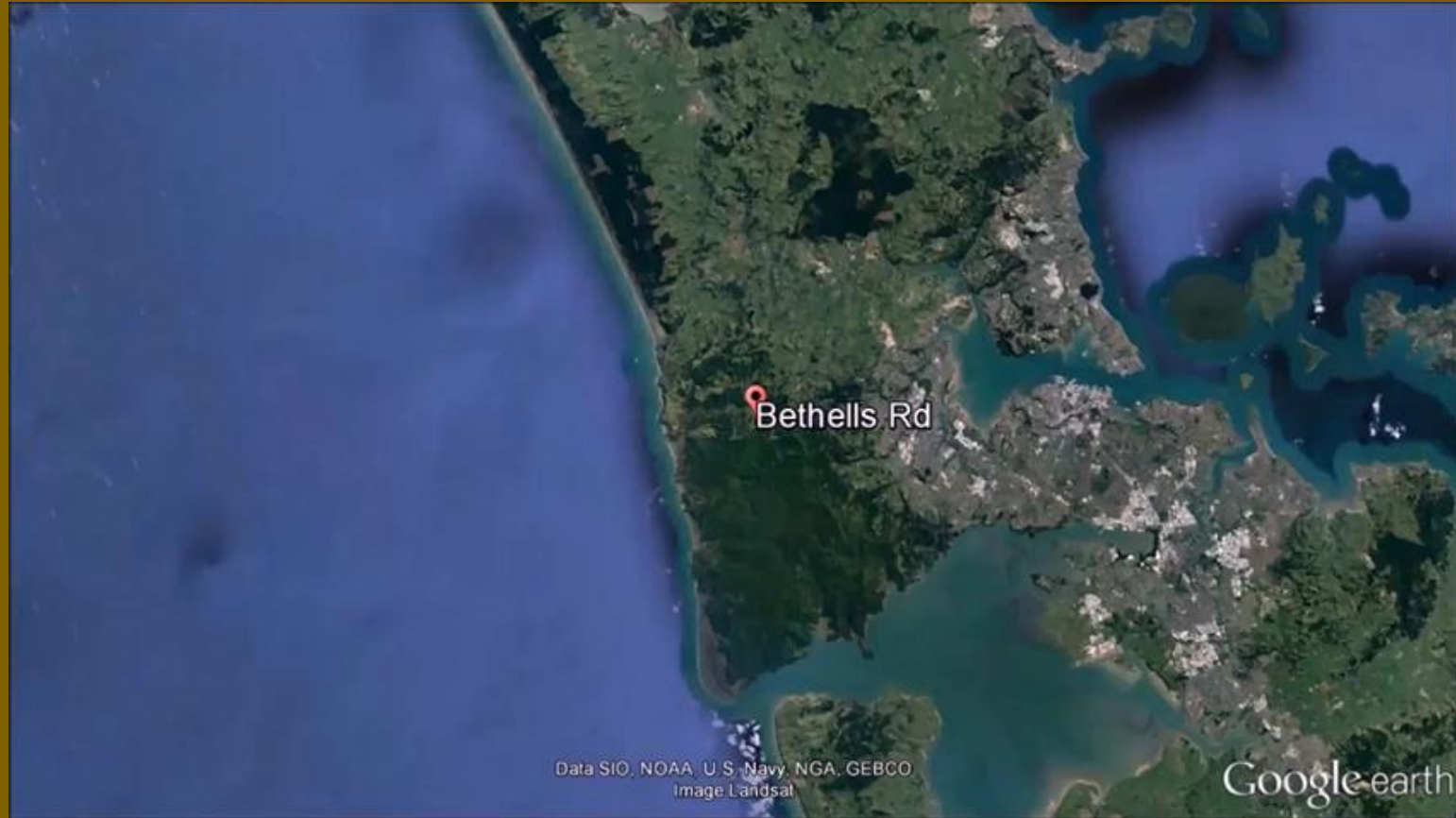


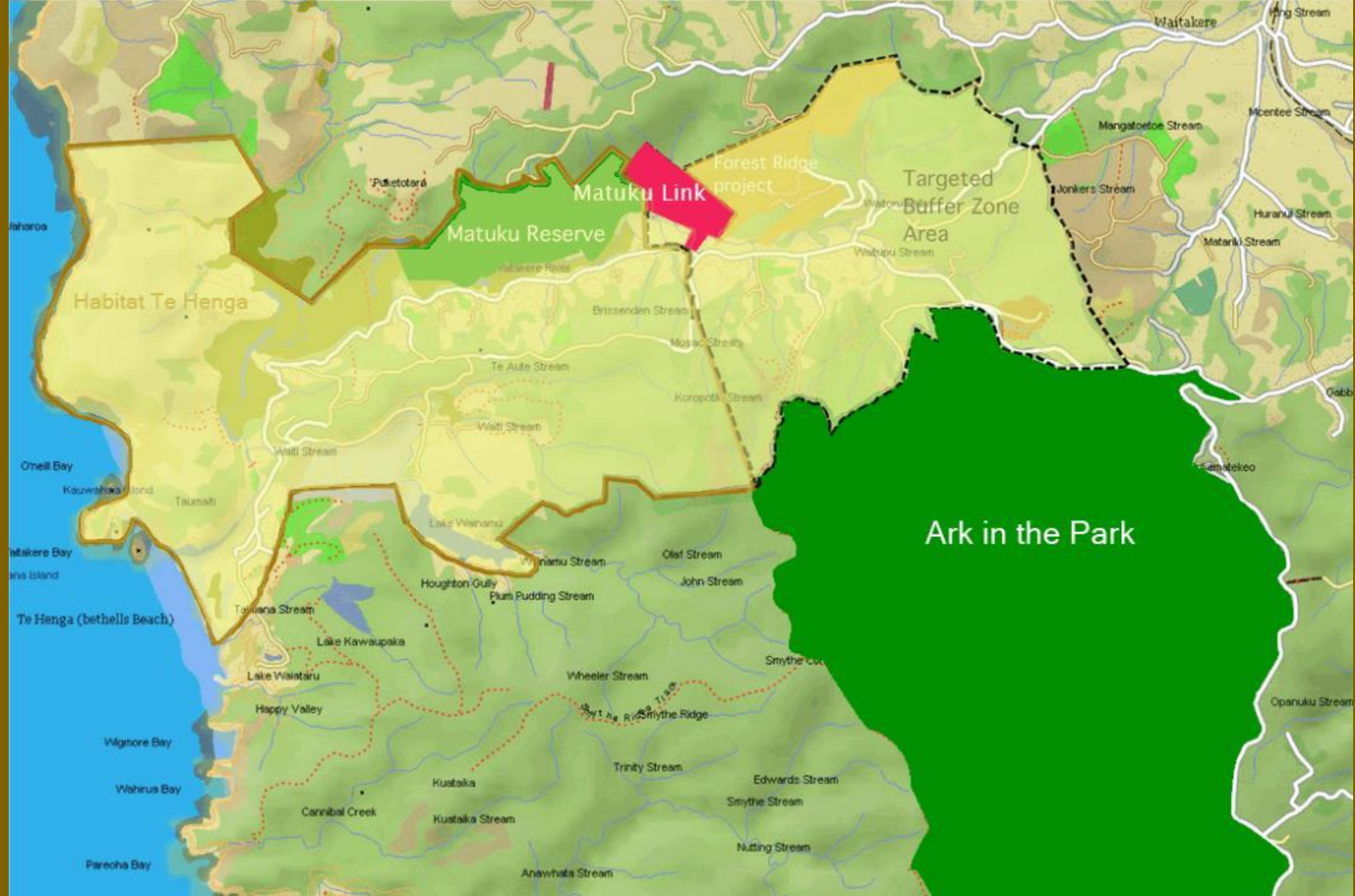
Matuku Link

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Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO
Image Landsat

Google earth



What does \$2 million get you?

- - 37 hectares of bush and wetland
- - one house
- - one barn



How did we get \$2.04 million?

- \$300k Nature Heritage Fund
- \$450k NZ Native Forest Restoration Trust
- \$80k Waitakere Branch Forest & Bird
- \$30k Waitakere Ranges Protection Society
- \$110k private donors through Givalittle

A photograph of a wetland landscape. In the foreground, there are dark, dense reeds and grasses. A winding waterway flows through the middle ground, surrounded by tall, golden-brown grasses. In the background, a forested hill rises under a clear blue sky. The text "Wetland & linkage" is overlaid in the center in a bold, yellow font.

Wetland & linkage









The nursery



The barn



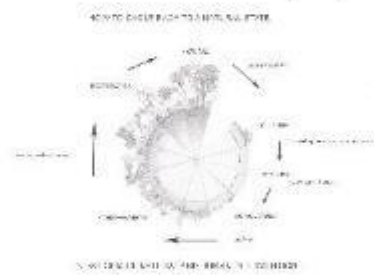
Our future -

*Sustainable Wetland
Education Centre*

With an accessible toilet,
kitchenette, office and
storage space and displays







An aerial photograph of a park area. In the center, there is a large, modern glass pavilion with a red roof. To its right is a smaller building with a red roof and white walls. A winding path leads through the park, and there are several benches and trees. The background shows a range of mountains under a clear sky.

Accessible for groups



Almost 3 years old - highlights

- Establishing the nursery – grown thousands of site sourced plants
- Over 10.000 hours of volunteer work
- Completed gridlines of trap and bait lines in Matuku Link and adjacent Matuku Reserve (over 150 hectare)
- Community base for local predator control
- Additional \$ 200,000 in subsequent fundraising



Coming years:

- Finishing the Sustainable Wetland Education Centre in the barn
 - Funding staff / educator
 - Fundraising for and building the accessibility trail (1.6 km) through wetland and bush
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- New build Wetland Education Centre as self funding enterprise

A photograph of three ducks swimming in a pond. The ducks are brown and grey, with one duck in the foreground looking towards the left. The water is dark blue with ripples, and there are green plants and leaves in the background. A semi-transparent yellow box is overlaid on the top left of the image.

Thank you!

Do come and see us.
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