

Community Outcome: Waiora - *Environmental protection*



Tikanga/ Kawa (values);
Kaitiakitanga (Guardianship)
Tautoko (Vision Moemoeā-
Aspirations/ goals)
Replenishment of nature's food
chain of tiriwā.
Māori and non Māori respect
and appreciate the city's natural
taonga/ wonders.

Te Waonui ō Tiriwa is a dominant feature of the city and a constant reminder to the city of its responsibility to manage the use, development and protection of this taonga and other natural resources across the city. More importantly for Māori, this outcome is about recognising, protecting and sustaining their relationship with Papatuanuku and Ranginui, including the cultural practices and traditions that embody this.

Related outcome areas

- Green Network - *He tuituitanga kakariki*
- Sustainable Environment - *Kauneke Tauwhiro Taiao*

Who are some of the key contributors to making this outcome happen?

Who	How
Ngati Whatua and Te Kawerau a Maki	• Kaitiaki role, assessment of resource consents, site visits etc.

See Sustainable Environment - *Kauneke Tauwhiro Taiao* and Green Network - *He tuituitanga kakariki* examples.

What is being done to make this outcome happen?

While there are many agencies involved in working to achieve this community outcome, there are also some specific planned and completed initiatives.

Community Outcome	Intent	Initiative	Details	Who
Waiora <i>-Environmental Protection</i>	To establish a platform for Mana Whenua to collectively engage in regional decision making	Regional Mana Whenua Forum	In early stages of development in parallel with the implementation of Auckland's Sustainability Framework	Mana Whenua regionally, Auckland Regional Council
	To provide a taura here perspective on regional issues	Te Taumata Runanga position paper on Auckland's Sustainability Framework	A submission was made by Te Taumata Runanga discussing issues and opportunities for the wider Māori community in respect to Auckland's Sustainability Framework	Te Taumata Runanga

Also see Sustainable Environment - *Kauneke Tauwhiro Taiao* and Green Network - *He tuituitanga kakariki* examples.

"I love how accessible nature is, the bush walks and beaches."

Claudine, Te Atatu South.



Council contribution

The council's contribution to this outcome comes through its Sustainable Energy and Clean Air and Green Network strategic platforms, and some examples of its contribution are in the sustainable environment section.



● Example: Ark in the Park

Waitakere's natural environment has undergone significant change following initial settlement by Māori around 1,000 years ago. There are 13 bird species that were present in the Waitakere Ranges but which disappeared between the mid-1800s to mid-1900s. Three species once lost to the area have recently been returned to the ranges as part of the Ark in the Park project. Some 55 Whiteheads, 53 North Island Robin and 30 Stitchbirds have been released. These are specific attempts to try and replenish biodiversity in Waitakere.

● Example: Project Twin streams

Project Twin Streams is and continues to be a model of iwi, the council and community working effectively to protect the environment. The role the council and both iwi Ngati Whatua and Te Kawerau a Maki in terms of their expression of kaitiaki, has been instrumental in establishing the boundaries of the project. Wider community support has been critical in providing the ongoing labour force to replenishing the streams to their natural state.

In the Ranui community, Swanson, Ranui and Birdwood Primary schools, Ranui Action Project and the other local groups pulled together to contribute to the project by utilising it as a learning tool and art project.

One of the community organisations contracted to Project Twin Streams, Te Ukaipo, have achieved excellent results in engaging Māori youth through their collaboration with another community organisation, Te Piataata Trust. Both organisations provide services for youth at risk, who learn a great deal from hands on participation.

