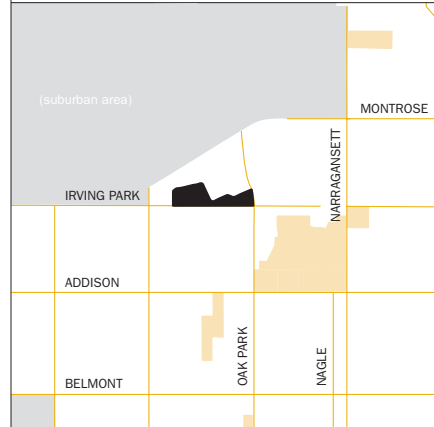


These natural areas inhabit the grounds surrounding the Chicago Read Mental Health Center, a State-run hospital. A wetland **1** is located south of the parking lot, near the southwest corner of the property. The wetland is relatively small and filled with common reed (*phragmites*, an invasive weed).

To the west of the buildings is a larger complex of second-growth woods **2** and wetland **3**. Great quantities of invasive teasel are found here, but there are also some native goldenrods and other flowers growing amidst the weeds.

The most significant feature of the Read-Dunning Wetlands is the overall size. The more natural, ungrouped portions are within a large, lightly tended open space **4**; if restoration was undertaken for the unused portions of the grounds this would be a significant addition for nature and wildlife on the city's northwest side.

READ-DUNNING WETLANDS



Read-Dunning Wetlands



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HABITATS
1 3 Wetland
2 Forest / Woodland
4 Potential Habitat

DIRECTIONS From Irving Park, turn north on Oak Park Avenue. Take the first left into the parking lot.