

Mandy Nolan Reade

Subject: FW: HPLG-MOBO-00289-2024
Attachments: HPLG-MOBO-00289-2024.msg

From: Minister O'Brien Office <ministerobrien-housing@corr.cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 12:43 PM
To: Honor Dunphy <hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Subject: HPLG-MOBO-00289-2024

24th January 2024

hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie

Ref: HPLG-MOBO-00289-2024

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

Thank you for your email to Mr. Darragh O'Brien, T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in connection with your query.

Your correspondence is currently receiving attention and a further reply will issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary

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Subject:

FW: Ref: DTTAS-MOSC-00109-2024

From: Minister of State Chambers Office <MOSC-Transport@corr.cloud.gov.ie>

Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 11:02 AM

To: Honor Dunphy <hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie>

Subject: Ref: DTTAS-MOSC-00109-2024

Our Ref: DTTAS-MOSC-00109-2024

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

On behalf of the Minister of State for Transport, Mr. Jack Chambers, T.D., I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 15th January 2024 regarding Driving test backlogs. A further reply, if required, will issue to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Leonard

Private Secretary to Minister of State Jack Chambers TD

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An Roinn Iompair

Department of Transport

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www.gov.ie/transport

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Subject:

FW: Ref: TTAS-MO-00427-2024 Your ref: HD MNR PD 2023 238

From: Ministers Office <Minister-Transport@corr.cloud.gov.ie>

Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 9:52 AM

To: Contact User <contact@waterfordcouncil.ie>

Subject: Ref: TTAS-MO-00427-2024 Your ref: HD MNR PD 2023 238

Our Ref: TTAS-MO-00427-2024

Your Ref: HD MNR PD 2023 238

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

On behalf of the Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan, T.D., I wish to thank you for your letter regarding the N25. A further reply will issue to you as soon as possible.

With best wishes,

Amanda Corley

Private Secretary to Minister Ryan

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Waterford City & County Council

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	DECLAN DOOLEY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	CELTIC CONFERENCES
CONFERENCE LOCATION	MCKEVITT'S HOTEL CARLINEFORD (LASH)
DATE OF CONFERENCE	24/25-11-2023

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Housing Shortage
MAKING Modular Homes Available

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Types of Modular Homes style quality
Design etc Advantages + Cost saving
Debated the bad insulation on previous prefabs + quick builds
Was very well insulated and comfortable

Handouts - I received / ~~did not receive~~ 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

Modular Homes can be relocated as required
Long term can be accommodated as infill where required
Potential for large developments also

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	✓			

Signed: Cllr Declan Dooley

Date: 25/11/2023

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Waterford City & County Council

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JOHN PRATT
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	Allg, Road Safety Speed Limit Review
CONFERENCE LOCATION	The Tower Hotel Waterford
DATE OF CONFERENCE	06/11/2023

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Main topic was about road fatalities + new measures needed to address. Speed limit reviews etc.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Discussed rural + urban speeds + how to address - similar roads should have similar speed limits. Also discussed importance of garda presence and speed points. Also need for cameras to catch offenders.

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

Sent by email.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. John Pratt

Date: 06/12/2023

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Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO)

Presentation to LAMA Spring Seminar, 20th January 2024

Supporting Implementation of Ireland's River Basin Management Plans

Anthony Coleman, Director of Services, LAWPRO

Gary O'Connell, Catchment Manager, LAWPRO

**Website: [Local Authority Waters Programme - Local
Authority Water Programme \(lawwaters.ie\)](http://lawwaters.ie)**

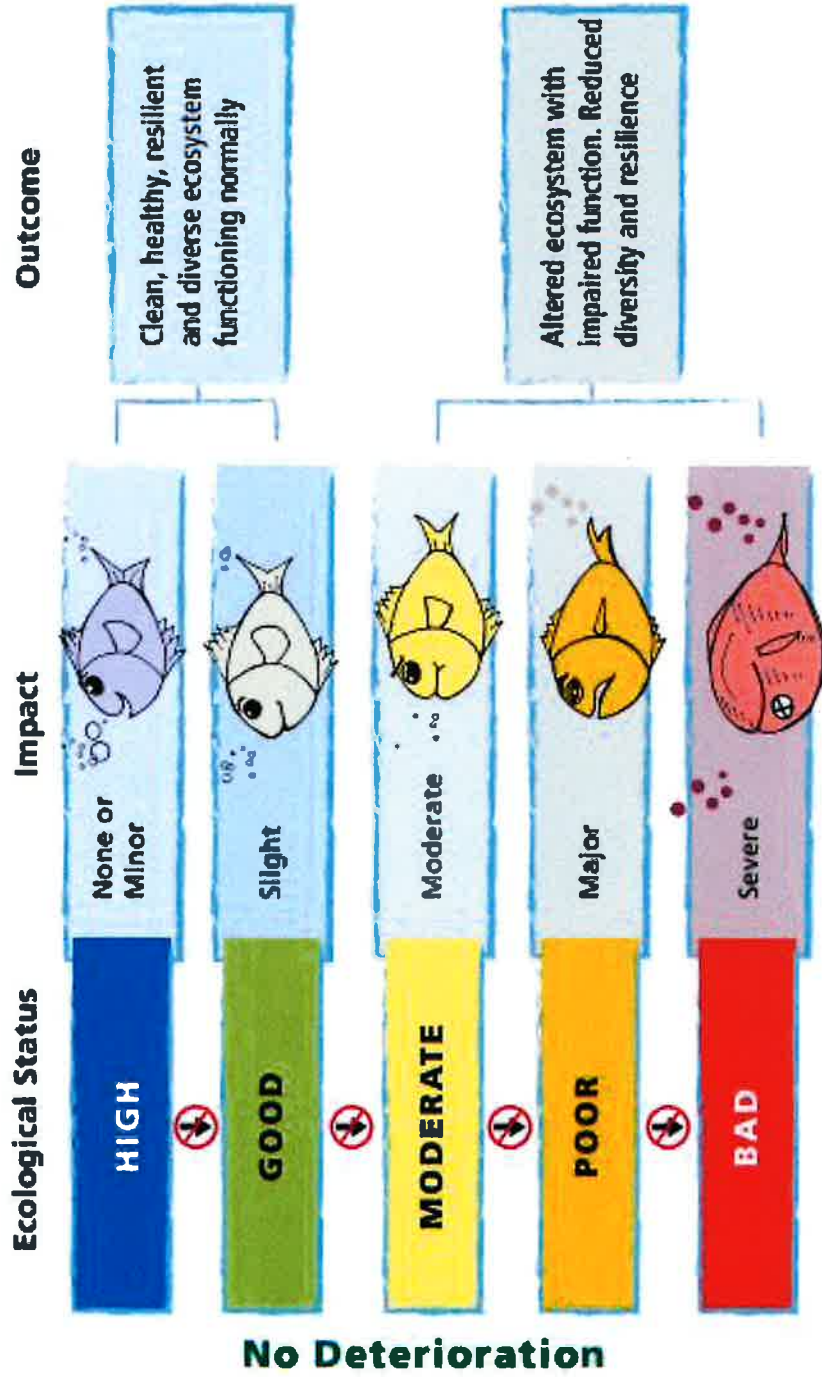


About LAWPRO

- Local Authority shared service, working with all 31 Local Authorities, 5-regions structure
- Coordinating LA sector's obligations for river basin management planning (EU Water Framework Directive)
- Funded by Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage
- LAWPRO's three core functions:
 - Coordination on behalf of Local Authorities and public bodies,
 - Regional Committees
 - Community engagement at a local level, nationwide.
 - Catchment science and management to inform decision making,
 - Working in Priority Areas for Action (PAA) identified in the plans
 - Building capacity within Local Authority sector - knowledge sharing and training
- Advocating for a healthy water environment, with multiple benefits for health and wellbeing, biodiversity, climate, and local communities.

