

## 10. LOCKSLEY AVENUE - WALKWAY DEVELOPMENT

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board support on the development concept for the Locksley Avenue walkway, prior to public consultation.

### CONTEXT OF REPORT

At the Board's 18 August 2003 meeting, the Greenspace Unit was asked to consider funding a walkway along the riverbank side of Locksley Avenue. The Unit agreed to support the project and as a result has allocated funds from the Pathway Formations budget to start its construction this financial year (\$20,000 in 2003/04).

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL

A concept plan for a dual-purpose walkway with ecological enhancements and recreation features has been prepared for consideration by the community. A copy of the plan has been circulated separately to Board members.

The plan includes:

- 2 metre wide walkway/cycleway from Bassett Street to Locksley Avenue that links up with a 1.5 metre wide walkway from Locksley Avenue to Snell Place.
- Enhancing the wildlife value of the river corridor by planting sections of the river bank down to the water's edge.
- Removal of several trees to allow room for walkway construction.
- Planting trees in between the walkway and the road.
- A step canoe ramp to the river.
- Three wooden jetties located at the following sites:
  - Downstream of Tilbury Place.
  - Corner of New Brighton Road and Locksley Avenue.
  - Along New Brighton Road.
- Creation of a boardwalk, at the intersection of Lake Terrace Road and New Brighton Road, to allow for safer movement along the river corridor
- Limestone chip path on the opposite side of the river to complete the loop river walkway.

Information on the cost will be available at the Board meeting.

### FUNDING

Unit project funds have been sourced for this financial year to carry out the initial project design and approximately 300 metres of the walkway starting from Snell Place. Funding is available in 2004/05 to consult and to undertake part of the landscape planting/installation of recreational structures. The total amount of funding required will be dependent on the details of the final landscape plan.

### CONCLUSION

Funding is available this financial year to start work on the Locksley Avenue walkway development. Results from the consultation, a final landscape plan, and details of the project staging, will be presented to the Board later in the year.

#### Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That the Board approve the proposed Locksley Avenue walkway concept plan for consultation.
  3. That the Board pre-approve constructing 300 metres of walkway extending from Snell Place this financial year.

#### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.