

Relationship of Ring-necked Pheasant Population and Land use Change in Rhode Island

About The Ring-necked Pheasant

- First successful introduction in the U.S was in Oregon in 1857
- Habitat: Mix of agricultural fields with lots of taller vegetation
- They were once common throughout Rhode Island, especially in the coastal communities.
- They disappeared in the late 1980's to the early 1990's
- The only healthy population of wild pheasants found today is on Block Island where there is a lot of coastal shrub-scrub and grassland habitat.
- Often seen as an indicator species due to habitat sensitivity

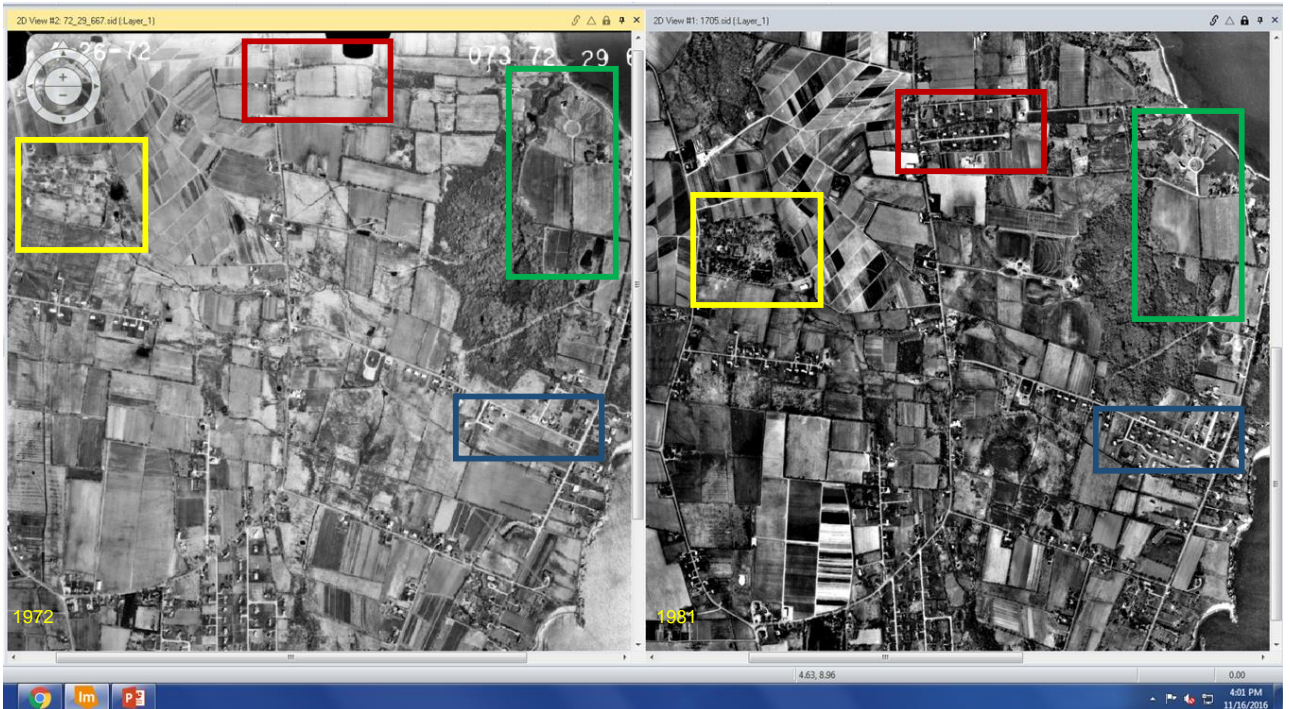


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Middletown, RI

