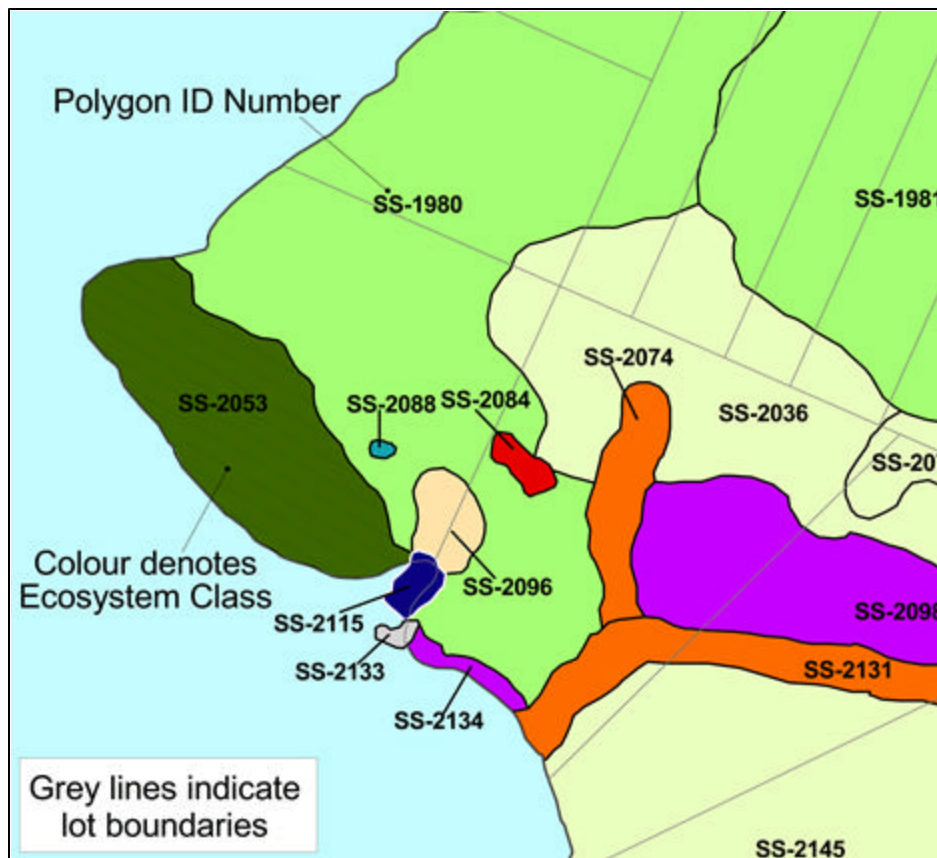


Interpreting the Maps

Each polygon has a colour that represents its ecosystem class. In general, bright colours denote Natural Ecosystems and muted colours denote Modified Ecosystems.

Each polygon also has a number which corresponds to the Table for that island. This table allows you to find out more information such as a polygon's ecosystem class and subclasses and the area (in acres) of the polygon.

For example, when you open the Ecosystem Map for Salt Spring Island you can use the zoom button to look at a specific area on the map (see below).



Please view the **Ecosystem Classification Legend** found on the Ecosystem Map section of the Islands Trust website for more information on colors and relationships.

The bright green colour at the tip tells you that the ecosystem class for this polygon is Woodland. The polygon number for this polygon is SS-2053. If you open the Table for Salt Spring Island you can find out more about this polygon by looking for polygon number SS-2053.

Polygon-ID	Ecosystem Type	Ecosystem Class	Ecosystem Subclass	Area (square meter (meters))
SS-1980	Natural	Mature Forest	Conifer	3901
SS-1981	Natural	Mature Forest	Mixed	4766
SS-2036	Modified	Young Forest	Mixed	2982
SS-2053	Natural	Woodland	Broadleaf	1327
SS-2074	Natural	Riparian	Medium bench	774
SS-2079	Modified	Young Forest	Conifer	948
SS-2084	Natural	Cliffs	Coastal Cliffs	265
SS-2088	Natural	Lacustrine	Pond	96
SS-2096	Modified	Rural	Rural residence	393
SS-2098	Natural	Herbaceous	Mixed	2818
SS-2115	Natural	Littoral	Mudflat	264
SS-2131	Natural	Riparian	Gully	2712
SS-2133	Modified	Developed	Developed/occupied foreshore	162
SS-2134	Natural	Herbaceous	Coastal herbaceous	422
SS-2145	Modified	Young Forest	Conifer	2209

You can now find out the subclass for this polygon by looking at the associated Table. For example polygon number SS-2053 has an ecosystem class of Woodland and an ecosystem subclass of broadleaf. The size of the polygon is 20.7 acres.

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