

Coastal Connections:
Exploring the Biology, Ecology, and
Geology of the Wild Mile's Intertidal
Zone



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The Wild Mile is located on the unceded, traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəyʼəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Peoples. We aim to incorporate Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) into our work as we learn more about the local biodiversity, geology, and ecology of the Wild Mile.

This project is part of our Environmental Science Capstone Course (EVSC 400) Final Project.

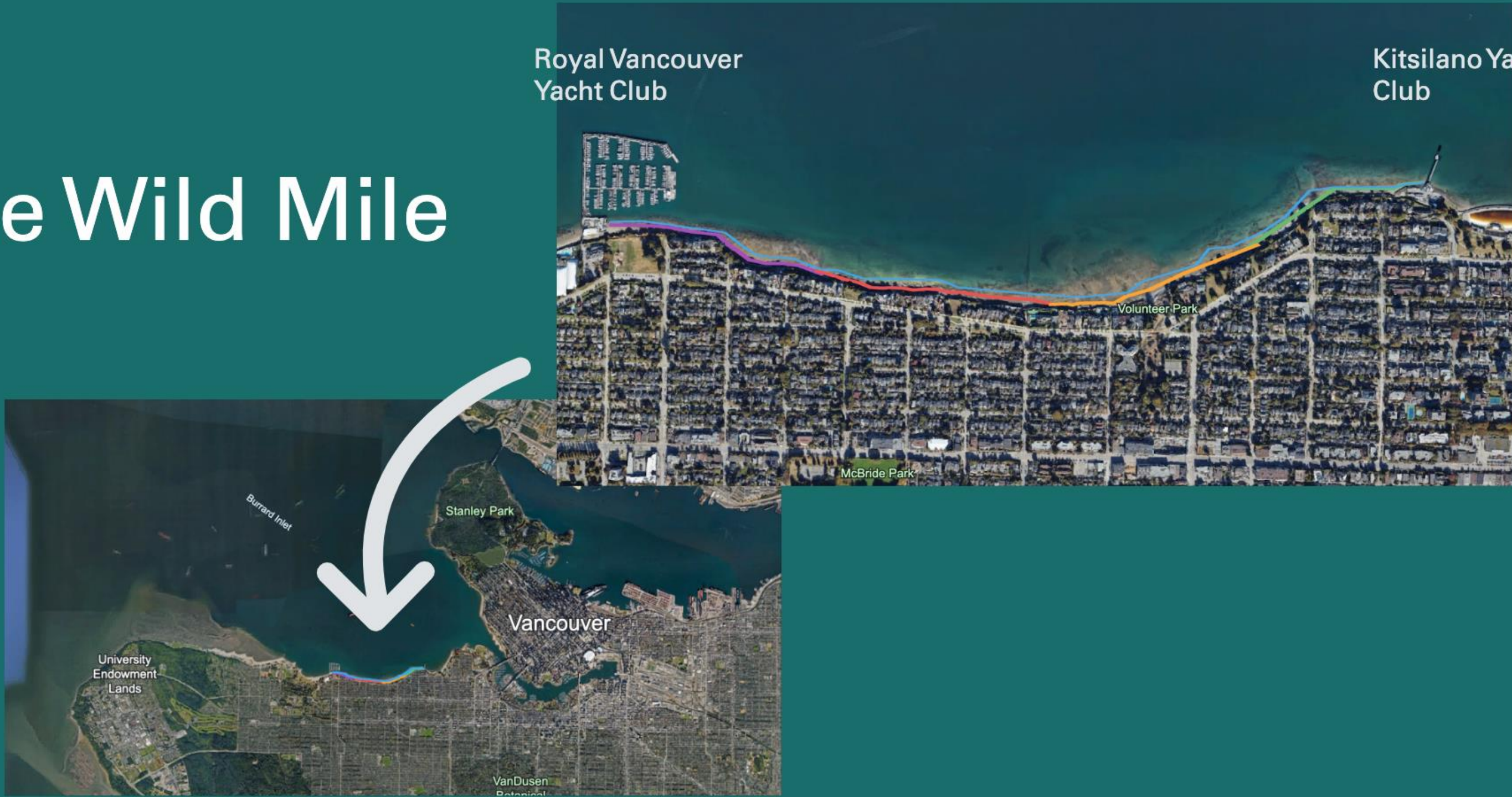
The Wild Mile is a rocky stretch of coastline in a highly developed area of English Bay. With lots of traffic in the bay and on shore, the quality of intertidal habitat here may be diminishing from anthropogenic activities.

We are working with the City of Vancouver to provide baseline data about the following for this intertidal zone:

- Biodiversity
- Intertidal habitat structure
- Role in the blue economy

We will also suggest management strategies to better manage rocky intertidal zones.


The Wild Mile





(Hippmann, 2024)


How do geological processes and biological communities
shape the ecosystem dynamics of the Wild Mile’s intertidal
environments?

Flora and Fauna


Species abundance, distribution, diversity


Invasive species hotspots


Potential competition for resources


Habitat degradation

Grain Size Distribution

Rock type and size

Diverse microhabitats

Ecological niches and resources

Natural coastal protection



Objectives

- GIS map of grain size distribution
- Inventory of flora and fauna
- Literature review
- Policy Brief

Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)

This area is culturally significant for the nations that have lived here for generations. Native flora and fauna plays a significant cultural role in traditional practices, ceremony, and identity. For this reason, we believe that it is important to integrate TEK into our project to help decolonize our approach to research.


Results

This poster was made before we had any results, rather this focuses on methods and objectives.

However, ask us about our results! We are happy to share.

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