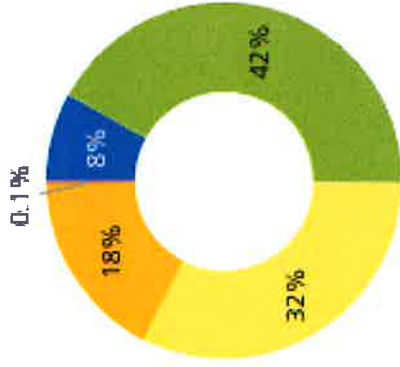


Water Quality Status

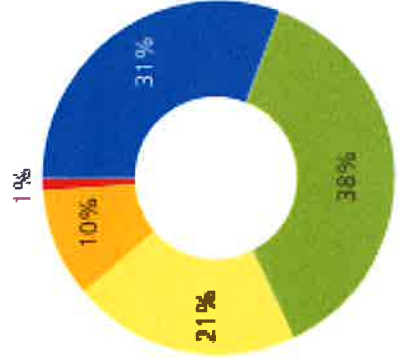


Rivers, lakes, estuaries and coastal waters - Nationally

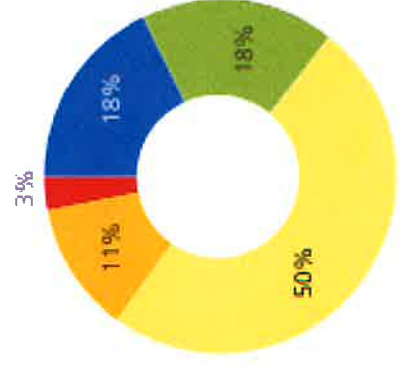
Rivers



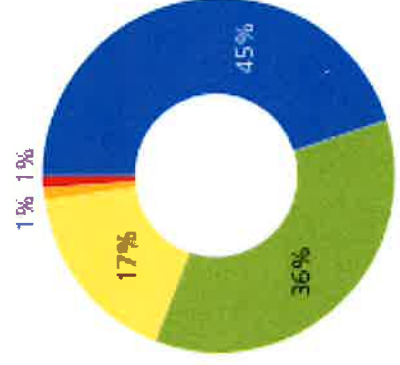
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Transitional Waters



Coastal Waters

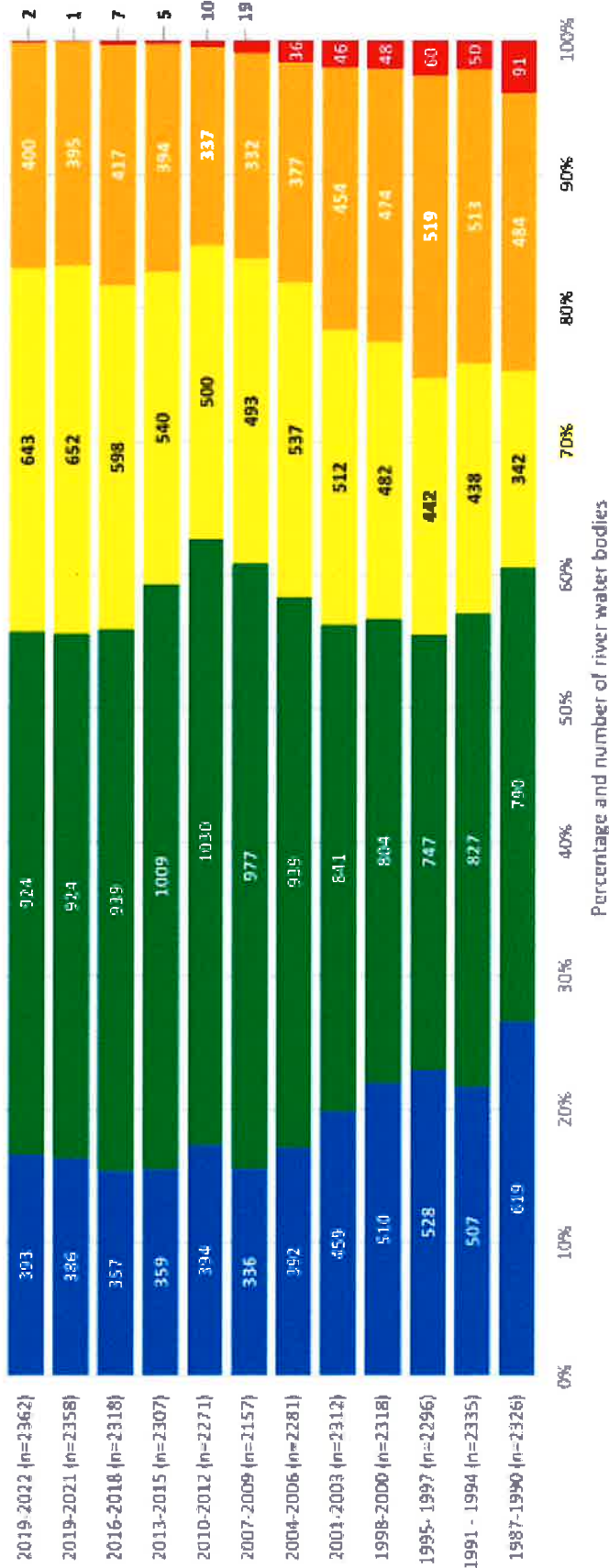


Ref: EPA Water Quality In Ireland 2016-2021



Rivers only - nationally

River Biological Quality 1987-2022 Q-Value (water body level)



Percentage and number of river water bodies

■ High ■ Good ■ Moderate ■ Poor ■ Bad

Ref: EPA Water Quality In 2022, An indicators report

Appendix 2 of RBMP contains 111 different measures. Here are some key themes:



LAWPROs Coordination Role

- LAWPRO Programme delivery
- National level representatives
- Regional structures (committees)
- Inter-Agency Collaboration
- Building relationships: stakeholder cooperation and collaboration
- Facilitating knowledge transfer and learning
- Wide dissemination of best practice

Collaboration Between Public Bodies



Community Engagement Role

- Awareness raising
 - national, regional, and local.
- Public participation & engagement
 - listening to communities and supporting local projects.
- Partnership & networking
 - working together for common goals
- Main focus - RBMP priority areas for action
 - Also aiming to protect existing high-status water bodies



Collaboration with The Heritage Council and Heritage Officers

Significant community engagement – annually



vibrant communities | catchment assessment | healthy waters

WATER HERITAGE DAY

Sunday 20th August 2023

**Living
Heritage
12 -20 August 2023**



National Heritage Week

A Heritage Council programme

A GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS WORKING WITH WATER, BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE



COMMUNITY GROUPS – BIODIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS – OUR LOCAL COUNCILS

COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE A GREAT WAY TO WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN YOUR LOCAL AREA. YOU CAN JOIN A GROUP OR START ONE YOURSELF. YOU CAN WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN YOUR LOCAL AREA. YOU CAN JOIN A GROUP OR START ONE YOURSELF. YOU CAN WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN YOUR LOCAL AREA. YOU CAN JOIN A GROUP OR START ONE YOURSELF.

Costs associated with planning requirements in environmentally sensitive areas

Analysis and Development now supports the cost associated with planning requirements in environmentally sensitive areas for capital projects under the Rural Environment Theme (Sustainable use of water, Biodiversity etc). Expenditure on assessments, surveys and other reports required for the purposes of securing planning permission and/or fulfilling other statutory obligations are therefore eligible for LEADER funding as a stand-alone Analysis and Development (A&D) project as defined in Section 6.4 of the LEADER rules.

Note it is envisaged that such Analysis & Development projects would pave the way for the subsequent delivery of environmental capital projects, whether funded by LEADER or otherwise. As such, the use of Analysis & Development for this purpose will be periodically reviewed to ascertain if this is the case or whether particular restrictions/amendments should be put in place.



GUIDANCE FOR COMMUNITIES ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS
THAT CAN BE FUNDED THROUGH THE LEADER PROGRAMME 2014

Community Water Development Fund

*Supporting locally led
water quality awareness and actions*

**Over €2m invested
771 grants awarded under the Open Call
since 2018**

Open Call for 2024 at evaluation stage



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Community Water Development Fund 2024: National Summary – Application Stage



Region	No. of Apps	Total project costs	Grants sought
Border	33	€ 292,776	€ 270,979
Midlands and East	65	€ 606,599	€ 503,719
South East	14	€ 103,693	€ 85,979
South West	48	€ 452,581	€ 336,193
West	20	€ 231,168	€ 205,618
Total	180	€ 1,686,817	€ 1,402,488





Categorisation of Project Types

Bank Stabilisation	Litter Clean Up
Bog Restoration	Raingarden
Citizen Science	Rainwater Planter
Drain Blocking	Reports/Plans
Feasibility Studies	Signage/Water Literacy
Fencing	Tree Planting
Fish Passage	Water Butt
Gravel Installation	Weir Removal
Hard Surface Removal	Wetland
Invasive Species	Woody Debris
Leaky Dam	Education/Awareness Programme of Events

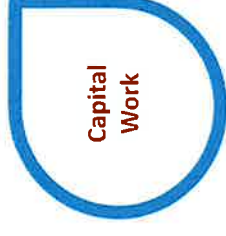




Collection of Evidence



Community Engagement



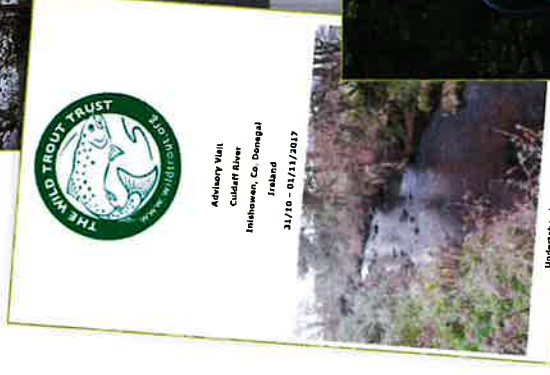
Capital Work

Collaborative efforts in the Culdaff River Catchment:

- Donegal County Council (Local Agenda 21) provide initial seed funding to Culdaff River Community Angling Club for an **Advisory Visit** by Wild Trout Trust to the Culdaff River Catchment
- Culdaff River Community Angling Club are able to act on **recommendations** to tackle bank erosion issues – successfully apply for Community Water Development Fund 2018 (€5,000)
- In June '21, Inishowen Rivers Trust build on the **momentum, skills and knowledge** built and secure funding of **€132,870** from DAFM for EIP
- **Aims of EIP scheme included:**
 - Working with local farmers and community to protect and enhance our riparian zones
 - manage farm inputs into our streams and;
 - improve habitat quality for biodiversity
- **Project led by Inishowen Rivers Trust and other key partners included:**
 - Inishowen Uplands EIP, Inish Forestry, Culdaff River Community Angling Club, Trees on the Land plus various statutory agencies, local community groups, contractors and beekeepers



Image credit: Inishowen Rivers Trust



Underaken by Gareth Peilley



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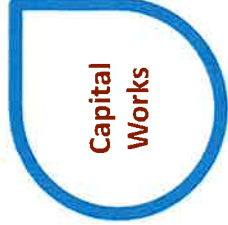
Key learnings:

- **Seed Funding** – to promote community research into water quality issues
- Getting the **external view** from WTT – this gave clear **‘work-ons’** for the local community to go forward with.
- The **input** from Loughs Agency – they provided Electro-Fishing, to monitor the success of the project and Statutory Consents.
- **Value** of the Rivers Trust – **Volunteers** and administrative assistance, and eventually the EIP.
- Time and successes – this process had been ongoing since 2017, but the compilation of the local report gave the club some momentum, this in-turn lead to more positive projects and **integrated** work in the **catchment**.



