

PARKS PLANNING



Overview

The Parks Planning team's focus is strategic long term planning for the City's green network, parks and open spaces (including the development of Reserve Management and Conservation Plans) and community projects and economic incentives that promote this.

The Parks Planning team provides expertise in planning for open space and the green network and to ensure community participation in developing a vibrant, innovative, sustainable and healthy City landscape.



Sustainable objectives

To undertake efficient and effective pest management to enable sustainable biodiversity; and to anticipate climate change in the management and maintenance of biodiversity and ecosystem services

Environmental objectives

To protect and enhance the Waitakere ecosystem to ensure resilience of that ecosystem.

Cultural objectives

To celebrate, promote and protect the cultural and heritage values of Waitakere's open spaces

Economic objectives

To continually improve planning and management of open spaces to seek safe, sustainable, and healthy environments

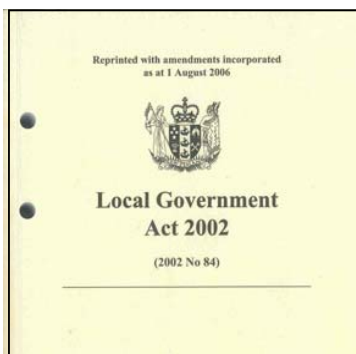
Social objectives

To empower communities through encouraging stewardship and to foster a sense of identity for Waitakere's open space

Governing regulations

In managing parks, the Council is bound by the statutory requirements set out in :

- Reserves Act 1977
- Resource Management Act 1991
- Local Government Act 2002
- Historic Places Act 1993



Funding of activities

- Activities are predominantly funded by rates
- Capital expenditure is funded from a combination of Land Subdivision Reserve Funds and loans
- Community groups and local residents provide labour for many of the community, amenity and streamside restoration plantings

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How we contribute to community outcomes

Community outcomes	Our contribution
Green Network – He tuituitanga kākāriki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Network programmes • Partnership agreements • Community planting on parks • Reserve Management Plans
Mauri Ora – Access to Maori Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural harvesting /revegetation • Ecosourcing • Reserve Management Plans
Strong Communities – He iwi kaha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks strategic planning • Reserve Management Plans • Partnership agreements • Input for consent processing •
Sustainable Environment – Kauneke Tauwhiro Taiao	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green network incentives • Community planting on parks
Urban and Rural Villages – Nga kainga taone, tuawhenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Plans • Reserve Management Planning • Parks strategy planning
Waiora – Environmental Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Plans • Reserve Management Planning • Parks strategy planning • Community planting on parks

Community consultation and liaison

Much of the work undertaken by the Parks Planning team involves consultation and liaison with the residents of Waitakere City. Many partnerships have developed with organisations such as Weedfree Waitakere Trust and Keep Waitakere Beautiful and these partnerships further the green network education and promotion initiatives.

In addition the increasing use of the Council web-page for submissions and consultation has allowed the team to assist and influence a large number of people within the City.

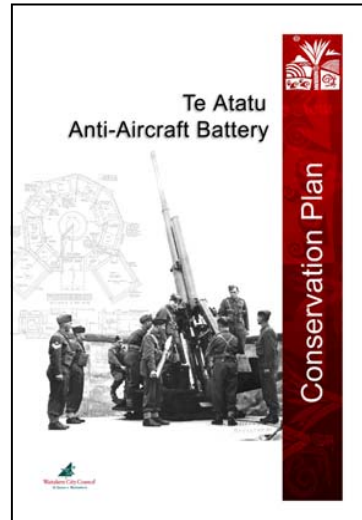


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Conservation Plans

A number of Council parks and reserves contain heritage sites. A recommendation of the Conservation Act is to prepare conservation plans for these sites, to ensure the most appropriate management and long-term preservation of areas of heritage significance.

An overall plan for sites throughout the City requiring conservation plans has been prepared, in order to guide the programme.



