

# DIGHOMI MEADOWS

civic initiative to save  
the unique riparian forest in  
Tbilisi  
from ecological catastrophe

## **Dighomi Meadows Civic Initiative**

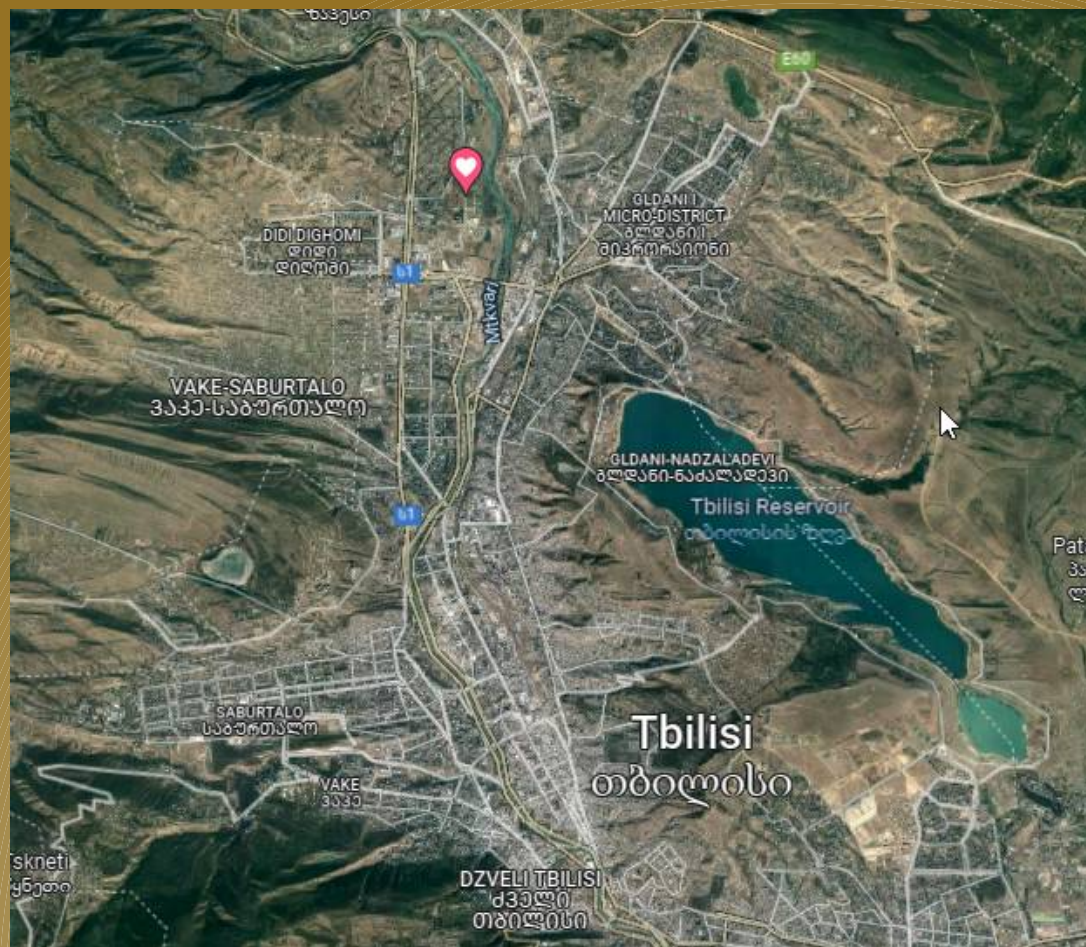
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## **The only remaining riparian forest in Tbilisi with distinguished flora and fauna**

