

Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Implementation Programme

LIST OF CANDIDATE ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS 2016-17

LAP name abbreviations:

O:Oratia

W:Waiatarua

HVO: Henderson Valley Opanuku

MC: Muddy Creeks

TH: Te Henga (Bethells Beach) and Waitakere Valley

Key	Projects proposed for
	Recommended for funding (multi-year projects)
	New project proposed for budget allocation

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GENERAL PLANNING & COMMUNICATIONS								
PROGRAMME COORDINATION								
Quarterly Programme Coordination Group	Organisation of PCG meeting with Tier 4-5 managers of relevant Council Units, chairing of meetings, minutes						North West Planning	
MONITORING AND REPORTING								
Coordination of Monitoring Programme for 2013-2018	Collation and analysis of data for WRHA and LAP areas. Enhancement of AC/AT consents and projects recording and auditing systems to provide improved monitoring and reporting.	34		Yes	Yes		North West Planning/ RIMU	
6 Monthly Progress Reporting.	Reporting to Waitakere Ranges Local Board						North West Planning	
Policy advice - Review of policies and projects of AC & CCOs and feedback on consistency with the WRHA Act and examples of good practice. Funding for independent landscape, ecological and technical evaluation may be required	Review of RPMS, feedback to Weed Management Working Group, Heritage Incentive Policy, ATCOP, Guidelines for infrastructure in the road corridor in WRHA,	8(b),8(d)					North West Planning	
COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT								
Annual Local Board/Community Forum on issues relating to implementation of the WRHA Act.		3(1);7(2)(j)					Events / NW Planning/ Local Board Services	
Update pages for the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area within the Auckland Council website . Communicate information to community websites .	Main web page established in May 2015 - Update with links to information and resources relevant to WRHA e.g. weed control, land management, community websites	3(1)(a)&(b)	MC, TH			Yes	NW Planning/Local Board Services	
Public information and awareness campaign to promote the purpose and objectives of the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008	Heritage Area Resident Pack							
LOCAL AREA PLANS								
No LAP commencing this financial year								
ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT								
RESEARCH, MONITORING, EDUCATION								
Preliminary work for the 2018 Monitoring Report								
Long tailed bat research, protection and recovery	Continue the programme to locate bat populations, complemented by regional funding to identify habitat characteristics.	(8(h);7(2)(j))	HVO, TH	yes			Environmental Services	5,000

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Coastal birds (penguins and grey faced petrels) research and protection	Undertake community education and engagement in the survey, monitoring and protection of penguins and grey faced petrels in the coastal ecosystems of Te Henga, Karekare and Piha	(8(h);7(2)(j))	TH, MC	yes			Environmental Services	
Dactylinthus - pua o te reinga (wood rose or Hades Flower) and short tail bat research	Assess the feasibility of a project to re-introduce dactylinthus, and in the long term the short tail bat that feeds on the plant and pollinates it.	(8(h);7(2)(j))					Environmental Services	
Increase local communities' knowledge of biodiversity values and tools for ecological restoration and sustainable land management. Provide information and referral services on issues such as weed management, species identification, wastewater and storm water management.	Update and publish an information pack and educational material for new residents to the WRHA	(8(h);7(2)(j))	HVO, MC, TH		Yes	Yes	Environmental Services	
Research on threatened plant species	Record threatened species plant found on private property through projects that support weed control (e.g. Buffer Zone project). Threatened plant species research and surveys will be undertaken by Biodiversity team (regional project).	(8(h);7(2)(j))	All	yes			Environmental Services	
Monitor the extent and quality of habitats and ecosystems . Promote community monitoring of the ecology of the area	Communications and brokering role with community organisations and WRCN. Regional project of Biodiversity Unit to map ecosystems across	7(2)(j), 34	all	Yes	Yes	N/A	Environmental Services	
Support training events and annual symposium on the ecology of the area: research, monitoring, best practice	Support to community organisation or tertiary institution to organise a WRHA-wide (could be integrated to the Local Board/Community Forum) or LAP-based symposium	3(1), 7(2)	TH				Environmental Services	
Investigate local strategies for the hygienic disposal of weeds , and local sourcing of seedlings	Local grant or project funding, possibility of partnership with community group or university	(8(h);7(2)(j))	MC			Yes	Environmental Services	
WEED CONTROL and/or ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION								
Support for weed control on private land: Eastern Foothills/Muddy Creeks - community engagement in weed management focussed on properties adjacent to the Regional Park, : awareness, education, site planning and practical assistance (including contractor assistance)	Buffer Zone Project - continuation of work on existing seven hot spots in Waiatarua, Henderson Valley, Oratia and Laingholm	(8(h);7(2)(j))	All		Yes	Yes	Environmental Services	45,000
Weed and pest related projects contestable grants								
Support for weed control on private land - Community weed bins	Maintain existing bins during first quarter 2017/2018. Tender out service for remainder of financial year.	(8(h);7(2)(j))			Yes	Yes	Environmental Services	75,000
Support for weed control on private and public land - support for community-based weed projects	Maintain support to Sustainable Neighbourhoods programme and transition to a new model of community stewardship programme/weed free community programme	(8(h);7(2)(j))	All		Yes	Yes	Environmental Services	

