

GREENBELT FOREST PRESERVE

13 YEARS OF
RESTORATION PROGRESS



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Congratulations to Our
2023 EERP Recipients

Excellence in Ecological Restoration Program

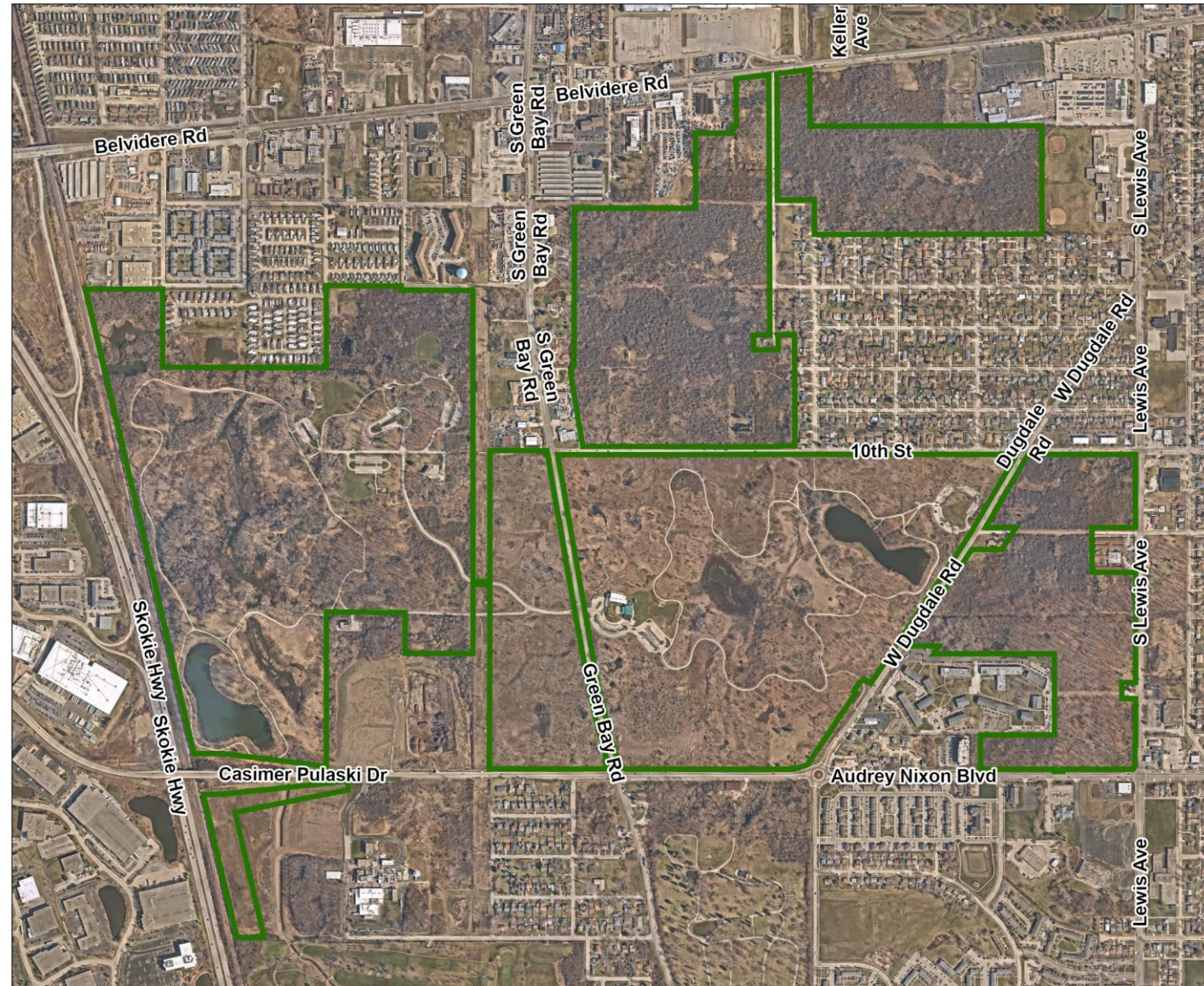
Greenbelt Forest Preserve - Platinum



SITE OVERVIEW

- 595 acres
- Land acquired 1971 → 1992
- Cultural Center completed in 2000
- Chicago River and Lake Michigan Watersheds

