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The purpose of this report is to ask the Board to decide on where they would like to site the "Native Trees Please" project.

"Native Trees Please" is a Turning Point 2000 project aimed at planting representative native plants associated with each of the Community Board areas.

Possible sites:

1. Ernlea Reserve (area between the end of Ernlea Reserve to Cashmere Road)
2. Duncan Park

Ernlea Reserve

Ernlea Reserve is a lowland river terrace and is an ideal site to promote revegetation of native plants. Public consultation has just been completed on the Ernlea reserve site.

The proposal would be to plant 800 low growing native plants and 1200 native trees. A landscape plan for Ernlea Reserve was distributed earlier this year. The Board decided that it should be landscaped as mixed native and exotic planting, and developed in accordance with the Council's Safer Parks Policy. The area which the Native Trees Please people want to look at is the area at the end of the Reserve, heading towards Cashmere Road. This particular area was not included in the landscape plan, and no consultation has taken place.

Budget for Ernlea Reserve (Parks Unit Budget)

1999/2000	\$15,000
2001/2000	\$8,000
2002/2003	\$5,000

At present there is enough money to develop the landscape plan for Ernlea Reserve. However any extra areas would require additional funding.

It is important to consider the Council Safer Parks Policy in relation to this site. There have been attacks made on adults as well as children in this reserve. Site lines must be clear.

Duncan Park

The Board will remember receiving the draft Management Plan at their last meeting outlining the proposed development of the reserve.

The Native Trees Please plants could be planted around the new pond at the street frontage onto Port Hills Road. At present, the Water Services Unit is developing the reserve in conjunction with the Parks Unit.

Budget

1999/2000	\$20,000 (Parks Unit)
1999/2000	\$30,000 (Water Services Unit)

No other funds have been budgeted to this project at this time, and the budgeted amount will not cover all the proposed planting.

Recommendation: That the Board supports one of the following options:

(a) The area from the end of Ernlea Reserve to Cashmere Road be considered as a site for the “Native Trees Please” planting. The community will be consulted in the first instance, with the results being reported back to the Board for consideration.

or

(b) Mary Duncan Reserve is used for the “Native Trees Please” planting.