

PLANNING & COMMUNITY SERVICES



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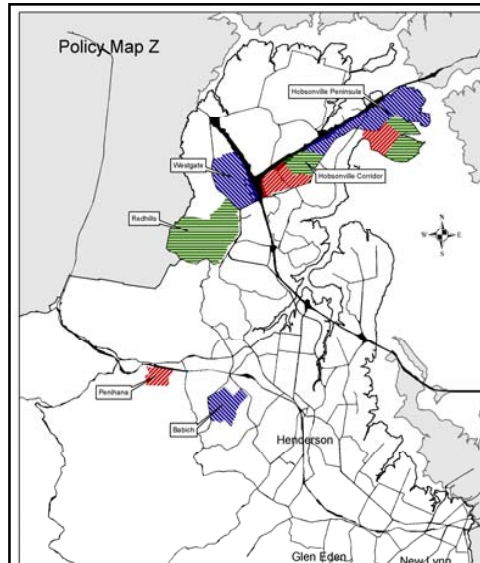
Overview

There are three teams within the Resource Management Section.

Resource Management

The main role of this team is to ensure that the Waitakere City District Plan remains an effective tool for the delivery of the Council's strategic objectives. This involves the monitoring of District Plan implementation and the development of Plan changes.

This team also provides an overview of the consent processing undertaken by the Council and provides specialist planning advice where complex or strategic resource consents are being considered.



Planning for growth

City Heritage

The role of this team is to protect, for future generations, those aspects of both the natural and built environment that have been identified as having heritage value. Historic heritage is identified as a matter of national importance under the Resource Management Act and the Council has responsibility for its management in terms of its regulatory role under that Act. The Council also has an advocacy role in heritage protection and has an annual heritage fund to assist owners of heritage buildings, trees, archaeological sites, marae and local museums.

Cleaner Production

The Cleaner Production team has a long-term focus in environmental sustainability, assisting the Council to lead by example in areas such as energy saving, fleet management, waste minimisation and recycling, and encouraging and assisting the local community to adopt more sustainable practices.

The team has developed a number of local, regional and national partnership programmes which are formalised through contracts and/or Memoranda of Understanding. In many cases, partnership programmes enable Cleaner Production to leverage funding to provide Waitakere City businesses greater benefit than if the Council were funding the project on its own.



Waitakere Plastic Shopping Bag Free Project

Sustainable objectives

To encourage and assist the wider community to adopt more sustainable practices.

Environmental objectives

To maintain and enhance amenity values across the City through appropriately managing the effects of activities

Cultural objectives

To protect those aspects of the natural and built environment that have been identified as having heritage value

Economic objectives

To ensure that the regulatory environment does not unnecessarily constrain opportunities for economic development

Social objectives

To facilitate greater local employment opportunities through appropriate District Plan provisions

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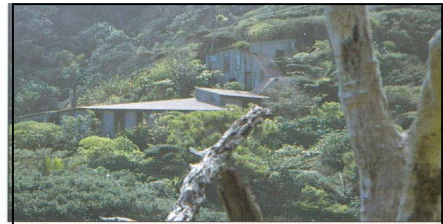


Governing regulations

The section operates within the statutory requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Local Government Act 2002, the Historic Places Act 1993 and the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008.

Funding of activities

- Rates funding for District Plan changes, heritage protection and cleaner production
- User pays for Private Plan changes
- Some recoveries from sales of the District Plan and from educational material that has been created by the Cleaner Production Team



Bush living in the Waitakere Ranges

How we contribute to community outcomes

Community outcomes	Our contribution
Green Network – He tuituitanga kākāriki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of ecological features through the provisions of the District Plan • Zero waste advocacy • Source control initiatives
Strong Economy—He tupuranga kaha ihi wana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased provision of industrial and commercial land through District Plan changes
Sustainable Environment – Kauneke Tauwhiro Taiao	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitigation of adverse environmental effects through District Plan rules • Zero waste advocacy • Cleaner Production education programmes
Urban and Rural Villages – Nga kainga taone, tuawhenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing urban intensification and growth through District Plan policies and zoning
Vital Arts and Culture –Toi me nga Tikanga Taketake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring protection of the City's heritage
Environmental Protection—Waiora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero waste advocacy • Cleaner Production education programmes

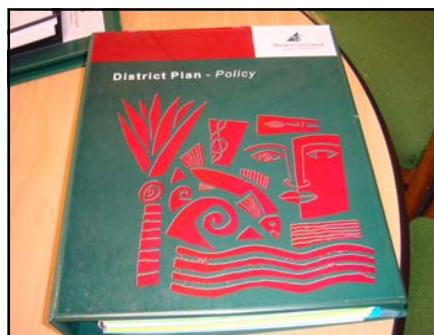
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Key services for Resource Management

District Plan monitoring

Development and facilitation of a monitoring programme, to identify issues, provisions, and rules of the District Plan that may require amendments, so as to continue achieving stated environmental outcomes. The undertaking of such Plan Change processes as are necessary to ensure ongoing effectiveness of the District Plan.