Image credit: Inishowen Rivers Trust

Collaborative efforts in the Clonmany Catchment



- 22nd August 2017 Inishowen experienced a severe flooding event
- ‘Slow the Flow’ - 2018 Inishowen Rivers Trust ran a campaign of engagement activities around flood awareness, supported by LAWPRO
- OPW support completion of study by Prof. Mary Bourke – ‘The Opportunities for Natural Water Retention Measures in Inishowen’
- In 2021 Inishowen Rivers Trust take lead on a NFM project with €135,000 of funding from the EU LEADER Programme, OPW, LAWPRO and Donegal County Council to bring nature based flood solutions to the Clonmany area.

Main aims include:

- To implement NFM in the Clonmany area in an effort to reduce flood risk
- To improve water quality and restore riparian habitats in upper reaches of the catchment
- To build capacity to maintain NFM and enable the transfer of this knowledge to other locations



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ON THE GROUND
 NATURAL FLOOD
 MANAGEMENT
 IN ISHOWEN



Image credit: Inishowen Rivers Trust

Nature-based solutions to flood management in Inishowen

Colleen Hall, Carrisdonagh, Inishowen, Co. Donegal
 Friday February 14th 2020 @ 7pm-8.30pm

Launched & fully supported by the Inishowen Rivers Trust on the opportunities for using Natural Water Retention Measures in Inishowen to manage flood waters.

Prof. Mary Bourke, Trinity College Carrisdonagh, Clonmany and Buncrana will present the results of the study covering rivers in Carrisdonagh, Clonmany and Buncrana.

Followed by Q & A with natural flood expert Dr. Paul Quinn, Newcastle University. A summary of this report will be available on the night.

Light refreshments included

For more info
 Visit <http://inishowenriverstrust.com>
 Email info@inishowenriverstrust.com
 Call 087 647 8183

Free Event - Register on <https://inr.flood-study.eventbrite.ie>

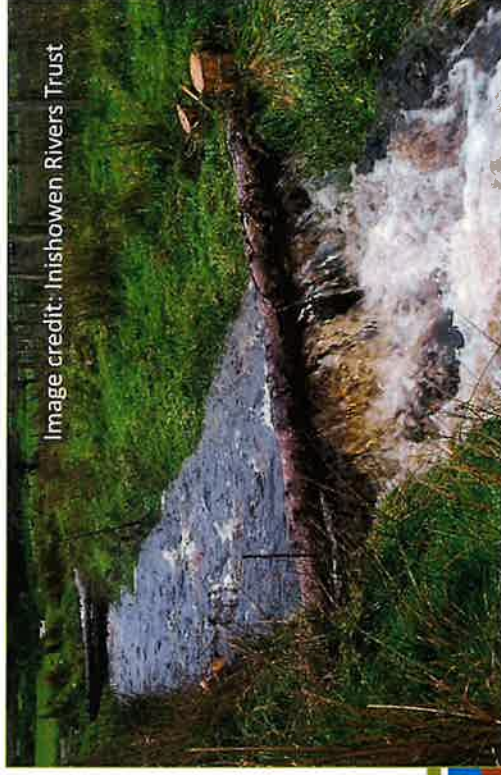


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Key learnings

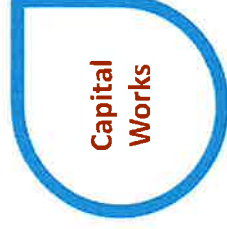
(from Project Summary report (2022))



Community
Engagement



Natural Flood
Management



Capital
Works

- Establish demonstration sites early – What does a nature-based solution look like? – benefits **community engagement**.
- **Monitoring plan** should be in place pre- & post-implementation that looks at hydromorphology, macroinvertebrate scores, flow data, weather and water chemistry
- Works contractors for this type of project should be trained on specific skills and knowledge. **Knowledge transfer** to OPW and county council staff should be arranged
- Agreement on process of **consent approval** should be progressed with the OPW
- Potential for **river restoration** incorporating NFM should be discussed with relevant agencies and landowners



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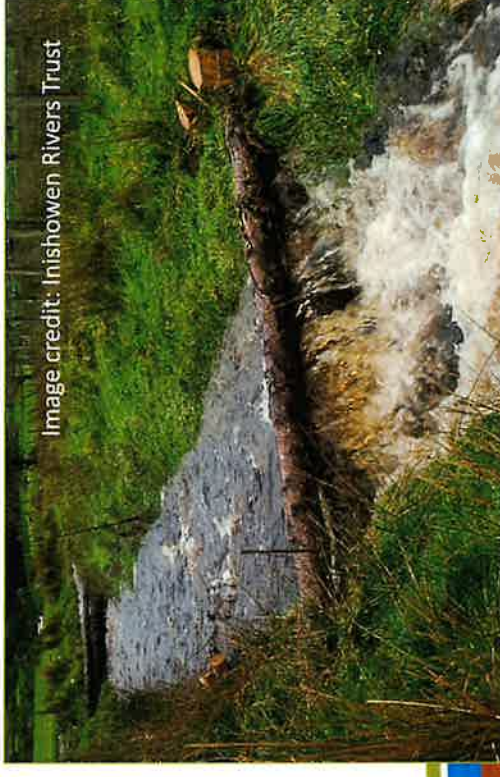


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Key LAWPRO community water project learnings, in summary...

- **Create** opportunities to share knowledge, discuss local issues and identify projects. E.g. Awareness/Training events.
- **Establish** a local working group and try to progress local issues of concern. Bring structure to the issue.
- **Harness** public interest and don't under-estimate importance of (early) engagement with all parties.
- **Share** workload in preparation & implementation, through interagency collaborative working. Know who/where your and the community's friends are... Network.
- **Think** multiple benefits for multiple work programmes & make it a multi-disciplinary team. Lean into other topics – climate/biodiversity/heritage/health/tourism/social.
- Often, the smaller projects can give rise to projects on a far larger scale, with enough support, collaboration and social capital built within the **community**, larger projects emerge.

These are all key functions of our **Community Water Officer Network...**

“Meeting the challenge of protecting and improving Ireland’s water quality will continue to be a complex undertaking...

To meet the challenge, there must be a sincere collective effort as well as the time and space given over to collaborative activities...” - page 9 Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022 - 2027



Supporting Local Authorities

- **Catchment Management & Science Training for LA staff**
- **Galway County & City:**
 - Corrib Who's Who Event, supporting capacity building in the Corrib catchment
 - Blue Dots of Connemara
- **Roscommon:**
 - Collaborating with LA staff on their agricultural inspection's prioritisation for 2023.
- **Westmeath County Council**
 - Joint assessment by LAWPRO and WCC of the Brosna system in focussing on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) which are a group of man-made chemicals often referred to as "forever chemicals"
- **Monaghan**
 - Mountain Water Steering Group & Blue Dot in the Slieve Beagh Area
- **Louth**
 - Oriel River Catchments Association development work
- **Limerick**
 - Invasive species focus on Mulcair River



What is a Catchment?

We all live in 'catchments', whether it is the catchment area for a school or hospital, or a catchment area for a local stream, river, lake or coastal water.

For water, a catchment is simply defined as an area of land around a river, lake or other body of water.

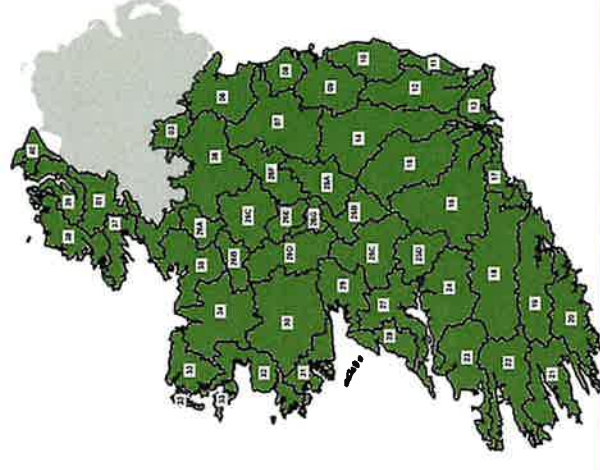
Find more info at:

www.Catchments.ie

www.LAWaters.ie

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Areas for Action



How do we manage our catchments?

