

10.0 Wellington region open space strategy action plan 2009-2012

Category	#	Action	Lead agency	Support agency	Start date	Completed by date
1. Network development	1a	Utilising the regional matrix undertake a regional-wide assessment of the different scales and functions of open space across the region – analyse provision of open space across the region, gaps, missing links, opportunities, cross boundary issues	Wellington City Council / Porirua City Council	GW, DOC, all other TAs, QEII	October 2009	April 2010
	1b	Organise a six-monthly meeting of open space providers to discuss the planning, development, maintenance and marketing of cycle & walkways and other open space functions as identified in the regional matrix Develop processes across open space providers to ensure that cycle & walkways planned, developed, maintained and marketed where they are on adjoining land parcels	Greater Wellington Regional Council Regional Active Transport Forum WRS office	DOC, TAs, Iwi, Phoenix Trust, Rotary Clubs, Bike NZ, other interest groups	October 2009	August 2010 and Ongoing
	1c	Investigate ways of applying consistency of NZ track standards, descriptions and format e.g. grade, length across the region	Hutt City Council	GW, DOC, TAs, Iwi, Phoenix Trust, Rotary Clubs, Bike NZ, other interest groups	August 2010	August 2011 and ongoing
	1d	Undertake an assessment of the provision of high demand informal recreation provision to identify possible areas throughout the region and avoid overlap between TAs, and maintain a database of future opportunities. Some activities/facilities to consider may be downhill mountain biking, 4WD, horse trekking, motorbikes etc	Greater Wellington Regional Council	TAs, DOC, Regional Active Transport forum	May 2011	October 2011
2. Skills development, information exchange and reporting	2a	Develop and maintain an up to date database of future projects across open space agencies in the Wellington region	WRS office / Greater Wellington Regional Council	DOC, TAs	October 2009	Ongoing and updated annually
	2b	Establish a sub-group to organise annual regional open space forum	WRS office	TAs, DOC, GW, QEII, Iwi	October 2009	December 2009 and ongoing
	2c	Develop a regional open space providers email forum – initiate “hot topic” conversations	WRS office	TAs, DOC, GW, QEII, Iwi	October 2009	Ongoing
	2d	Develop mechanisms for the sharing of resource and best practices around the region - may include ranger qualifications, compliance, dealing with difficult people, statutory training e.g. Local Government Act, Reserves Act implementation	WRS office in conjunction with annual regional open space forum	TAs, DOC, GW	October 2009	March 2010 and ongoing
	2e	Provide ongoing updates to the region's iwi (Ara Tahi) through implementation of strategy actions. Respond to advice given by Ara Tahi.	WRS Office	WRS office	October 2009	Ongoing
	2f	Develop mechanisms to enable the sharing of visitor monitoring results and awareness of what monitoring is coming up across agencies	Wellington City Council	Jointly with WRRIG, GW, DOC, TAs	April 2010	Ongoing
	2g	Develop list of training opportunities amongst open space providers and keep this	WRS office	TAs, DOC, GW	April	Ongoing and

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		up-to-date (may link to NZRA, NZPI etc) - discuss at annual regional open space summit			2010	updated annually
	2h	Through an appropriate forum (e.g. annual regional open space summit) share regional best practice on open space initiatives including the exploration of the differences and similarities in Maori and pakeka approaches to open space management	Greater Wellington Regional Council / iwi	TAs, DOC, QEII	June 2010	Ongoing - annually
	2i	Hold a regional hui to understand the relationships and opportunities between iwi and open space providers (e.g. co-governance opportunities, co-practices, open space provision, opportunities to enhance <i>mauri</i> , understanding iwi/hapu values in open spaces, opportunities for iwi to work with private landowners and QEII Trust to encourage land to be covenanted) - this may be part of the regional open space summit	Greater Wellington Regional Council / iwi	TAs, DOC, GW, QEII	June 2010	Ongoing - annually
3. Community engagement	3	Share regional best practice principles around how to effectively and consistently engage with community, volunteer and interest groups on open space initiatives – this may include investigating ways to better align funding opportunities with non local government agencies and groups	Greater Wellington Regional Council	TAs, DOC, QEII, Iwi, other stakeholders	October 2009	March 2010 and ongoing
4. Policy development	4a	Circulate draft management planning documents to all agencies for comment	All agencies		October 2009	Ongoing
	4b	Provide advice to central government and other agencies on regional open space matters as required	WRS office	TAs, GW, DOC, QEII, Iwi	October 2009	Ongoing
	4c	Investigate the development of regional criteria/principles around acquiring and disposing of public open space land	Kapiti Coast District District	TAs, DOC, GW, QEII, Iwi	April 2010	October 2011
	4d	Investigate funding mechanisms e.g.development levies for the acquisition and improvement of land	Kapiti Coast District District	TAs, DOC, GW, QEII, Iwi	April 2010	October 2011
5. Marketing and Communication	5	Develop a regional information portal to include marketing of individual agency summer programmes and events across the region	Greater Wellington Regional Council	Jointly with WRRIG, TAs, DOC, Iwi	July 2011	August 2012
6. Collaboration	6a	Maintain up to date GIS layers as part of regional portal: location based and activity based – incorporate relevant cultural information/iwi values and ensure these layers reflect land ownership/control changes as a consequence of Treaty settlements	Greater Wellington Regional Council / Wellington City Council	TAs, GW, DOC, QEII, Iwi	October 2009	Ongoing - updated annually
	6b	Investigate asset management system alignment across region – provide opportunity for conversations and the sharing of information	Porirua City Council	TAs, GW, DOC	April 2010	October 2011

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	6c	Develop and maintain a register of available open space suppliers across the region including an outline of their skill and product base, and an indication of which Councils have used these providers	WRS office	TAs, DOC, GW, QEII, Iwi	August 2010	August 2011 and updated annually
	6d	Investigate better ways to align GIS open space data across the region (including data significant to Iwi). This may include reference to land that has been subject to Treaty of Waitangi settlements	Greater Wellington Regional Council / Wellington City Council / Iwi	TAs, DOC	April 2010	October 2011
	6e	Investigate efficient ways of coordinating overall management of contracts and service levels across the region	Upper Hutt City Council	TAs, GW	March 2011	March 2012
	6f	Investigate opportunities around standard specifications	WRS office / all agencies (forum sub-group)		August 2011	Ongoing
	6g	Investigate the opportunity for shared contracts across agencies within similar geographical areas e.g. lawn mowing, cleaning, asset maintenance, security, graffiti clean-up, signage	Upper Hutt City Council	TAs, GW, DOC	August 2011	August 2012
7. Biodiversity and climate change	7a	Assess cross agency opportunities around the linking of catchments and green corridors throughout the Wellington region	Hutt City Council	GW, TAs, adjoining lessees, DOC, QEII (in conjunction with landowners)	July 2010	April 2011 and ongoing
	7b	Review whether there is merit in adopting a consistent regional approach to carbon credit schemes for reserve land	Wellington City Council	TAs, DOC, GW, QEII, Iwi	August 2010	Ongoing
8. Strategy and action plan implementation review	8a	Review progress on workstreams within action plan (see section 11 of strategy)	WRS office	All providers and partners	March 2011	June 2011
	8b	Review overall effectiveness of strategy and action plan (see section 11 of strategy for process and review criteria)	WRS office	All providers and partners	June 2012	December 2012