

Determining amphibian  
presence in constructed  
stormwater ponds  
throughout Gresham, Oregon  
using community science

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Why amphibians?



Why community science?



Why constructed ponds?



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# Species of Interest



*Ambystoma macrodactylum*



*Pseudacris regilla*



*Ambystoma gracile*



*Rana aurora*





# 2008

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<b>Pond</b>	<b>RAAU</b>	<b>PSRE</b>	<b>AMMA</b>	<b>AMGR</b>
Border Way	X	X	X	
Wonderview	X	X		
Powell Loop		X		
Gresham Woods	X	X		
Dowsett Ditch		X		
Fairview		X		
Kelly Creek	X	X		

# 12 Year Changes

- Semi-rare frog species persisting in constructed stormwater ponds
- Finding more species with consistent egg mass surveys
- Constructed stormwater ponds are attractive habitat for amphibians

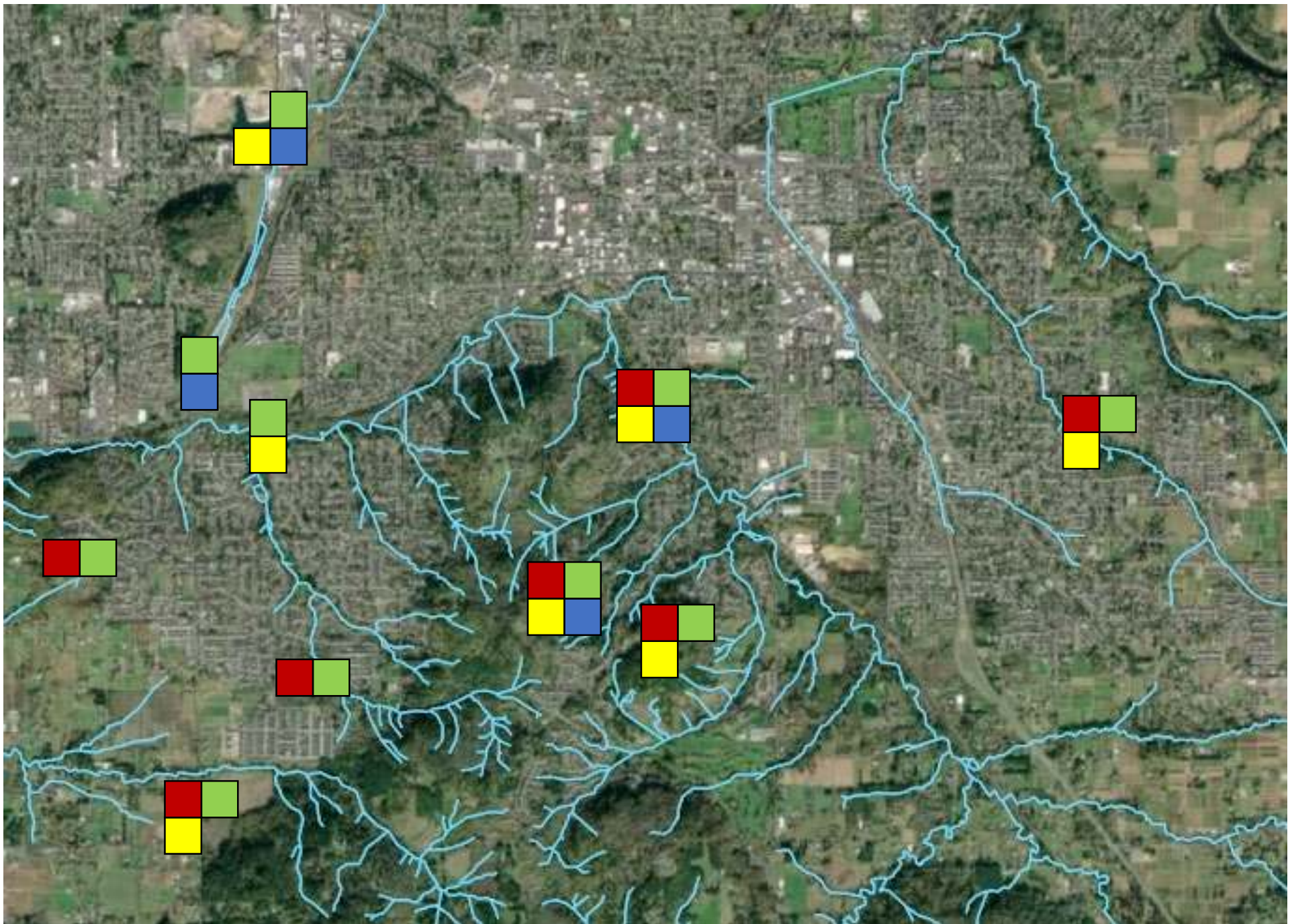
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Red – 2008 only

Green – 2020 only

Black – both





# New Ponds and New Surveys

<b>Pond</b>	<b>RAAU</b>	<b>PSRE</b>	<b>AMMA</b>	<b>AMGR</b>
Brookside (5yrs old)	X	X	X	
Gabbert Butte (found 2yrs ago)	X	X	X	X
Hogan Butte (3yrs old)	X	X	X	



















# More questions...

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- Why aren't we finding the same species in the same ponds 12 years later?
- Are constructed stormwater ponds providing breeding habitat out of necessity?
- Are we constructing stormwater ponds that have more attractive vegetation, connectivity to upland habitat, and depth than naturally occurring ponds?



# Thank you!

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All of you!