

# Raised Bog Conservation in Ireland



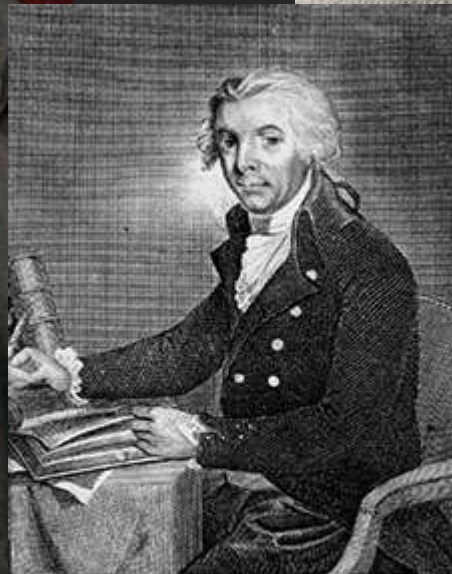
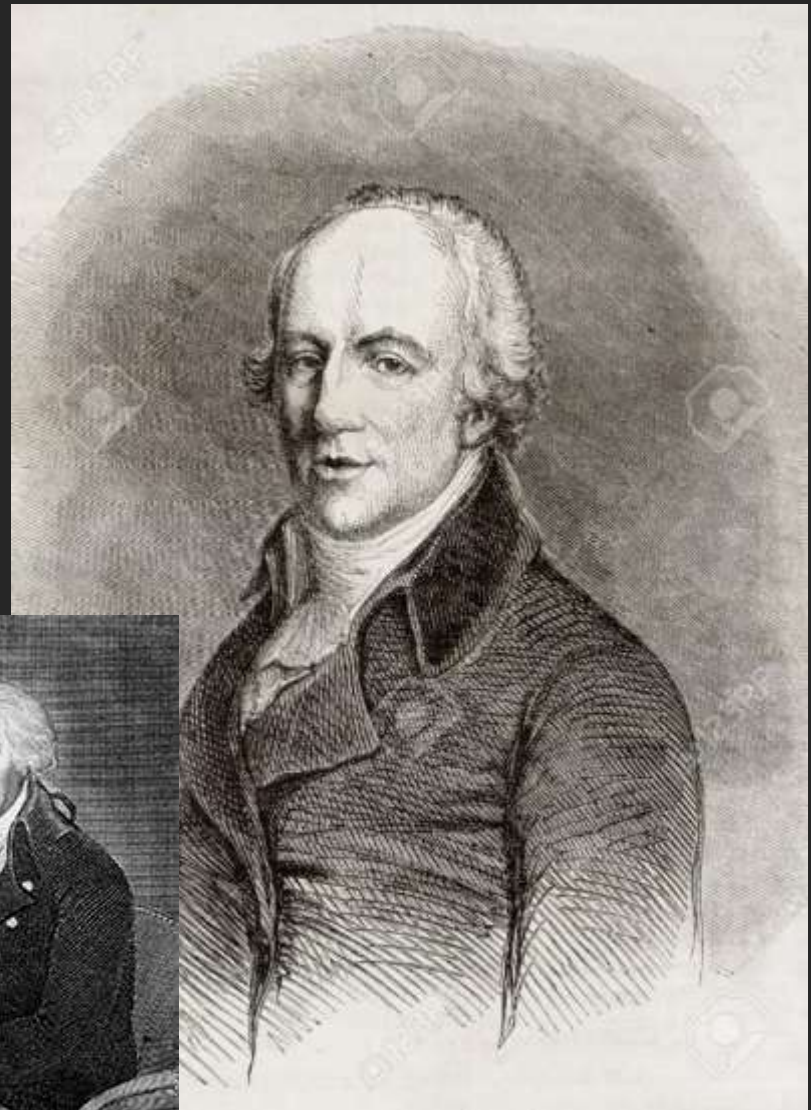
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