

6. STYX MILL CONSERVATION RESERVE

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board for the Project Funding allocated for the Styx Mill Wildlife Sanctuary Predator Proof Fence to be reallocated to fund a viewing platform overlooking the Sanctuary.

The Council has adopted a long term vision for Styx Mill Conservation Reserve that includes a wildlife sanctuary enclosed by a predator proof fence. The Council agreed to pay half the cost of the fence with the balance to be paid for through sponsorship and by Northwood Developments as a condition of their residential land use consent.

The Shirley/Papanui Community Board has allocated \$8,500 from their 2004 – 2005 Board Project Fund to go towards the money that needed to be raised for the predator proof fence. As a private benefactor now desires to pay for the total amount that needs to be raised for the fence, the Greenspace Unit is seeking approval from the Shirley Papanui Community Board for the \$8,500 set aside for the fence to be reallocated to a viewing platform located on the terrace edge of the Reserve to the north of the lakes within the Reserve. This viewing platform is included in the concept plan and will enable wildlife within the enclosure to be 'observed but not disturbed'. The Council is currently in the process of obtaining a resource and building consent for the viewing platform which will provide panoramic views of the Sanctuary. **(Please refer to the attached sketch).**

Staff

Recommendation: That the Shirley/Papanui Community Board approve the \$8,500 set aside from their 2004/2005 Board Project Fund for the Styx Mill Wildlife Sanctuary predator proof fence to be reallocated to the viewing platform overlooking the Sanctuary.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Staff recommendation be adopted.