

# Puketāpapa Local Board Workshop Agenda

Date of Workshop: **Thursday, 29 June 2023**

Time: **9.55am – 12.00noon**

Venue: **Puketāpapa Local Board, Boardroom, 560 Mt Albert Road, Three Kings or via Microsoft**

Attendees: **Ella Kumar (Chairperson), Fiona Lai (Deputy Chairperson), Roseanne Hay, Mark Pervan, Bobby Shen, Jon Turner**

Apologies: **Mary Hay (Senior Local Board Advisor), Vanessa Phillips (Local Board Advisor)**

Staff attending: **Nina Siers, (Local Area Manager), Kat Teirney (Strategic Broker) and Selina Powell (Democracy Advisor).**

Reminder: **Mobile phones on silent.**

Time	Workshop Item	Presenter	Purpose	Proposed Outcome(s)
9.55am – 10.00am (5 mins)	<b>1.0 Karakia and declarations of interest</b>	<b>Ella Kumar</b> Chairperson	Whakataka te hau ki te uru. Whakataka te hau ki te tonga. Kia mākinakina ki uta. Kia mātaratara ki tai. Kia hī ake ana te atakura he tio, he huka, he hauhū. tihei mauri ora!	The wind blows from the west. The wind blows from the south. It pierces the land with its wintry nip. And slices the sea with its freezing chill. When the red dawn breaks there is ice, snow and frost. indeed, there is life

Time	Workshop Item	Presenter	Purpose	Proposed Outcome(s)
10.00am – 11.00am (60 mins)	<b>2.0 Item: PSR Wesley Local Park needs assessment</b> <i>Governance: Setting direction/ priorities/budget</i>	<b>Thomas Dixon on line</b> Principal Parks Advisor, Parks and Community Facilities	To provide the local board with an update on the Wesley Local Park needs assessment.	That the local board is updated and provides feedback.
11.00am – 12.00noon (60 mins)	<b>3.0 Item: I&amp;ES Update including ECO Bank</b> <i>Governance: Setting direction/ priorities/budget</i>	<b>Hana Perry</b> Relationship Advisor, Relationship Management Unit <b>Leighton Gillespie on line</b> Principal Delivery, Special Projects		
12.00noon – 12.30pm (25 mins)	<b>4.0 Item: Board Member and Advisor Time</b>	<b>Kat Teirney</b> Community Broker		
End of workshop	<b>5.0 Closing Karakia</b>	<b>Ella Kumar</b> Chairperson	Unuhia, unuhia Unuhia mai te urutapu nui Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau te tinana, te hinengaro i te ara takatū Koia rā e Rongo e whakairia ake ki runga Kia tina! Haumi e! Hui e! Tāiki e!	<i>Draw on, draw on</i> <i>Draw on the supreme sacredness</i> <i>To clear and to set free the heart, the body and the inner essence</i> <i>In preparation for our pathways</i> <i>Let peace and humility be raised above all</i> <i>Manifest this! Realise this!</i> <i>Bind together! Affirm!</i>

Next workshop: Thursday, 06 July 2023 time tbc.

Board Recess week: 10 July 2023 – 14 July 2023

Ordinary business meeting 20 July 2023

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## PURPOSE

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*The purpose of this document is to provide an assessment of the Wesley open space network for the Puketapapa Local Board alongside mana whenua and the local community. This open space assessment will assist in identifying any gaps in the network, while also providing guidance for the future of the Wesley community to ensure that the open space network continues to serve the community as the suburb intensifies.*



TE MOANA-NUI-A-KIWA

HAURAKI GULF  
TIKAPA  
MOANA-O-HAURAKI

TE TAI-O-REHUA

WAITEMATA

WAIHEKE

TĀMAKI

WAITĀKERE  
TE WAO NUI  
Ā TIRIWA

TE MANUKANUKA  
O HOTUROA

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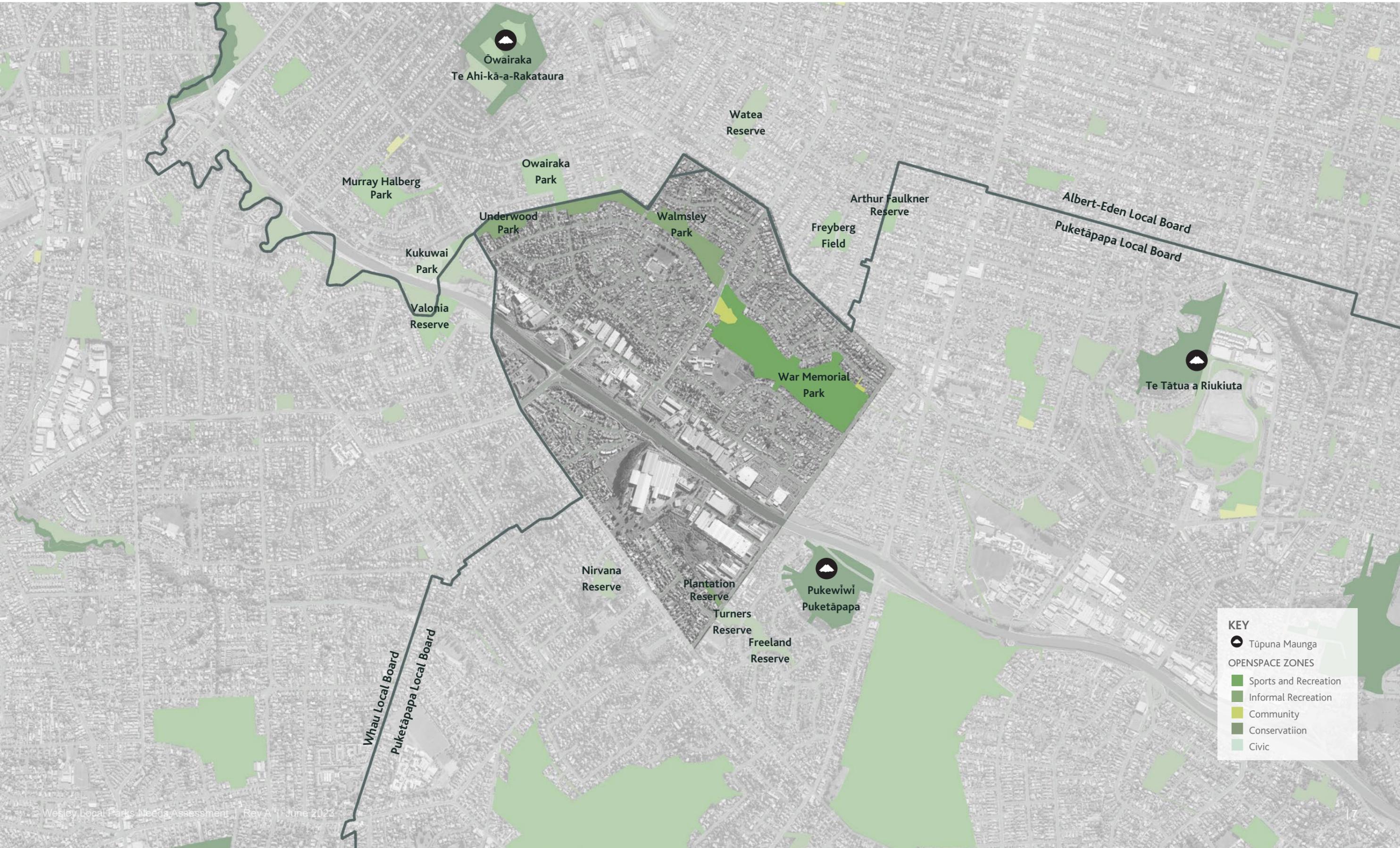
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-  Auckland Council Boundary
-  Watershed Boundary
-  Project Area

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# SITE INVESTIGATION

# WESLEY PUKETĀPAPA WIDER CONTEXT



**KEY**

- Tūpuna Maunga

**OPENSACE ZONES**

- Sports and Recreation
- Informal Recreation
- Community
- Conservation
- Civic

# WESLEY PUKETĀPAPA OPEN SPACE NETWORK



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### KEY

- Tūpuna Maunga
- Community Center
- School
- Public Toilets
- Parking
- Playground
- Wheeled Play
- Sports Provision
- Sites of Importance to mana whenua

### OPENSOURCE ZONES

- Sports and Recreation
- Informal Recreation
- Community
- Conservation
- Proposed Open space areas (Kāinga Ora)

# EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

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## UNDERWOOD PARK

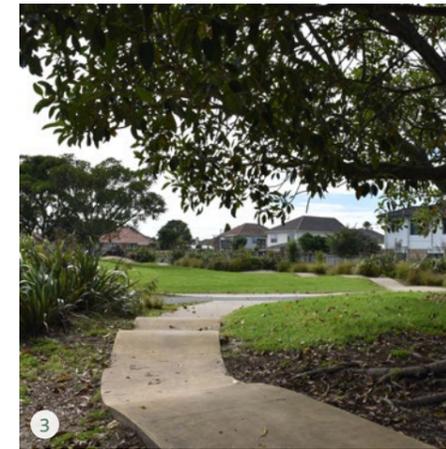
1. Residential properties backing on to Te Auaunga and Park
2. Mara Hupara
3. Pump Track
4. View to river restoration from bridge

## WALMSLEY PARK

5. Public Toilets with community fale and area in background
6. Stepping stones over Te Auaunga
7. Gathering area
8. View from bridge

## MEMORIAL PARK

9. Entry to War Memorial Park with market day sign
10. Channellised stream
11. Exercise station with feilds in background
12. War Memorial Park sign



## CULTURAL CONTEXT

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Note: the following information regarding Mana Whenua cultural context around Wesley and Te Auaunga Awa has been gathered through information from various strategic documents produced in collaboration with Mana Whenua including: Kainga Ora's Wesley West Masterplan, Te Tohu o Te Auaunga (supported by Puketāpapa, Albert-Eden and Whau local boards) and He Rautaki Waioira o Te Auaunga Framework Stormwater Management Plan (FSMP)

Nestled between two Tūpuna Maunga Ōwairaka/ Te Ahi-kā-a-Rakataura to the North and Puketāpapa/ Pukewīwi to the South East, the Wesley area has a long cultural history for many Iwi and Hapu in Tamaki Makaurau.

