

Pages on Sandy Lake (Bedford Nova Scotia)

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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SURVEY

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DESCRIPTION OF THE INTRINSIC VALUES IN THE

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AROUND

GREATER HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH

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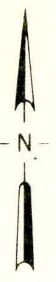
Sandy Lake

Location - To the north of Hammonds Plains Road and one-half mile from the Bicentennial interchange.

Intrinsic Value

Sandy Lake is probably one of the finest fresh water lakes in the Halifax-Dartmouth area. It is surrounded by gently rolling hills rising to 75 and 100 feet, offering excellent views of the lake. The forest cover varies from dense to semi-open mixed stands of various ages. Mature white pine, hemlock, spruce, maple, birch and beech are common, with elderberry and wild cherry in the clearings. The shoreline is regular, varying from smooth rubble to a sandy beach. Investigations showed water depths of 63 feet in the northern end of the lake. The fishery in the lake is being investigated. The outlet stream follows a fast rocky course down to Marsh Lake which is in marked contrast to Sandy Lake. One-half of Marsh Lake is less than five feet deep and is filled with aquatic vegetation. The western end is basin shaped with a maximum depth of 20 feet and has one old, active

SACKVILLE RIVER



MARSH
LAKE

SANDY
LAKE

LEGEND

PROPOSED MULTIPURPOSE
PARK, APPROX. 400 ACRES

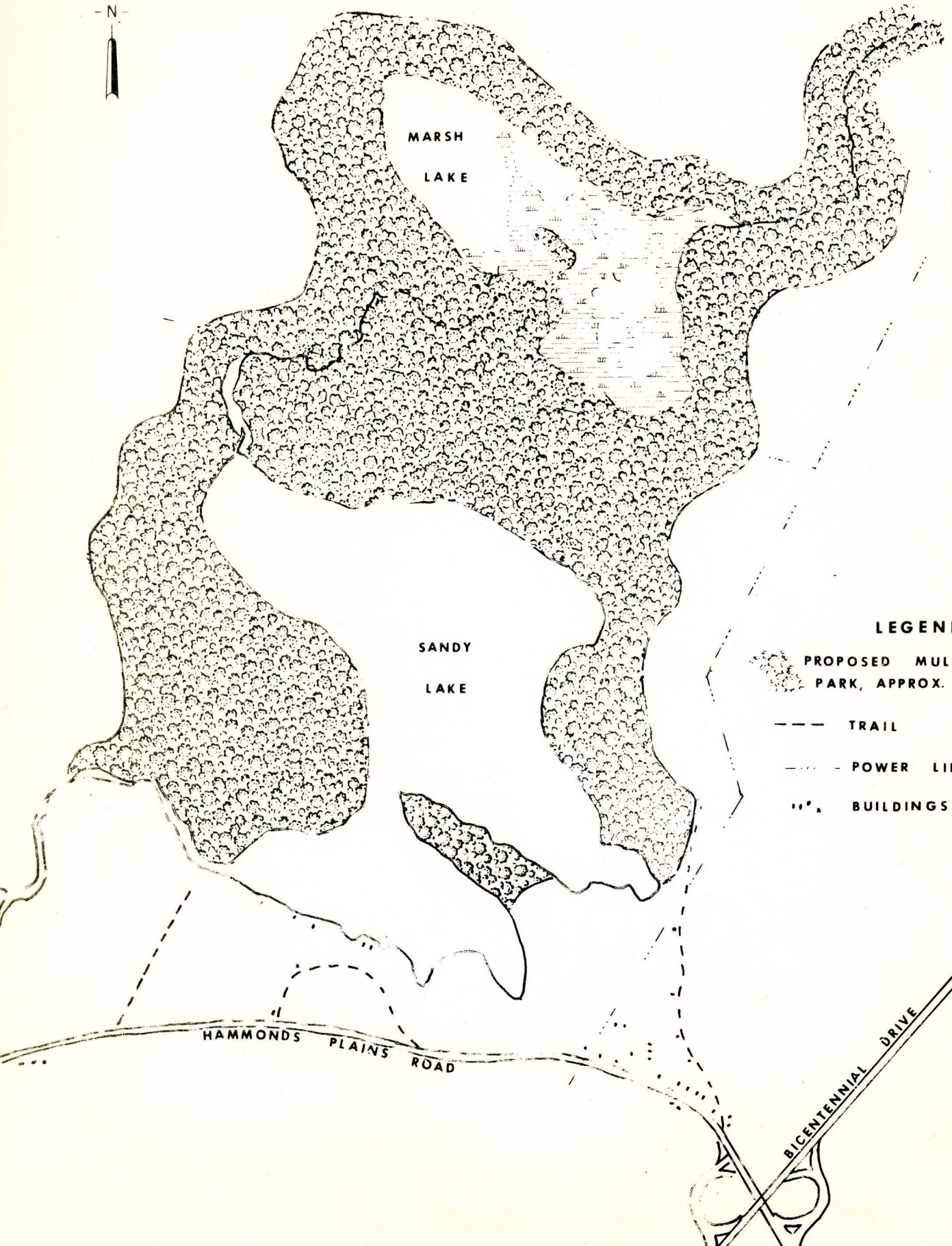
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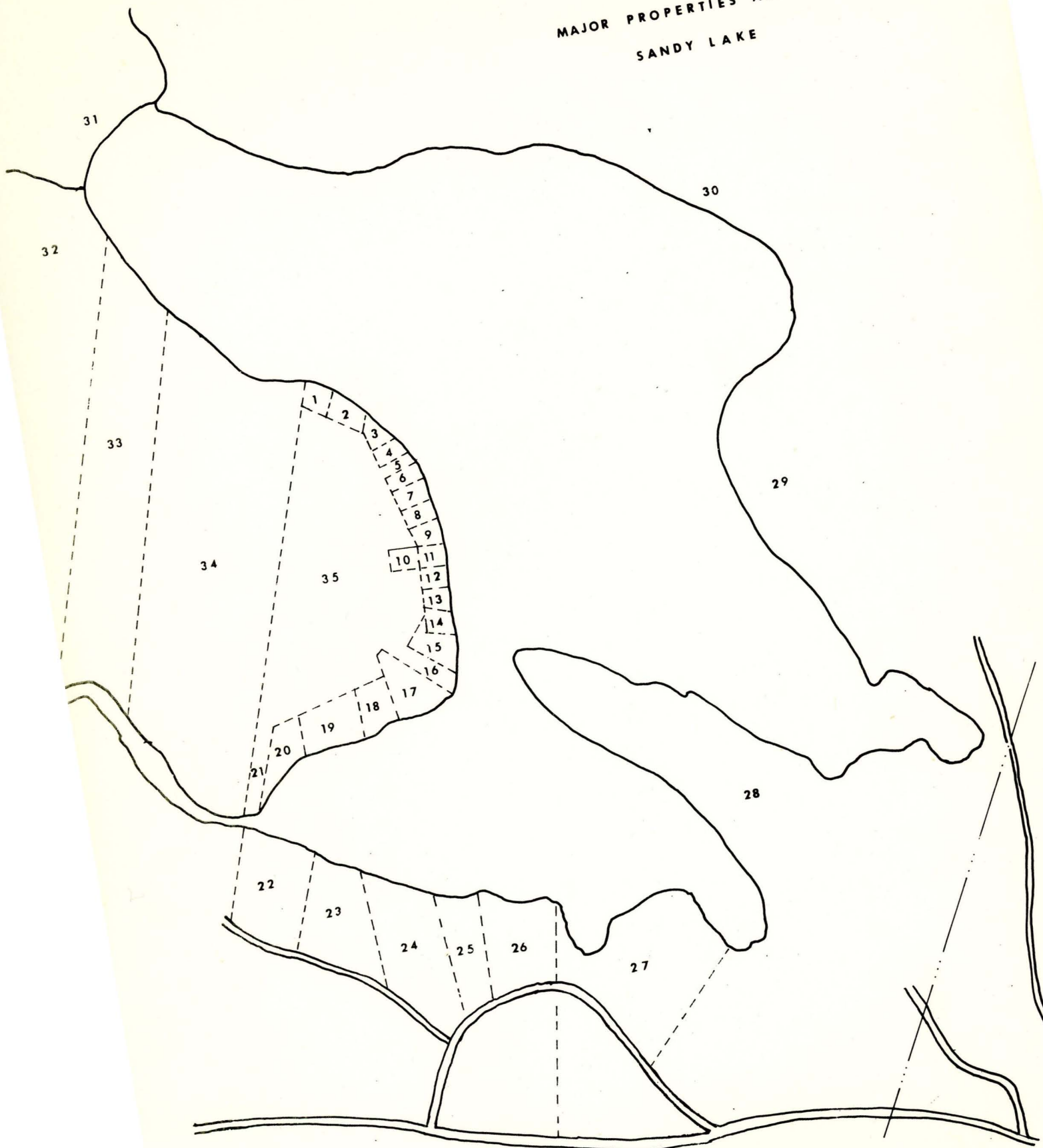
••• BUILDINGS

