

## 16. BEXLEY WETLAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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The purpose of this report is to get board support to release the draft Bexley Wetland Development Plan for Public Comment.

A plan has been produced by Parks, Waterways and Wetlands, City Design and the Bexley Wetland Trust to guide the development of the wetlands. At a public meeting in February 2000 community views were raised, the plan has attempted to address these views.

The goal of the development is to protect existing plant communities and to restore lost or damaged plant communities and wetland bird feeding, resting and roosting habitat, while providing public access for recreation and education.

The plan backgrounds the history and natural values, it sets out an action plan for restoration and recreation and also recommends how to deal with contaminated soils. Copies of the draft plan will be tabled at the Community Board meeting.

**Recommendation:** That the draft Bexley Wetland Development Plan be released for public comment.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.