CITY OF TACOMA PASSIVE OPEN SPACE

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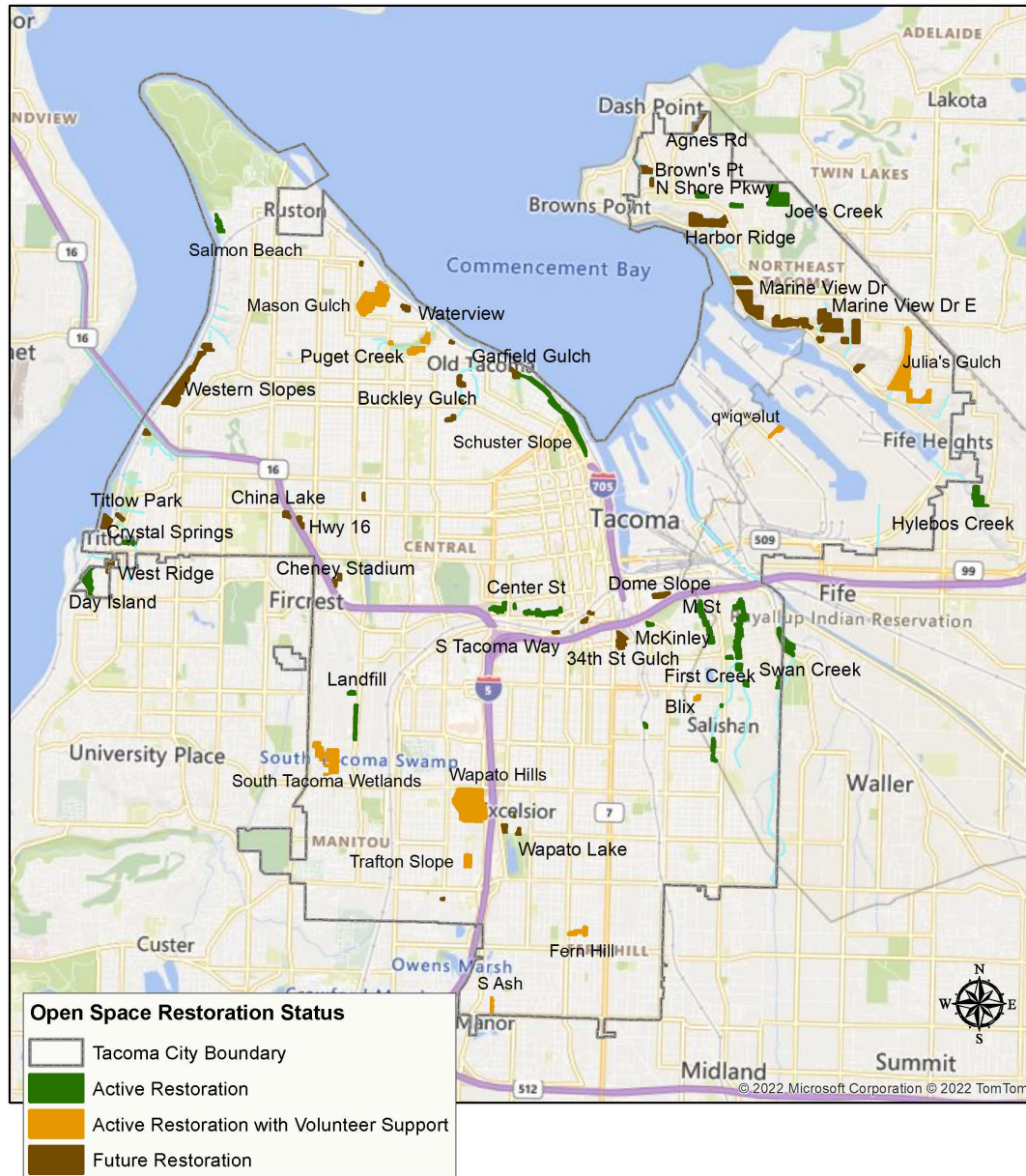
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