

Activities Undertaken by Other Divisions that Contribute to Regional Plan Implementation

Community Connections/Take Care programme

In addition to staff from the Environment Division, people working in the Flood Protection and Operations Departments are also supporting community groups who are carrying out environmental restoration projects under the Take Care programme.

Riparian Management Strategy

In addition to staff from the Environment Division, people working in the Operations, Planning and Resources, and Flood Protection Departments have also had input into the development of the Riparian Management Strategy.

Water Conservation programme

The Water Group co-ordinates a water conservation strategy with the Kapiti Coast District, Upper Hutt City, Hutt City, Porirua City and Wellington City Councils. Reports on this programme are submitted to the Utility Services Committee annually.

The Water Conservation Programme implements one policy and three methods in the Regional Freshwater Plan.

Stabilisation of erosion prone land

Staff from the Operations Department contribute to the stabilisation of erosion prone land in the Wairarapa. Their work includes financial support of catchment management groups, assessing the current vegetation cover of erosion prone land, and promoting sustainability plans and property conservation plans. Together, these implement many of the policies and methods of the Regional Soil Plan.

Visual Soil Assessment and 500 Soils monitoring programmes

The Council supports the Visual Soil Assessment and 500 Soils monitoring programmes. Staff from the Resource Policy and Operations Departments are involved in implementing these programmes.

Coastal biosecurity

Staff from the BioSecurity Department monitor existing areas of *Spartina* in Lake Onoke and will take appropriate action if the area of *Spartina* increases significantly. The BioSecurity Department have also produced pamphlets on coastal and marine pest plants, how they can be identified and how their spread can be reduced. These are distributed by Biosecurity Department staff and through Council offices. These activities implement one policy and two methods in the Regional Coastal Plan.

Regional Land Transport Strategy

Through the Regional Land Transport Strategy, the Transport Policy Department implements two policies and one method of the Regional Air Quality Management Plan.

Waterways management for flood risk

The Flood Protection and Operations Departments manage waterways around the region for flood risk. Four policies and six methods in the Regional Freshwater Plan have been implemented by these activities this year.

Staff involvement in appropriate industry groups

Staff from the Wairarapa Division are currently involved with industry groups and working parties that contribute to the implementation of policies and methods in the regional plans. The departments involved and the groups include:

Planning and Resources Department:

- Regional Hazardous Waste Liaison Group
- Waste Management Wairarapa

Operations Department:

- Land Protection Group
- Regional Council Land Managers Group