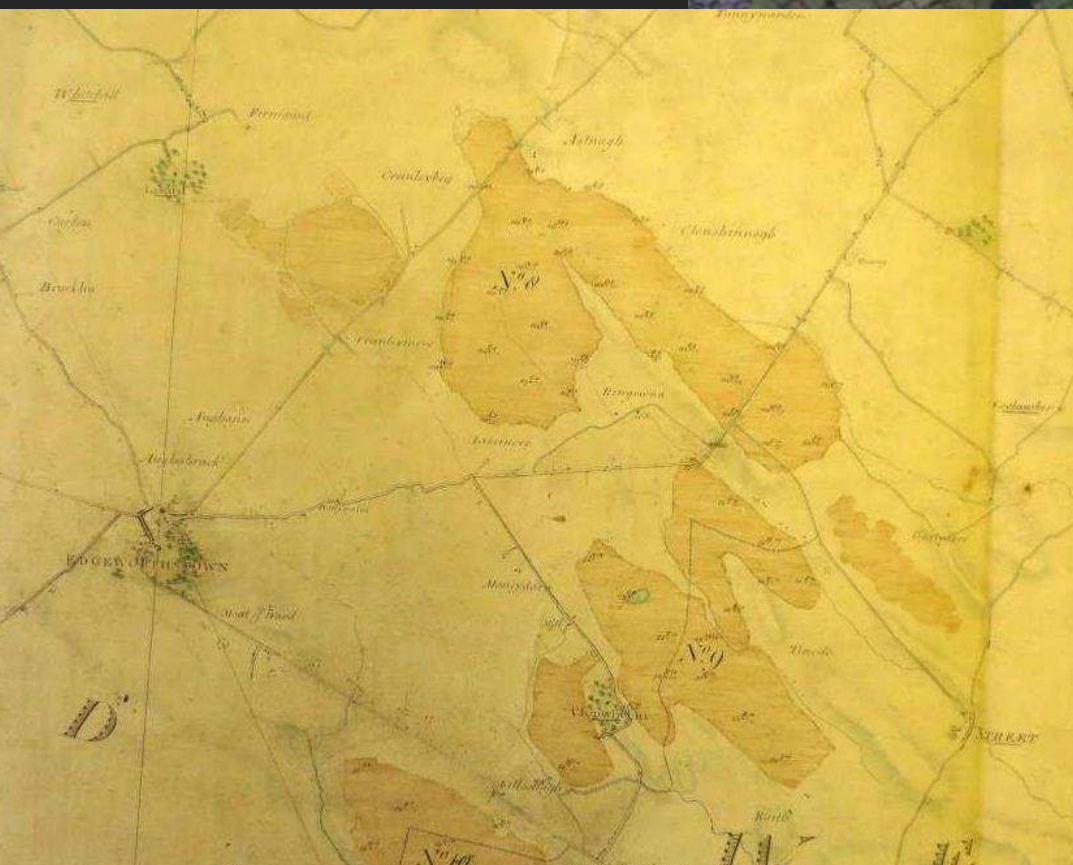
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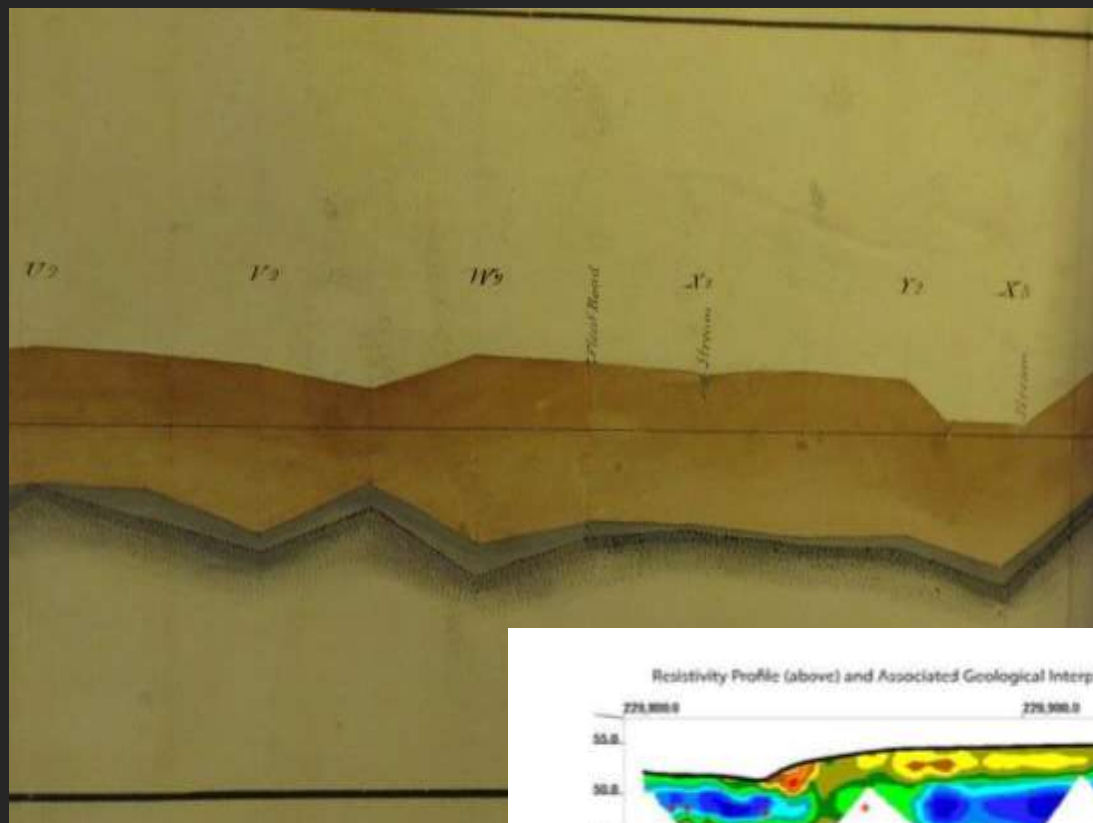
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