



**Project
update
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Maybury Reserve stormwater upgrades

Auckland Council's Healthy Waters and Flood Resilience team is planning to upgrade the stormwater system through Maybury Reserve so that water can move more safely through the area during heavy rainfall. These improvements will help prevent flooding, reduce erosion that is damaging the stream banks, and prepare the network for future housing and community growth in Tāmaki.

This work sits within the wider Tāmaki Regeneration Programme, one of New Zealand's largest urban renewal initiatives. These improvements include pathway upgrades, refreshed play areas, and environmental restoration across Boundary West and East, Maybury, and Johnson Reserves. We are working alongside the Parks and Community Facilities team, Tamaki Regeneration Company, Kainga Ora and Mana Whenua (Ngāti Pāoa & Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki) to improve the environmental outcomes of Maybury Reserve through flood resilience projects that will allow water to flow more safely through the reserve and surrounding network.

The three main stormwater projects that are planned within the Maybury Reserve area include: Ōmaru Creek & Network Upgrade, Elstree Avenue Culvert Upgrade and Point England Pond Naturalisation. These projects work together from upstream to downstream to restore natural water flow, improve stream stability, and build long-term resilience for a rapidly growing Tāmaki community.

Ōmaru Creek – restoring a healthy, safer stream

Ōmaru Creek has been degrading over time, making the stream banks unsafe and putting nearby properties and public assets at risk. We'll be restoring around one kilometre of the stream, which includes:

- stabilising the banks
- improving the shape of the stream so water can flow more safely
- planting native vegetation
- adding a shared walking and maintenance path

These changes will help:

- reduce erosion and the amount of sediment washed downstream
- protect homes and infrastructure
- improve the look and feel of the reserve
- create a healthier stream for wildlife

Elstree Avenue culvert upgrade

The culverts under Elstree Avenue were built in 1953 and are currently being assessed to understand their condition and capacity. As flooding events become more regular, they may not be able to manage carrying the extra water, increasing the risk of flooding over Elstree Avenue.

We are proposing to upgrade the culverts so that they can carry more water during storms.

This will help:

- reduce the frequency and severity of flooding over Elstree Avenue
- improve safety for people using the road
- protect nearby homes and infrastructure
- make the area more resilient to future weather events

Point England Pond (Ōmaru)– Changing the pond back into a natural stream

The existing stormwater pond in Point England Reserve is full of sediment and is no longer working well. It's expensive to maintain and creates issues for the culverts upstream.

We will:

- remove the concrete weir
- clean out the built-up sediment
- reshape the area back into a natural stream
- renew the footbridge

These changes will help:

- improve water quality
- reduce long-term maintenance costs
- allow fish to move up and down the stream
- create a more attractive and natural space for people to enjoy

What stage is the project in

The project is currently in the design stage and will be delivered in phases to cause the least disturbance to community.

Please reach out to healthywaters@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz if you have any queries



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