2023 Aerial



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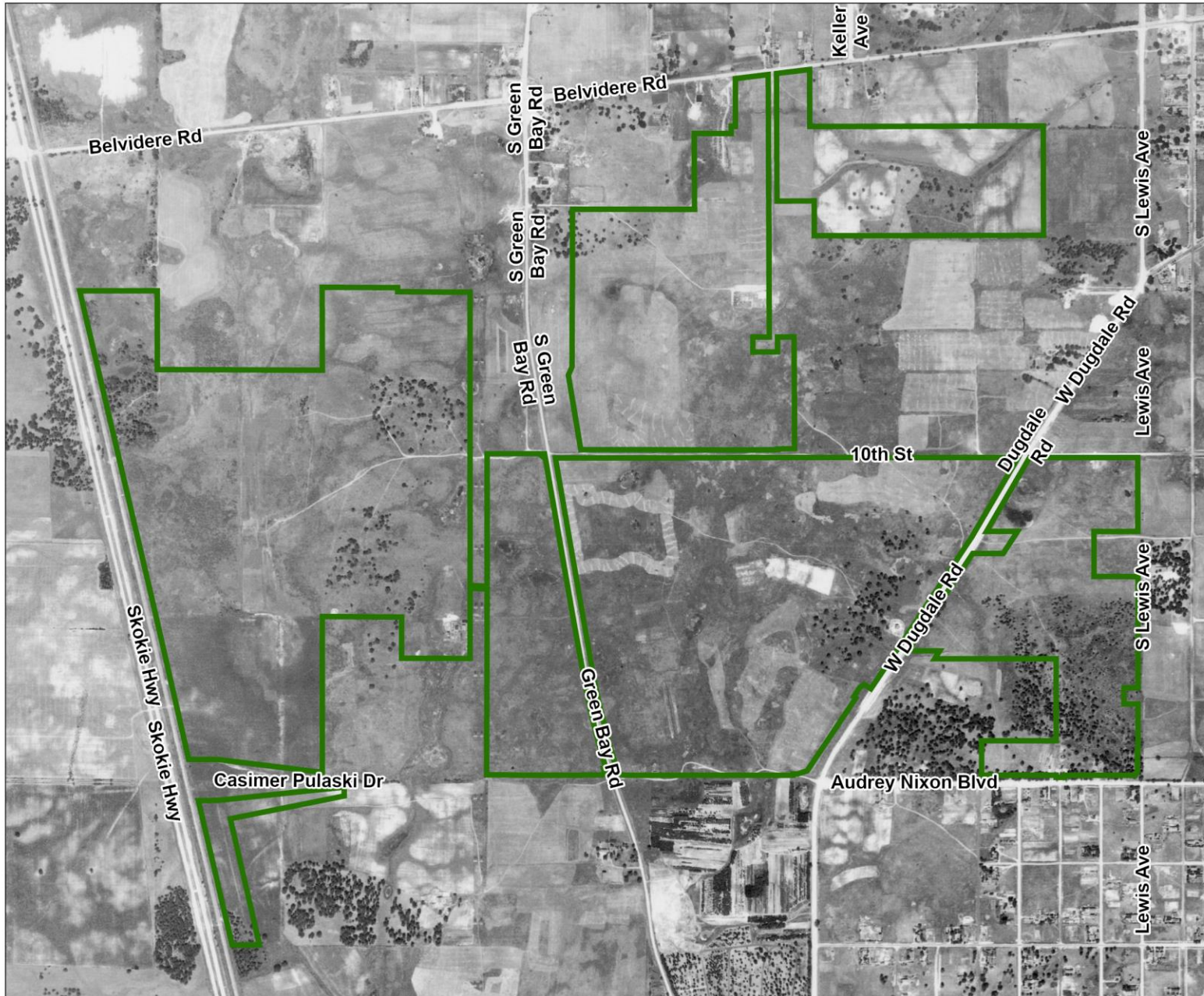
LEGEND

