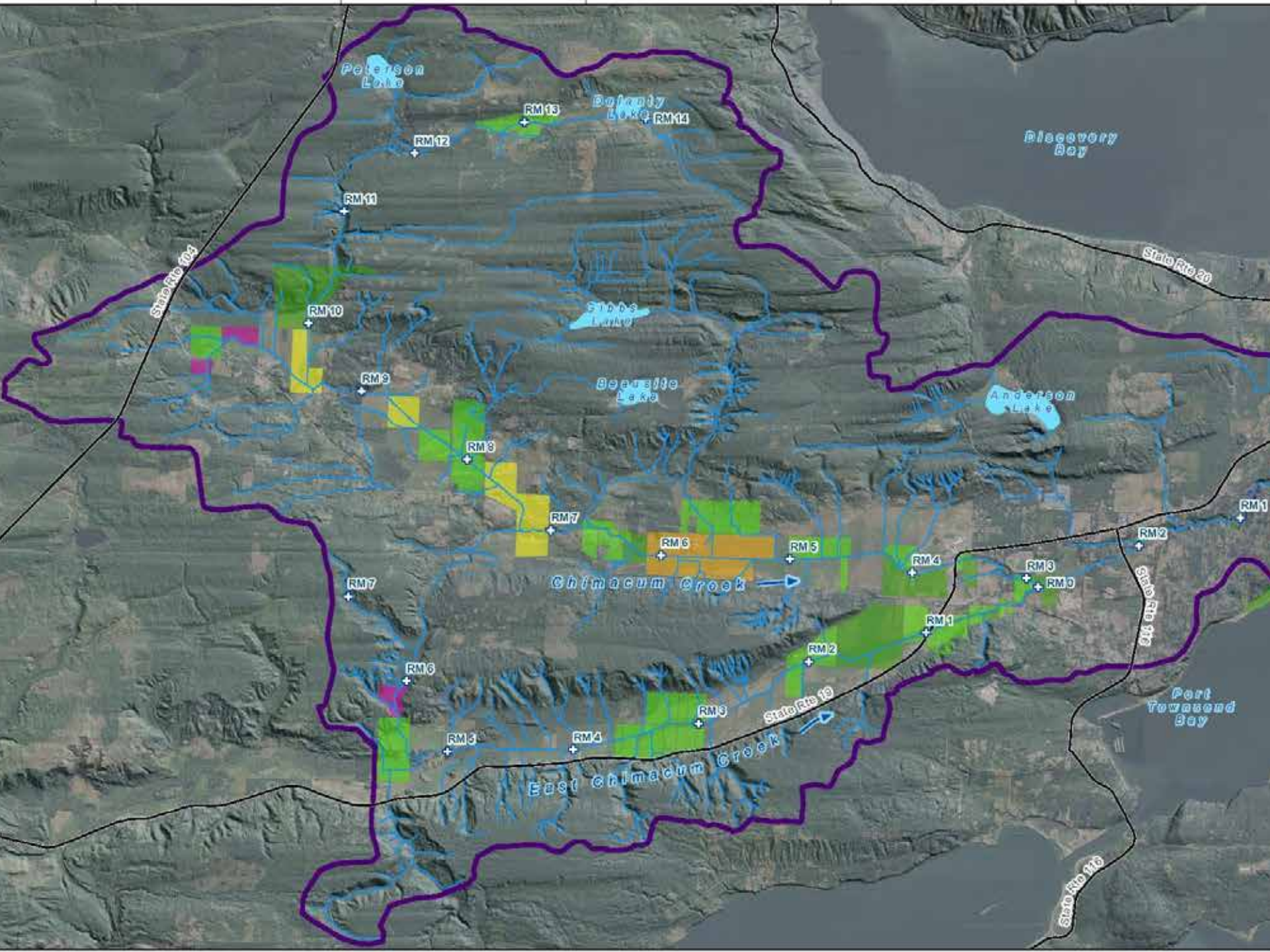
-----> Increased Community Awareness



-----> Access to Funding







**BEAVER
and
SALMON HABITAT
DESTROY VALLEY
FARMLAND**





CHIMACUM CREEK RESTORATION AND PROTECTION STRATEGY



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Fish-centric programs and language

Scientific Jargon

Loss of productive agricultural land to buffers or flooding

Costs

Lack of viable, sustainable, practical solutions to the issues of beaver causing flooding and RCG

Riparian Management Strategy



Beaver Management Plan

Protection and Restoration Planning

REC #	TYPE	RM	LOCATION	RECOMMENDATION CATEGORY	RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY	CONSIDERATIONS
1	Protection and Restoration	2.6	Main stem, downstream of confluence	Protect Current Land Use; Evaluate Potential for Wetland Restoration	Existing wetland currently zoned as mix of rural residential, agricultural open space, and vacant land. 2015 aerial photo shows development only at outer edges. Protect from additional development and evaluate for wetland restoration.	High	Additional opportunities here to improve channel/habitat complexity.
2	Restoration	3.3	Main stem, upstream of confluence	Roughen	Roughen channel with large wood to create habitat diversity.	Low	Riparian vegetation is mature, and 1996 data indicates presence of Coho and gravel, but no large wood, near RM 3.2. Additionally recommend 2-D hydraulic modeling to assess activation flows and changes in inundation from roughening, particularly since there are houses nearby.
3	Data Gap	3.2	Right bank tributary (ditch) to main stem	Analysis	Evaluate flow direction, discharge, and water quality in the ditch.	High	Two monitoring locations observed temperature exceedances 0.3 miles downstream of this tributary-ditch.
4	Restoration	3.9-4.1	Main stem	Re-meander	Re-meander small bends and roughen channel to aggrade incised channel downstream of control structure. Consider re-connecting to larger right bank meander upstream of control structure.	Medium	Good opportunities to add in-channel habitat complexity here, but restoration at this location depends on future actions regarding irrigation control structure. At a minimum, consider riparian planting on unvegetated left bank. Additionally recommend 2-D hydraulic modeling to assess activation flows and changes in inundation from roughening.
5	Data Gap	4	Main stem	Analysis	Investigate operation of irrigation control structure to determine effects on upstream flooding and downstream incision.	High	