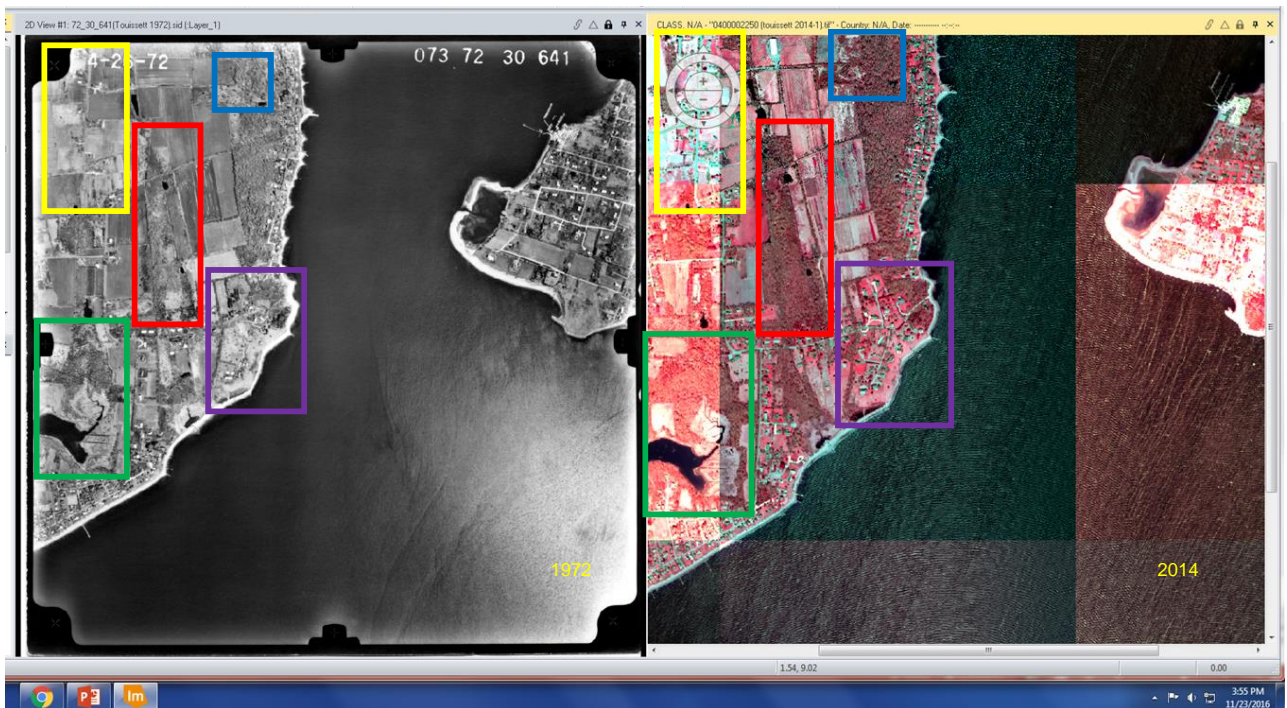




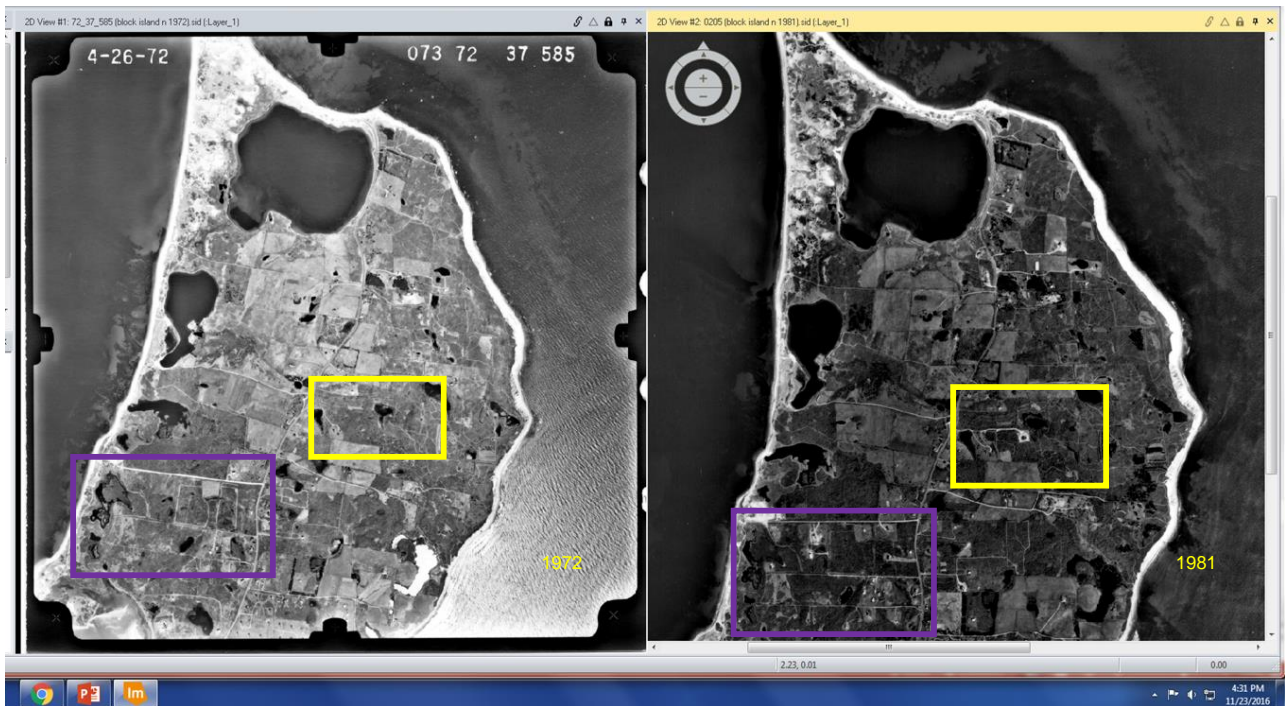


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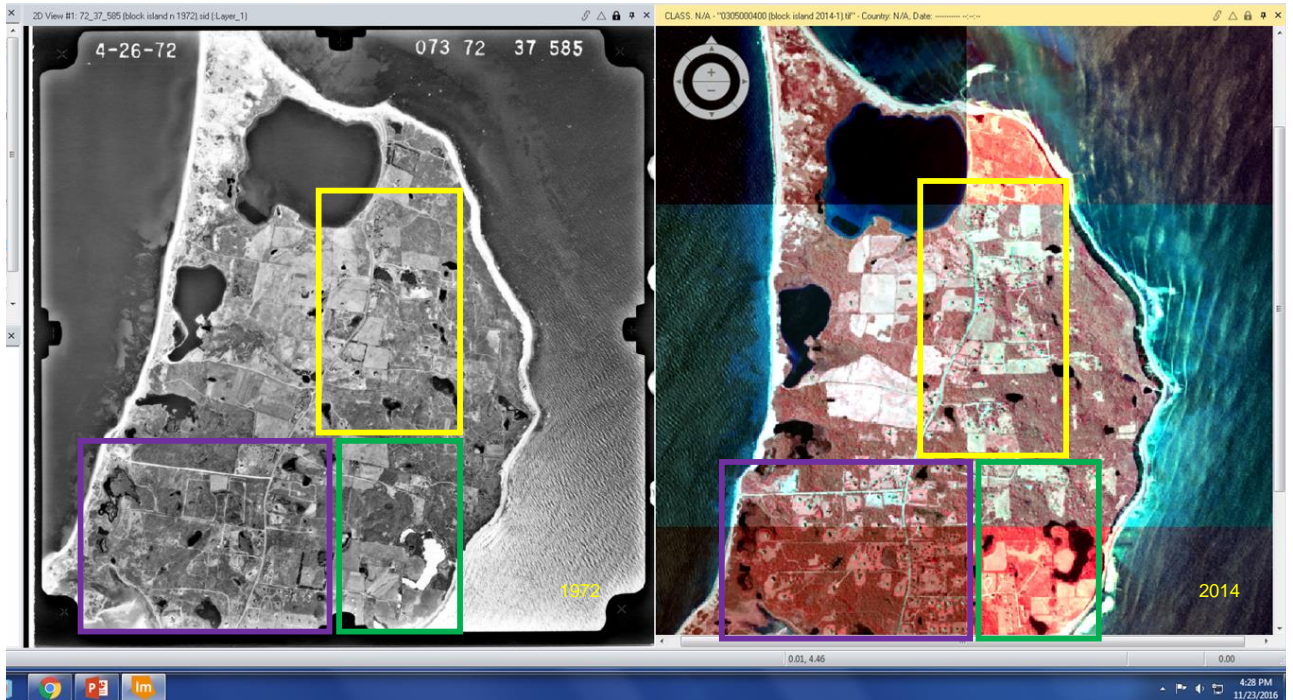




Northern Block Island







Conclusion

- Loss of ideal habitat due to
- Development
- Natural Succession

References

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