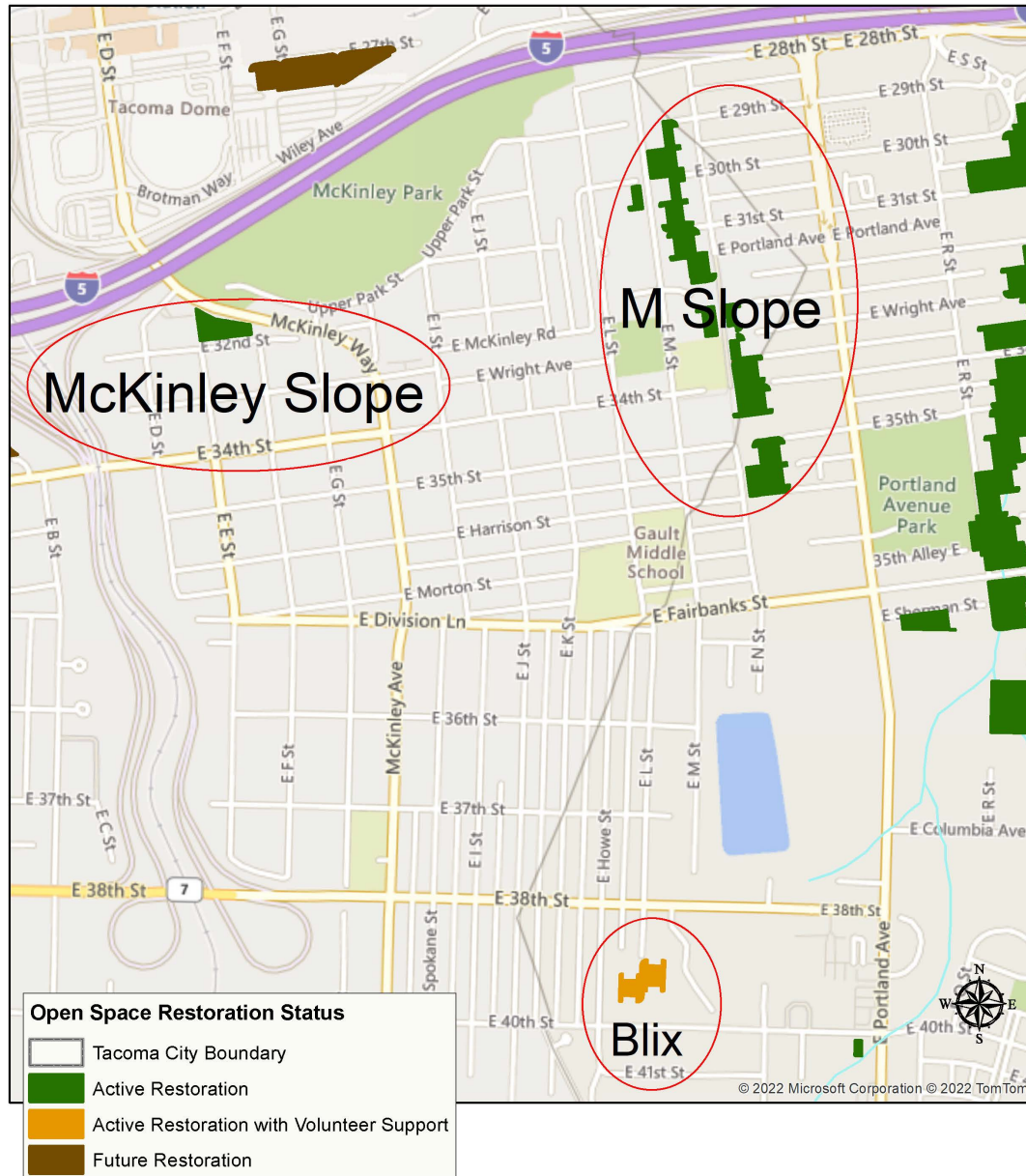
- Natural "wild" areas
- Forests & wetlands
- 45 urban sites
- ~488 acres
- Program began in 2014

