Moonee Ponds Creek Strategic Plan 2011 – 2015 – Council Progress Report

The following table constitutes the quarterly progress report of Moreland, Moonee Valley and Hume councils on the implementation of the Moonee Ponds Creek Strategic Plan 2011 – 2015 action plan.

Date of Report: _July 2012_____

	Audit Review/ Trail and General Safety	Weed Management Strategy	Revegetation Guidelines, Masterplans	Interpretation Strategy	Local Planning Policy	Main Trail Sealing/ On Road Upgrades	Revegetation Implementation	Furniture Interpretation Strategy Implementation
Woodlands (Hume)	-	Parks Victoria the predominant land manager.	Parks Victoria the predominant land manager.	Hume will commence an Interpretation Strategy for the entire municipality in accordance with the Natural Heritage Strategy 2011 – 2015 in 2012/13. Values along the MPCk will be considered in the strategy. MPCCC will be consulted in the development process.	Hume's Natural Heritage Strategy 2011 – 2015 was adopted by Council in February 2012. Key projects include a review of existing environmental overlays and development guidelines.	Walking & Cycling Strategy Action Plan proposes extension of trail through Woodlands and onto Bulla township. No funds committed as yet by Hume.	Parks Victoria the predominant land manager.	Will be deferred to the Capital Works program, but no certainty at this point as to the staging of the allocation.
Westmeadows (Hume)	-	Hume continues to manage priority weeds in this area when required. Melbourne Water also manages a significant proportion of this precinct.	5-year revegetation plan being developed at the Tarnuk by Hume, the Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Ck and Melbourne Water.			W&C Strategy proposes upgrade to link from Woodlands to Melbourne Airport. No funding committed as yet by Hume. Airport will also contribute funding.	Ongoing revegetation at the Tarnuk with the Friends of Upper Moonee Ponds Creek.	
Attwood (Hume)	-	Hume continues to manage priority weeds in this area when required.	-			Path upgrades were completed in late 2011 north of Johnstone St.	Planting taking place north of Johnstone St with the Friends of the Sacred Kingfisher.	
Jacana (Hume)	-	Hume continues to manage priority weeds in this area when required.	Jacana Valley Masterplan is in development. Enhancements to vegetation and passive recreation are expected.			Subject to the recommendations of the Jacana Valley Masterplan.	Subject to the recommendations of the Jacana Valley Masterplan.	
Gowanbrae (Moreland)	Degraded bitumen path network through southern section of Jacana wetlands area updated June 2012.	Weed control focus on revegetated areas and high priority weeds through Council bushland contracts. MW conducted woody weed control through precinct Jan-June 2012 to remove regenerating weeds within bed and bank. Regrading and levelling work behind properties along Outlook Drive undertaken to remove large Prickly Pear infestation and establish maintainable slope.	Masterplan of Riverwalk area completed in 2010 involved installation of playgrounds and park furniture. Masterplanning of excess VicTrack land at end of Outlook Drive underway. Likely to involve some subdivision. Development of a management plan for Outlook Drive escarpment planned for 2012-13.	Planned 2012-13 – interpretive signage for Outlook Drive remnant escarpment.	Strategic Plan endorsed by MCC in principle. Review of Moreland MSS – MPC Strategic plan referenced in the document. Moreland Indigenous Vegetation Assessment completed in 2011. This will feed into future biodiversity strategy.	Trails are relatively new and well networked through the precinct.	Continued revegetation along the Moonee Ponds Creek at Primula/Adelaide Boulevard with Gowanbrae Residents Group scheduled for National Tree Day. MCC obtained grant support funding from MW through Corridors of Green program to assist with this project. Revegetation works continuing within broader Gowanbrae estate.	Current facilities along creek in this area deemed sufficient. 2012-13 Moreland reviewing Moonee and Merri Creek Resting Space Strategy 2002 and implement priority projects.
Strathmore (Moreland & Moonee Valley)	MVCC Path Safety Audit completed 2011, actions budgeted for as per priority rating 2011 Blind corner removed at Nursery Bend 2012-13 Shared path upgrade adjacent to Strathmore Secondary College MVCC Walking and Cycling Strategy recently completed. Actions will be budgeted over coming years. Share the Path campaign to promote consideration of other users on shared paths through signage and rewards at high use locations such as Travancore Park.	MCC & MVCC - Weed control focus on revegetated areas and high priority weeds through Council bushland contracts and Parks Maintenance. Planned for 2012-14 – woody weed removal and revegetation at nursery bend with Friends of MPC. Funding application to MW Community Grants program late 2012. MVCC manage weeds at Nursery bend as part of revegetation project. MVCC and MCC approaching VicTrack regarding woody weed removal project in vicinity of the trestle bridge.	'Masterplan' developed and implemented for Bass Street site following Northern Sewer Project completion. Mvcc Moonee Ponds Creek Master Plan was not funded in 2012-13 but will be applied for again in 2013-14.	-	Strategic Plan endorsed by MCC in principle. Review of Moreland MSS – MPC Strategic plan referenced in the document. Significant tree review to identify all significant trees private and public in mvcc for protection under an environmental overlay. Moreland Indigenous Vegetation Assessment completed in 2011. This will feed into future biodiversity strategy.	Improved access points at Oak Park Reserve (Main Street) and Marks Street, Pascoe Vale. Fence replacement at Oak Park Reserve to encourage greater integration with creek corridor and active open space area. Planned upgrades to Margaret/Odin Street bridge connection, including revegetation and fencing upgrade. Investigating improvements to informal creek access at John Street. Repairs to Talbot reserve pedestrian Bridge.	Large revegetation project completed at Bass Street following completion of sewer upgrade. MCC successful in grant application to MW Corridors of Green to revegetate and enhance FW Olver Reserve and around bridge connection to Cross Keys Reserve. Mvcc continue management of significant vegetation such as Strathnaver Reserve vegetation.	2012-13 Moreland reviewing Moonee and Merri Creek Resting Space Strategy 2002 and implement priority projects.
Inner Urban (Moreland & Moonee Valley)	2012-13 Travancore Park Shared path feasibility investigation and design 2012-13 Removal of blind corners at Dean St New access to MPC trail from Fenton St	Weed control focus on revegetated areas and high priority weeds through Council bushland contracts.	Development of a management plan for Union Street escarpment site in progress. Bent St reserve masterplan, path and vegetation upgrades	-	Strategic Plan endorsed by MCC in principle. Review of Moreland MSS – MPC Strategic plan referenced in the document. Moreland Indigenous Vegetation Assessment completed in 2011. This will feed into future biodiversity strategy.	Bicycle symbols and signs on Vanberg Rd and Primrose St to help directing through off creek section.. Vanberg Rd sewer works completed and site returned to council.	Braddy Reserve: Continued revegetation with Brunswick South West Planters to enhance eastern creek side. Grant funding from MW to support this. Mvcc successful in grant application to MW Corridors of Green to revegetate the 5 Mile Creek Confluence.	2012-13 Moreland reviewing Moonee and Merri Creek Resting Space Strategy 2002 and implement priority projects.
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