National and international experience shows that working together in partnership with local communities and public bodies is the best way to protect and improve our water. It also helps to make sure local communities' livelihoods and health are sustained and protected into the future.

To effectively manage our catchments, bottom-up and top-down collaboration is necessary. In other words, everyone involved - from government agencies to local communities and individuals - needs to share knowledge and information.

Catchments.ie will highlight stories from around Ireland showing how we can manage our rivers, lakes and coastal waters, and share the science and information needed to help people make decisions.

[Find out more](#)

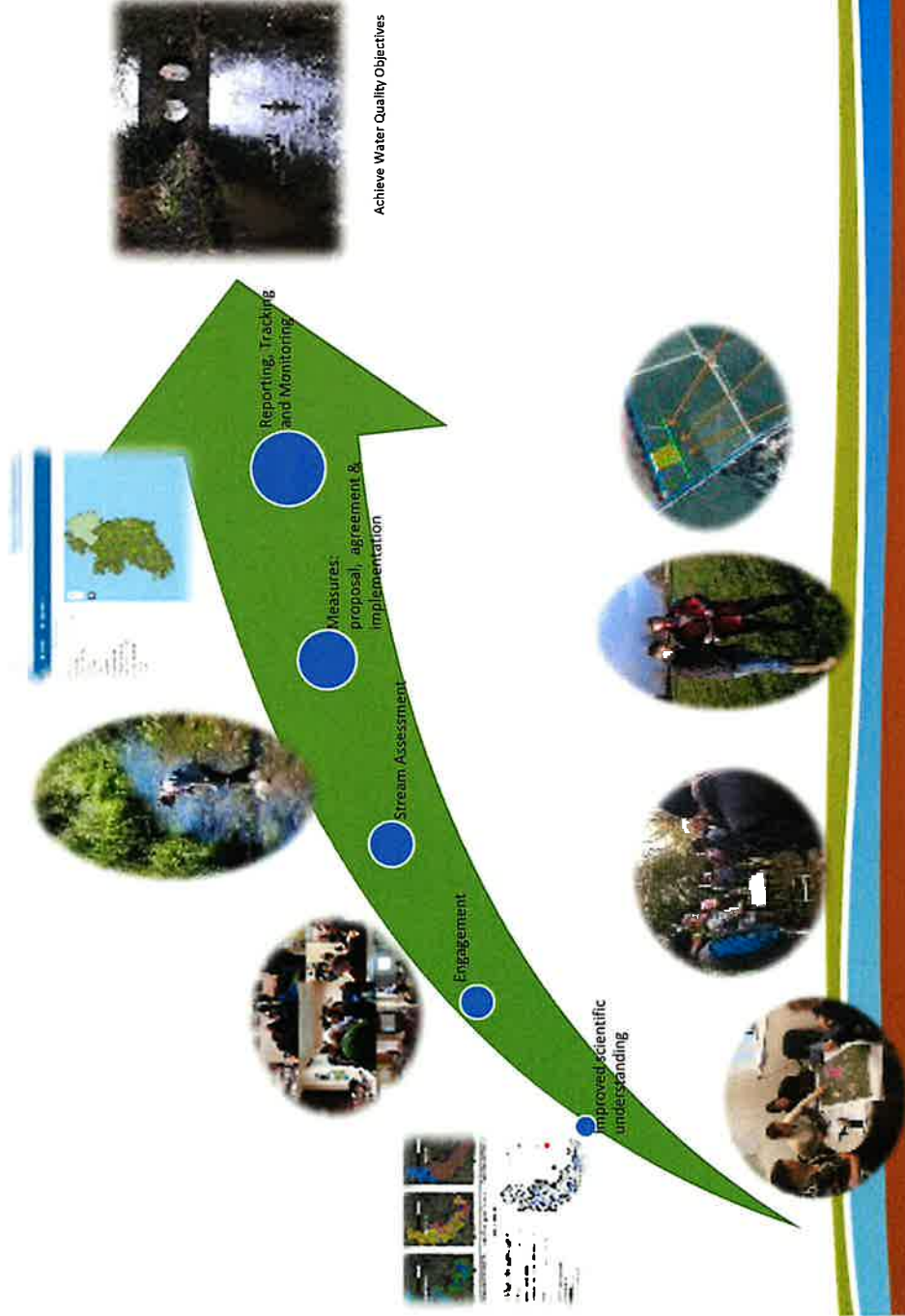


Catchment Science and Local Catchment Assessment

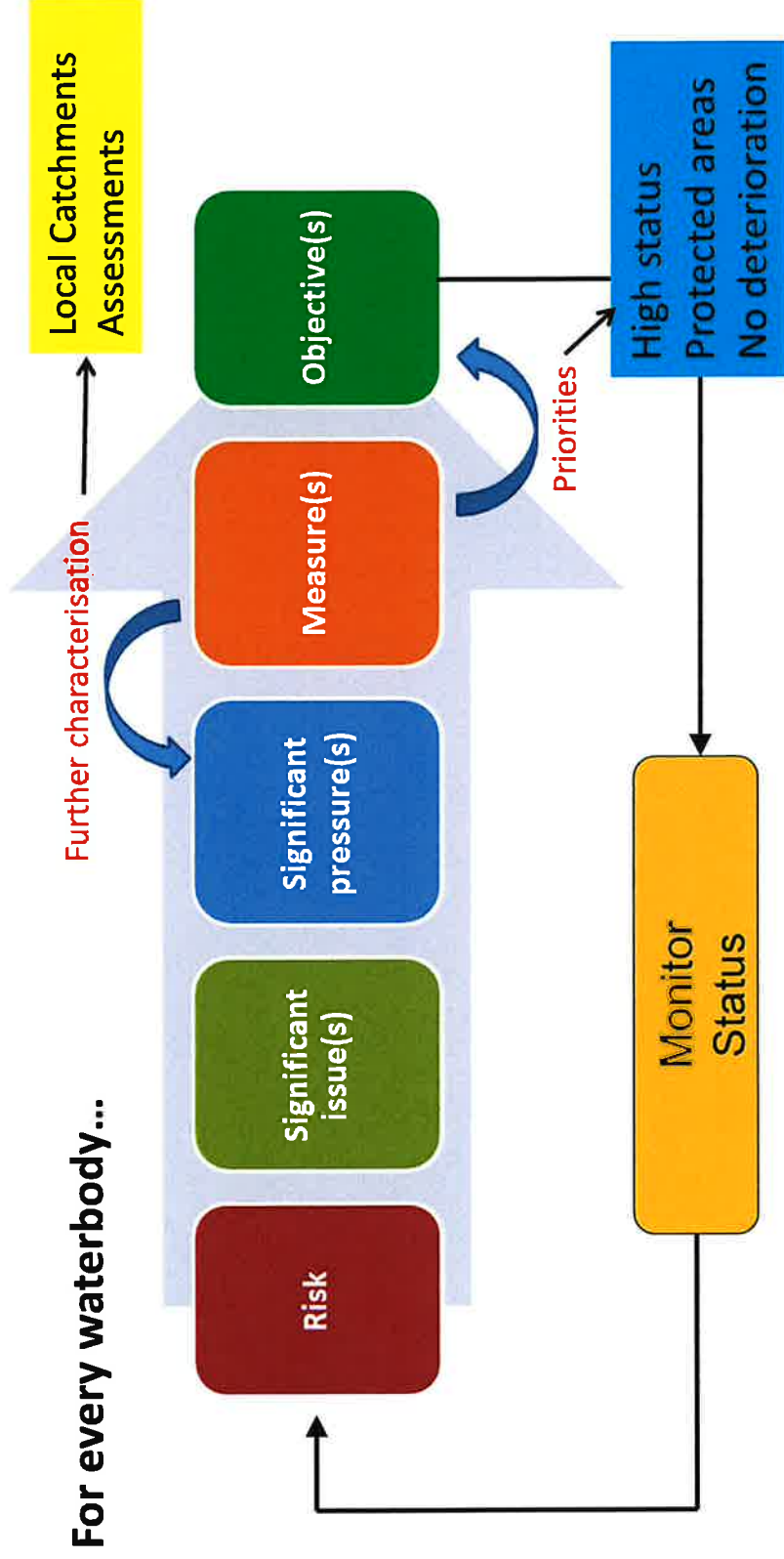
Role: Build evidence base through scientific assessments to help identify appropriate measures to improve water quality in Priority Areas for Action

- Desk Studies
- Public meetings
- Farmer meetings
- Signpost Farm reports
- Local Catchment Assessment
- Referrals >100 PAAs

