

Goals and objectives of Friends of Waiwhetu Stream (at December 2012)

FoWS goals (in bold) and objectives 2013 to 2017

1. The Waiwhetu Stream environment is free of rubbish and pollutants.

1.1 Within 2 years, reduce domestic rubbish in the stream environment, in the area north of the Tilbury Street Bridge, by 50% from 2012 levels.

1.2 Within 12 months, make recommendations to GWRC about how to improve pollution monitoring activity in the stream environment from Naenae to Whites Lines East.

2. The Waiwhetu Stream provides a healthy habitat for diverse and abundant native plants and animals; introduced plants and animals are reduced in number or, where possible, eliminated.

2.1 Within 12 months, identify suitable fish-spawning and habitat areas along the stream.

2.2 Within 12 months, provide input to the Flood Management Plan to ensure that any proposed channel modifications reinstate the existing habitat to at least present or, preferably, improved conditions, and create suitable habitat in presently degraded areas.

2.3 Within 12 months, clear cape pond weed and other exotic species from the 3.8km stretch of the stream that is infested.

2.4 Over the 2 years following completion of objective 2.3, monitor and remove rogue plants (cape pond weed and other exotic species) from the cleared stretch of stream to ensure complete eradication.

3. People and properties are as safe as practicable from flooding of the Waiwhetu Stream.

See objectives 2.2, 4.1, 5.1, and 8.2.

4. The Waiwhetu Stream corridor is aesthetically pleasing, with its natural character enhanced as much as possible.

4.1 Within 6 months, publish FoWS thinking about the specific stream corridor enhancements it would like to see included in the Floodplain Management Plan and Environmental Strategy.

4.2 In each of the next 3 years, hold a minimum of 4 planting days, followed by weeding days as required.

5. People enjoy the Waiwhetu Stream environment and use it in a responsible and respectful manner.

5.1 Within 18 months, identify to HCC areas of the immediate stream environment that could be enhanced or developed for community use (after assessing community preferences).

6. The community takes responsibility for the kaitiakitanga/guardianship of the Waiwhetu Stream environment.

6.1 In each of the next 5 years, at least once every 3 months, communicate with community groups, residents, schools, and recreational users within the stream catchment (for example, about the activities, achievements, and vision of FoWS).

6.2 In each of the next 3 years, increase the number of people who participate in FoWS activities.

7. Information about the Waiwhetu Stream is freely available so that community members can learn about the stream's cultural, historical and ecological significance, and so that informed community participation and advocacy can take place.

7.1 Over the next 3-5 years, publish resources on the FoWS website about the stream's cultural, historical, and ecological significance.

8. Holistic stream management is promoted, and there is cooperation between Wellington Regional Council, Hutt City Council and the community in managing the Waiwhetu Stream.

8.1 In each of the next 5 years, arrange an annual walkover of the stream, involving FoWS, HCC, GWRC, local iwi, and the wider community.

8.2 In each of the next 5 years, make submissions on all relevant council plans and documents impacting on the stream and catchment, particularly the Floodplain Management Plan and Environmental Strategy.