Fertile volcanic and alluvial soils provided ideal conditions for māra, and the area was historically surrounded by a network of wetlands and streams providing a high diversity of food sources and plant species for rongoa and weaving.

Te Auaunga is a significant waterway flowing from Te Tatua Te Riukiuta, down between Ōwairaka and Puketāpapa and out to Te Waitemata, the waters of Te Auaunga connect together a vast cultural landscape of diversity including mahinga kai, pā taua, papakāinga, wāhi nohoanga and wāhi tapu.

Te Wai o Rakataura (the waters of Rakataura) are another significant waterbody in the wider area, They are likely to have been prized for their fish as well as water-fowl, building materials, and rongoa. Te Wai o Rakataura was also wāhi tapu with several sites of spiritual significance within it.

Iwi believe that each waterway carries its own mauri. Mauri is a crucial concept for iwi. A water body with a healthy mauri will sustain healthy ecosystems, support cultural uses and mahinga kai, and be a source of pride and identity to mana whenua.

### Te Tohu o Te Auaunga

Te Tohu o Te Auaunga is a project supported by all three local boards through which Te Auaunga flows (Puketāpapa, Albert-Eden, Whau). Underlying this project is the vision, mission and strategy developed for Te Auaunga which aims to:

*"... integrate mātauranga Māori and environmentally sustainable practices to restore the mauri of Te Auaunga so it becomes a thriving, flowing creek in a green corridor that is treasured and respected for generations to come."*

The purpose of the Tohu is to increase public awareness and engagement with the awa. The tohu is a symbol that was developed to represent the awa and the relationship of mana whenua with the awa. It was developed collaboratively among mana whenua and Whaotapu who are a collective of Tohunga Toi Ake and work across Tāmaki Makaurau and the motu.

Applications of the tohu are diverse and may include interpretive signage, mahi toi, milestones, bollards, Pou whenua, horizontal surfaces, mauri stones, and indirectly through riparian planting to help restore the mauri of the awa and support other tohu applications



Tohu concepts and drawings by Whaotapu Trust: Sunnah Thompson & Wikuki Kingi. Digital rendering and design by River: Marcus Tsang, Rainui Teihotua, & Isaac Rolfe

# WESLEY PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL ECOLOGY



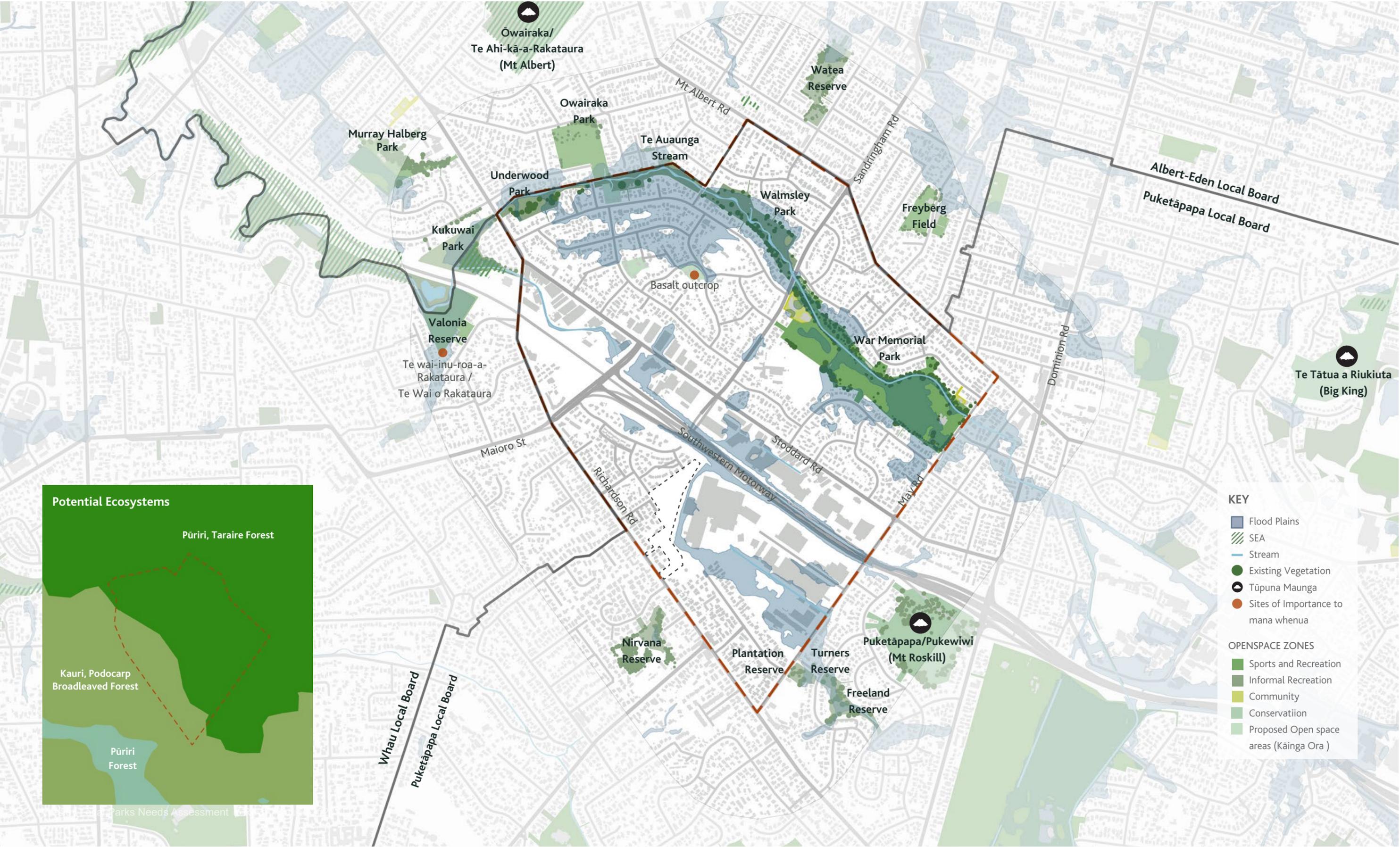
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**KEY**

- Flood Plains
- SEA
- Stream
- Existing Vegetation
- Tūpuna Maunga
- Sites of Importance to mana whenua

**OPENSACE ZONES**

- Sports and Recreation
- Informal Recreation
- Community
- Conservation
- Proposed Open space areas (Kāinga Ora)

# WESLEY PUKETĀPAPA PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE CONNECTIVITY



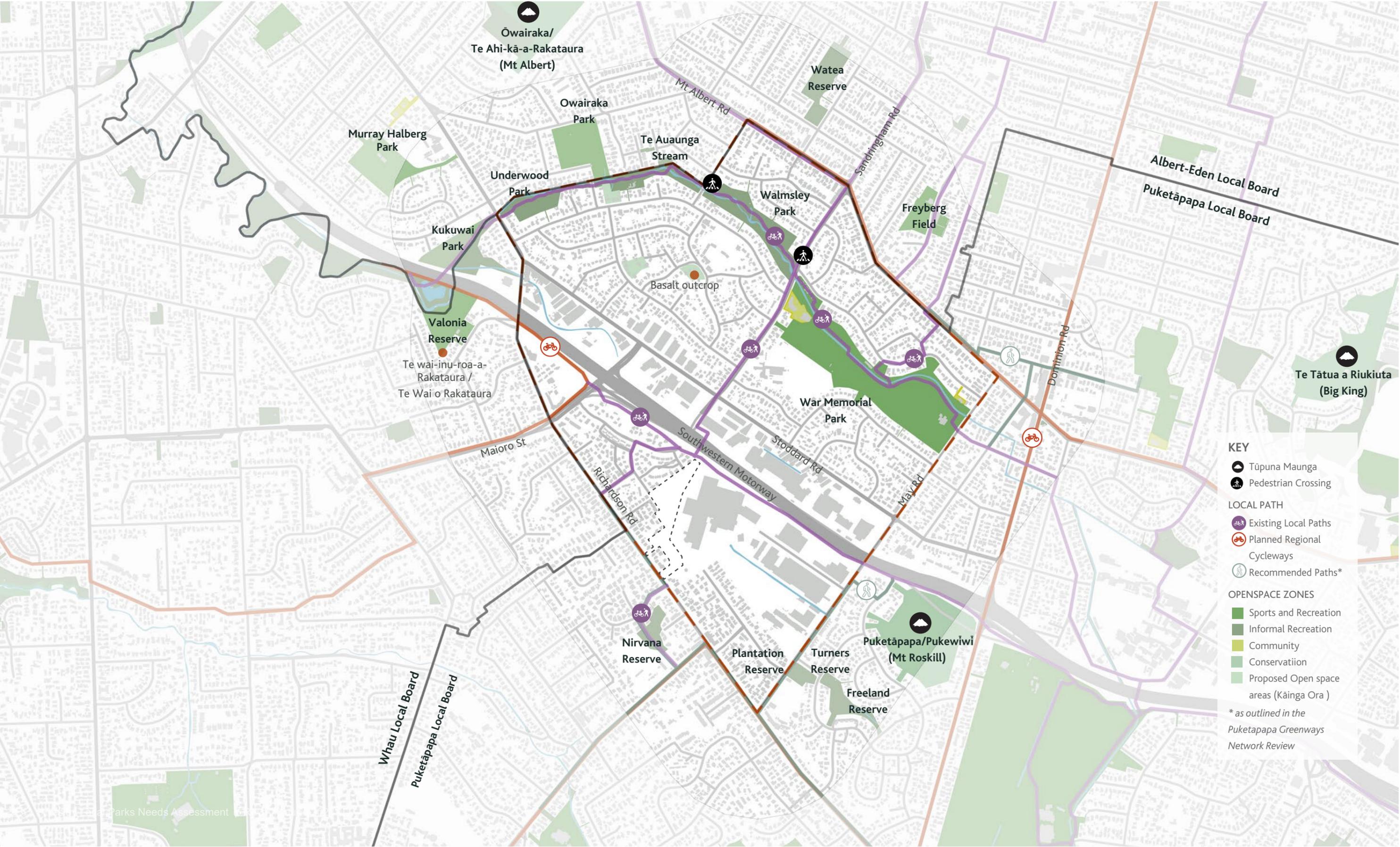
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### KEY