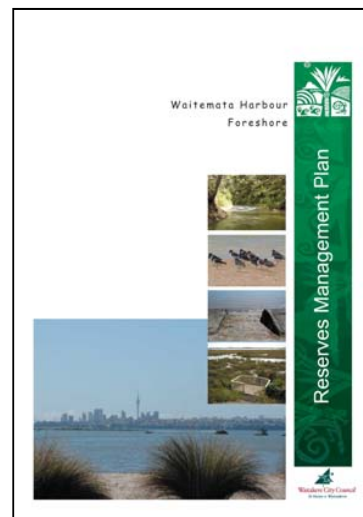
The anti-aircraft battery site is a listed site under the District plan and the Historic Places

Reserve Management Plans

Community consultation input & ownership

Reserve Management Plans are required for all reserves under the Reserves Act. The public must be consulted on their development.

Community consultation gives a clear indication of community desires and requirements. The Management Plan process identifies potential upgrade and development works within existing parks which is then prioritised through the LTCCP process. This is based on analysis of community and user group needs and components of Council's Parks Strategy and Green Network policies.



This Plan includes policies for all of the local reserves surrounding the Waitemata Harbour

How busy are we?

- 32 Reserve Management Plans adopted
- 8 Reserve Management Plans to complete
- 4 Conservation Plans adopted

We allocate \$100,000 per year to the Reserve Management Plan programme to allow Reserve Management Plans to be completed a year. The preparation of Reserve Management Plans is undertaken in-house.

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Reserve Management Plan programme

A long-term programme for Reserve Management Plans has been developed which includes all remaining reserves yet to be covered by a management plan plus a plan for renewals of existing plans as they reach their 10-year expiry date.

WARD	CITY WIDE (Single) PLANS	Notified	NEIGHBOURHOOD/ LOCAL (Group) PLANS	Notified	Existing plans for local parks to shift to Ward plans on renewal	Notified	CROSS - WARD CITY WIDE (Group) PLANS
MASSEY	Te Rangī Hiroa MU*	2018	Massey Ward L/N Reserves	2004			Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves 2005 (to include Lower Oratia Stream Reserves *)
	Moire & Manutewhau MU*	2015					
	Picasso SP*	2014					
	Fred Taylor SP	2012					
HENDERSON	Harbourview-Orangihima MU*	2017	Henderson Ward L/N Reserves	2007	Te Atatu Town Centre * (to Henderson L/N)	2008	Manukau Harbour Foreshore Reserves * 2013 Henderson Creek Corridor (GN) * 2015
	Te Pai MU	2005			Corban * (to Henderson L/N)	2008	
	Waitakere Sports Complex MU*	2013 (5)					
	Te Atatu South SP	2014					
	Te Atatu Peninsula SP	2019					
	McLeod Park SP	2011					
	Henderson Valley Park MU	2008					
Paremuka MU	2010						
WAITAKERE			Waitakere Ward L/N Reserves (other than Oratia Opanuku)	2009			
	Te Henga O*	2018	Karekare Reserves	2010	Crows * (to Swanson)	2017	
	Lake Wainamu Scenic Reserve O	2011	Swanson Reserves *	2017			
	Piha Reserves O*	2014					
NEW LYNN	Waitaru/Waitakere Quarry						
	Olympic MU *	2016	New Lynn Ward L/N Reserves *	2016	Ceramco * (to New Lynn)	2016	
	Ken Maunder SP *	2017					
	Shadbolt MU	2009					
	Crum Park	2012					
	Archibald MU *	2015					
CITY WIDE (single) PLANS	Rahui Kahika GN	2013					
	Brains SP	2012					
	Parrs Park MU*	2016					
	Te Atatu Peninsula		GROUP PLANS				
	Te Pai		Massey Ward Local Reserves				
	Henderson Valley Park		Waitemata Harbour Foreshore				
	Shadbolt		Henderson Ward L/N Reserves				
			Waitakere Ward L/N Reserves				
			Karekare Reserves				
			Crum *				
		Manukau Harbour Foreshore (inc Armour Bay) *					
		Piha Reserves *					
		Henderson Creek Corridor GN *					
		New Lynn L/N Reserves (inc Glen Eden, Titirangi)					
		Swanson GN *					
		Oratia/Opanuku Stream Corridor GN (inc Lower Oratia Stream)					
		Te Rangī Hiroa *					
		Te Atatu Peninsula *					
		Henderson Valley Park					
		Shadbolt *					
		Paremuka					
		Lake Wainamu Scenic Reserve					
		Fred Taylor					
		McLeod Park					
		Brains					
		Rahui Kahika					
		Te Atatu South					
		Archibald *					
		Parrs Park *					
		Harbourview *					
		Te Rangī Hiroa *					
		Te Pai *					
		Shadbolt *					
		McLeod Park					
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2016	Olympic *						
2017	Ken Maunder *						
2018	Te Henga *						
2019	Te Atatu Peninsula *						
2020	Henderson Valley Park						
2021	Paremuka						
2022	Lake Wainamu Scenic Reserve						