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Support for weed control on private land: Piha and Huia - community engagement in weed management focussed on properties adjacent to the Regional Park, Eastern Foothills/Muddy Creeks: awareness, education, site planning and practical assistance (including contractor assistance)	Climbing asparagus control at Piha and Huia funded by separate budget of the Local Board.	(8(h);7(2)(j))	All		Yes	Yes	Environmental Services	
Riparian/catchment restoration focussing on private land. Monitor and report on water quality. Set water quality targets for Oratia Stream, Opanuku Stream and tributaries. Promote community-based monitoring of water quality.	Support to weed control and riparian planting in Kaurimu Stream Catchment (priority in Oratia LAP). Advocate for on-going support to work by local groups in other catchments: Waitakere River (Waitakere Rivercare); Waituna	(8(h);7(2)(j))	All		Yes	Yes	Environmental Services	
Other community-led ecosystem restoration projects	Support through local grants community-based species or ecosystem restoration projects with priority given to threatened species and ecosystems and priority areas identified in the Strategic Weed Management Plan and LAPs (ecological corridors, lowland and alluvial/riverine forest and the buffer zone around Regional Park). Advocate to maintain or renew existing partnership arrangements between community groups and Auckland Council through regional programmes (e.g. Ark in the Park, Friends of Whatipu, etc.).	(8(h);7(2)(j))	All		Yes	Yes	Environmental Services	
Incentives/support for landowners. Advocate for introduction/piloting of incentive schemes for private landowners to protect/restore/enhance indigenous ecosystems of the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area		(8(h);8(i);7(2)(j))	All				Natural Heritage Policy	
Prioritise areas for ecological restoration and protection. Plan and coordinate restoration activities to make them more effective.	Support to Waitakere Ranges Conservation Network to facilitate WRHA wide seminar and area-based planning	(8(h);7(2)(j))	O, HVO, TH		Yes	Yes	Environmental Services	
Raise awareness of kauri dieback , involve local landowners in monitoring, reporting and research, stewardship of local parks and tracks.	Integrate dieback education and resources in weed control and ecological restoration projects supported by the Local Board. Advocate for education and awareness raising in schools.	(8(h);7(2)(j))	MC		Yes		Environmental Services	
LANDSCAPE, DEVELOPMENT AND LAND MANAGEMENT								
Publish guidelines for building and development in the Bush Living areas of the WRHA	Complete 'Building in the Bush' guidelines for residents.	(8(h);8(i);7(2)(j))	MC		Yes		North West Planning	2,000
Review of the Concept Plan for Te Henga Park			MC				NW Planning / Parks	
Document and promote existing practices of land management and rural activities that protect valued landscapes, support the productive use and biodiversity of the land , are innovative and economically sustainable .	Capacity building project, working with land owners, community groups and stakeholders. Pilot a project in one of the LAP areas. Supplemented by regional funding from Environmental Services units.	7(2)(j);8(g)(j)	O, HVO, TH				NWPlanning / Environmental Services	