HAMMONDS PLAINS ROAD

BICENTENNIAL DRIVE



SKETCH MAP SHOWING
MAJOR PROPERTIES AROUND
SANDY LAKE



Partial list of property owners around Sandy Lake.

Property number	Owner
1	Charles L. Scott
2	Evie and Gisele Keirstead
3	Douglas and Audrey Lauder
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5	Right of way
6	Mrs. Catherine Fisher
7	Charles L. Scott
8	Charles L. Scott
9	John E. Merritt
10	Melbourne H. Sarty
11	Melbourne H. Sarty
12	Sylvia A. Ireland
13	Myles Boutilier
14	Bert Giles
15	Harding F. Giles
16	Right of way
17	Emmett and Bell
18	J.J. Barr
19	Thornton
20	L. Duggan
21	Right of way - 50 feet
22	Mrs. Elizabeth O'Leary
23	Mrs. Francis E. Chaulk
24	Unknown
25	Francis Emmett
26	Roy M. Giles (Leo Duggan ?)
27	Scotia Investment
28	Elizabeth McClettan Estate - 75 acres approx.
29	Windsor Road Lots - Heirs of Wilfred H. Smith
30	John Greenman - 80 acres approx.
31	Pender
32	Frank Pender
33	Foster
34	Walter Giles
35	Alice M. Giles

beaver lodge. One pair of common loons with a single downy young were seen at the time of survey. The surroundings of Marsh Lake are similar to those of Sandy Lake, the two together forming an interesting and picturesque unit. The outlet from Marsh Lake forms a natural link with the Sackville River. The lakes and river system form an attractive and challenging canoe route when the water levels are high in the spring.

Suggested Developments

Approximately 400 acres have been outlined around Sandy and Marsh Lakes. Since this lake and its surroundings comprise one of the finest landscape units around the metro area, a large parcel of land has been suggested to protect the lake from adverse development and so that public access and use may be assured. This lake was designated Class 3 for recreation on the Canada Land Inventory Recreation Capability Survey and as such received the highest rating of any inland site around the metro area. The 400 acres could be developed as a multi-purpose park encompassing a wide range of activities that would serve the enlarged future communities including such areas as Glen Moir, Bedford and Sackville. If properly planned, the area could accommodate nature reserves, quiet open spaces, camping and picnic grounds, a riding school and trails, a cultural

centre, or other types of recreational activities. This area, like many others in the immediate vicinity of Halifax-Dartmouth, should be reserved immediately for public use before it is irreparably damaged by adverse developments or permanently lost to public use because of exorbitant costs. Options should be negotiated on the land now. Our preliminary investigations have indicated that some property owners are willing to sell. Since the land need not be developed immediately, considerable flexibility is available in bargaining with the owners. It should be emphasized that this is a prime park land - nature reserve site in an excellent landscape setting.