Forest
Preserve
Boundaries



0 500 1,000
Feet

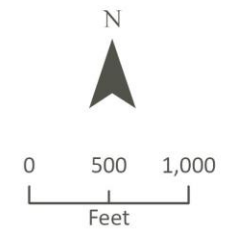
1939 Aerial



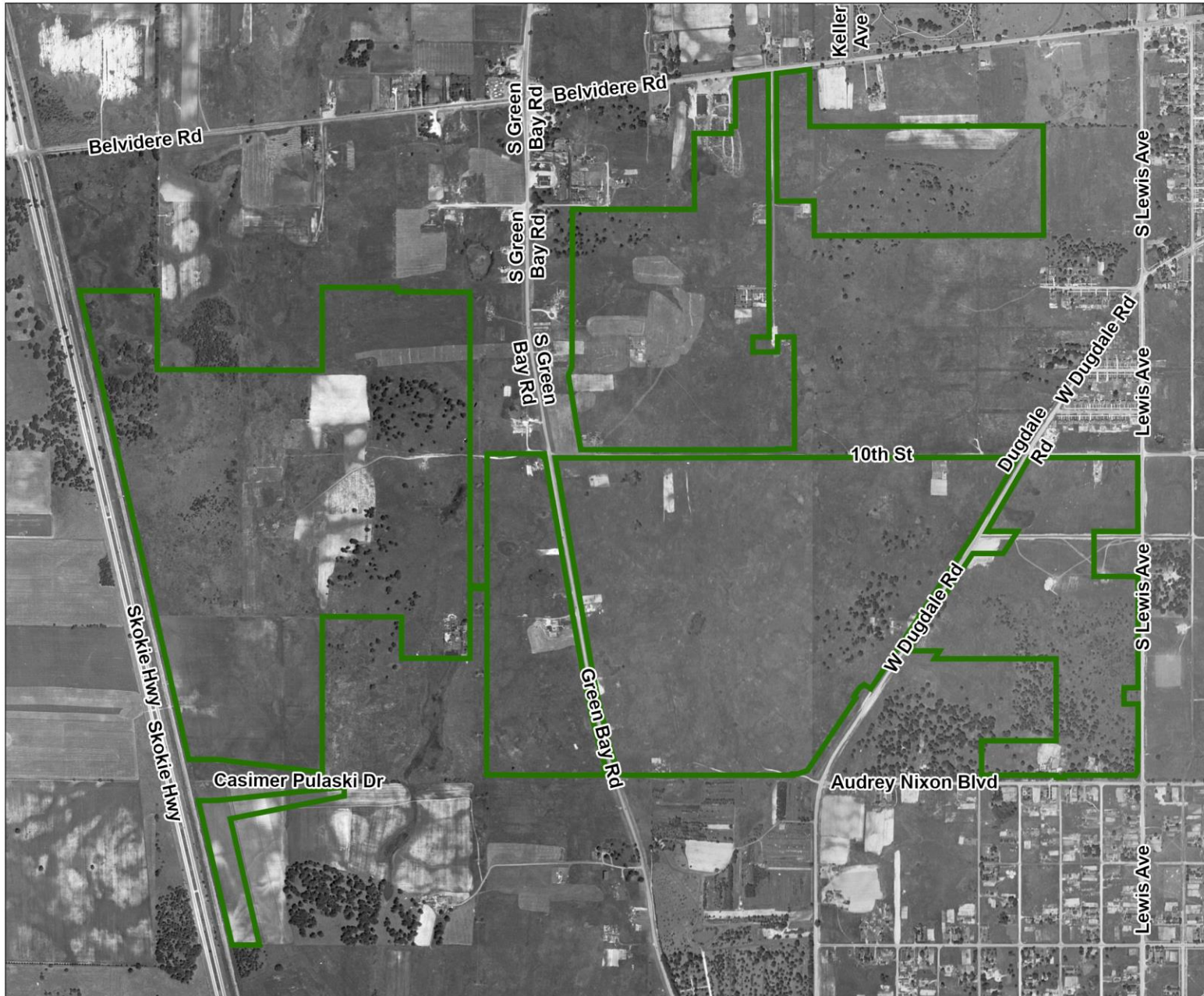
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LEGEND