Water Quality Improvements

Characterisation approach

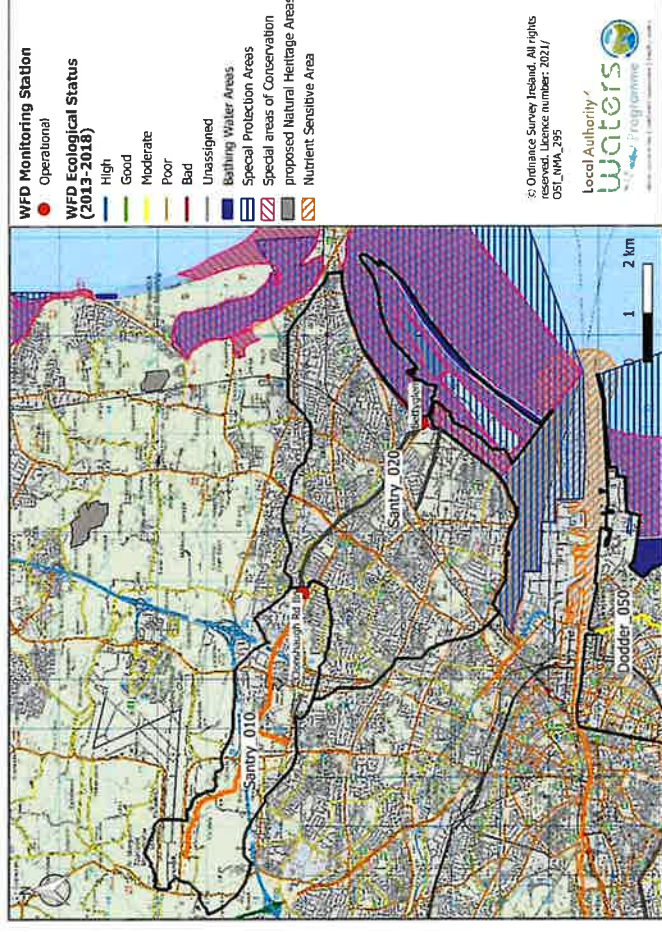


Aiming for 'The right measure in the right place'



Santry River Priority Action Area

- Santry River Catchment
- Santry PAA Desk Study
(LAWPRO)
- Collaborative Field Work
- Prelim Results Analysis
- Learnings



Santry Field Work – 20th April 2023

- 20 staff from DCC, Fingal and LAWPRO undertook sampling and flow measurements
- Assessment undertaken of all accessible locations and sampling of 59 points identified from the desk study
- Flow measured taken at all locations where possible, unfortunately some were submerged
- DCC Central lab undertook analysis of monitoring event





Santry Field Work 20th April 2023



Agricultural Sustainability, support and Advisory Programme (ASSAP)

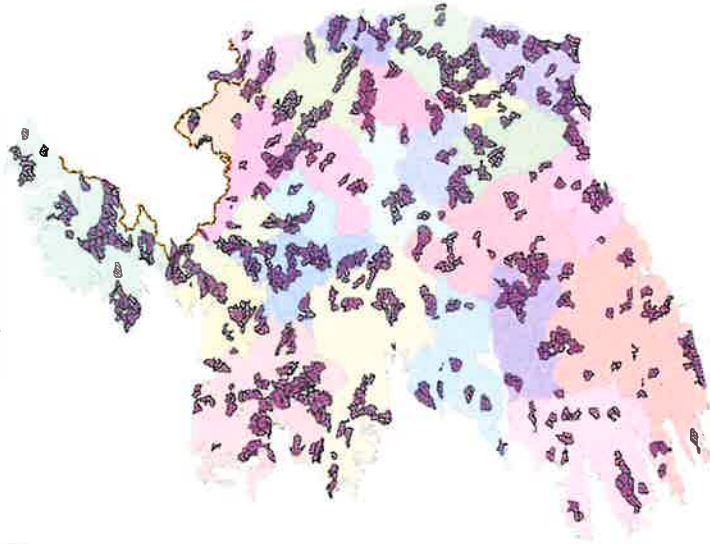
- Collaboration between **government and industry**, called the **Agricultural Sustainability, Support and Advisory Programme (ASSAP)**, supporting implementation of best agricultural practice at farm level in the PAAs to help address agricultural pressures on water quality.
- **ASSAP** is jointly funded by **DAFM, DHLGH** and the dairy industry.
- Its advisory services are provided jointly by **Teagasc** and the **Dairy Processing Co-ops**. It has received strong support from the main farming organisations.
- The role of the **ASSAP advisor** is to complement the **scientific work of LAWPRO** by:
 - (a) providing farmers with a free, confidential and voluntary **advisory service**
 - (b) providing farm specific **assessments** and plans to prevent the loss of nutrients, sediment and pesticides from entering waters
 - (c) to disseminate **water quality messaging** to the wider agricultural community.



ASSAP FOCUS



Priority Areas for Action 2018-2021



0 10 15 kms

Data Source: EPA/CS
 Date: 24/10/2018

Area For Action
 ROI / NI Boundary

Water EIP

(European Innovation Partnership)

Combining targeted measures and European Innovation Partnership funding to deliver water improvement in agricultural areas.



Water EIP – €50m in grants over 5 years

Three partners (LAWPRO, Teagasc and Dairy Industry Ireland)

Supporting partners including meat industry, ABP, Dairygold (tillage), research community, IFI, OPW

A number of innovations including results based payments, research hub, nature-based solutions approach (Rainwater Management Plans)

Up to 15,000 farmers eligible

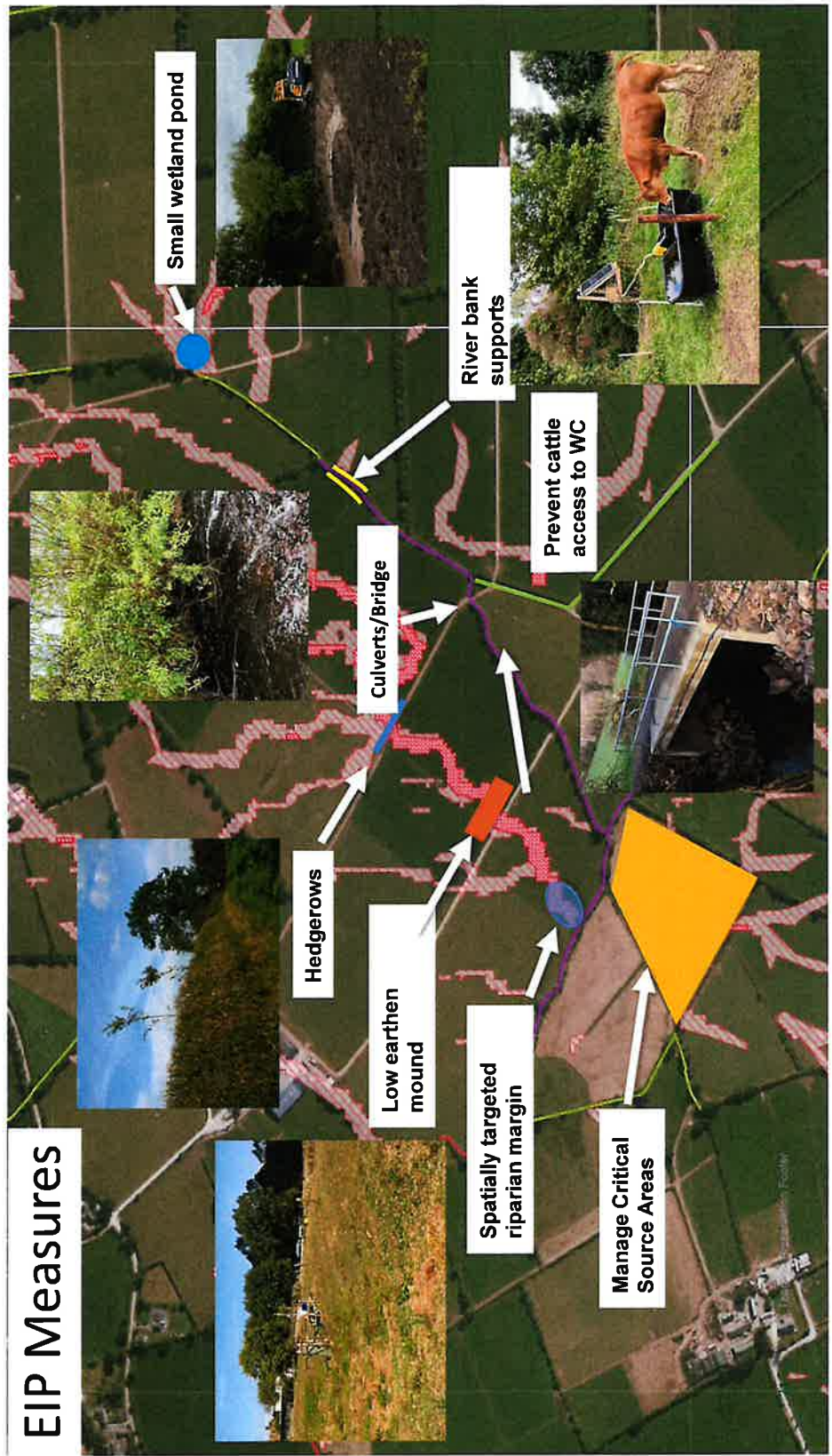
Reliant on ASSAP (up to 50 advisors) and project team of up to 26 staff (including 10 advisors and 6 community advisors)

Will follow catchment science – and first time ever attempted at a national scale.

DAFM and DHLGH as financiers.



The right measure in the Right Place.



