EXERCISE 2: measuring landscape, mapping views

During this studio module you’ve learned some of the nitty-gritty behind G.I.S. Now is your chance to apply your new savvy mapping skills to create a view of our project site. In this exercise, you are asked to create a map that shows a specific view or perspective of McCurdy Park. The most important message this map should relay is how the project site relates to one or more larger landscape ecological process (beyond the site boundaries).

You may choose to look at and represent the site based on one of the topics/perspectives below, or develop your own:

— Land - Lake and/or island relationship with specific focus on edge.
— Suitability habitat for a particular specie (reproduction, nesting, feeding, migration, movement, etc.)
— Connections / Network of site to larger landscape (you may choose to show the connections that are in tact or how they are disconnected).
— A particular habitat “community” that is supported by specific abiotic processes (topography, geology, and climate).
— A Human system and natural system convergence or conflict. (Convergence, meaning, they are not at odds with one another).

Your final maps must show, at the very least:

○ The project site
○ The context within which the site exists
○ A North arrow
○ A relevant legend
○ A scalebar
○ A descriptive title
○ A short description (100 words or less) explaining your view.

You final map is due for pinup on Wednesday April 12, 2006