High Priority

Riparian Easement:

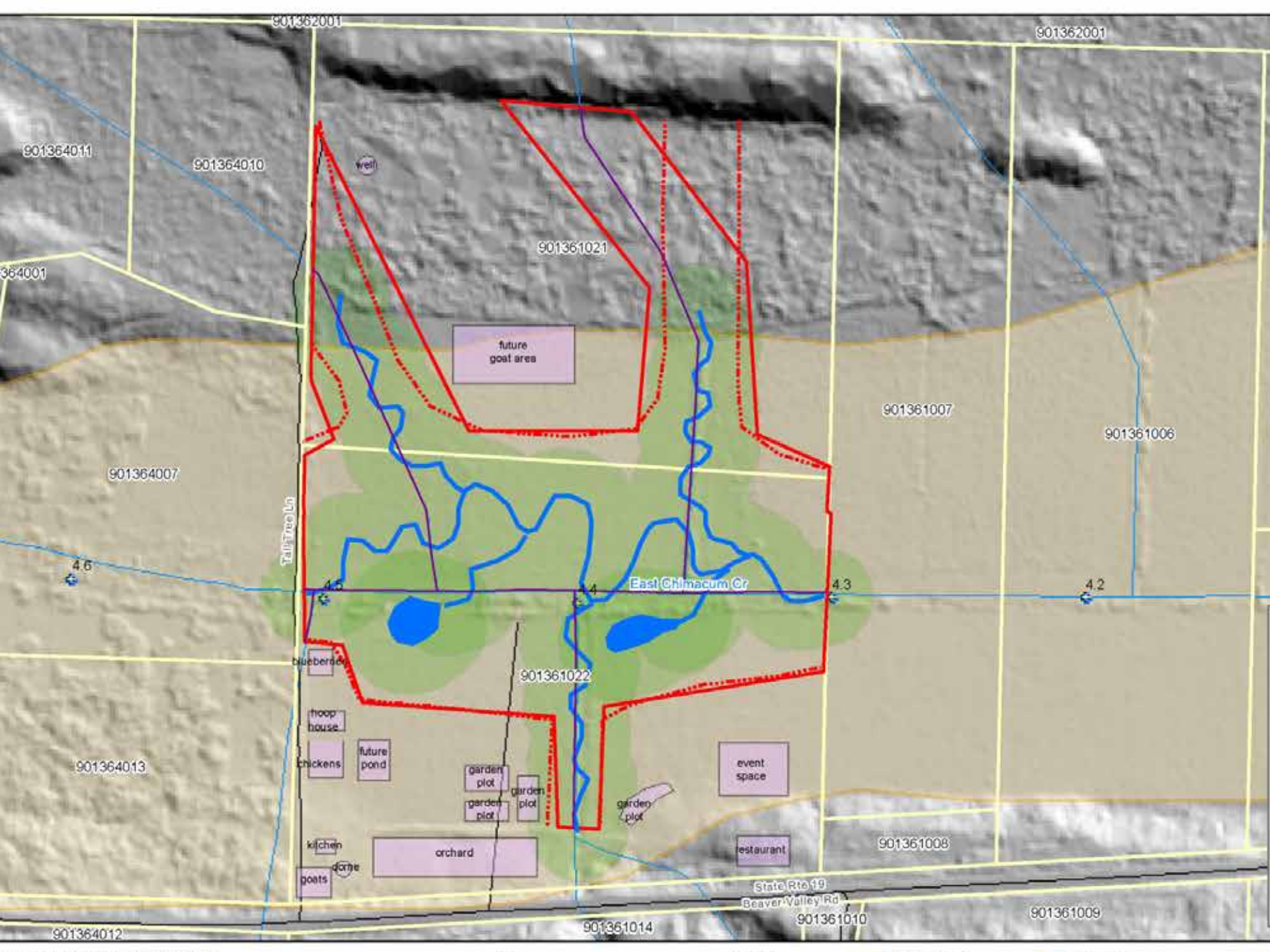
Protects 1,100 lineal feet of Chimacum Creek

Wetland Restoration:

- Re-meander
- In-stream Wood Placement
- Riparian Reforestation

Beaver Reserve Opportunity

Landowners engaged and supportive



901362001

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well

901361021

future goal area

901361007

901361006

901364007

Tall Tree Ln

East Chimacum Cr

4.6

4.5

4.4

4.3

4.2

blueberry orchard

901361022

901364013

hoop house

chickens

future pond

garden plot

garden plot

garden plot

garden plot

event space

901361008

kitchen

goats

orchard

restaurant

State Rte 19
Beaver Valley Rd

901361010

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Key Takeaways:

1. Collaboration=Effective Projects. Establish regular meetings to keep partners updated and allow for technical input.
2. Budget time for cultivating landowner relationships
3. Consider the landowner outreach task like you would a marketing project
4. We are seeking to change the farms vs. fish paradigm to farms and fish.



Questions?

