

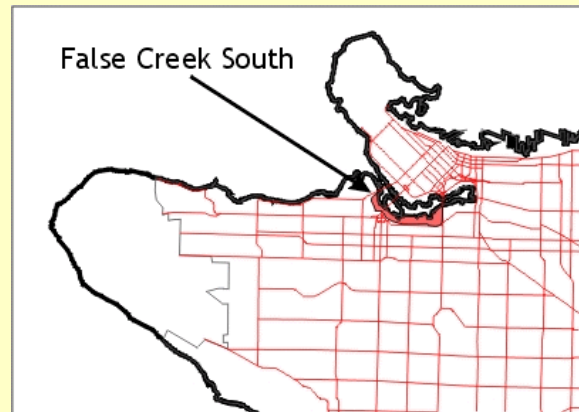
False Creek South

Project details: 76 acres on the south shore of False Creek, developed from the early 1980s with low-rise and mid-rise housing. When completed in 1990 there were 2,811 housing units, (with 4,900 residents living here in 2001). Charleston Park, sport facilities, and a shoreline walkway provide 26 acres of open space.

Background: The slopes overlooking False Creek were originally home to shipyards, sawmills, shingle mills, and woodworking plants. The province acquired the land from CPR in 1928, and sold it to the City of Vancouver in 1968 at a time when industrial uses were closing. The City undertook an extensive planning process, and guidelines for redeveloping South False Creek were adopted by City Council in 1973. The City required a range of housing to provide a social mix that reflected the city's income and social composition. At the same time Granville Island was being replanned by the Federal Government for shopping and cultural uses.

The first housing was completed in 1976, and construction continued through to 1990. Just over 50 acres of land were developed, most owned by the City except for two areas to the east (Johnson Terminals), and to the west, which were the last areas to be built. Housing varies from 3 to 6 storeys in the earlier phases of development, and up to 13 storeys in later phases, mostly on sites set further back from the water. In addition 25 acres of parks were created, as well as a network of roads and paths.

Over 275,000 sq ft of commercial space is also incorporated into the area, including a small shopping area at Leg-in-boot Square. Two marinas were developed as part of the project. 1,040 of the housing units are non-market housing, the majority in housing co-ops. There is also a nursing home and a home for the physically handicapped.



Links and Contacts

The City's Evaluation of Social Mix Objectives in False Creek South (2001)
<http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/commsvcs/housing/pdf/fc96replong.pdf>

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