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Open Space Restoration Status

- ☐ Tacoma City Boundary
- ■ Active Restoration
- ■ Active Restoration with Volunteer Support
- ■ Future Restoration

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Benefits of Urban Forests

- ☐ Slows, retains, and filters stormwater
- ☐ Tree roots stabilize soils on steep slopes and help prevent erosion
- ☐ Provide wildlife habitat

Volunteers are Critical to Restoration Success

☐ Partner with Forterra to manage volunteers
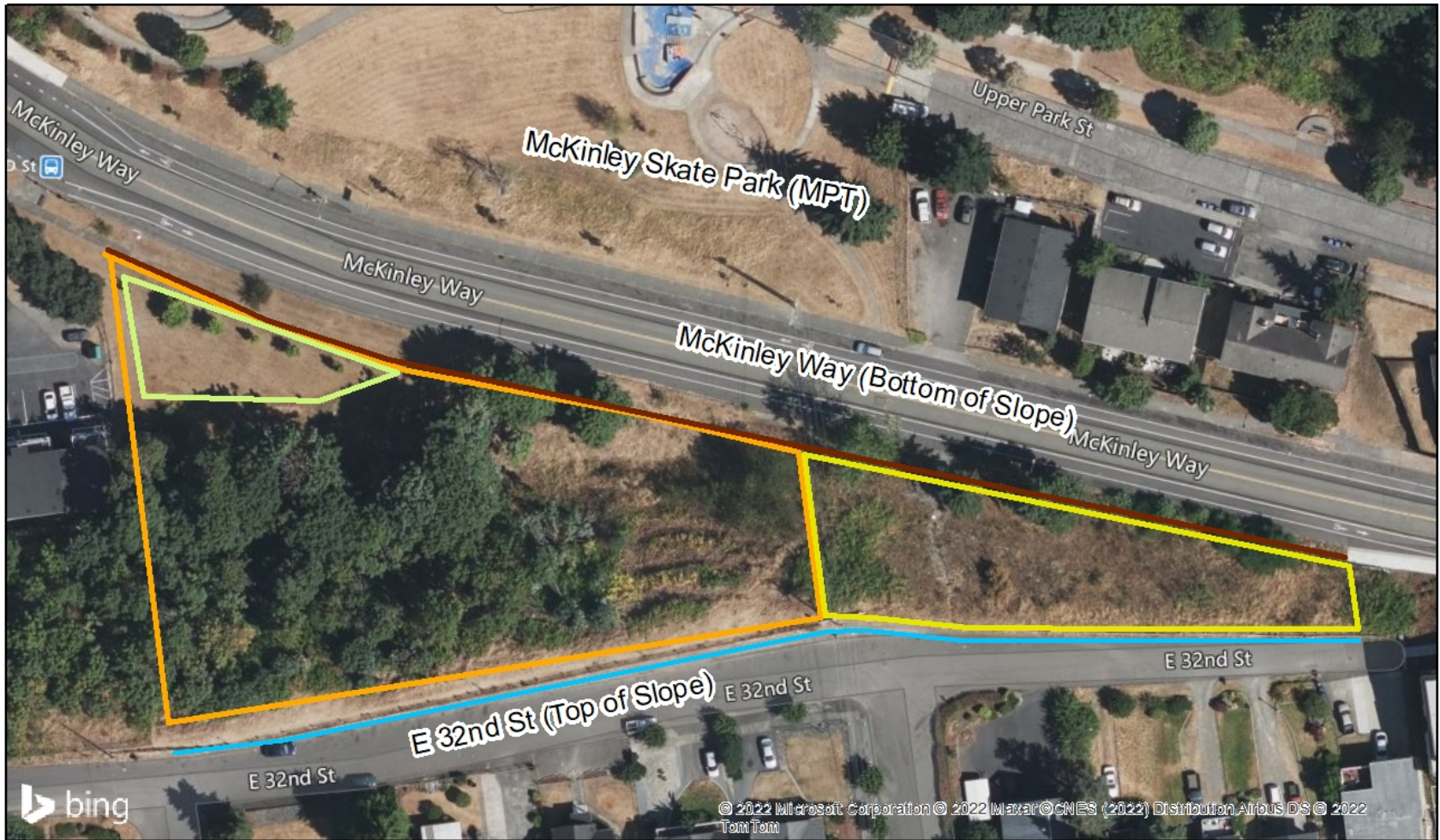
☐ Looking for stewards at M Slope and Blix

McKinley Slope

McKinley Slope Passive Open Space

City Owned Right-of-Way Restored in 2021

2021 Restoration Area

City Owned Passive Open Space to be Restored in 2022

Adopt-a-Spot Litter Pickup

Future Split-Rail Fence

☐ Tree Topping
☐ Litter at top and bottom of slope
☐ Mechanical work on cars at bottom of slope

McKinley Slope Restoration Area

The City of Tacoma's Environmental Services Department is working to protect and restore this 1 acre open space to benefit people and the environment.

