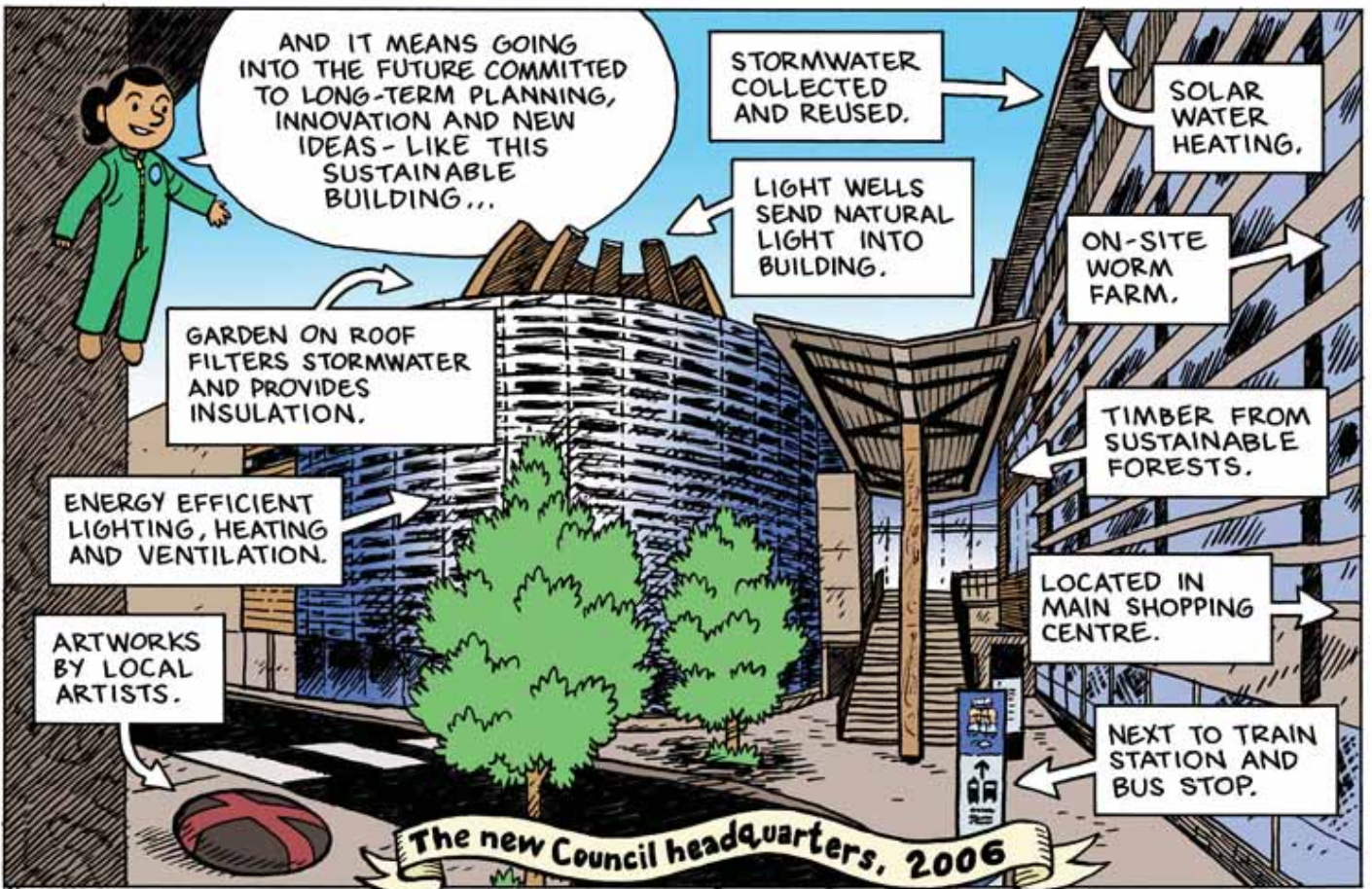
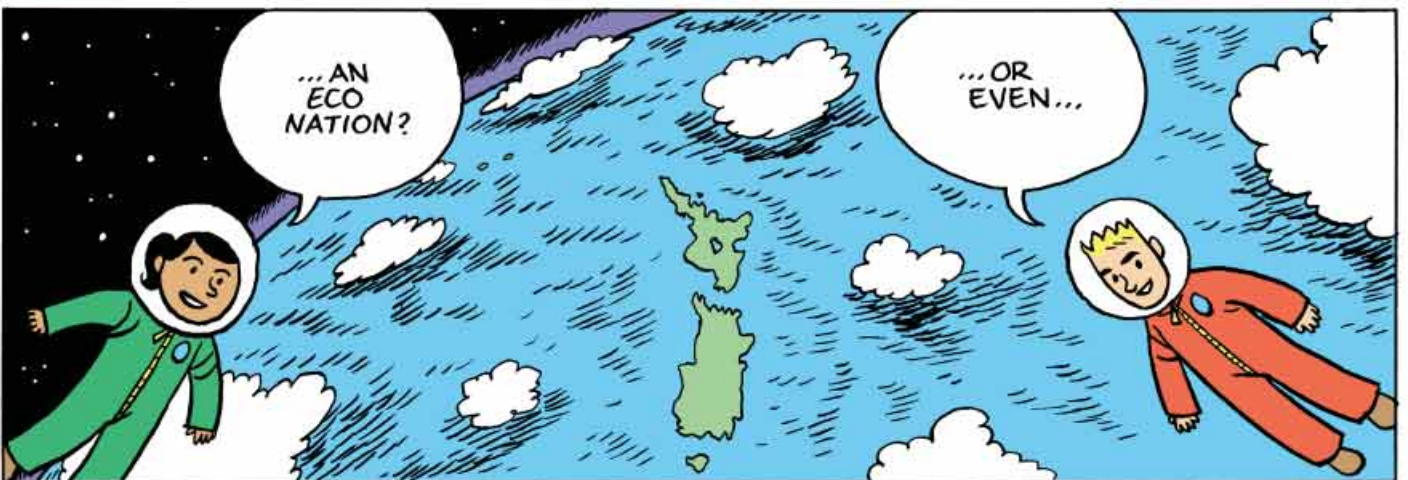


