

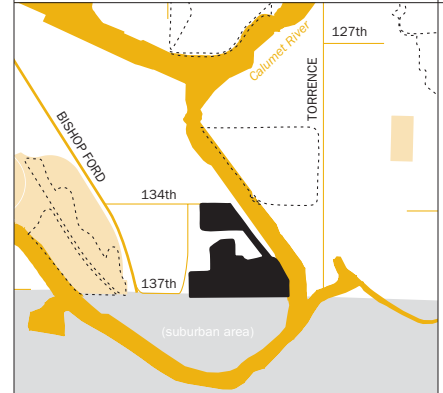
Elegant white egrets and gangly blue herons can be seen feeding around the edges of the open water at O'Brien Lock Marsh **1**. The marsh itself is dominated by cattails, and is fairly impenetrable. The 11-acre pond and the marsh itself were probably at one point an eddy in the channel of the Calumet River, which is only a few hundred feet away. But the pond's rectangular shape reveal its more recent man-made construction.

To the south lies the remote site of Whitford Pond **3**. Like O'Brien Lock Marsh, it consists of both open water and marshland whose plant list is not of particularly high ecological quality. But it, too, provides habitat for water birds.

Both sites are part of the Calumet Open Space Reserve.

O'BRIEN LOCK MARSH AND WHITFORD POND

Site No 61



13600 SOUTH / 2000 EAST



O'Brien Lock Marsh and Whitford Pond

Nº 61



ADDRESS 13600 S Crandon Ave
 OWNER Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
 ACREAGE 87.40

HABITATS
1 3 Wetland
2 Potential Habitat

DIRECTIONS O'Brien Lock Marsh is easily viewed from the road, but getting on the site is more difficult. Turn off 130th Street at the sign for Thomas J. O'Brien Lock & Dam, directly west of the bridge over the Calumet River. Turn right before the lock & dam entrance. The marsh is on the left. Whitford Pond is inaccessible.

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