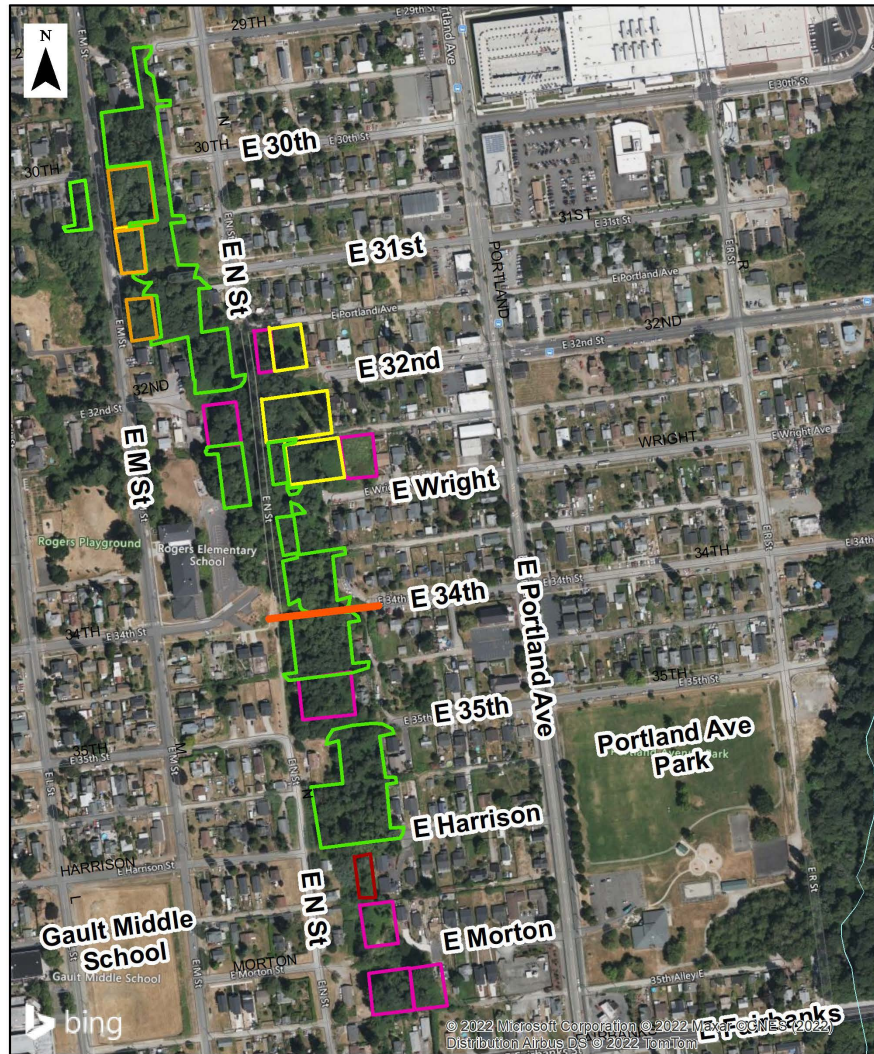Restoration improves water quality, air quality and neighborhood pride.

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No littering or dumping garbage, yard waste or landscape debris. These actions are subject to fines, court fees and restoration costs. Call 311 to report littering and illegal dumping.

☐Need Adopt-a-Spot volunteer litter pick–up at the bottom

M Slope Passive Open Space Properties

COT Passive Open Space Property
Puyallup Tribe Property
Private Property
Beckford Property
Pierce County Property
Stairs

470   235   0   470 Feet

Encampments at M Slope

- ❑ WCC crews cannot work near encampments
- ❑ Volunteer work parties unsafe

In 2021, the Purple Bag Pilot Began & an ES Homeless Outreach Coordinator was Hired