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Oratia masterplan –implementation of works at the Oratia Domain, roadscape improvements for better walking and cycling connections and to strengthen rural village character	Advisory role. CAPEX funding to be confirmed (LB Transport and Local Parks budgets).	7(2)(l),(j); 8(h)	O				AT/Local Parks	
Appropriate signage/gateway statements at entrance points to the WRHA, and to some communities (Waiatarua)	Community engagement role. CAPEX funding for design and development to be confirmed.	7(2)(l)	O, W, HVO				NW Planning/Arts/AT	
Monitor, document and report on historical changes to characteristic land uses and associated landscape features (e.g. shelter belts, buildings) identified in Sections 7(2)(h) and 7(2)(i) of the Act.	Dependent on further scoping and project definition and availability of RIMU staff input..	34; 7(2)(h), (i)(iii); (j); 8(g)(iii);8(i)		Yes			RIMU	
ROAD CORRIDORS AND WALKWAYS								
Investigate safety issues along Bethells Road and Te Henga Road	Road safety improvement		TH				NW Planning / Auckland Transport	10,000
Monitor the use of artificial public lighting to ensure the darkness quality of areas is maintained.	Monitor street lighting and parks lighting projects	7(2)	MC				NW Planning	
Review the access routes associated with heavy vehicles in Oratia and Waiatarua	Advocacy role to AT	7(2)(e), (i); 8(i)	O, W, HVO				Auckland Transport	
Continue to establish and develop the Foothills Walkway and other walkways (and cycle ways and riding trails where appropriate) identified in the LAPs	Brokering and advocacy role. In Oratia, priority from Village to Parrs Cross Road, along Oratia and Cochrane streams, and connecting to Arataki (Parker Rd, Cochrane Rd). Te Henga: priority for road side walkable berm in the village, and off road walkway/cycleway to the beach. Muddy Creeks: complete walkway from Arataki - Woodlands Park School - Waituna Reserve - Tangiwai Reserve - Landing Rd.	7(2)(g); 8(i)	All				Auckland Transport	
CULTURAL AND HISTORIC HERITAGE								
Cultural Heritage Identification and Protection	Heritage Site mapping: Year two Field work: scheduled sites and easy-to-reach coastal sites	7(2)(j)(k)	All	Yes	Yes		Heritage	25,000
Develop Deeds of Acknowledgement with mana whenua to recognise their relationships with the area, and investigate potential for kaitiakitanga, consultative processes and partnerships.	Progress discussions	29 to 33;7(2)(j)	HVO/All	Yes			Te Waka Angamua/North West Planning	
Develop a historical thematic study of the Muddy Creeks LAP area	Partly dependent on outcome of heritage site mapping work. On hold	7(2)(j)(k)	MC				Heritage	
Establish heritage trails based on the LAP areas' cultural heritage. Map and develop interpretation material for key sites and cultural landscapes.	Brokering and advocacy role. Partly dependent on heritage site mapping work. Concurrent with new signage projects on public parks and walkways, and the development of new walkways.	7(2)(j)(k); 8(g)	All				Community and Social Policy / Heritage	
Support local initiatives and capture local heritage through oral histories, archiving of documents, photographs etc.	Brokering role. Support through local grants. Dependent on community interest and initiative.	7(2)(j)(k)	All				Heritage	
Establish pou whenua	Completed		O, W, HVO, TH				Local Parks	
Progress the marae and papakainga project	Led and implemented by iwi. Supporting role only.	7(2)(j)(k)	TH				Community and Social Policy	
Enhance connections with Hoani Waititi marae		7(2)(j)(k)	Oratia					

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VISITOR MANAGEMENT								
Extension of traffic/visitor counts to areas outside the Regional Park	Monitor of visitors to the Heritage Area	34;8(c)(d); 7(2)(g)(i)(l)		Yes			Community and Social Policy	
Advocate for area not to be promoted as tourism destination	Advocacy role only.	8(c)(d); 7(2)(g)(i)(l)	TH				ATEED	
Investigate campground in Te Henga area to accommodate Hillary trail users	Undertaken under Regional Parks budget	7(2)(g)(i)(l);	TH				Regional Parks	
Design information board at Te Henga beach entrance (Te Henga Park), consolidating existing signage	Advisory role. CAPEX funding to be confirmed (LDI or Local Parks budget).	7(2)(g)(i)(l)	TH				Local Parks	
Design improved signage and undertake education around dog access rules at Te Henga (Bethells Beach)	Advisory role. CAPEX funding to be confirmed (LDI or Local Parks budget). Best implemented with new signage project at Te Henga beach entrance	7(2)(g)(i)(l)	TH				Local Parks/By Laws	
Monitor and manage visitor impact - debrief with key stakeholders before/after summer season, manage peak visitor demand on Bethells Rd, improve waste management services, continue ranger service at Te Henga and Lake Wainamu	Advocacy/brokering. Operational programmes.	7(2)(l);8(i); 25(4)	TH				Local Parks/Regional Parks/ Community Empowerment / Auckland Transport	
Review Concept Plan for Te Henga Park - new planting, natural playscape	Dependent on community interest and initiative. Currently community members are looking at vegetation management with Local Parks. Playscape development would require widespread consultation with community. Local Parks CAPEX not yet identified.	7(2)(l);8(i); 25(4)	TH				Local Parks	
Develop Waitakere Quarry as a reserve	Implementation of the quarry rehabilitation plan by quarry operator in 2016/17.	7(2)(l);8(i); 25(4)	TH				Local Parks	
Investigate need for water safety at Lake Wainamu	Led by Surf Club.	7(2)(l);8(i); 25(4)	TH				Regional Parks	
Advocate for community engagement in the planning of new roading infrastructure		7(2)(l);8(i); 25(4)	TH				Auckland Transport	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ECONOMIC/SOCIAL)								
Support for small business facilitation/networking - Publish Thrive	Three issues per year	8(i)	MC, TH				NW Planning, ATEED	0
WRHA business forum/network. Investigate level of interest amongst business and local community for a foothills/WRHA business forum and network, and what (if any) Auckland Council support may be appropriate.	Dependent on further scoping and project definition.	8(i)	O/HVO/MC/TH				ATEED/North West Planning	
Recognise and support the use of existing community facilities (schools and halls etc.), upgrade public spaces around community hubs, enhance family gathering and recreation spaces	Brokering and advocacy role. e.g. Implementation of Oratia Masterplan, leverage AT road safety upgrades near schools, local parks development and renewals, art projects	25(4);8(i)	All				Community Empowerment, NW Planning, AT, Local Parks	
Identify and consider opportunities for recreation, particularly for youth.	Advocacy and brokering role only. Addressed through Local Parks development, Events, local grants or wider Council activities or programmes.	25(4);8(i)	MC				Community Empowerment	