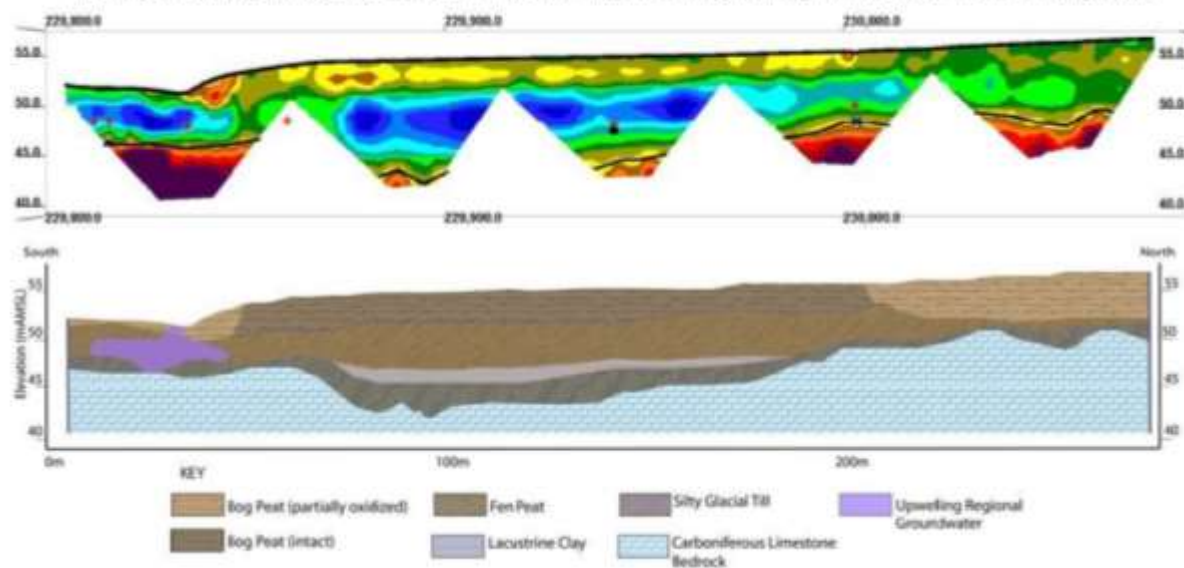
*The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>*  
**JOHN FOSTER**  
*Speaker of the House of Commons of Ireland*







