



Waitematā Local Parks Management Plan

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Consultation guide

Submissions close at 5pm on **11 December 2024**



Introduction

This guide has been written to give an overview of the consultation on the development of a Local Parks Management Plan (LPMP) for the Waitematā Local Board area (see map on page 7). Waitematā has approximately 102 local parks located in the central suburbs of Auckland, which include:

- Arch Hill
- City Centre
- Eden Terrace
- Freemans Bay
- Grafton
- Herne Bay
- Newmarket
- Newton
- Parnell
- St Marys Bay.

We are seeking submissions on the proposed plan from 11 November to **11 December 2024**.

The purpose of this guide is to:

- explain the purpose and scope of the plan
- outline the process for developing the plan
- identify the existing reserve management plans to be superseded
- provide details for how to make a submission.

What is a local parks management plan?

The local parks management plan provides a framework and direction about what needs to be considered when protecting, managing, developing and enhancing parks over the next 10 years.

The plan will be a tool that guides day to day park management and assist the local board to make quality decisions about:

- how local parks are used including leases and licences
- how the special natural, historic and cultural areas of local parks will be protected
- what issues and opportunities in local parks require attention over the next 10 years.

The plan will be organised in two volumes.

Volume 1 includes general policies that apply to all parks. These relate to how the local board will manage the parks and how certain activities requiring landowner authorisation will be considered.

Volume 2 provides key information for each individual park including its legal status, any special values and how specific parks should be managed.

Why do we need a new plan?

A local parks management plan is a statutory reserve management plan under the Reserves Act 1977. The Act requires council to have a reserve management plan for most types of reserves.

Approximately 87 per cent of local parks in the Waitematā Local Board area are not covered by an existing reserve management plan. Management of the remaining 13 per cent of local parks falls under 7 separate plans which are 19 years old or more (see table on page 4).

A new plan covering all local parks will provide a consistent approach to park management across the network and reflect council's latest approach on subjects such as climate change and natural hazards. It will also enable council to meet its statutory requirements.

How is a management plan written?

The Reserves Act (section 41) sets out a process for developing reserve management plans. We need to follow this process to ensure that the Waitematā Local Parks Management Plan legally meets the requirements of the Act.

This process requires us to consult with the public twice: when we are ready to begin drafting the plan; and when we have a draft plan to be reviewed. Feedback from the first round of public consultation will help inform the development of the draft plan.

Throughout the project we will engage with various groups and organisations that use Waitematā's parks and reserves, including sports clubs and community groups, schools, and volunteer groups. We will work closely with mana whenua to make sure that plan reflects Māori values and aspirations.

What will the plan include?

The plan will cover all parks and reserves for which the Waitematā Local Board has decision-making responsibility, which is just over 102 local parks. This includes park land held under the Reserves Act 1977 and the Local Government Act 2002.

For parks that have a drainage or stormwater function, the local board has decision-making for park activities and Healthy Waters makes decisions about the stormwater network. For unformed legal roads that adjoin local parks and contribute to the function of those parks, the local board's advocacy to Auckland Transport can be expressed through the plan.

What won't be included

Land for which the local board does not have decision-making responsibility:

- Regional parks managed under the Regional Parks Management Plan (2022).
- Public conservation land managed by the Department of Conservation.
- Parkland with a decision-making authority sitting outside of Auckland Council, for example:
 - Auckland Domain managed by Pukekawa/Auckland Domain Committee).

- Parkland with shared ownership /co-management arrangement with a party sitting outside of Auckland Council, for example:
 - Highwic House – land ownership shared between Auckland Council and Heritage New Zealand Taonga
- Parkland not managed or owned by Auckland Council, for example:
 - Auckland Zoo – owned by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited
 - Western Springs OuterFields – owned by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited
 - Western Springs Stadium – owned by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited
 - Silo Park – managed by Eke Panuku Development Auckland
 - Amey Daldy Park – managed by Eke Panuku Development Auckland
 - Daldy Street Linear Park – managed by Eke Panuku Development Auckland
 - Waitematā Plaza – managed by Eke Panuku Development Auckland
 - Park at 79-85 West Haven Drive (Lot 24 DP 133386) – managed by Eke Panuku Development Auckland
 - Park at 4A Tamaki Drive (Section 1 SO Plan 400752) – managed by Eke Panuku Development Auckland
- Privately owned parkland, for example:
 - Mahu ki Te Rangi/Quay Park – owned by Whai Rawa/Ngati Whatua Ōrākei
 - Ngaoho Reserve – owned by Whai Rawa/Ngati Whatua Ōrākei
 - Takutai Square – owned by Britomart Group
 - Te Ngaoho Reserve – owned by Whai Rawa/Ngati Whatua Ōrākei
 - Te Taou Reserve – owned by Whai Rawa/Ngati Whatua Ōrākei
 - Te Uringutu Reserve – owned by Wahi Rawa/Ngati Whatua Ōrākei

(NB: The above information is based on preliminary research and park land out of scope may change as we develop the plan and review land status information.)

The plan will not include information about investment priorities, implementation plans for specific projects, or operational plans for planting, pest control, or park maintenance.

What will happen to existing reserve management plans?

As part of developing the local parks management plan, all existing reserve management plans will be reviewed in accordance with the Reserves Act. Outcomes from the review will inform the draft plan.

When the final plan is adopted by the local board, it will replace all existing reserve management plans for local parks in Waitematā.

The replaced reserve management plans will remain available through the Auckland Council Archives website, but only as reference documents.

Plan name	Parks
Albert Park Management Plan 1997	Albert Park
Cox's Bay Reserves Management Plan 1994	Bayfield Park Cox's Bay Reserve Hukanui Reserve
Grey Lynn Park Management Plan 1987	Grey Lynn Park
Meola Reef and Associated Reserves Management Plan 2000	Jaggers Bush Lemington Reserve Meola Reef Reserve Sir Keith Park Memorial Airfield Westmere Park
Newmarket Park Management Plan 1999	Newmarket Park
Victoria Park Management Plan 2005	Victoria Park
Western Springs Lakeside Park Plan 1995	Western Springs Lakeside

Public consultation

The Reserves Act 1977 provides three opportunities for members of the public to participate in the consultation process:

Phase 1



Tell us what we should include in the draft plan

Late 2024

Phase 2



Tell us what you think of the draft plan we prepare

Early or Mid-2026

Phase 3



Take part in a hearing to support your views

Late 2026

We want to hear from you

We want to understand what you value about Waitematā parks and reserves, how you use these spaces now, and how you'd like to use them in the future. We'd also like to hear about any issues you think the local board should address as we write the management plan. We hope to hear from a wide range of people, so we can make sure that the Waitematā Local Parks Management Plan truly reflects the views of everybody who lives in this beautiful part of Auckland.

Making a submission

Your submission should be returned no later than 5pm 11 December 2024.

We encourage online submissions

We encourage you to give feedback online at [AK Have Your Say](#).

You can also email submissions to waitematalocalparks@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Paper submissions

Hard copy feedback forms are available at local libraries. You can return these to us using the Freepost Authority envelope, or drop them off at:

- Central City Library
- Grey Lynn Library
- Ley Institute Little Library
- Parnell Library

Alternatively, place your submission in an envelope and send it to:

Waitemātā Local Parks Management Plan
Auckland Council
Freepost number 190198
Private Bag 92300, Victoria Street West
Auckland 1142

Call us if you have any questions

If you have any questions, please either email waitematalocalparks@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or phone the Auckland Council on 09 301 0101 and ask to speak to Steve Owens.

Waitematā Local Board area