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Identify and consider opportunities for community gardens and orchards	Brokering role only. Addressed through Local Parks and Community Empowerment programme. Community orchards could be linked with retention of 'heritage' crops and land uses.	25(4);8(i)	MC				Community Empowerment/Local Parks	
Promote healthy, warm, sustainable housing design and retrofits. Assess housing/service needs for the elderly	Advocacy and brokering role only. Addressed through wider Council activities or programmes, e.g. Eco design advice.	25(4);8(i)	MC				Community Empowerment	
Support local markets and events	Brokering and advisory role.	25(4);8(i),(j)	MC				Community Empowerment, Local Parks, Events	
Support appropriate small scale eco-tourism and cultural tourism ventures	Brokering and advisory role.	25(4);8(i)	MC, TH					
Investigate potential for public art. Engage local artists in the design of signage and other infrastructure when practicable	Advocacy role where projects contribute to the character and amenity of the area. Addressed through other LB or wider Council and CCOs activities.	25(4);8(i)	MC/TH				Community Empowerment, Local Parks, Auckland Transport	
Advocate for improved public transport	Brokering role only. Business case for shuttle service may be addressed through Local Board LDI funding.	25(4);8(i)	MC, TH		Yes		Auckland Transport	
Advocate for adequate telecommunication services	Brokering role only. Advocacy for fibre optic cable extension to Te Henga (Bethells Beach) currently led by Local Board and Ward Councillors.	25(4);8(i)	All		Yes			
Support community groups to implement aspects of the LAPs. Strengthen leadership skills and capacity of local groups. Establish point of contact and coordinator role for enquiries in relation to LAP	Communication and brokering role. Implemented with communities' own resources, or through Local Board's Neighbourhood Development programme, Local Parks projects, local grants.	25(4);8(i)	All		Yes		Community Empowerment, NWPlanning	
Support community initiatives to set up and maintain web sites	Communication and brokering role. Implemented with communities' own resources, support through Neighbourhood Development programme or local grants.	25(4);8(i)	MC, TH				Community Empowerment, NWPlanning	
Prepare a Community Response Plan		25(4);8(i)	MC, TH				Civil Defence	
Collaboration with School to promote sustainability, stewardship and water safety	Brokering and advocacy role	25(4);8(i)	TH				Environmental Services	
WASTE MANAGEMENT								
Investigate local strategies for re-use/recycling of solid waste	Brokering role. Addressed through Local Parks operations (Te Henga), local grants or waste minimisation fund.	25(4);8(i)	MC, TH				Local Parks / Environmental Services	
NATURAL HAZARD MANAGEMENT								
Flood management plan for low lying areas.	Advocacy and brokering role. Addressed through wider Council activities or programmes	25(4);8(i)	MC				Environmental Services	
TOTAL OF ALLOCATED BUDGET								
I & ES Budget								162,000
Waitakere Ranges Programme Budget								50,000
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