Resistivity Profile (above) and Associated Geological Interpretation (below) for a Transect Running from the Cutover on Clara SW to the Mound.



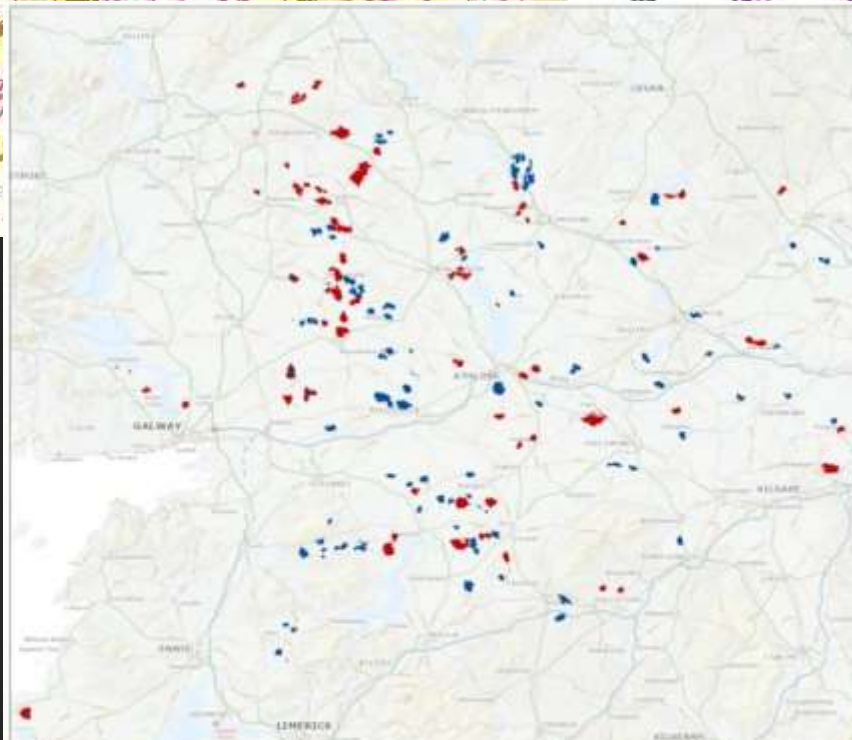
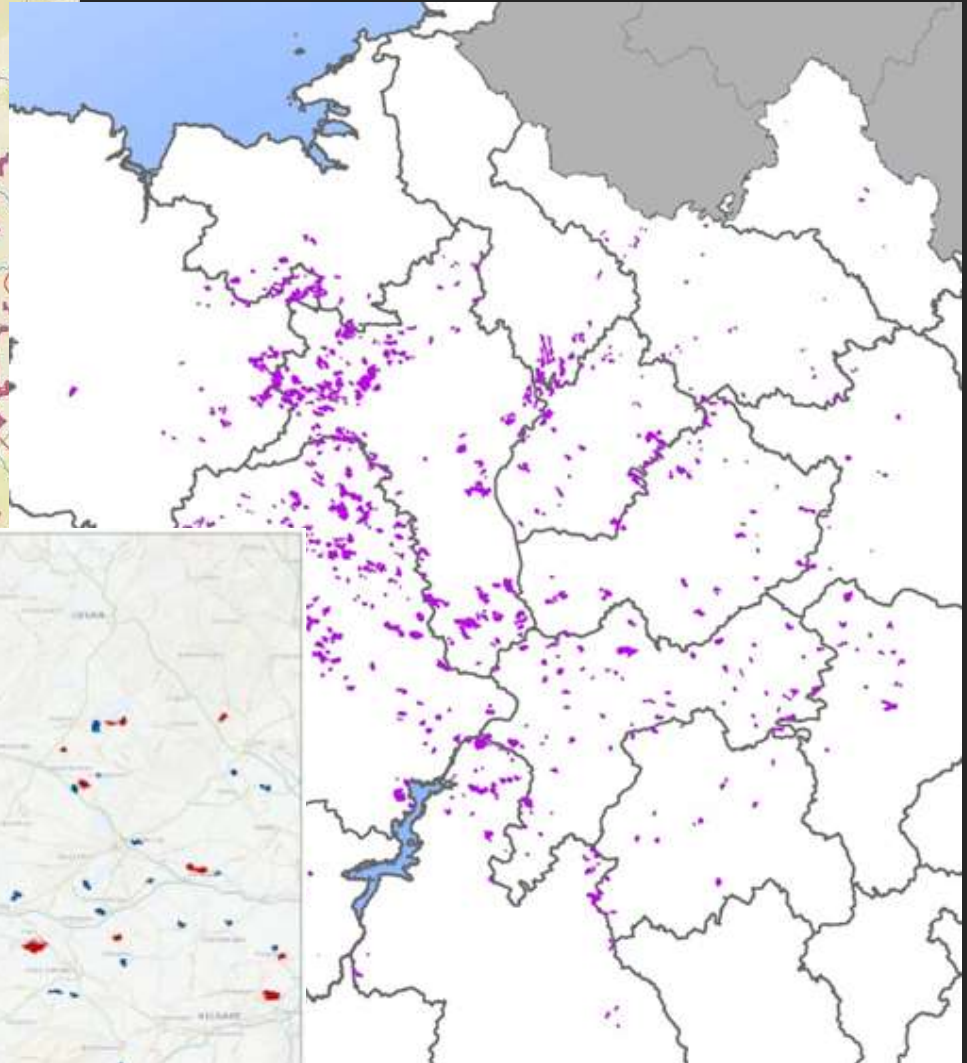
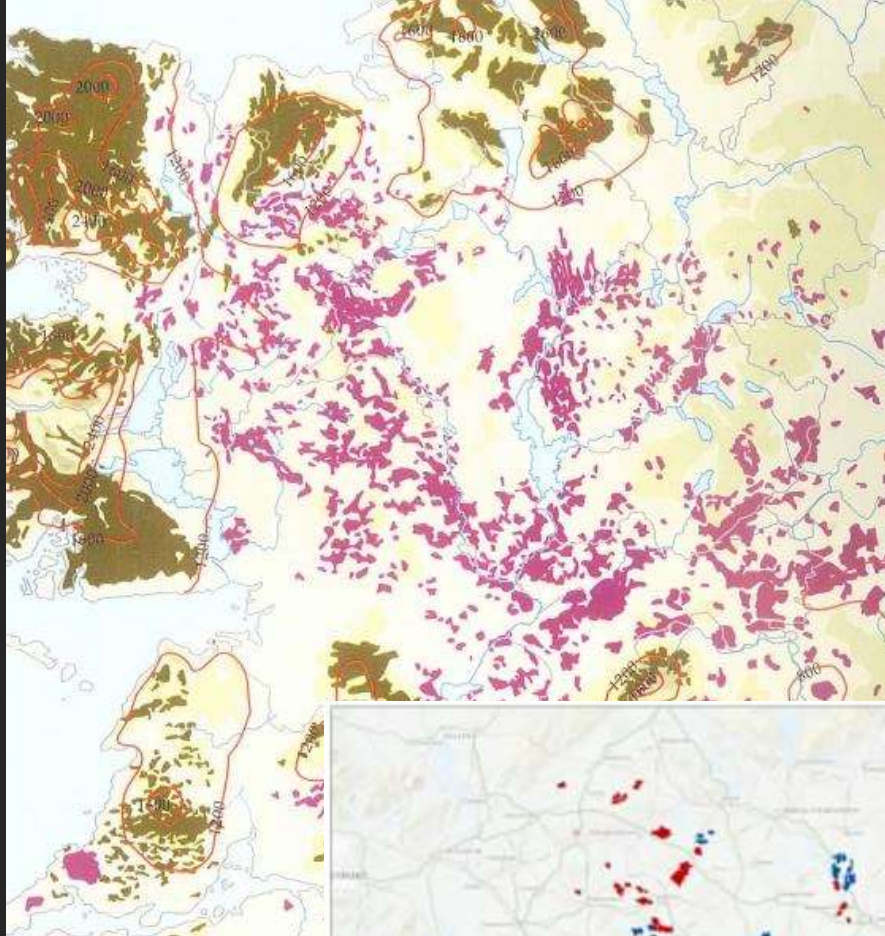
# John Longfield's descriptors for bog types in King's County:

- Sand Hills and Shallow Bog
  - Shallow Grazing Mountain Bog
  - Shallow Dry Bog
  - Hillocky Bog
  - Red Bog partly Cut away with pasturable edges
  - Grazing Bog
  - Boggy Pasture
  - Cut away Bog
  - Firm Bog
  - Deep Bog
  - Black Bog
  - Very Wet
  - Slough
  - Shaking Scraw
  - Wet Shaking Scraw
- Degraded Raised Bog!*
- Active Raised Bog!*





A diminished resource:





Loss of an  
icon?





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## Review of Raised Bog Natural Heritage Area Network



## A reconfigured network:

Reviewed 270 sites:

- 53 SAC
- 75 NHA
- >100 other sites

Resulting in:

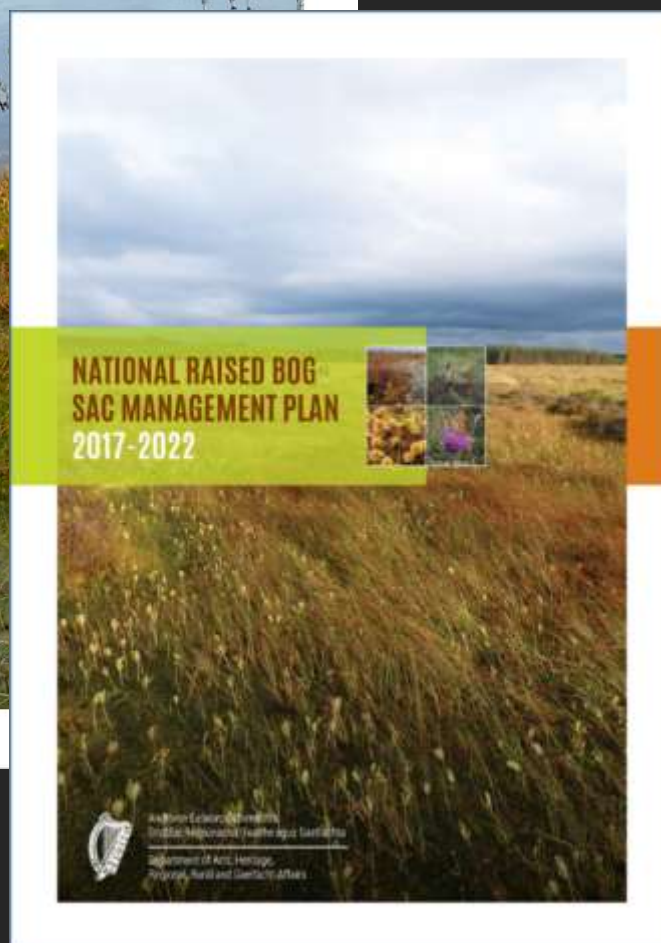
- Retention of 53 SACs
- De-designation of 39 NHAs (+7 partially)
- Retention of 29 NHAs (+7 partially)
- Proposed 2 new SACs
- Proposed 25 new NHAs





## VISION STATEMENT:

“This Strategy aims to provide a long-term framework within which all of the peatlands within the State can be managed responsibly in order to optimise their social, environmental and economic contribution to the well-being of this and future generations.”



“This National Plan for the raised bog SAC network now for the first time sets out a roadmap for the long-term management, restoration and conservation of protected raised bogs.”

# Cessation of Turf Cutting Compensation Scheme (CTCCS) – Raised Bog Designated Sites

- ▶ 3,237 applications for raised bog SACs.
- ▶ 11,161 payments and 902 deliveries of turf.
- ▶ **€22.6 million.**
- ▶ Scheme extended to raised bog NHAs - 255 applications received and 369 payments made (= €561,000).
- ▶ C.€2.6m spent on relocation with 603 applicants continuing to express an interest