- Tūpuna Maunga
- Pedestrian Crossing

### LOCAL PATH

- Existing Local Paths
- Planned Regional Cycleways
- Recommended Paths\*

### OPENSOURCE ZONES

- Sports and Recreation
- Informal Recreation
- Community
- Conservation
- Proposed Open space areas (Kāinga Ora)

\* as outlined in the Puketāpapa Greenways Network Review



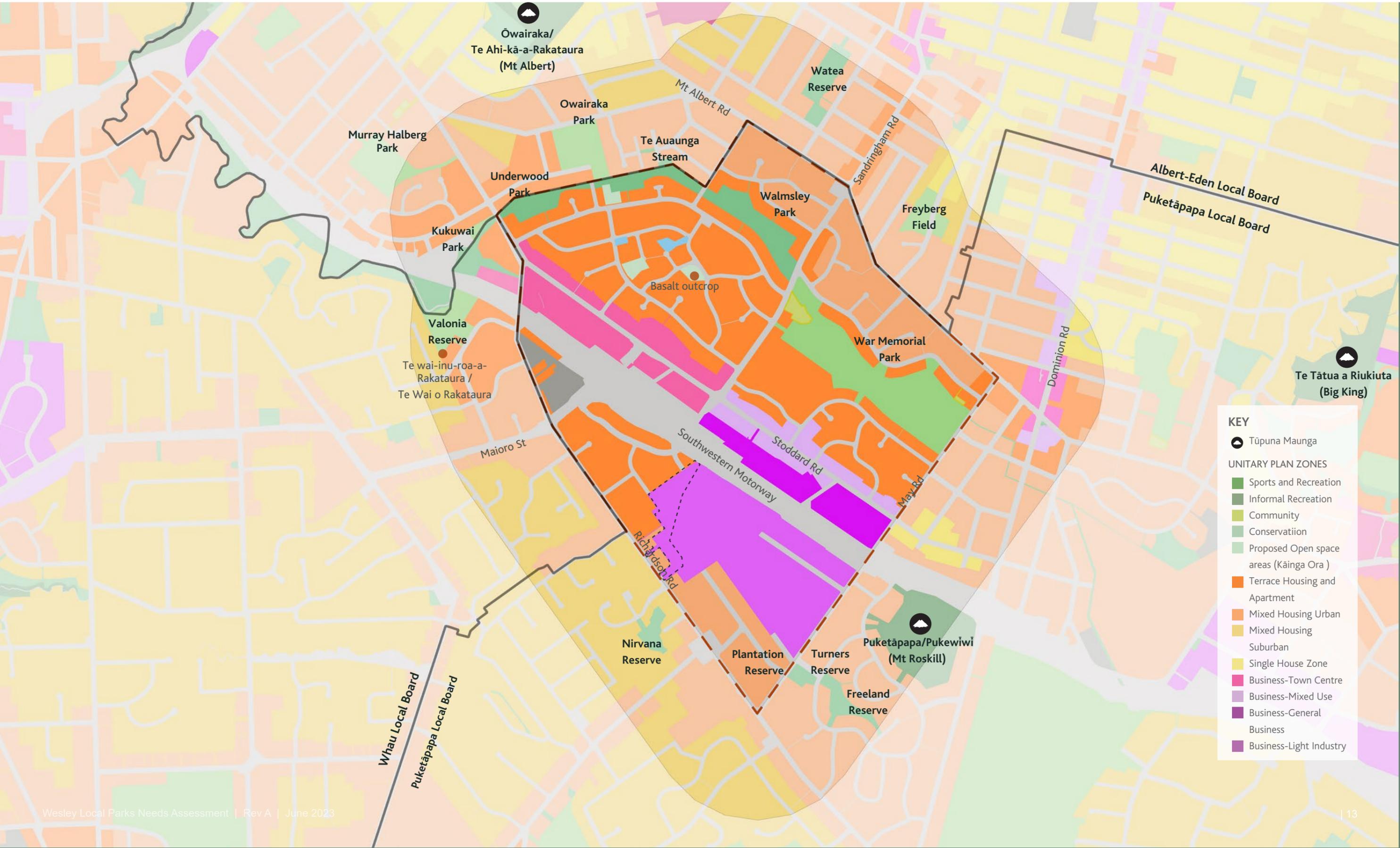
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### KEY

📍 Tūpuna Maunga

#### UNITARY PLAN ZONES

- Sports and Recreation
- Informal Recreation
- Community
- Conservation
- Proposed Open space areas (Kāinga Ora)
- Terrace Housing and Apartment
- Mixed Housing Urban
- Mixed Housing Suburban
- Single House Zone
- Business-Town Centre
- Business-Mixed Use
- Business-General Business
- Business-Light Industry

## UNITARY PLAN ZONING CONTEXT

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### Open Space

#### OPENSOURCE- INFORMAL RECREATION ZONE

Walmsley Park, Underwood Park and Plantation Reserve are zoned for informal recreation. This zoning designation applies to open spaces that range in scale from small local parks to large regional parks. These areas are used for a variety of outdoor informal recreation activities and community uses, such as walking, running, cycling, relaxing and socialising, picnics, playing and enjoying the environment. Buildings and structures are limited to those that support the enjoyment of the open space for informal recreation and small-scale community buildings and structures.

#### OPENSOURCE- SPORTS AND ACTIVE RECREATION ZONE

War Memorial Park (+ Owairaka park and Kukuwai reserve?) is predominantly zoned for Sports and Active Recreation. This zoning designation applies to The zone applies to open spaces used for indoor and outdoor organised sports, active recreation and community activities. It includes facilities such as sport fields, hard-court areas and greens, recreational and multi-sports facilities, and marine-related activities.

#### OPENSOURCE- COMMUNITY ZONE

A Small section of the Western end of War Memorial Park is a community zone. This zoning designation primarily accommodates community buildings and activities. This includes libraries, arts and cultural centres, marae, community houses, halls, early childhood learning facilities and recreation centres.

### Overlays

#### QUALITY SENSITIVE AQUIFER

Areas along the western edge of Underwood Park and the south-western corner War Memorial Park are subject to the Quality-sensitive Aquifer Overlay. This Overlay is indicative of aquifers that are shallow and unconfined and therefore susceptible to pollution from surface sources such as excess fertiliser application or discharges of contaminants such as stormwater or sewage. These aquifers are important sources of water for rural and industrial purposes, as well as providing base flow to surface streams in some areas.

#### HISTORIC HERITAGE EXTENT OF PLACE

The Eastern end of War Memorial Park, containing The War Memorial Hall and The Wall Memorial, is subject to the Historic Heritage Extent of Place Overlay. A historic heritage place may include; cultural landscapes, buildings, structures, monuments, gardens and plantings, archaeological sites and features, traditional sites, sacred places, townscapes, streetscapes and settlements. The provisions in this overlay manage the protection, conservation, maintenance, modification, relocation, use and development of scheduled historic heritage places.

#### REGIONALLY SENSITIVE VOLCANIC VIEWSHAFT

Much of Walmsley Park, as well as the eastern and western ends of Underwood Park are subject to the Regionally Sensitive Volcanic Viewshaft Overlay. This Overlay recognises the natural and cultural heritage value of volcanic cones in Tamaki Makaurau Auckland, protecting

significant views of Auckland's volcanic cones through the use of key viewshafts and height restrictions for development in significant areas.