Nature-based Solutions

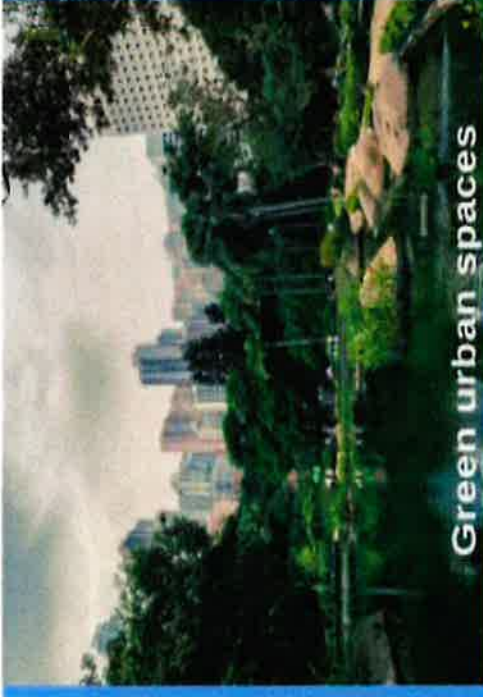
1. Looking to nature to inform solutions in our Environment.
2. Working with nature at the core of solution delivery...

- **Water** – integrated approach.
- **Climate** - resilience/cooling/adaptation & mitigation..
- **Biodiversity** – continuous (non-fragmented), protected.
- **Health** – water quality, cleaner air, combat heat island effect, (physical) mental health
- **Place making** – aesthetics, soften urban landscapes, acoustics/clean air & temp.





Constructed wetlands

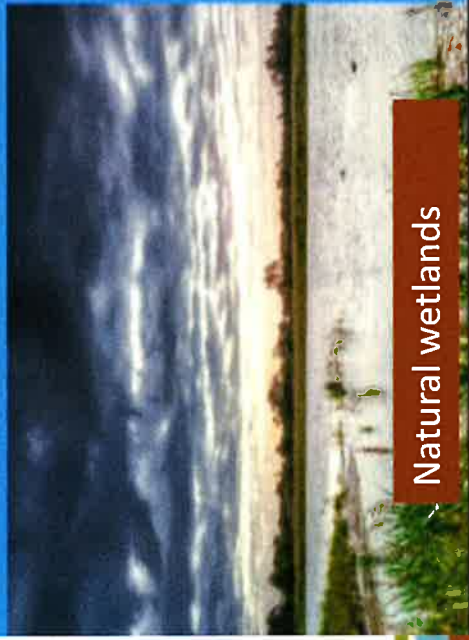


Green urban spaces

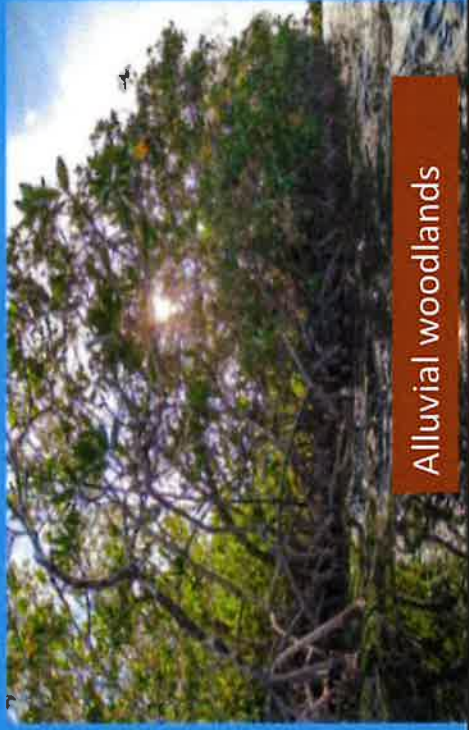


Bioswales

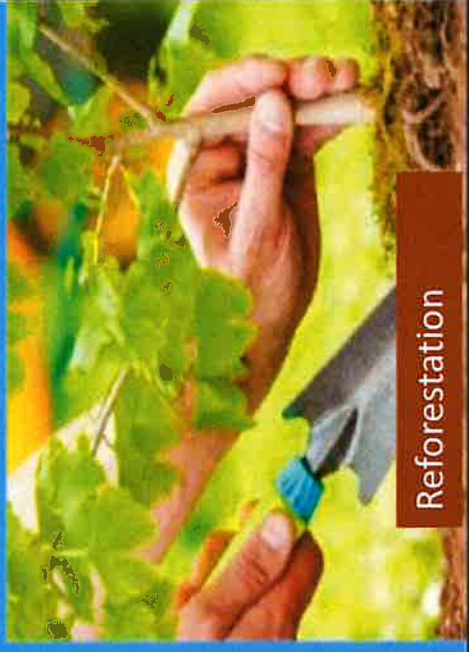
Types of Nature-based Solutions



Natural wetlands



Alluvial woodlands



Reforestation



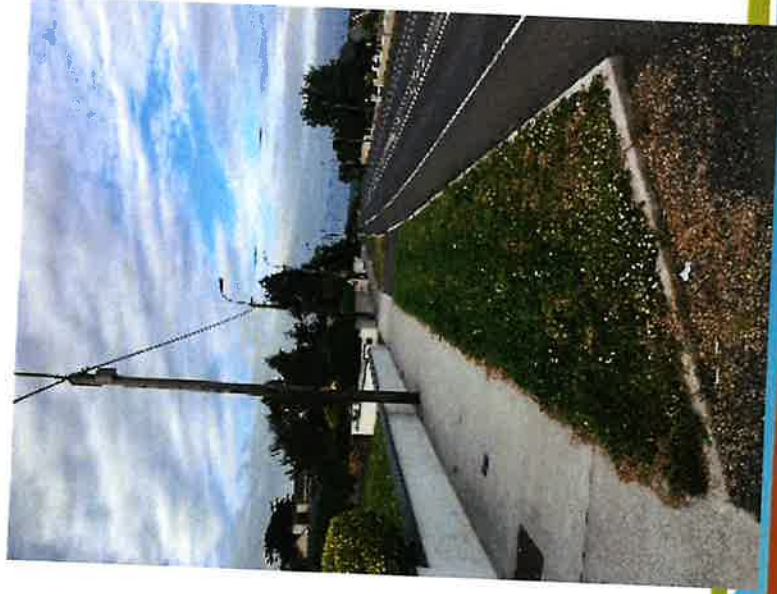
BioRetention wetland

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Look for opportunities in all projects (public & private):
- lots of missed opportunities where water capture and filtration is not embedded.

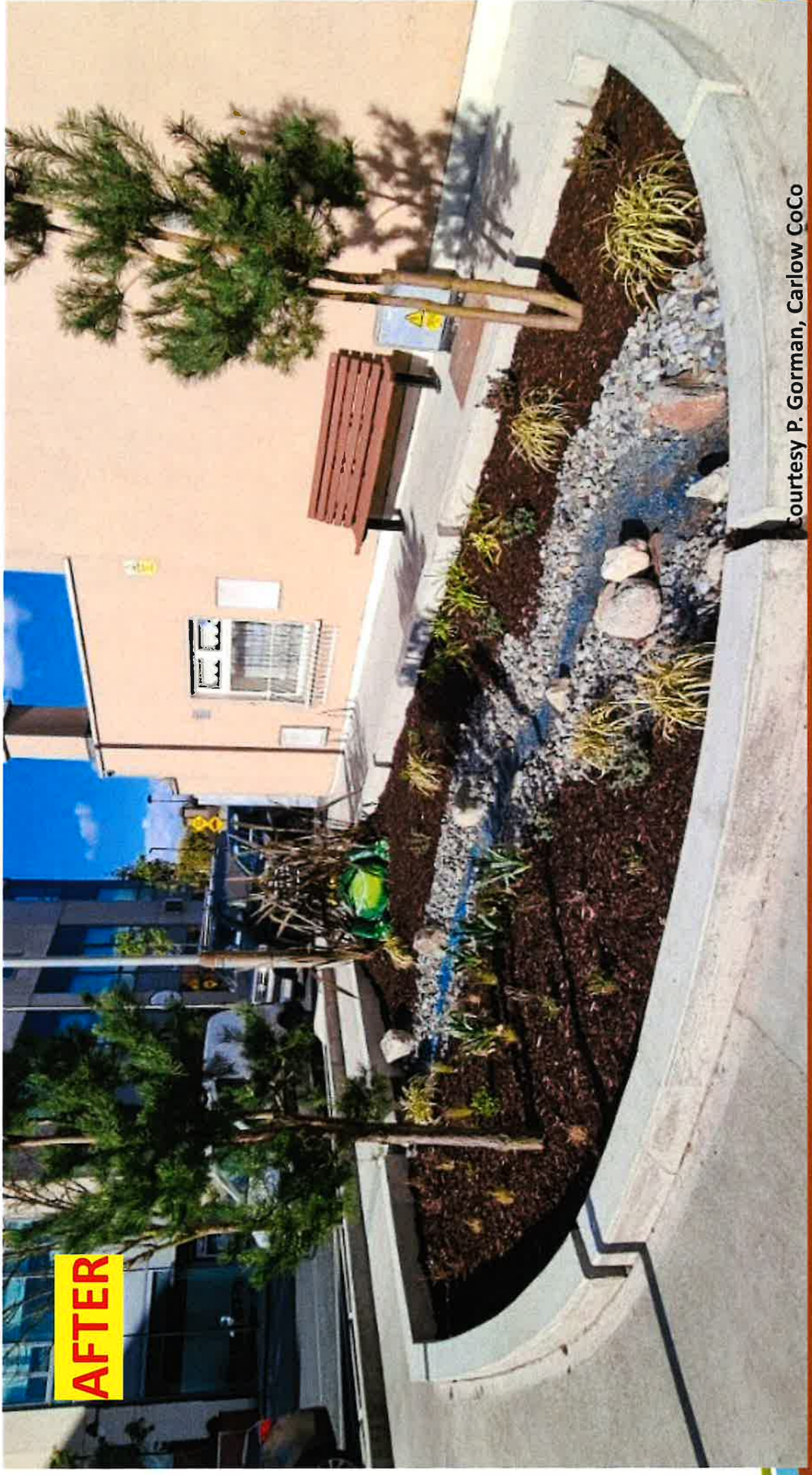
- if done so, they would be self-watering most of the time.