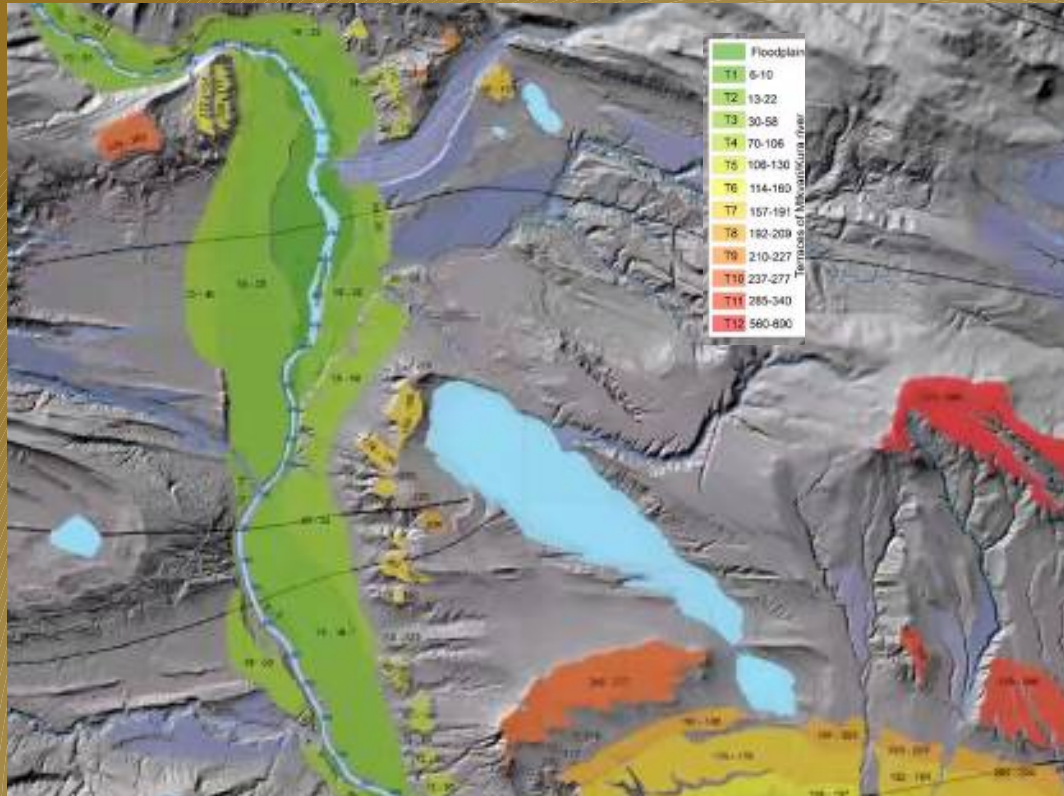




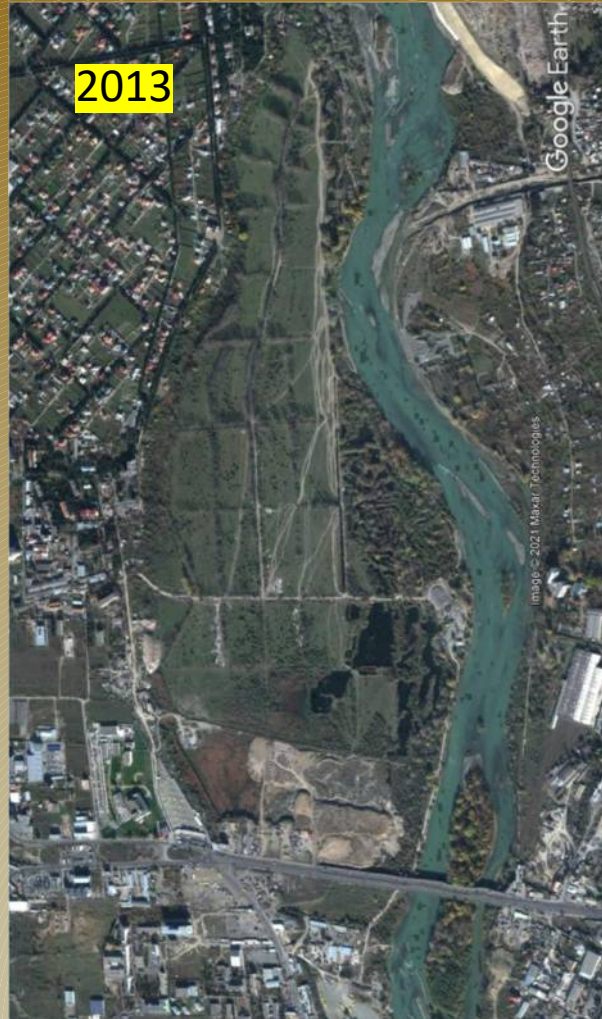
# Otter-Island – Emerald network site



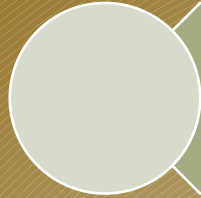
# Dighomi Meadows has water-protective function for the city



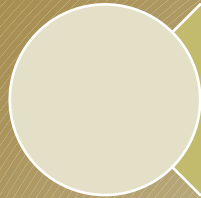




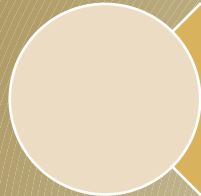
# **Illegal activities in Dighomi Meadows**



**Sand and Gavel extraction**



**Mineral Processing**



**Large-scale construction  
waste-dumping**



# Mining-Site





# Storage of the Gravel

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# Air pollution during processing







# Filling the pits with the construction waste





# Deliberate deforestation with construction waste





# River bank - severely polluted, elevated up to 5 meters

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## Results of the criminal actions:

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- More than 75% of the forest has been buried under the toxic waste
- Half million cubic meters of construction waste
- The area of the forest has diminished from 70 to 15 hectares
- Riparian habitat and its biodiversity is under threat of extinction
- Polluted soil, water, air and degraded landscape
- Altered river-banks increase the risks of flooding of Tbilisi



# 70 Hectares of Riparian forest in 2013





# 15 Hectares of Riparian forest remain today





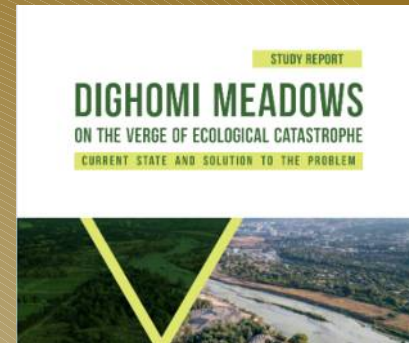
# BAN - Dighomi Meadows Initiative - What do we do?



## Ground Activism



## Advocating & Legal fight



<https://www.facebook.com/Dighomimeadows>

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# What do we aim for now?

**Clean-up**



**Restoration**







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