# WESLEY PUKETĀPAPA OPEN SPACE GAP ANALYSIS: 400M BUFFER



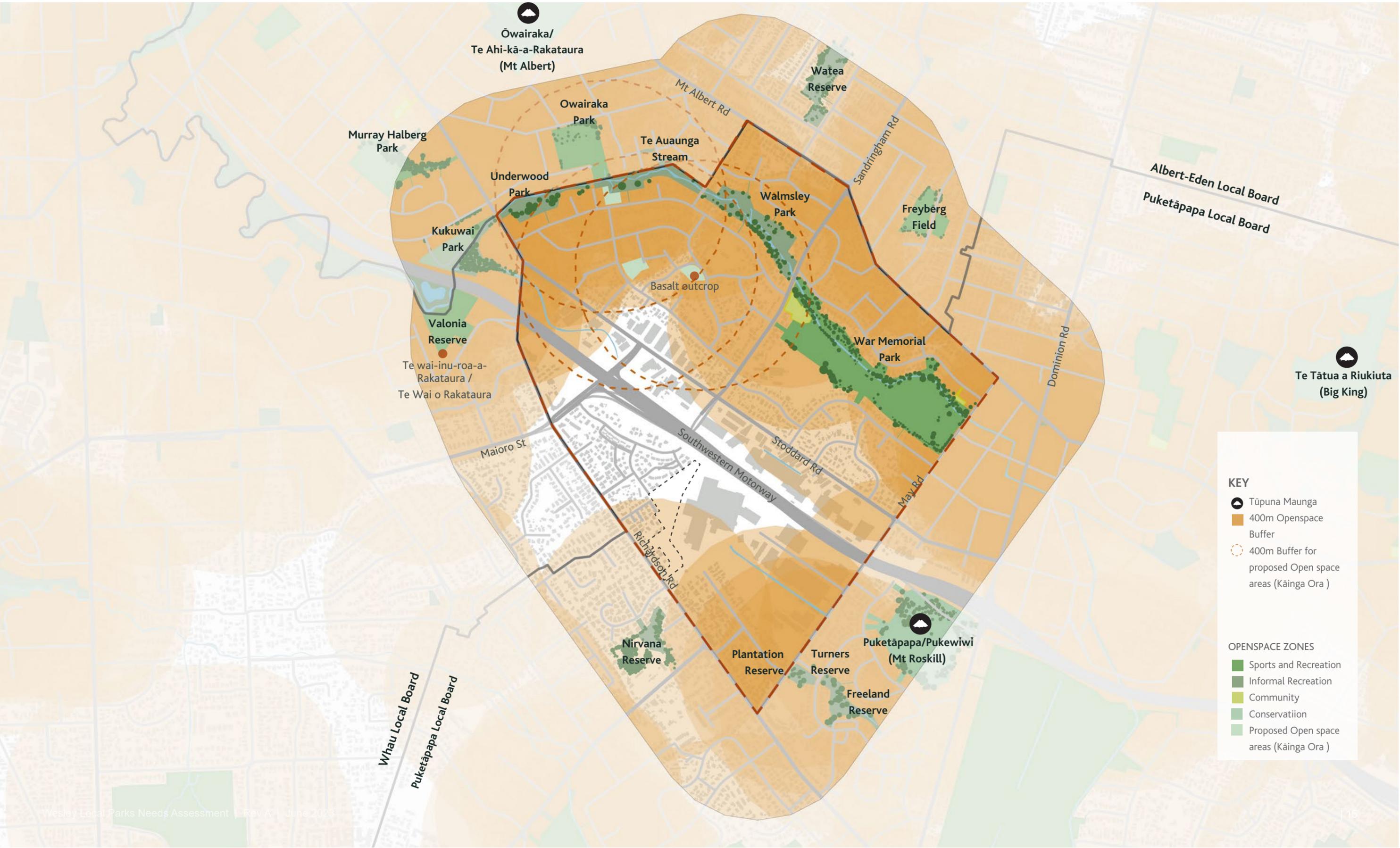
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### KEY

- Tūpuna Maunga
- 400m Openspace Buffer
- 400m Buffer for proposed Open space areas (Kāinga Ora)

### OPENSOURCE ZONES

- Sports and Recreation
- Informal Recreation
- Community
- Conservatiion
- Proposed Open space areas (Kāinga Ora)

# CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS IN THE WESLEY AREA



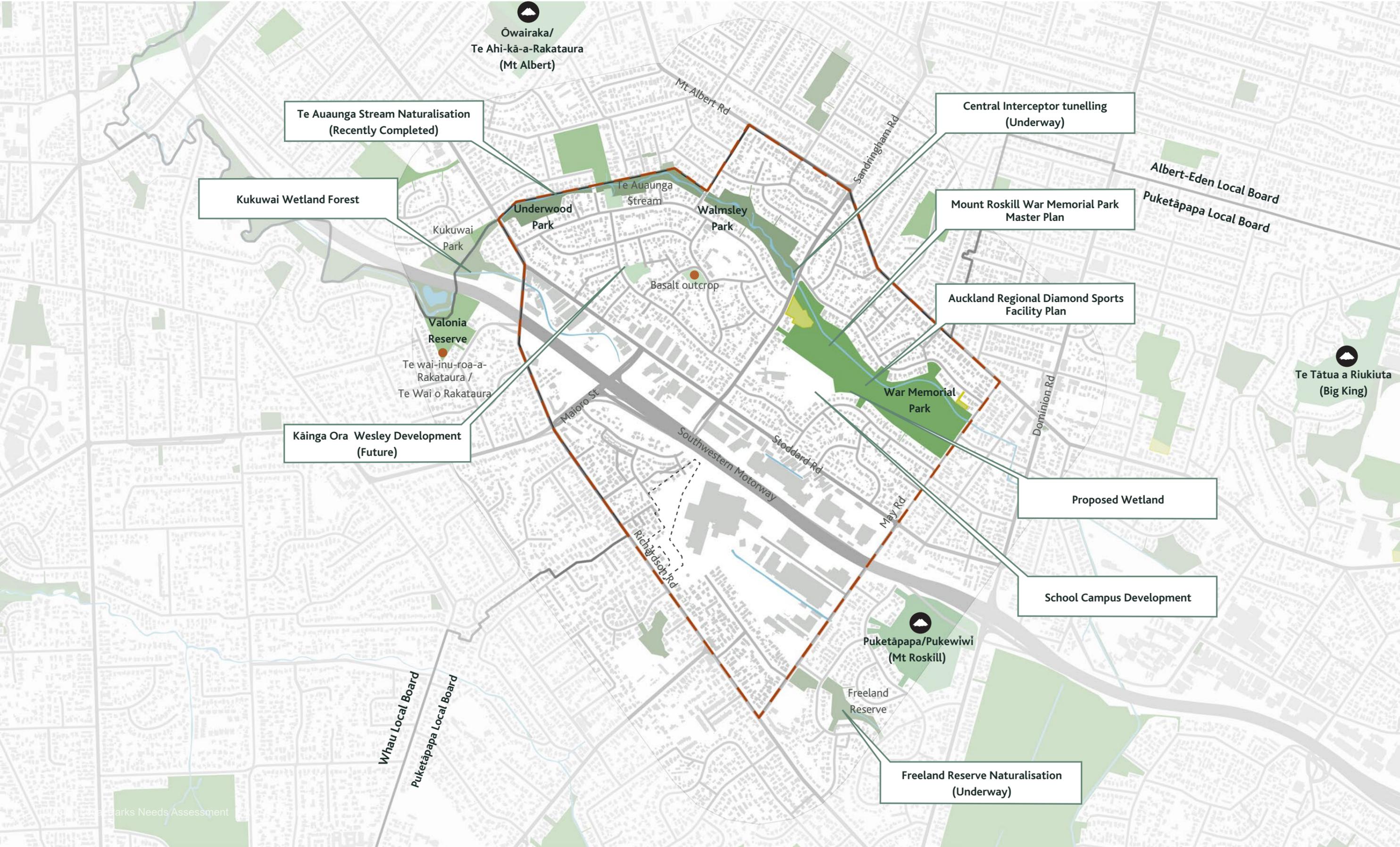
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Te Auaunga Stream Naturalisation  
(Recently Completed)

Kukuwai Wetland Forest

Kāinga Ora Wesley Development  
(Future)

Central Interceptor tunnelling  
(Underway)

Mount Roskill War Memorial Park  
Master Plan

Auckland Regional Diamond Sports  
Facility Plan

Proposed Wetland

School Campus Development

Freeland Reserve Naturalisation  
(Underway)

## PROVISION

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The detailed maps on the following pages represent the existing and future sports, shelter, community and play provision across the existing open space network in Wesley.

Detail on this provision was drawn from Auckland Council and Local Board reports, including:

- Puketāpapa Play Gap Network Analysis (2021)
- Puketāpapa Shade/Shelter Provision Assessment (2019)
- Puketāpapa Greenways Review (2017)
- Puketāpapa Public Toilet Provision Assessment 2018
- Mount Roskill War Memorial Park Masterplan Report (2021)

# MEMORIAL PARK



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- KEY**
- Community Center
  - Future School
  - Parking
  - Public toilets
  - Shelter
  - Sports Provision
  - Play Provision
  - Wheeled Play
  - Fitness Track

