

Environmental Strategy

Community Outcomes

- Wellington will protect and showcase its natural landforms and indigenous ecosystems
- Pest animals and plants will be eliminated as methods become available, and no new pests will become established.
- Wellington's long-term environmental health will be protected by well-planned and well-maintained infrastructure.
- Wellingtonians' use of non-renewable energy resources will decrease.
- Wellington will move towards a zero waste policy.
- Wellington will preserve and improve its parks, trees and open spaces.
- Wellington's urban development and buildings will be energy-efficient.
- Wellingtonians will protect and have access to public green open spaces and the coast.
- Wellington will promote the sustainable management of the environment, and support increased opportunities for the exercise of kaitiakitanga or environmental guardianship.

Regional Strategy

- Healthy environment – The region will offer a beautiful ecologically sustainable natural environment. That environment will offer numerous opportunities for recreation and healthy living.
- Regional foundations – People and businesses will have high quality, secure essential services for their everyday living. They will be retained and developed in a manner that is consistent with the sustainable growth of the region.

Council's Long-term Outcomes

- 4.1 More liveable**
Wellington's natural environment will be accessible to all, for a wide range of social and recreational opportunities that do not compromise environmental values.
 - 4.2 Stronger sense of place**
Wellington will recognise and protect significant features of its coastal and terrestrial landscape and natural heritage.
 - 4.3 More actively engaged**
Wellington will pursue a collaborative, participatory approach towards environmental *kaitiakitanga* (guardianship), by sharing information within the community and establishing partnerships to achieve environmental goals.
 - 4.4 Better connected** Wellington will have a network of green spaces and corridors linking the coastline, Town Belt and Outer Green Belt.
 - 4.5 More sustainable**
Wellington will reduce its environmental impact by making efficient use of energy, water, land and other resources; shifting towards renewable energy resources; conserving resources; and minimising waste.
 - 4.6 Safer**
Wellington will have access to safe and reliable energy and water supplies, clean air, and waste disposal systems that protect public health and ecosystems.
 - 4.7 Healthier**
Wellington will protect and restore its land- and water-based ecosystems to sustain their natural processes, and to provide habitats for a range of indigenous and non-indigenous plants and animals.
 - 4.8 More competitive**
Wellington's high-quality natural environment will attract visitors, residents and businesses.
- Council's Priorities**
- The Council will increase its promotion of water and energy efficiency and conservation, energy security and the use of renewable energy sources. And it will take a more active leadership role in these.
 - The Council will increase its efforts to improve protection of streams
 - The Council will develop a coherent plan to address biodiversity issues, including removing and replacing hazardous trees
 - The Council will strengthen its partnerships with stakeholders to increase environmental awareness, community participation and the

Activities

- 4.1.1 Provider - Local parks and open spaces
- 4.2.1 Provider - Botanical gardens
- 4.2.2 Provider - Beaches and coast operations
- 4.2.3 Provider - Town belts
- 4.3.1 Facilitator and funder - Community environmental initiatives
- 4.4.1 Provider - Walkways
- 4.5.1 Facilitator - Energy efficiency and conservation
- 4.5.2 Provider - Quarry
- 4.5.3 Provider - Recycling
- 4.5.4 Provider - Waste minimisation and disposal management
- 4.5.5 Provider - Water network
- 4.6.1 Funder - Water collection and treatment
- 4.6.2 Provider - Stormwater management
- 4.6.3 Provider - Sewage collection and disposal network
- 4.6.4 Provider - Sewage treatment
- 4.7.1 Funder and facilitator - Stream protection
- 4.7.2 Provider - Pest plant and animal management
- 4.8.1 Funder - Environmental and conservation attractions

Operating Projects

- Parks and reserves planning A004
Reserves unplanned maintenance A011
Turf management C515
Park furniture maintenance C517
Park buildings maintenance C518
Horticultural operations C563
Arboricultural operations C564
- Botanic gardens services C560
- Coastal operations C298
- Town belts management C524 / C514
Reserves land resolutions C429
Hazardous trees removal A008
- Environmental grants pool C652
Community greenings initiatives C531
Environmental education + enviroschools New11
- Walkway maintenance C561
- Energy management plan New12
- Quarry operations C556
- Domestic recycling operations C079
- Suburban refuse collection C078A
Inner city refuse collection C078B
Landfill operations, maintenance & monitoring C076 / C080
Litter enforcement C558
Closed land fills aftercare C077
Hazardous Waste disposal C409
Waste Minimisation Information C391
- Water network infrastructure*
Water conservation and leak detection C547
Water meter reading C112
- Bulk water purchase C115
Water metering C506
- Stormwater collection/disposal network A041A
Stormwater resource consent monitoring C090
Stormwater pollution prevention C503
Stormwater Network Maintenance C086C
Stormwater Network Asset Information C498
Stormwater Critical Drains Inspections C496
- Sewerage network operations*
Sewage pollution monitoring*
- Clearwater operations and maintenance contract C087
Porirua sewage treatment contributions C088
Living Earth green waste contract C347
- Stream protection programme New13
- Pest plant control and monitoring C509
Animal pest management C510
- Karori Wildlife Sanctuary A288
Marine Education Centre C426
Wellington Zoo C046

Capital Projects

- Reserves property purchases CX033
Suburban greening initiatives CX044
Early Settlers Trust CX050
Park structures upgrades and renewals CX284
Park infrastructure renewals CX436
- Botanical gardens upgrades CX348
- Coastal upgrades CX290
Coastal renewals CX349
Cobham Drive beach CX453
South Coast facilities upgrade NewCX2
- Town belts reserves upgrades CX437
- Walkways renewals and upgrades CX435
- Southern Landfill improvements CX084
- Water reticulation renewals CX126
Water reservoir/pump station renewals CX127
Water reticulation upgrades CX326
Water reservoir/pump station upgrades CX336
Water network maintenance renewals CX430
Area/district water meter installation CX296
- Stormwater flood protection upgrades CX031
Stormwater network renewals CX151
- Sewage pollution elimination project
- sewer main trunk upgrades CX029
- pump station upgrades CX333
- sewerage networks renewals CX334
Sewerage networks upgrades CX381
- Zoo renewals CX125
Zoo upgrades CX340

*Note that these cover a number of projects, which are noted under each activity statement.