(*) Denotes existing management plan for renewal

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Key projects for 2009/2010

- Completion of the Parks Strategy
- Strategic planning for open space and associated land acquisition in Hobsonville
- NorSGA and New Lynn

Land purchases

Future planning for open space within growth areas of the City is a key component for ensuring a liveable city in the future. Strategic land purchases for open space are planned based on the anticipated growth within the City, locations and timelines.

Purchase of land in these areas is programmed to ensure the most cost-effective way of Council securing land for the residents of the City in the most appropriate locations.

Key areas for consideration of land purchase for open space over the next three years include Hobsonville and NorSGA. Land for acquisition by Council is also considered during the resource consent processes for subdivision throughout the City.

The guiding document for whether land is acquired through this process is the draft Parks and Open Space Strategy, which identifies areas where there are current gaps in the park network and which highlights key green network linkages for acquisition.



9 new open space reserves were vested in Council in 2008

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Community advocacy

Community planting in parks

This is a programme responsive to community demand. The community, in most cases, takes ownership of the project, organising and running events while receiving technical guidance, organisational assistance and material support (plants, weed removal off site, contractor assistance where needed).



Dune planting at Piha



*Community planting at
Lothurst Reserve*

How much work did we do in 2007/2008?

- 1,400 volunteers assist on this programme
- 20,000 eco-sourced plants were planted
- 78 events were held
- 78.5 ha of park land is looked after by community groups

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Green network community assistance and incentive programme

The community assistance programme has been designed to provide assistance to land owners wishing to actively support the green network. Programmes include:

- The provision of weed bins, bags and herbicide
- Covenants and rates relief to protect and proactively manage an area of native vegetation (bush streams, wetlands etc on private property)
- Free bags for ginger and free dumping of ginger at the Refuse Transfer Station
- Free native plants are offered to those who are:
 - Replanting after getting rid of weeds
 - Conserving or extending their bush
 - Protecting their land (by covenanting)
 - Planting beside creeks, streams, estuaries or on banks, valleys, or ridges
- A Weed Management Plan for a property is provided to residents who have difficult or complex environmental issues to resolve, such as numerous weeds, erosion issues, streamsides and replanting requirements. The Weedfree Waitakere Trust primarily provides this service under the Memorandum of Understanding agreement.



What did we do in 2008?

- Assisted with plantings carried out on 5.28ha of private property
- Gave out 7,000 plants for protection and management of areas of native vegetation on private property
- Provided 72 weed bins for the removal of weeds by communities
- Provided 97 weed bins for the removal of weeds on private property

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Keep Waitakere Beautiful

Council continues to fund KWB, a partner of EcoMatters Environmental Trust, to deliver selected community based programmes:

- Adopt a Spot
- Trees for Babies
- Operation Spring Clean
- War on Weeds
- Neat Street
- Clean Stream Waitakere

What did we do in 2008?

- 89 community clean ups
- Engaged with 4440 volunteers
- Had over 1600 people contribute during War on Weeds
- Sent 160.5 tonnes of weeds to landfill from War on Weeds in March 2008
- Mentored over 260 people and community groups to remove weeds



Operation Spring Clean



Trees for Babies