Courtesy P. O'Gorman, Carlow Co. Council





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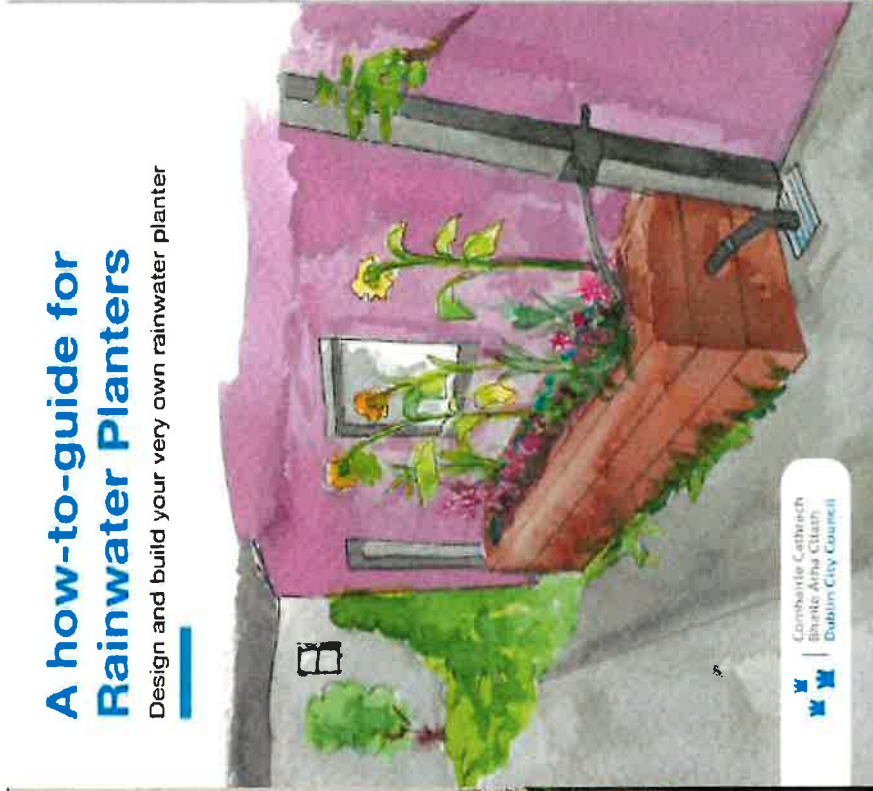
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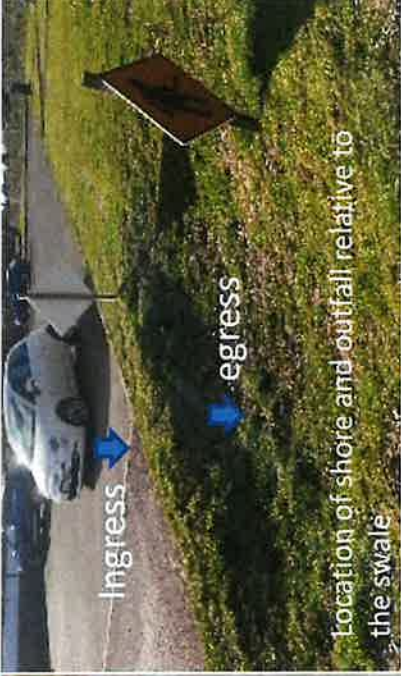
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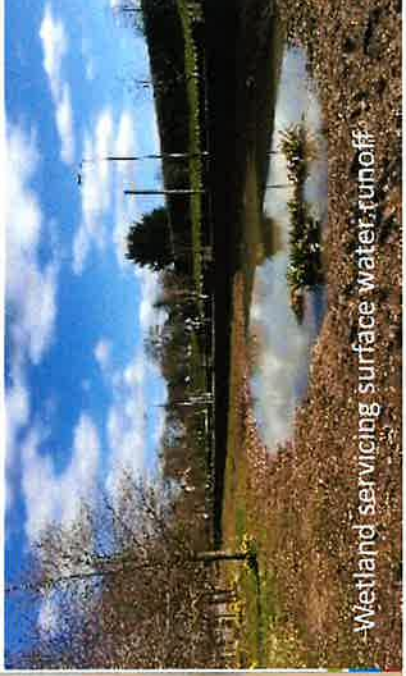
Working with Tidy Towns



Geashill, Tidy Towns, Co Offaly. Funded via LAWPRO. World Water Day planting of wetland



Location of shore and outfall relative to the swale



Wetland servicing surface water runoff

Climate action – integrating water into climate planning

- Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs)
- Local Authority Climate Action Plans
 - EU Water Framework Directive objectives and plan for climate change risk
 - Pollution control (aligning environmental inspections, environmental planning policy)
 - Planning (integration of water sensitive urban design concepts including development of Rainwater Management Plans as part of settlement plans / Local Area Plans)
 - Built infrastructure (integrate nature-based solutions into all projects to provide greater water quality protection and reduce flood risk)
 - Biodiversity (understand local biodiversity requirements and plan for climate change)
 - Education (local education and awareness raising of the general public, staff and elected representatives)



Therefore, where possible water focused actions should be given due prominence on account of water's importance in a climate change context.

46 Local Catchment Management Plans

New 3rd Cycle River Basin Management Plan for Ireland Actions include:

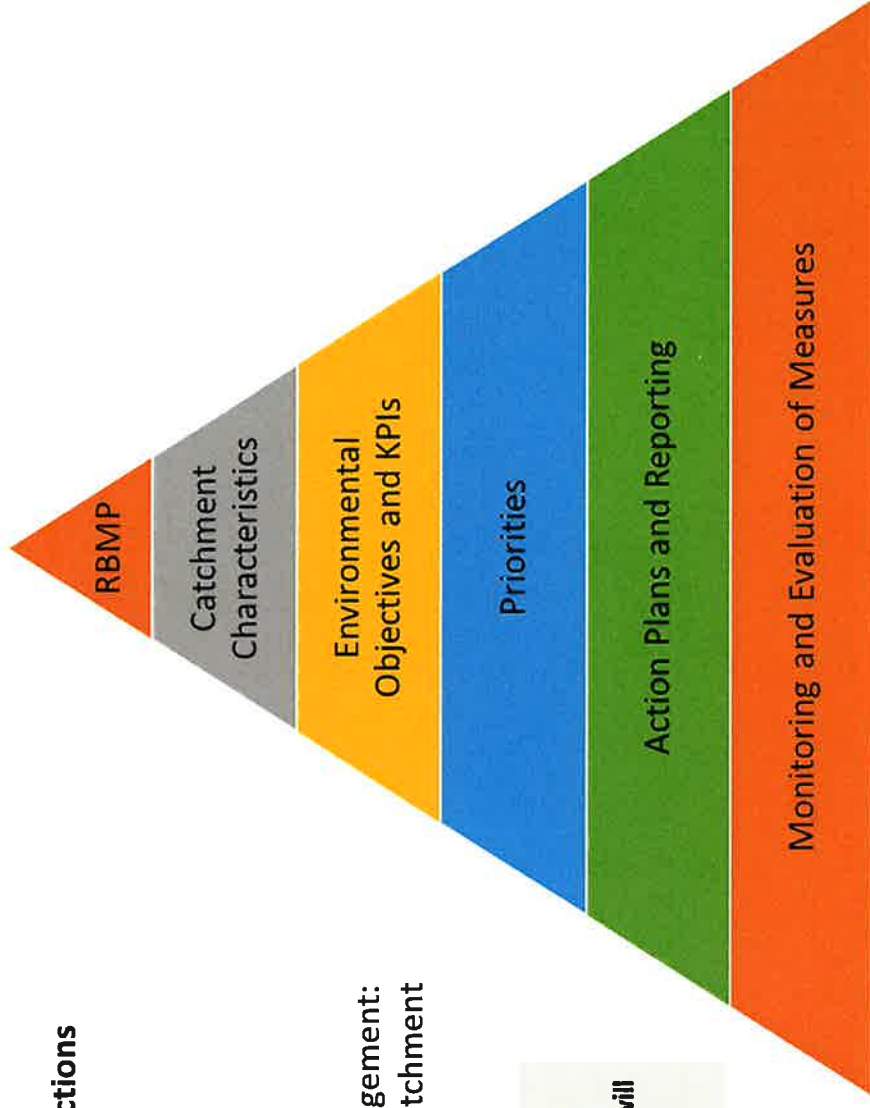
- Draft River Basin Management Plan:
 - 46 Catchment Management Plans
 - County level implementation plans
 - Increased public participation in River Basin Management: Scoping the establishment of Local Community Catchment Fora



