



HISTORIC AERIAL PHOTOS

The City has recently acquired a series of aerial photos of the eastern half of what is now Rivergrove, from 1936 through 1991. The photos were taken by the US Army Corps of Engineers and are fascinating!

If you'd like to download them, here is a link:

<http://dl.dropbox.com/u/59783208/1253%20corps%20aerials.zip>

This link may not be permanently active, so download soon! The files are very large; each photo is approximately 20MB in size, so downloading could take a few minutes. The folder is zipped, so after downloading, it will need to be unzipped before the files are available. If you have a PC, open Windows Explorer, find the downloaded file and click on Extract All.

[If you are unable to download the free photos from the link, a DVD containing the photos is available from the City Manager at a cost of \$10.]

Some of the photos are upside down, with north at the bottom, and these should be rotated. You can generally find the correct orientation by looking for a few identifying features:

- Childs Road is straight and very clear, running horizontally in all the photos.
- Sycamore and Pilkington are also clearly visible in all photos
- The Tualatin River can be seen, with parts of the city of Tualatin to the south.
- The old oxbow of the river (the Tualatin floodway) is a bare swath in the early shots that runs from southwest to northeast, through the area that is now our new park. In later photos, more vegetation covers it.
- The old Pilkington Nursery is visible from Dawn and Pilkington, south to the river and east. (See the article about Nursery also on the Rivergrove website.)

We thank *Assessment Associates Environmental Consulting* for providing these amazing photos. While they do not cover the entire city, perhaps someone in the western half of Rivergrove would like to purchase a similar range of photos from the Corps (this set cost \$55 total) and make a donation to the archives, so that photos of the rest of the city could be made available.

Enjoy!