- Forest Preserve Boundaries



1946 Aerial



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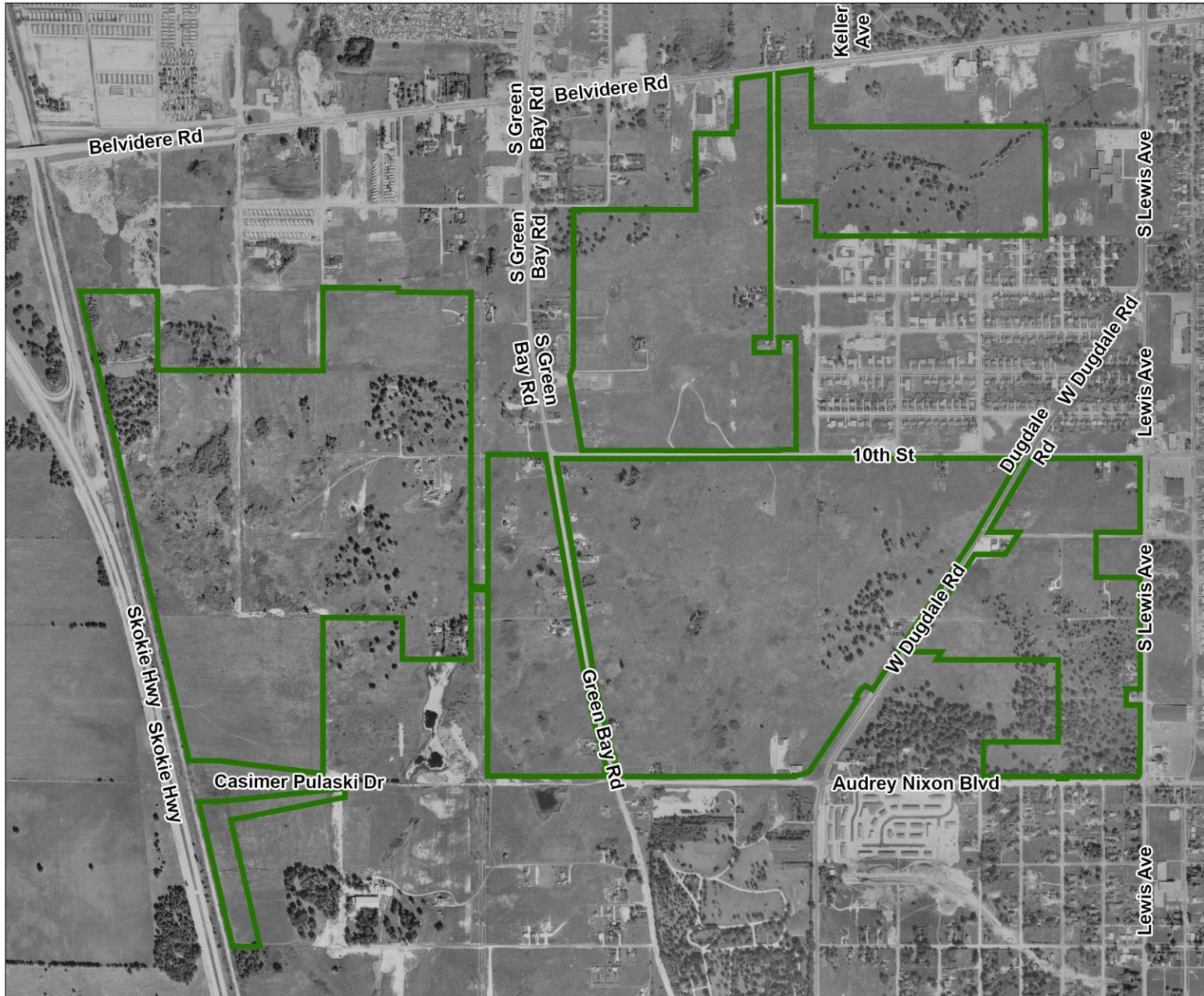
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- Forest
- Preserve
- Boundaries