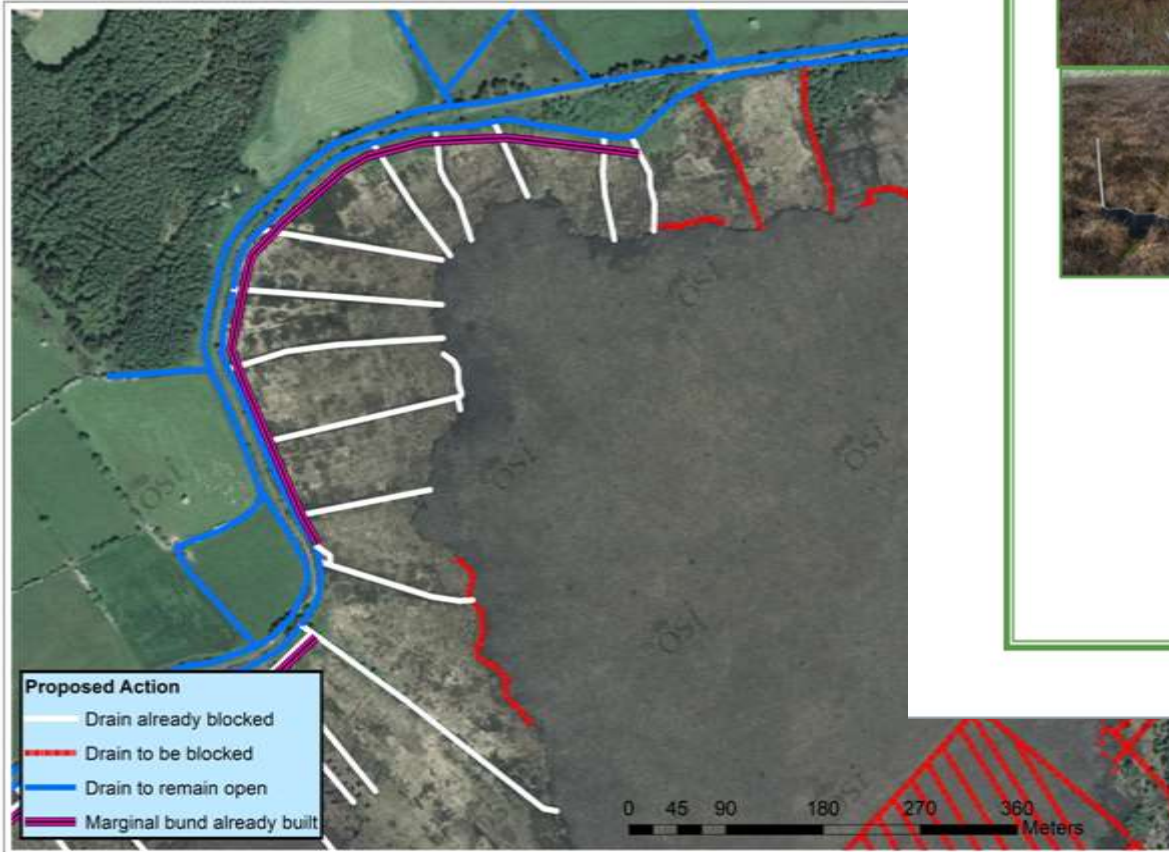


# Reclamation:

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noun

*the process of claiming something back*



## Best Practice in Raised Bog Restoration



Irish Wildlife Manuals No. XX



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# At Work:



- Killyconny Bog
- Clara Bog
- Ferbane Bog
- Mongan Bog
- Moyclare Bog
- Raheenmore Bog
- Sharavogue Bog
- Carrowbehy/Caher Bog
- Derrinea Bog
- Garriskil Bog
- Carrownagappul Bog
- Ardagullion Bog





# Meeting our EU Commitments:



**BORD NA MÓNA**

**Ballydangan drain blocking**

Note: Draft maps for internal Bord na Móna use and discussion purposes only, should not be relied on as evidence of title, all queries regarding title status and boundaries should be referred to: BnM Legal Dept.

Scale: 1:7,942

0 0.1 0.2 Kilo meters



**DS** Permit No.  
EW 0024418  
A Controlled Access Point  
Boundary of Field

**Works: Derryfadda**

County: Roscommon  
Bag: Ballydangan



Community  
Wetlands  
Forum

“A man that cannot find happiness and contentment in a turf bog is a ‘bad case’”

– Patrick Kavanagh.

- Thank You!