Waitakere was the winner of the 2007 EECA Energywise Awards for the Energy Management programme which to date has made \$1.26 million in savings.





Covering an area of 36,700 hectares, approximately one third of Waitakere is urban, one third rural and one third wilderness area.



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# BRIGHT IDEAS TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT!

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### Re-route your commute!

Walk or bike to work. Save money on fuel and parking and improve your fitness! Investigate telecommuting and work from home...



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### Tap water-not bottled!

Filter your tap water for drinking. Bottled water is expensive and produces large amounts of plastic waste.



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### Buy Used or Renew!

Check out garage sales and second-hand clothing and furniture shops. Buy quality items if you can-they last longer. Get creative and make gifts. Repair and repaint!



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### Get to know your neighbours!

Talk to your neighbours about living sustainably and how you can help each other in achieving that goal - for example, through sharing delivery costs.



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### Buy local!

Buy fresher food from farmers' markets, with profits going direct to growers. Shop locally-you'll waste less on fossil fuels and support your community.



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### Think twice about new electronics!

Keep your electronics as long as possible and dispose of them responsibly - support recycling and hazardous waste collection events.



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### Compost your food scraps!

Composting reduces the amount of waste going to landfill. Keep a worm farm for free, healthy fertilizer for your garden or local community garden.



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### Put in a water tank!

Rainwater from your roof can be fed into a tank for non-drinking uses, such as flushing toilets, watering the garden and for the cold tap in your laundry.



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### Save Energy!

Wash clothes in cold water if possible and dry outdoors. Low-flow shower heads save water and water-heating costs. Consider installing solar hot water heating.



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### Use local amenities!

Be an active civic participant, and ensure that public spaces and facilities, such as parks and libraries, are used and maintained.



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