- ❑ Clean up costs in 2021 almost $18,000
- ❑ Costs almost cut in half during the purple bag pilot
- ❑ Numerous unsheltered persons connected with services in 2021& 2022
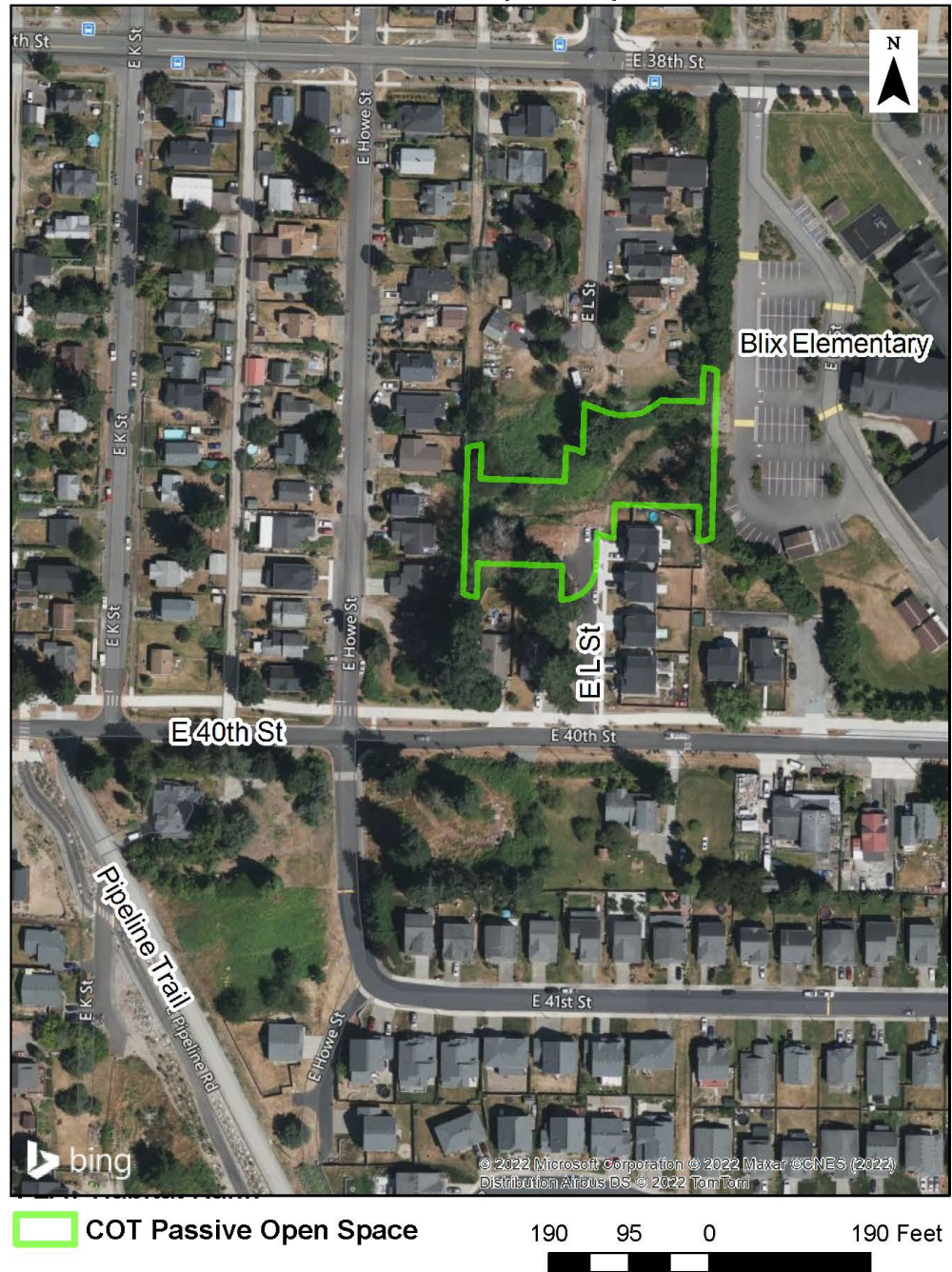
M Slope Restoration Work 2021

M Slope Ideas

- Volunteer restoration program on flat areas
- Work with tribe to develop a joint long-term restoration plan
- Develop a foraging trail along E. N St and any new paths/walkways that are installed to replace the steps (there is currently no plan to replace the steps).
- Install signage identifying the significance of certain plants to the tribe in both English and Lushootseed.

- Volunteers have restored a significant portion of site
- Habitat steward needed
- Volunteer work party Sat, June 25th from 9-noon (see Forterra website to sign up)
- Close to pipeline trail and Blix Elementary.

Blix Passive Open Space

COT Passive Open Space

190   95   0   190 Feet

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