

# Environmental Management

## Community Outcomes

Mana Tangata/Social well-being - Safe, connected communities where people feel happy and proud of where we live.

Mana Taiao/Environmental well-being - Communities that manage resources in a way that improves our environment for future generations.

## Why we do it

To protect the environment and the people that live in it. This activity leads a District wide approach to climate change (carbon zero, waste minimisation and sustainability), and maintaining the District Plan.

## Environment and Sustainability

### What we do

We manage the implementation of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy and the projects identified in this Strategy are mainly funded through a mix of the LTP and funding from central government agencies.

### Looking ahead

The focus is on finishing projects that are either in the planning or early implementation phases. These include our reforestation project that aims to plant 200 hectares in mixed exotic-native forest by June 2027, the Taranaki Organic Materials Processing Facility project and assisting the development of a roadmap to climate change adaptation and emissions reduction.

## Key Projects

Description	Year	Total (\$)
Biodiversity restoration – Council parks and reserves	Years 1 to 10	\$337k

## Environmental Policy

### What we do

Environmental Policy involves promoting sustainable management of the environment through maintaining the District Plan.

### Looking ahead

We are undertaking a series of small plan changes that aim to update the zoning in specific areas. These will be a precursor to the start of a comprehensive review of the District Plan, which is scheduled to commence in 2025.

## Significant Negative Effects

Activity	Well-being	Significant Effect	Mitigation
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Lack of policy direction	Mana Tangata/ Social Well-being	Lack of environmental policy around natural hazards or climate change can lead to development in high-risk areas. These developments can cause harm to people's homes, livelihoods and lives if not managed appropriately.	Environmental policy is developed to align with legislative requirements and consideration of the unique landscapes of South Taranaki are integrated into these documents.
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