

## 5. BEXLEY WETLAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Corporate Plan Output: Regional Park	

The purpose of this report is to seek approval 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 canvassed, and 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.

Consultation has been undertaken with key interest groups about the way in which to clean up the contaminated site. Clearly feedback from the interest groups supports the containment of the material elsewhere on the site. The section of the draft plan which elaborates on the contaminated site will be altered to reflect the interest groups' wishes.

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 meeting.

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

**Deputy Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.