- OPENSOURCE ZONES**
- Sports and Active Recreation

# WALMSLEY PARK



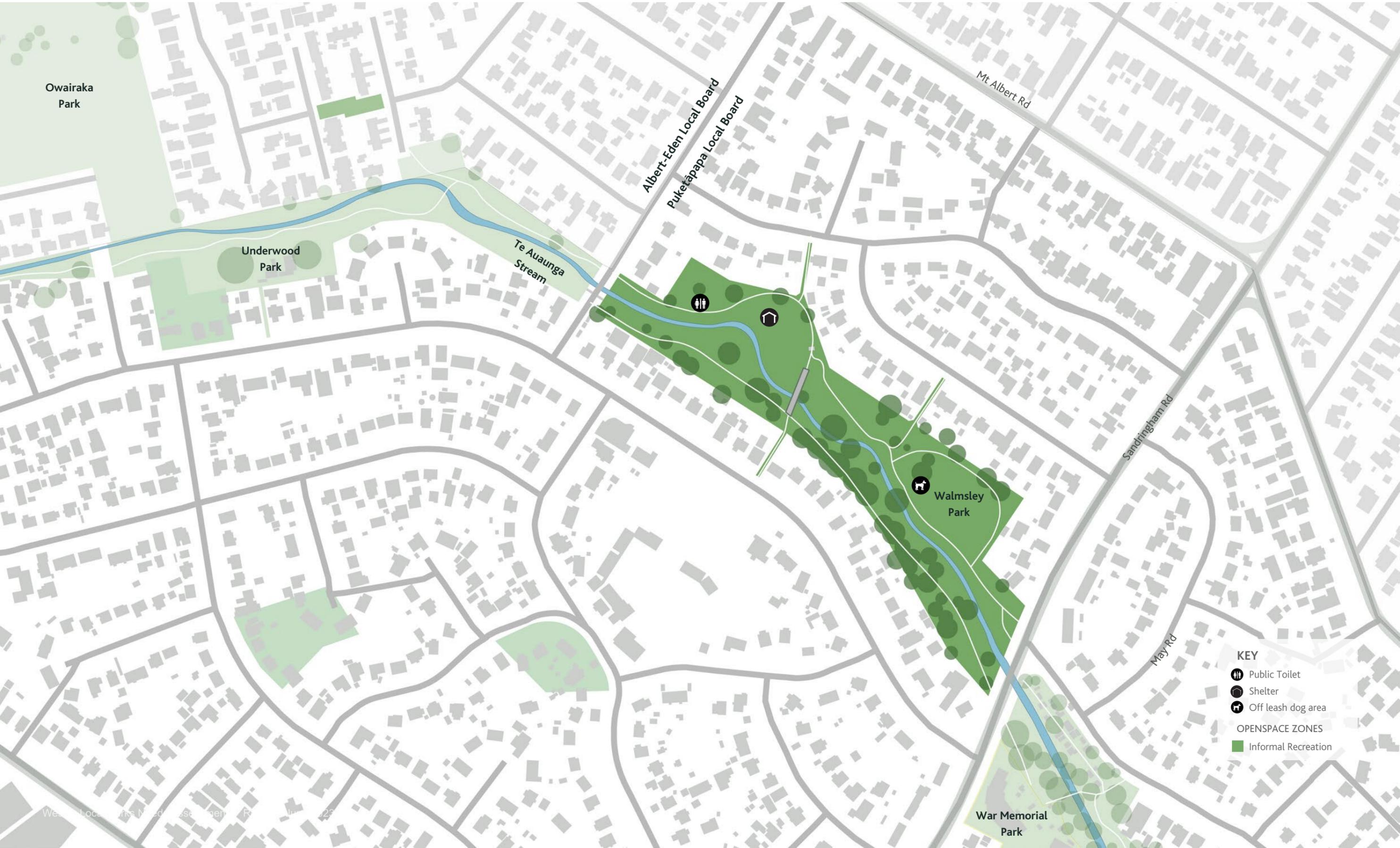
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### KEY

- Public Toilet
- Shelter
- Off leash dog area
- OPENSOURCE ZONES
- Informal Recreation



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### KEY

- Parking
- Play Provision
- Wheeled Play

### OPENSOURCE ZONES

- Informal Recreation

## WESLEY OPEN SPACE ASSESSMENT TABLE

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The following tables provide an assessment of the open space. This will assist in the identification of gaps and future provision needs.

The provision of each open park has been ranked as 'Low', 'Medium' or 'High' as per the following:

### Low Provision

- Open space has few or no amenities for local community
- Open space does not cater to local community needs (in relation to open space zone)
- Access to open space is difficult for local community (in relation to open space zone)
- Open space is poorly maintained

### Medium Provision

- Open space has some amenity for local community
- Somewhat caters to local community needs (in relation to open space zone)
- Reasonable access to open space for local community (in relation to open space zone)
- Open space is reasonably well maintained

### High Provision

- Open space has a good range of amenities for local community
- Open space caters well to local community needs (in relation to open space zone)
- Good access to open space for local community (in relation to open space zone)
- Open space is well maintained

## WESLEY OPEN SPACE ASSESSMENT TABLE

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PARK NAME	AREA	ZONE	LOCATION	CHARACTER	ACCESS	PROVISION	CULTURAL EXPRESSION	ECOLOGY
<b>Underwood Park</b>	3.9 ha	Open Space Informal Recreation	Sits between Owairaka to the North and Wesley to the South in what is currently a predominantly low-density residential area with zoning and plans for higher density typologies in the future	Sits between Owairaka to the North and Wesley to the South in what is currently a predominantly low-density residential area with zoning and plans for higher density typologies in the future	<p><b>Walking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Legible wayfinding through visual sightlines and clear signage.</li> <li>- Easy access from main pathways to surrounding residential streets and main road</li> <li>-Paths in good condition</li> </ul> <p><b>Cycling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Well connected to existing wider pedestrian and cycle networks</li> </ul>	<p><b>High</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a good range of amenities and spaces appropriate to the Informal recreational zoning, with areas for play, rest and community gathering</li> </ul>	<p>The Mara Hupara towards Western end developed in collaboration with Mana Whenua groups reflecting traditional games.</p> <p>Clear visual connections to Ōwairaka/ Te Ahi-kā-a-Rakataura Maunga where the park adjoins Owairaka Park</p>	<p><b>Flora</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-well established canopy trees (Morton Bay Fig) with establishing native underplanting</li> <li>- Stream restoration planting establishing well with a range of sedges, rushes and harakeke</li> </ul> <p><b>Fauna</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-large canopy cover provides good habitat for bird species</li> <li>- stream planting provides good habitat for aquatic species, wading birds and invertebrates (heron and pukeko sighted)</li> </ul> <p><b>Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- water flow testing underway during site visit</li> <li>- camera present to record water flow</li> <li>- stream in this area largely naturalised</li> </ul>
<b>Walmsley Park</b>	3.6ha	Open Space Informal Recreation	Sits between Owairaka to the North and Wesley to the South in what is currently a predominantly low-density residential area with zoning and plans for higher density typologies in the future	Characterised by its relationship to Te Auauanga, with well established riparian planting, pathways and informal crossings that weave over the stream, and pockets of more intimate areas for gathering and rest	<p><b>Walking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Generally legible wayfinding and clear signage, though central interceptor works at Eastern end of the parkcreates a partial visual barrier to Sandringham Rd</li> <li>- Easy access from main pathways to surrounding residential streets and main road</li> <li>-Paths in good condition on northern edge of stream, narrower and less maintained on southern edge</li> <li>-Roads on either side have pedestrian crossings</li> <li>-Footpaths run on either side of the stream with an informal crossing over via stepping stones</li> </ul> <p><b>Cycling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Well connected to existing wider pedestrian and cycle networks</li> </ul>	<p><b>Medium-High</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a good range of amenities and spaces appropriate to the Informal recreational zoning, with areas for play, rest and community gathering.</li> <li>-some areas are noticeably less maintained (particularly along Southern edge of stream)</li> </ul>	<p>Community Fale and Atea designed by Sopolamalama Filipe Tohi, provides a cross-cultural space for community gathering, outdoor education and wananga.</p> <p>Seating and tables/platforms around this area also makes symbolic reference to patiki/ fish, manu/ birds, awa/ stream, and lalava/ lashing</p>	<p><b>Flora</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- stream restoration planting establishing well with a range of Ti Kouka, manuka, sedges, rushes and harakeke</li> <li>- Some invasive weed patches, particularly on the western side of stream</li> </ul> <p><b>Fauna</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- stream planting provides good habitat for aquatic species, wading birds and invertebrates (heron and pukeko sighted)</li> </ul> <p><b>Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- stream in this area largely naturalised with large rocks and tree stumps utilised to slow water flow and create riffles</li> </ul>

## WESLEY OPEN SPACE ASSESSMENT TABLE

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PARK NAME	AREA	ZONE	LOCATION	CHARACTER	ACCESS	PROVISION	CULTURAL EXPRESSION	ECOLOGY
<b>War Memorial Park</b>	14.1ha	Open Space - Sports and Active Recreation Open Space - Community Zone (Small section on Western edge)	Sits between Sandringham/ Mt Roskill in the North and Wesley to the South in what is currently a predominantly low-density residential area with zoning and plans for higher density typologies in the future	Characterised by its sports and community facilities, with an active program of events. particularly notable as a sub-regional hub for diamond sports. Well established exotic trees surrounding the channelised stream along the northern edge of the feilds create a bucolic english landscape feel.	<b>Walking</b> - Relatively legible wayfinding, though becomes confused in parking areas - Paths in good condition - Easy access from main pathways to surrounding residential streets and main road -Pedestrian Crossing to Walmsley Park on Western edge - Footpaths run along either side of the park, offering good access to sports facilities  <b>Cycling</b> - Well connected to existing wider pedestrian and cycle networks Driving: - Large parking areas in both western and southern entrances, as well as access via side roads	<b>Medium- High</b> - Excellent range of sports, recreation, fitness and community facilities appropriate to zoning . - Shelter provision is stretched, particularly considering the necessity for the park to accomodate large groups for sports and community events, and the potential for future development reflected in the zoning surrounding the area	Hinaki bridge design reflects a traditional Maori eel trap with a plaque that briefly explains Mana Whenua relationships to area (particularly the stream) and some of the symbolism around the design	<b>Flora</b> - a number of established exotic trees along Northern edge - notable lack of native species  <b>Fauna</b> -seagulls and sparrows - low habitat opportunities for native species  <b>Water</b> - stream channelised in this area with mown grass down to water
<b>Plantation Reserve</b>	0.2ha	Open Space - Informal Recreation	Sits between a large light industrial area to the North and a large low to medium density residential area on all other sides.Across the road from Turner Reserve (out of project boundary) and the adjoining Freeland Reserve	Characterised by the surrounding light industrial area, abandoned feeling	- A notable lack of pedestrian or cycle infrastructure - Main accessway being an unsealed road that provides access to surrounding residential properties	<b>Low</b> - Almost no amenity aside from a few established trees. However, Turner reserve across road fills gaps with playground , parking, courts etc.	None	<b>Flora</b> a few large exotic trees  <b>Fauna</b> large tree canopies may provide habitat for bird species