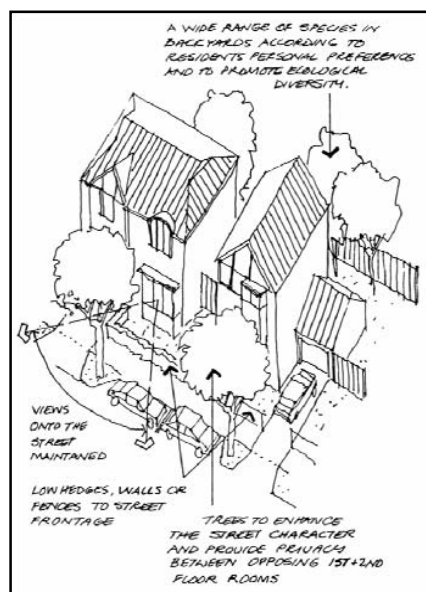
Structure Plans

The development and implementation of rural Structure Plans (and sometimes Urban Concept Plans) in accordance with the provisions of the District Plan via Plan Changes. The Structure Plan process involves research, analysis, community consultation and statutory processes under the Resource Management Act.



Specialist advice and information

The provision of specialist planning advice to Council staff and the public, on matters relating to the District Plan, resource consents (Council as applicant and regulatory authority), strategic projects, heritage issues, designations and other resource management matters affecting the City.



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Key services for Resource Management

Overview role for consents processing

The provision of specialist planning advice to resource planners and consultants processing resource consent applications where complex, technical or strategic planning assistance is required, e.g. resource management case law interpretation and appearances at the Environment Court.

Certain staff in the Section have responsibility for decisions on objections to resource consents, and provide guidance and support to the Planning & Regulatory Committee and the Hearings Commissioners.



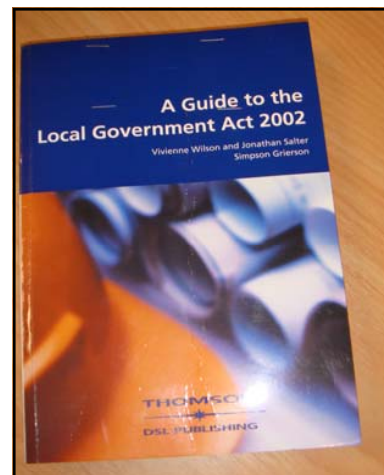
*Carolyn, one of our Senior Planners
checking requirements in the District Plan*

Special resource management projects

Facilitation of resource management assistance and clarification in relation to a variety of special projects affecting the City such as heritage, medium density housing, contaminated sites, protection of the Ranges, national standards, public works projects and District Plan appeal work.

Key projects for 2009/2010

A continuing key project for the 2009/2010 year will be the attempted resolution of appeals to Plan Changes 13-18 (the Local Government (Auckland) Amendment Act plan changes). This may occur through negotiation, mediation, or through contested hearings in the Environment Court.





Key services for Cleaner Production

Hazardous substances project

Provision of education on best practice for storage, use, recycling and disposal of hazardous substances in Waitakere City and identification of less toxic or safer alternatives (e.g. Concrete industry and Paint projects).



Special sector programmes

The development of partnerships within industrial sectors to investigate industry specific environmental issues and identify best practices. Case studies and best practice guidelines are developed to support industry level changes that will protect the environment, and residents and reduce waste (e.g. Waitakere Plastic Shopping Bag Free Project).

Business partnership programmes

Encourage the sustainability of Waitakere City businesses through resource (materials, energy, water) efficiency and changes in business thinking. Respond to requests for information and support and disseminate information to encourage best practice.

Partnership programmes

The Partnership programmes encourage the adoption of sustainable practices by residents through environmental education displays and programmes, eg Be Your Own Boss courses. Respond to specific requests by residents for information, eg sustainable building.

Cloth nappy programme

Cloth Nappy Hire Kits are available to new parents to trial the different types of modern cloth nappies available. This project also involves working in partnership with Waitakere Hospital to promote cloth nappies – reducing nappy waste to landfill and has health and budget benefits.



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Key services for City Heritage

Resource consents

The District Plan provides protection for approximately 209 heritage buildings and structures, 115 heritage trees and 28 listed archaeological sites (although this figure does not include waahi tapu). Resource consents are required for modifications to heritage listed features. Internal advice on the applications and appropriate conditions is provided by this team.



St Michael's Chapel – Corban Estate

Property management

The Council's portfolio of heritage properties includes commercial buildings such as Lopdell House and the Falls Hotel, the Corban Estate, a range of buildings on reserves and a number of residential properties. The day to day management and re-development of these buildings is undertaken by Property Services. However, the Resource Management team provide advice on these projects. Many of the Council's heritage properties are being leased or rented out to commercial tenants, arts groups or community groups. Conservation Plans for the Council's property assets are prepared by a team of staff from relevant sections of the Council involved with the property including the Principal Advisor Heritage.



Clark House which was built 1890—1902



*Gun emplacements at Te Atatu.
Listed as Class 1 Heritage structure*

Advice and advocacy

The Council has prepared a Heritage Strategy and Action Plan and has commenced resourcing the implementation of this. Further policies will be developed, including a review of the District Plan provisions and a non regulatory programme developed to complement the regulatory approach.

Key projects for 2009/2010

- Limeburners Bay – protection of archaeological remains relating to the early ceramics industry and the development of a heritage trail. This will be largely undertaken by the Hobsonville Heritage Trust with advice from Council.
- Heritage Fund – Council will continue to administer non-regulatory incentives to owners of heritage buildings, trees, marae, and local museums to protect the City's heritage.
- Council will continue to support the Henderson Heritage Trust in its restoration of the Old Henderson Railway Station and the Falls Hotel Trust in its plans to extend the Falls Hotel as a wedding venue.
- Heritage Interpretation for the Harbourview Estate – this will involve re-fencing the gun emplacements on Gunner Drive, installing lighting and interpretation panels.
- Restoration of the Chapel of Faith in the Oaks on Waikumete Cemetery



Kiln floor—Limeburners Bay



Chapel of Faith in the Oaks

