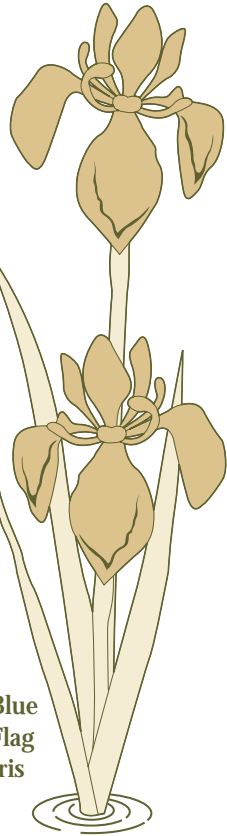


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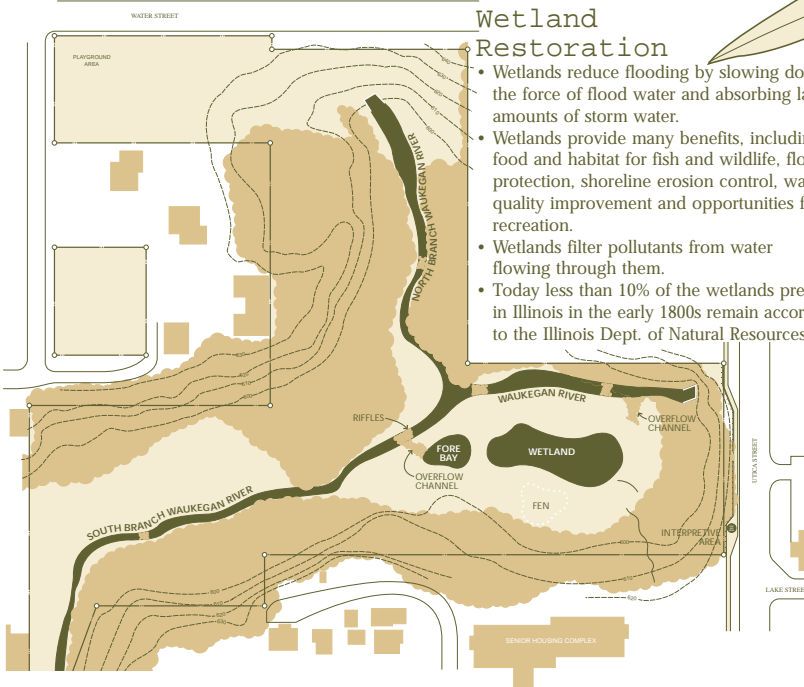


Red-winged Blackbird

**The Project**  
 The Waukegan Park District and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) have worked together to reduce Nonpoint Source (NPS) pollution impact and to improve the water quality in the Waukegan River. Project funding was authorized by the Federal Government under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act and administered by the IEPA to restore a wetland, reduce NPS pollution and restore eroded streambanks along the Waukegan River.



Blue Flag Iris

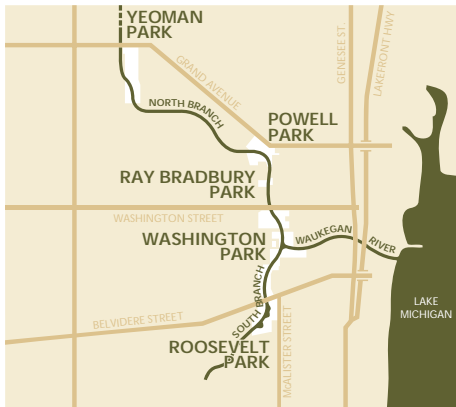


## Wetland Restoration

- Wetlands reduce flooding by slowing down the force of flood water and absorbing large amounts of storm water.
- Wetlands provide many benefits, including food and habitat for fish and wildlife, flood protection, shoreline erosion control, water quality improvement and opportunities for recreation.
- Wetlands filter pollutants from water flowing through them.
- Today less than 10% of the wetlands present in Illinois in the early 1800s remain according to the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources.



Blue Heron

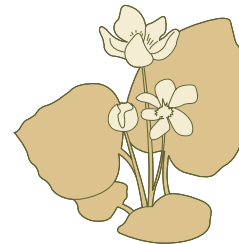
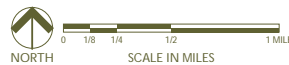


## Wetland Section



## LEGEND

- WAUKEGAN RIVER
- ..... RIVER (UNDERGROUND)
- PUBLIC PARKS
- MAJOR ROAD



Marsh Marigold