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Feet

1961 Aerial



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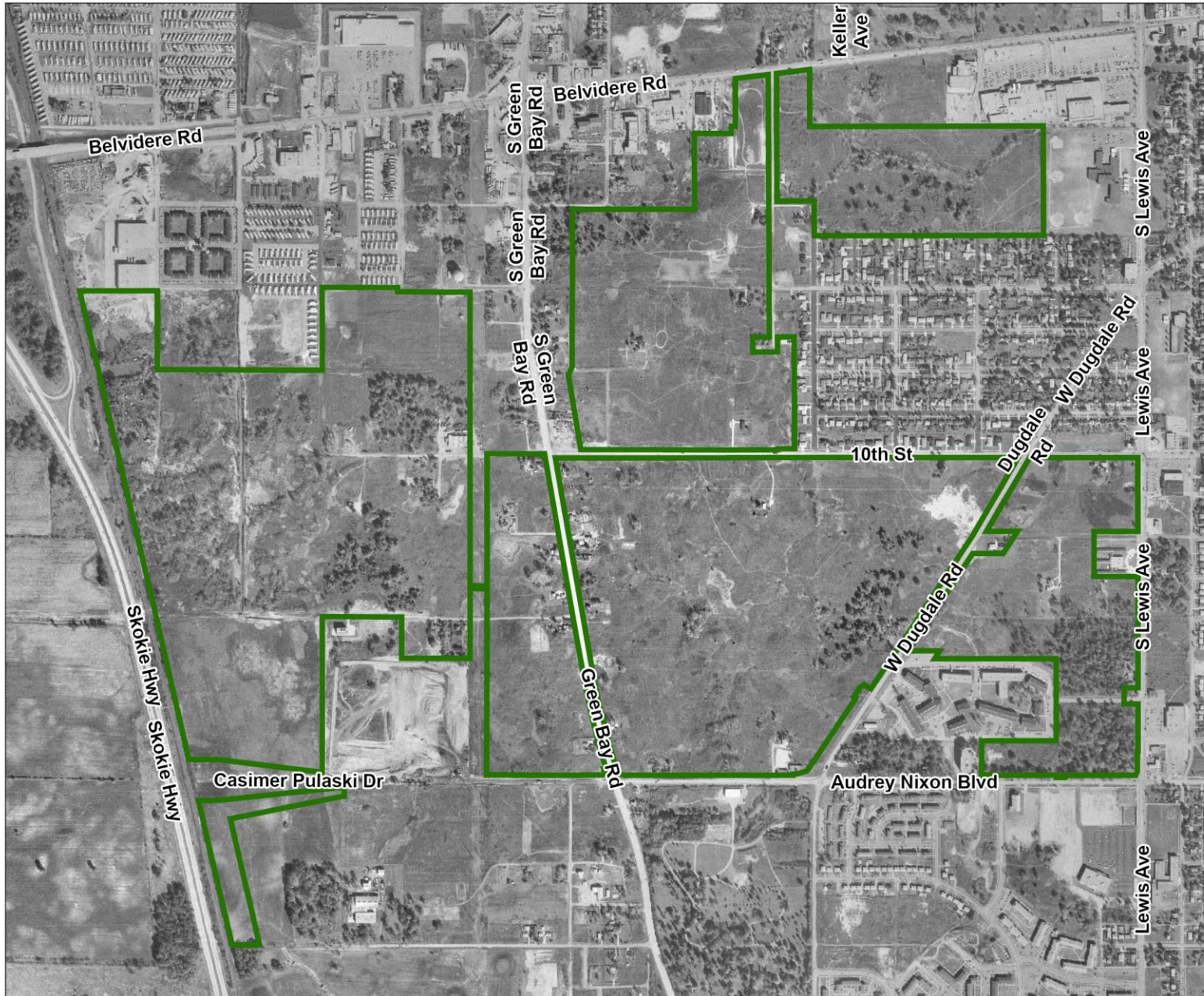
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- Forest Preserve Boundaries



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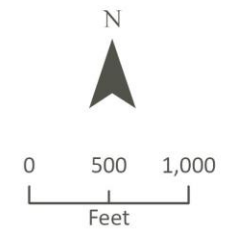
1974 Aerial