## SURROUNDING OPEN SPACE ASSESSMENT TABLE

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PARK NAME	AREA	ZONE	PROVISION
Kukuwai Park	1.8ha	Open Space - Informal Recreation Open Space -Sports and Recreation	Medium provides some amenity with open informal area and transition space, function appropriate to zoning
Murray Halberg Park	3.4ha	Open Space -Sports and Active Recreation	Medium-High A reasonable range of sports and play amenity for the size of park including a rugby field
Valonia Reserve	2.5ha	Open Space -Sports and Active Recreation	Medium-High A reasonable range of sports and play amenity for the size of park
Owairaka Park	3ha	Open Space -Sports and Active Recreation	High A good range of play, active and passive recreation areas appropriate to zoning, though lacking in shelter
Nirvana Reserve	1ha	Open Space - Informal Recreation	Low to medium Provides limited amenity appropriate to zoning
Turners Reserve	0.5ha	Open Space - Informal Recreation	High A good range of play, active and passive recreation areas appropriate to zoning
Freeland Reserve	1.4ha	Open Space - Informal Recreation	Medium Recent restoration work in the reserve is beginning to establish which will provide further amenity and ecological value in the future, provides good access to surrounding area
Mt Roskill	8.9ha	Open Space - Conservation Zone	Low-Medium Amenity provided is appropriate to zone, however mana whenua and ecological values are relatively poorly represented
Freyberg Field	1.6ha	Open Space -Sports and Active Recreation	Medium A reasonable range of sports amenity for the size of park including a rugby field and tennis courts
Watea Reserve	2.4ha	Open Space - Informal Recreation	Medium Provides some amenity with open informal area and mature vegetation, function appropriate to zoning

## EXCLUSIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

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The Wesley Local Parks Needs Assessments has been prepared based on information, studies, and data available at the time the work was undertaken. Exclusions include:

- Plan Changes: Kainga Ora, Auckland Council
- Auckland Light Rail Network
- Community Facilities Needs Assessment
- Te Auaunga Stormwater Catchment Plan

While there was detailed information regarding the development plans for Wesley West, plans for Wesley East, Wesley North and Wesley South are yet to be determined. Development in these areas may influence zoning regulations, therefore open space needs and provision may need to adapt as development plans in these areas become available.

Similarly, details around plans for Auckland Light Rail are still yet to be determined for Wesley, the form of which will likely influence the open space outcomes in this area to some extent.

Additionally an upcoming Community Facilities Needs Assessment and Stormwater management plan for the area will likely highlight considerations that may not have been anticipated within this assessment that will need to be incorporated into future plans for Wesley's parks.

This document is intended to provide a holistic view of priorities for future development of the parks network in order to enable advocacy and

investment. However, given the various stages of planning progressed for each of these areas, it is likely that outcomes from the document will need to shift or evolve as more information is made available. The document should therefore be viewed alongside subsequent parks planning documentation.

## ENGAGEMENT

*The purpose of engagement for this project included engaging with project partners and key stakeholders to determine their wants, aspirations, needs and requirements for the Wesley open space network now and into the future, to ensure a robust understanding of the network's constraints, opportunities, provisions and future needs. The intention was to take stock of the current network alongside the future Kainga Ora development occurring in and enable quality decisions to be made regarding future open space needs in the Wesley area.*

### **Methodology**

*The engagement methodology recognises that the different types of partners and stakeholders have different relationships to both council and the open space networks in Puketapapa, and therefore need to be engaged differently.*

### **Programme**

*The engagement took place from March 2023 through to May 2023. After a local board briefing in late February, the consultants engaged in workshops with mana whenua partners and key stakeholders between February and April to show key findings from the site investigation and agree on a direction moving forward.*

## PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT

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### KAINGA ORA WESLEY WEST MASTERPLAN

Kainga Ora undertook extensive community engagement over multiple workshops for the Wesley West Masterplan to communicate the scale and form of future development and seek input from the community regarding their perspectives, needs and aspirations for the future of the area.

Through this engagement four key themes were identified as important to the community:

#### Centres and Community

Engagement identified the important role that community centres, events, facilities and amenities play for residents in helping to bring communities together, providing for local needs and building a sense of place. With recognition of the need for these to be well resourced and supported into the future as the population grows.

**Key learnings:** Work with local leaders to create a community heart that helps to identify Wesley geographically and socially, providing convenient amenity, cultural space and economic opportunities to support a growing community.

#### Movement and Transport

Engagement highlighted communities aspirations for safe, accessible streets and openspaces; diverse and affordable transport options and walkable local amenity.

**Key Learnings:** Provide safer, more accessible streets for residents with increased travel options that are sympathetic to all residents needs. Increase local amenity and walkability to take pressure off our roads

#### Open Space and Environment

Engagement recognised the communities desire for more diverse and inclusive open space, with accessible sports and play provision and additional amenities such as BBQs/ umu, shelters, seating areas and toilets located near playspaces for greater family participation.

Engagement also identified a community desire for more trees and flood mitigation measures in public spaces, to enhance character, ecological function and climate resilience.

**Key Learnings:** Use our landscape to address flooding issues and provide safe, well-lit walkability throughout Wesley and wider Mt Roskill. Public spaces are open and inclusive, encouraging all to use and facilitate community focused events and activities.

#### Housing

Engagement identified the need to take current residents along with the process as Wesley intensifies, helping to maintain a sense of community as the population grows. Engagement also revealed the need for larger and multi-generational housing typologies, alongside generous and accessible shared spaces that reflect the residents' needs.

**Key Learnings:** Respect our existing residents, ensuring community anchors are not displaced and communication is clear. Ensure our homes cater to a range of cultures and needs such as large families and multi-generational homes with shared spaces that are equally accessible to all.

## PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT

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### KAINGA ORA WESLEY WEST MASTERPLAN

#### Strengths to build on Included:

- Community spirit and numerous active community groups
- Very diverse and multi-cultural community, with good integration
- Te Auaunga Awa and the existing reserve network
- Views and connection to the maunga - Ōwairaka (Mt Albert) and Puketāpapa (Mt Roskill)
- Leafy character – plenty of greenery
- Housing areas away from the arterial roads feel quiet and peaceful (although this can make them feel unsafe at times)
- Wesley Community Centre and associated Youth Centre
- The twice weekly markets – popular beyond Wesley
- Provision of a range of open space and access to larger spaces at Ōwairaka Park and War Memorial Park
- Connectivity to wider Auckland through SH20 and to Auckland city centre via the bus network
- Nearby supermarkets – Pak N Save, Countdown and New World all in close proximity (although require a car)
- Range of retail and services along Stoddard Road
- The possibility of Auckland Light Rail coming through the neighbourhood
- Presence of large amounts of employment / business land along Stoddard Road which could provide significant amounts of local employment
- Two local schools – Wesley Primary and Wesley Intermediate.
- Wesley West zoned for Mt Albert Grammar School, a highly desirable school.

#### Areas for Improvement Included:

Easily accessible informal open space is less well provided in the southern part of Wesley West

- The Stoddard Road shops (at the western end / intersection with Richardson Road) is poorly located with respect to its relationship with wider Wesley and its urban amenity is poor
- Housing stock is generally old and out of date, cold and damp – not providing for good living conditions
- Flooding of the streets and private lots – regular after heavy rain events.
- Traffic noise and air pollution from SH20
- Wide streets promote the dominance of vehicles, making the streets feel unsafe for walking and cycling
- Narrow pedestrian walkways feel unsafe
- Lack of surveillance over open spaces make them feel unsafe
- Business land along Stoddard Road is generally low-intensity and low wage employment uses, limiting local employment opportunities

## MANA WHENUA

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An initial meeting with local Iwi representatives was organised through the Kainga Ora Mana Whenua Forum, this workshop focussed on a presentation of the site investigation thus far.

Representatives from the following Iwi were involved:

- Ngāti Whanaunga
- Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua
- Te Ahi Waru Waiohua
- Ngāti Maru
- Te Akitai Waiohua
- Ngāti Whatua Ōrākei
- Ngāti Paoa

This workshop included a discussion of the findings to identify Mana Whenua priorities and aspirations for the Wesley Open Space network and determine the level of involvement that Mana Whenua wanted in the assessment.

Iwi representatives supported the purpose and intention of the open space needs assessment, and agreed that further input and workshopping to develop the guiding principles/pou/values was necessary.

Mana Whenua representatives agreed that the form that these principles/pou/values took needed to be reflective of the unique nature of the Puketapapa area.

### Next Steps:

- Mana Whenua representatives indicated Hikoi/site visit may be appropriate to identify important considerations in the parks network
- A second workshop was arranged through the Kainga Ora Mana Whenua forum to focus on the principles/pou/values specifically.

## KEY STAKEHOLDERS

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**Key stakeholders are those organisations most involved in park activities and those most directly impacted by any proposed longer term changes to the Wesley openspace network.**

**These key stakeholders are:**

- **Kainga Ora**
- **Ministry of Education**
- **Watercare**
- **Auckland Council Departments**

### KAINGA ORA

The discussion with Kainga Ora helped to clarify the future development plans for the Wesley development areas, with representatives indicating an additional 6000+ dwellings housing 20,000+ people across Wesley. It was noted that this level of intensification was relatively unheard of in an Aotearoa New Zealand context, with an awareness that the openspace network is a crucial aspect of ensuring the wellbeing of the current and future communities in the area.

