

Auckland City Council

Effective and responsible management of the stormwater system is integral to Auckland City Council's goal of providing for growth while retaining or enhancing the environment that Aucklanders value and enjoy.

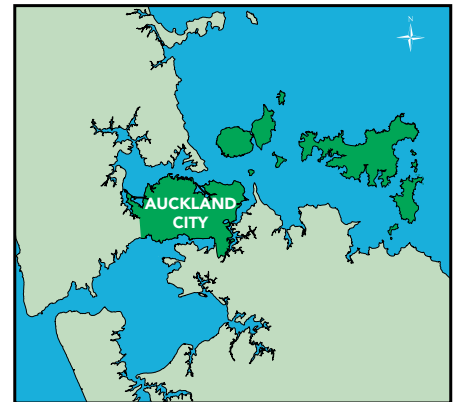
As a result of feedback from the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan, the strategic direction has been set. The community asked for an acceleration of environmental initiatives to benefit the environment and people right across the city.

Auckland City Council will improve environmental outcomes by:

- Addressing drainage in high growth areas over next 15 years.
- Reducing the risk of flooding for 1,250 at risk houses over a period of 22 years.
- Providing the necessary infrastructure to reduce flooding across the city.
- Offering a rebate on Development Contributions to developers that install rainwater tanks
- Addressing stormwater quality issues through a collaborative approach with the ARC to develop a framework for the management of stormwater contaminants at source.

Highlights and achievements for 2006/07 include:

- Completion of "The Parade stormwater upgrade" a \$5.5 million project providing increased flood protection to 17 habitable and 21 non-habitable floors.
- Major progress with works in the Motions catchment area. The \$80 million project initiated in 2001 will significantly reduce flooding and separate the wastewater and stormwater systems.
- New Zealand's largest urban wetland was completed in Ellerslie/Waiatarua. The project has significantly enhanced the ecological value and amenity of the area as well as providing a high level of stormwater treatment.
- Completed major flood mapping project for Mission Bay, Stanley Bay and Freemans Bay giving us better understanding of flood prone areas and better information for future planning.
- Continued to work on completing soakage investigations across Auckland City. Significant improvements have been made to reduce flooding and further investigations will be done.



Auckland is the largest city in New Zealand and its Council consists of the Mayor and 19 Councillors. The Works and Services Committee was responsible for policy decisions relating to stormwater services. The Council spends around \$19 million each year operating the stormwater system and around \$26 million on capital projects. Metrowater undertakes some of the stormwater operation and maintenance activities on behalf of Auckland City.



The Parade pipeline outfall at St Heliers beach prior to construction of artificial reef surrounds.



Deep jacking pit for new trenchless stormwater pipeline.



Environmental award winning Waiatarua Wetland.