



## Our Central Park Vision

The map above shows the Central Park property (#7) on Denman Road and the various conservation and Crown blocks that make a chain of lands all the way from the middle of the Island up to Chickadee Lake. DCA's goal of protecting all of these parcels is what we are calling our Central Park Vision. The total acreage shown in the blocks outlined in red is a little less than 800 acres, comparable with the area of Central Park in New York City.

In our vision all this land should ultimately be conserved for nature and some recreational use. At present a small part of the Crown land (block #4 adjacent to Inner Island Nature Reserve) is zoned for conservation – it was donated to the Crown for that purpose – but the two larger blocks (#1 and #2 on the map) are not so protected.

Comparing the map above with the PAN map prepared by Silva Ecological Consultants we see that Central Park, having within it the headwaters of the Graveyard Marsh, provides the main network linkage between the northern and southern parts of the Island. As well, one of its other wetlands connects it to the

Beadnell Creek drainage that flows down to Fillongly Park.

To the northwest the Central Park Vision includes Chickadee Lake, which DCA tried hard to purchase but was unable to reach agreement on a price with 4064 Investments. Although the western shore (block #3) is protected, the eastern shoreline remains in private hands.

The connection of all these blocks of land provides an opportunity to establish walking trails that will stretch from the Old School to Winter Wren Wood on the shore of Chickadee Lake.



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