### Wesley West

Future openspaces in Wesley West were discussed in detail, as the first development to be implemented. With further detail provided in terms of the type of function and amenity these spaces would provide– this included ecological and stormwater function, informal kick-a-ball spaces and a park featuring a significant geological feature that celebrates mana whenua connections to the area.

### Wesley East

Wesley East is currently in the process of master planning, with Kainga Ora representatives indicating the importance of working together with council to develop the open space network in Wesley East to best make use of the current network and provide for the future population growth in the area. Investment into the current sports and play provision in War Memorial Park was identified as a key aspect of this, alongside the provision of a further openspace area that provided for informal recreation.

### Wesley North

Key areas of discussion in Wesley North included the naturalisation of a channelised section of Te Auaunga Awa as both an ecological and amenity enhancing opportunity, alongside the enhancement of pedestrian connectivity from North to South in the area.

### Wesley South

Wesley South was identified by Kainga Ora representatives as the most recently developed area, and therefore the last area to undergo future development upgrades. Openspace network in this area was identified as particularly weak and disconnected, with general agreement that future actions in this area might better consolidate the network into something more useful and meaningful for the community. Improving connections through to areas with good provision of park services, such as north towards Wesley and South-East towards Roskill South were also identified as a key opportunity in this area.

## KEY STAKEHOLDERS

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### MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Engagement with the Ministry of Education (MoE) predominantly focussed on the future school developments adjacent to War Memorial Park. MoE identified that with a significant increase in building footprint to accommodate population growth in the suburb, sports and play provision was going to be significantly limited, with a reduction of three sports fields on the current site, to one on the future school site.

MoE indicated that they are interested in exploring the possibility of utilisation of the War Memorial Park fields to fill the gap in the schools sports and play provision, with little funding available to invest in upgrades to the current play and sports facilities to ensure that they are fit for purpose. Similarly, the development of the primary school in Wesley West would see the building footprint increased and a reduction in sports provision.

There was a clear recognition by MoE representatives that the Wesley openspace network, particularly War Memorial Park, would be increasingly important in providing open space needs for schools in the area, however the means to fund this through MoE is limited.

Solutions discussed for balancing the future needs of the schools with the current availability of provision included the future use of MoE sites for public sports purposes after hours. This would allow for a more even distribution of sports provision across the region through sharing locally available public resources.

It was proposed that this area may be a perfect trial project for increased partnership between Auckland Council and MoE. This will be explored further by the RSS Partnerships team.

## KEY STAKEHOLDERS

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### WATERCARE

Engagement with Watercare focussed on the future use of the Central Interceptor (CI) work site on May Rd. Currently there is a significant stormwater detention pond on the site to mitigate the effects of stormwater runoff during construction. Watercare identified that the future use of this area as stormwater detention is currently undetermined, with the opportunity for a significant enhancement of the streamway running adjacent to the site, and ecological, amenity and stormwater functions on site after works are completed.

Watercare indicated that they have a good working relationship with the landowner (Goodman Fielder) on the adjacent North-Western boundary, with the potential for an alignment of vision across both sites. The owner of the Adjacent May Rd property has future development aspirations, with an agreement to align stormwater mitigation strategies with Watercare's permanent stormwater mitigation plans. The form this will take is still yet to be determined.

Watercare identified that they have been in discussions with Healthy Waters regarding converting the site into a permanent stormwater wetland that could provide both amenity, flood mitigation and ecological benefits. Watercare indicated that they are unlikely to convert the land to a wetland without some kind of collaborative approach, with a desire for Healthy Waters to lead this. Permanent landscape features are currently flexible, however unless a consensus is reached, it is unlikely to include a

stormwater wetland and will likely comprise of a fenced off operational area, riparian planting, a stormwater culvert, and may also include ponding areas to the West.

Additional Auckland Council work is required to explore this opportunity further

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### AUCKLAND COUNCIL DEPARTMENTS

Relevant departments were in agreement on the list of opportunities presented. Areas of concern warranting further investigation include sports field provision, and the progression of formal acquisition assessments.

Requirement to engage more specifically with healthy waters following adoption of their Catchment and Stormwater Management Plans.

### SPORTS AND RECREATION

## KEY STAKEHOLDERS

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### **AUCKLAND COUNCIL HEALTHY WATERS: He Rautaki Waiora o Te Auaunga Framework Stormwater Management Plan (FSMP) 2023**

This plan was developed by a working group that included technical specialists from Healthy Waters, Auckland Transport, Piritahi, Kāinga Ora and Ngā Iwi Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau. He Rautaki

Waiora o Te Auaunga FSMP considers the whole catchment from an integrated stormwater management perspective to ensure the long-term management of the catchment and stream, addressing issues including water quality, erosion, flooding, and ecological function.

The FSMP identifies stormwater opportunities and/or interventions that should be further developed to improve Te Auaunga Awa on a sub-catchment level as development occurs. This FSMP provides both short term opportunities for improvements Te Auaunga awa and longer term strategies that address the concerns and targets identified in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPSFM).

The report recognises Mana Whenua as Kaitiaki of Te Auaunga awa. In accordance with this, Mana Whenua have developed a Stormwater Cultural Health Indicator Framework: Te Auaunga Wai Āwha which helps to measure the mauri of Te Auaunga using their mātauranga (knowledge). As kaitiaki, only Mana Whenua can measure the mauri of Te Auaunga. This framework assesses Te Auaunga through the criteria of: Wai Ora, Taiao, Hapori and Te Ao Māori; with the wider project team assessing the catchment through the criteria of : Water, Land and Community.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

## PILLARS/POU/VALUES/PRINCIPLES

Note: These pillars are a draft set of general principles that capture a general overview key quantitative benefits for the Wesley openspace network. These are intended to

provide a basis for further workshopping with Mana Whenua, to develop a set of guiding Pillars/Pou/Values/Principles for Wesley Open Spaces that is grounded in mātauranga Māori.

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TE TAIAO

**Ecology and Biodiversity:** Parks play an important role in protecting local ecosystems and enhancing native biodiversity

**Te Auaunga and Te Wai o Rakataura blue and green networks:** Wesley Open space network plays an important role in upholding Te mana and Te Mauri o te wai through improving water quality, supporting cultural uses, providing habitat for taonga species and preventing flooding

**Tiakitanga:** Wesley Parks provide spaces that connect people to the natural environment through a range of experiences and activities including education and restoration volunteering

**Climate Resilience :** The Wesley open space network is able to adapt and thrive under increased climate change pressures and hazards



WHENUA : SENSE OF PLACE

**Ngā Tohu:** Mana Whenua connections, histories, narratives and relationships to Te Auaunga awa and Te Wai o Rakataura are protected and celebrated

**Character:** Parks are the heart of the neighbourhood, with a clearly expressed relationship to surrounding landmarks, character features and waterways

**Cultural Identity:** Mana Whenua cultural connections to Te Auaunga, Te Wai o Rakataura and Ngā Tūpuna maunga and other important landmarks are protected and celebrated appropriate to context ie. through mahi toi, wayfinding, sitelines to important landmarks, expression of cultural narratives, protection of taonga species etc.

**Heritage:** Sites of natural, cultural and built heritage in the Wesley open space network are celebrated and protected



MANA

**Rangatiratanga:** Te Tiriti o Waitangi The Treaty of Waitangi is recognised as the foundational basis for a high quality ongoing relationship with Mana whenua. Mana whenua relationships and connections to the whenua are recognised and provided for in Puketapapa local parks

**Kaitiakitanga:** Puketāpapa parks recognise and provide for mana whenua to exercise their role as Kaitiaki (caretakers, guardians) of land, water and local knowledge

**Matauranga:** Parks recognise the importance of place based matauranga for mana whenua and support matauranga based approaches throughout planning, design and management



HAPORI: COMMUNITY

**Community:** Parks reflect their local communities, with spaces and facilities for community engagement, play, activation and participation

**Amenity:** Wesley open spaces network provides a diverse range of structured and informal spaces and experiences for the local communities

**Recreation:** Parks provide a well-rounded range of recreation activities and facilities for all residents in the community

**Education:** Parks provide opportunities for the local community and schools to learn about their local environment

**Health and wellbeing:** Wesley Parks network provides a diverse range of opportunities to improve community health and wellbeing



NGA ARA: NAVIGATION

**Connectivity :**Parks provide high quality walking and cycling paths, with clear links to the wider paths network and local sites of importance including Te Auaunga awa and Ngā Tupuna Maunga

**Accessibility:** Parks provide quality access and amenity for a diverse range of ages, needs and abilities

**Wayfinding :** Parks are easy to navigate, with clear legibility between openspaces ie. through sitelines, tohu or signage as appropriate

**Safety:** Wesley open space network is safe for everyone, following CPTED principles where appropriate



URUTAUNGA: ADAPTABILITY

**Parks are a place for everybody:** Wesley park network is responsive to the needs of both the current and future needs of the community

**Parks grow with the community:** Wesley open space network can adapt alongside a growing population

**Parks are flexible and multifunctional:** Open spaces can serve a range of communities and uses at different times of day and through different seasons

**Climate adaptation :** The Wesley open space network plays an important role in helping the surrounding neighbourhood adapt to climate change

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WESLEY PARK NETWORK



### Lighting through Walmsley and Underwood

Additional lighting around Underwood and Walmsley Parks will improve safety and increase usability



### Proposed Parks in Wesley West (Kainga Ora)

Kainga Ora is proposing three parks within the Wesley West development including a kick-a-ball neighbourhood park, a park with a significant basalt outcrop that celebrates mana whenua connections to the area and an addition to Underwood Park that opens up views to Ōwairaka / Te Ahi-kā-a-Rakataura .