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Habitat Classification



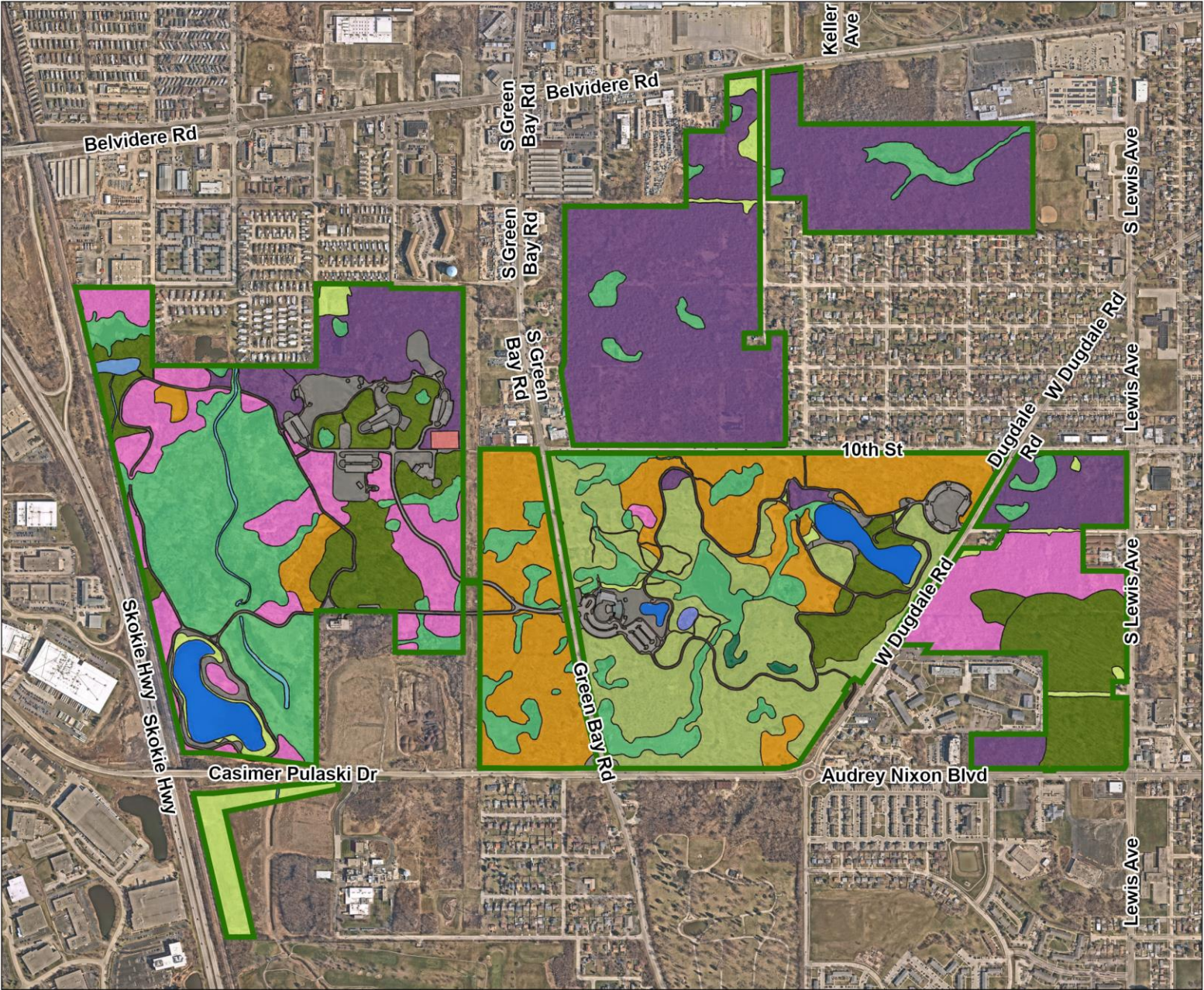
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LEGEND

- Forest Preserve Boundaries
- Cropland
- Cultural Shrub
- Developed Land
- Grass
- Unassociated Woody Growth
- Woodland
- Fine-Textured-Soil Prairie
- Fine-Textured-Soil Shrubland
- Marsh
- Sedge Meadow
- Manmade Lake
- Vernal Pond
- Pond
- Ditch



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Feet



SIGNIFICANT NATURAL FEATURES



~20 ACRES OF REMNANT WET PRAIRIE/SEDGE MEADOW & OAK SAVANNA (3%)

SHRUBLAND BIRD HABITAT/ MIGRATORY BIRD STOPOVER/GREEN SNAKE/
3 state-listed plants and a dozen conservative plant species



BUCKTHORN

97% SITE COVERAGE in 2010



Our Funding Sponsors



Since 2010, the District has received \$704,000 from grants and matched with at least \$865,000 towards restoration.



SUSTAIN OUR
GREATLAKES



RESTORATION CHALLENGES



CONTROLLED BURNING



DEER POPULATION



INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL



SEEDING



NATIVE SHRUB PLANTING



RESPROUT CONTROL CHALLENGES



Volunteers and Audubon Great Lakes

Since 2019, over 2,000 volunteer stewardship hours



Thank you! Questions?



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