### Expand and connect Pocket Park (Kainga Ora)

An existing but underutilised park owned by Kainga Ora on Puketapapa St provides opportunities for helping to expand the open space network in Wesley South, with future opportunities to extend and connect the park to other openspaces



### Ecological enhancement and Cycle/Pedestrian connectivity

This strip of land owned by Goodman Feilder provides an excellent opportunity for ecological enhancement and increased cycle and pedestrian connectivity to other parks in Wesley South. This could be integrated with the existing park on Puketapapa St to help provide a substantial openspace in an area that contains a gap in the network



### Te Auaunga Stream Restoration in War Memorial Park (Healthy Waters)

Significant upgrades to Te Auaunga Stream where it runs through War Memorial Park presents excellent opportunities for enhancements to the local ecology and riparian network



### War Memorial Park Masterplan

Opportunity to upgrade play areas at East and West ends of the park and increase sports provision capability to allow for increased population and school use in alignment with The War Memorial Park Masterplan



### Potential Informal openspace for Wesley East (Kainga Ora)

Opportunity for an additional Informal open space in Wesley East to provide a wider range of openspace recreation options as the suburb intensifies



### Ecological, Riparian and Stormwater Enhancement (Watercare)

Watercare site with plans for ecological restoration outcomes post-construction. Significant opportunities for riparian enhancement, stormwater wetlands, ecological restoration and amenity outcomes in collaboration with Healthy Waters



## RECOMMENDATIONS

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**These recommendations incorporate information gathered through both the site investigation and the engagement process:**

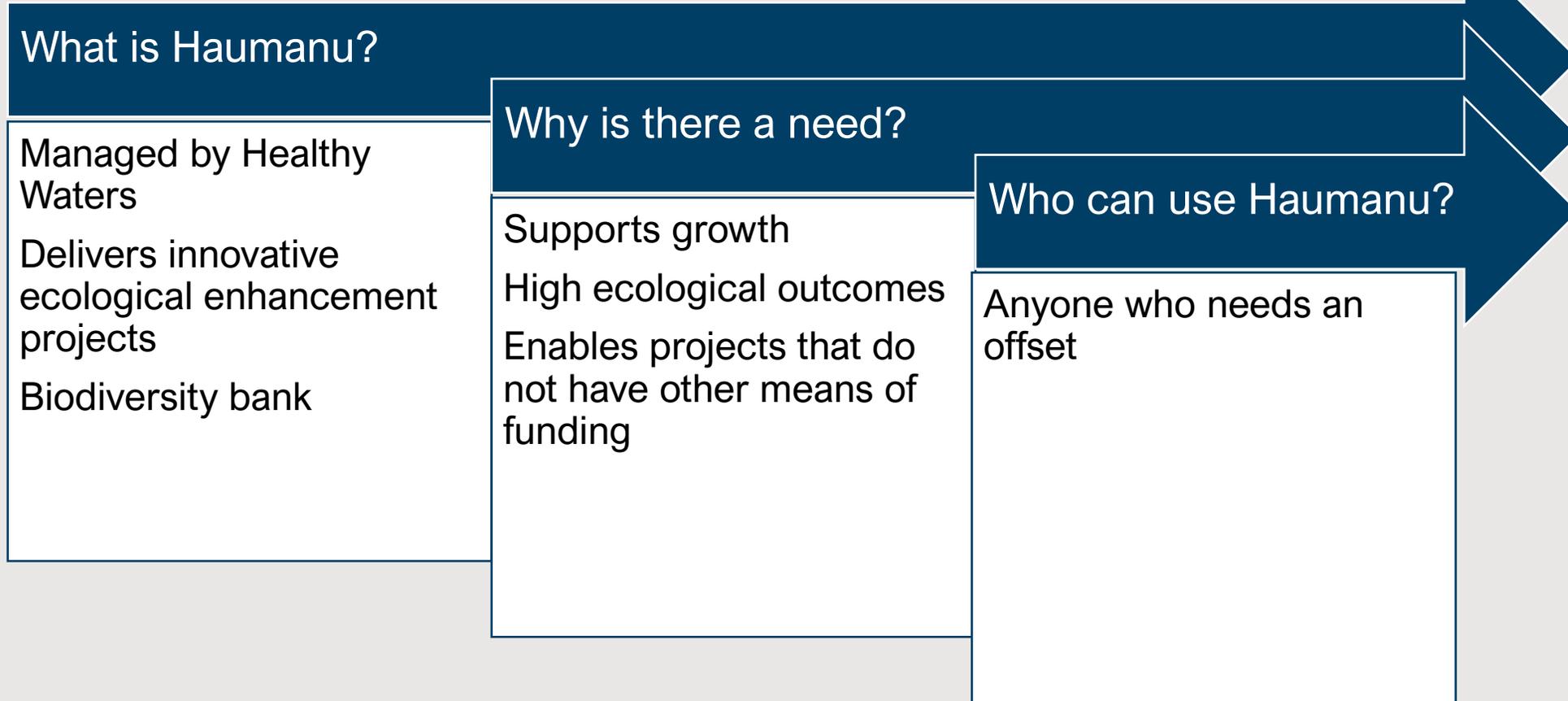
- Stormwater Wetland on the current Central Interceptor construction - Watercare has identified willingness to convert this area into a stormwater wetland, however further engagement/discussion with Healthy Water is required to progress this opportunity
- A Gap in the open space network is Wesley South— mapping of accessible walking sheds (500m) around open spaces revealed a notable gap in the network in Wesley South. Considerations into adequate provisioning of openspace is important as the neighbourhood intensifies
- A lack of informal recreation opportunities in Wesley East was identified, with opportunities to develop a new neighbourhood park or expand War Memorial Park with Kāinga Ora to serve this purpose as development plans for the neighbourhood develop.
- Sharing open space facilities with the Ministry of Education (MoE) – Through engagement processes the idea of the shared use of Council and MoE facilities/land was suggested as a solution to helping to share provisions across public spaces. This would benefit both parties, with schools having access to quality public play and sports provisions through parks and the public gaining access to provisions within schools after-hours.
- Working in partnership with Kainga Ora as they develop their masterplans, including seeking investment into both existing and new open spaces.
- Working closely with Healthy Waters to ensure that park service outcomes are delivered as part of large scale stormwater projects identified within their stormwater and catchment management plans.

# Haumanu Program Biodiversity Offset Bank

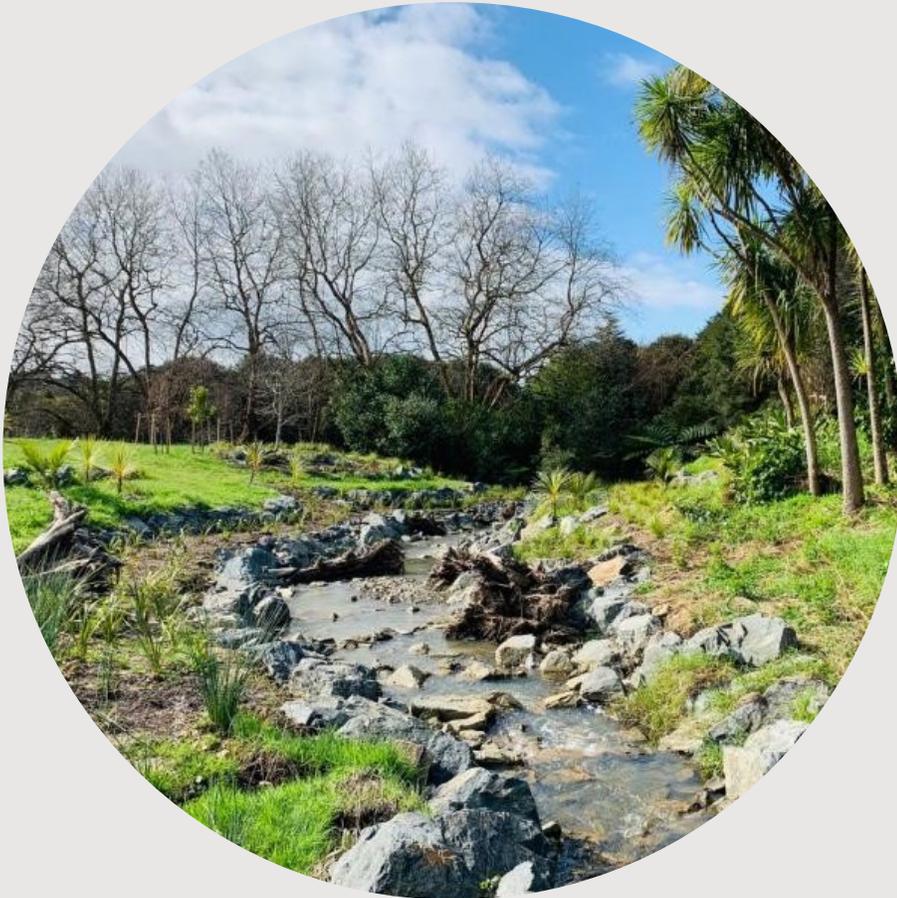
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# Haumanu Programme (Healthy Waters Biodiversity Offset Bank )



## General Criteria (Haumanu)



Taiaotea Reserve (Sherwood)

- **Lots of space to daylight or widen stream**
- **High base flow of streams (knee to waste deep at all times)**
- **Base ecological value of less than 0.3 (SEV)**
- **No committed funding**
- **No existing legal requirement**



# Existing Projects – Puketāpapa Area

- Location: Keith Hay Reserve



# Concept Design – Keith Hay



- ~800m of concrete channel removal
- Riparian Planting
- Stream meander and naturalisation



# Mt Roskill War Memorial



- Concrete lined channel
- Increase stream width and length



# Close by - Kūkūwai Park – Stream re-alignment