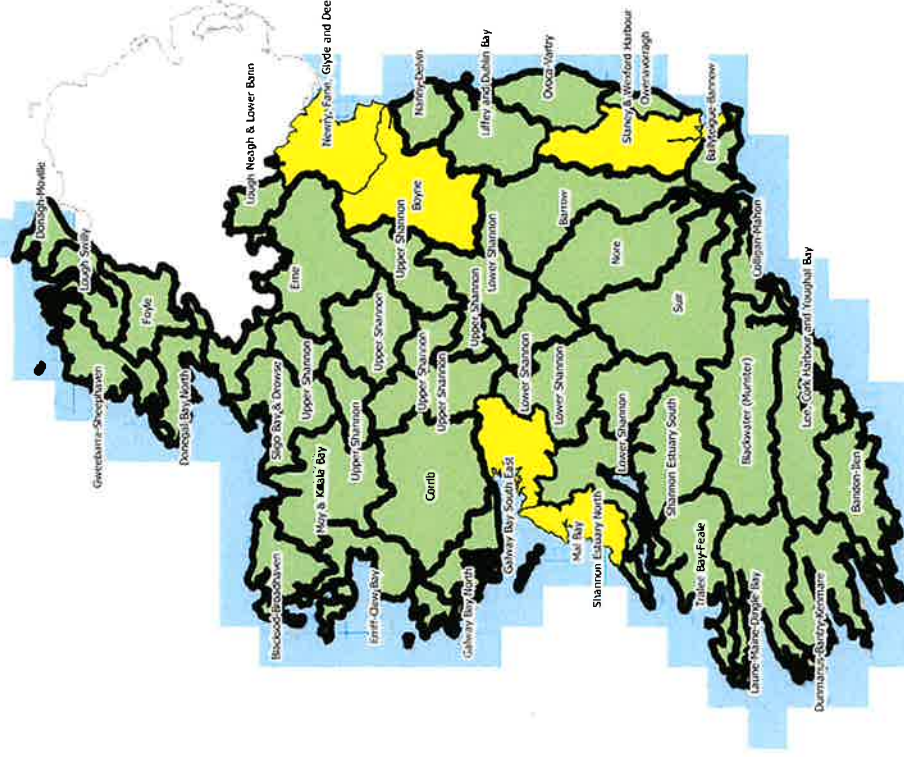
Action: LAWPRO, in consultation with stakeholders, to produce templates for the catchment management plans that will be put in place for each of the 46 hydrometric catchments.



Action: Examine ways in which further support can be provided for the formation and capacity building of local forums to help identify and implement measures.



LAWPRO currently scoping Catchment Management Plans and
Community Catchment Fora in 5 Pilot Catchments...



1. **Boyne** (Meath, Cavan, Louth, Kildare, Offaly, Dublin)
2. **Mal Bay** (Clare)
3. **Slaney** (Wexford, Wicklow Carlow)
4. **Galway Bay SE** (Galway, Clare)
5. **Newry Fane Glyde Dee** (Cavan, Louth, Monaghan, Meath, Cross-border with NI)



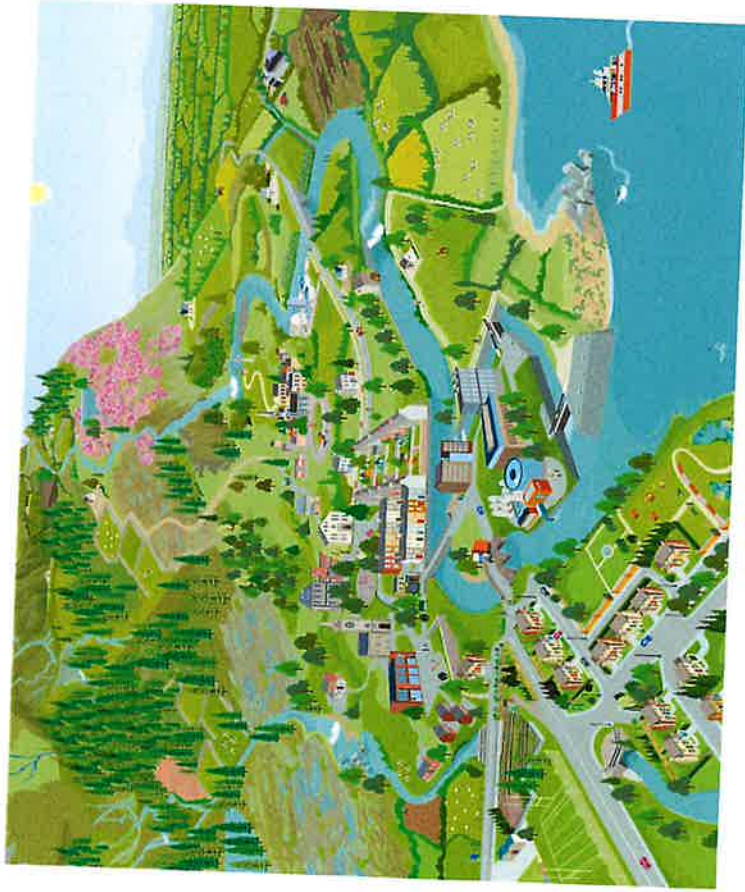
*“LAWPRO needs to evolve to a more strategic leadership
and coordination role –
helping all local authorities and
local communities do a better job at
protecting and improving water quality” ...*

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Action: Increase the level of funding under the Community Water Development Fund.

Thank you for your attention



Three Asks for Water Quality:

1. **Visit** Catchments.ie and Lawaters.ie online to find out more about your local rivers, lakes, estuaries and the issues affecting them.
2. **Personally take on one task** that will help water quality – e.g. reduce consumption, reuse grey water, install a rainwater planter on your local street.
3. **Support** communities and projects in your Local Authority area that help improve water quality, biodiversity, and community resilience, by linking with your **Local Community Water Officer** – contact details on Lawaters.ie



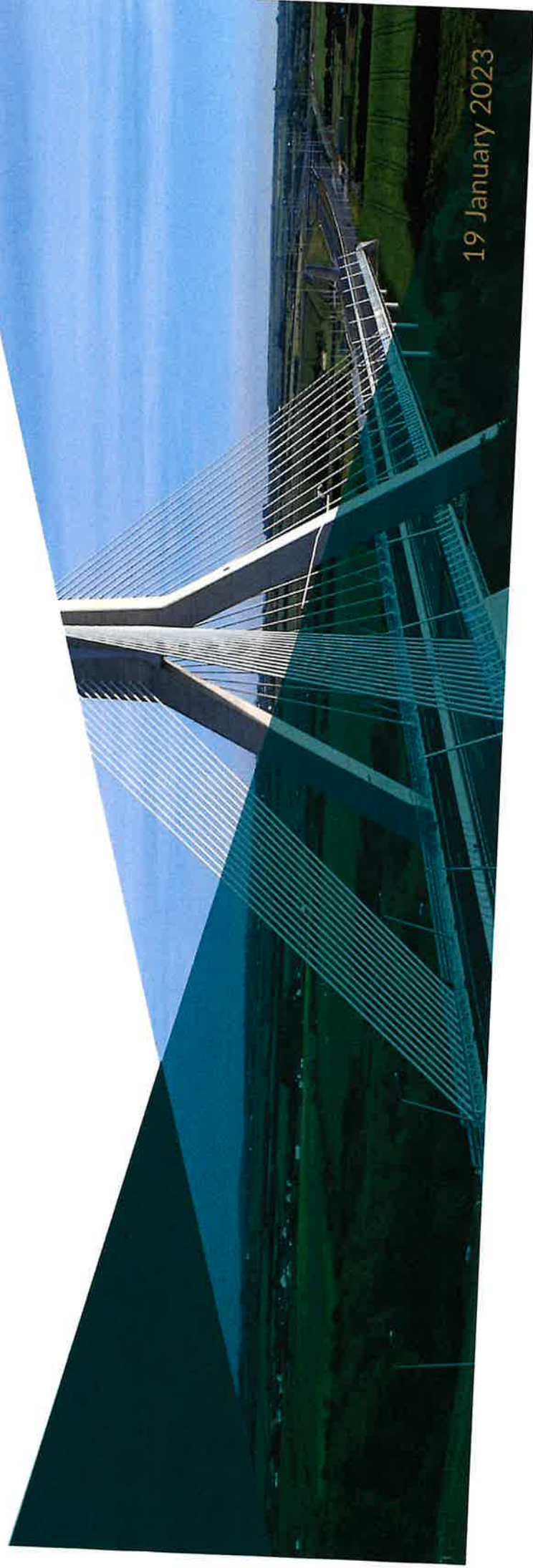


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Shared Island Initiative *Presentation to Local Authorities' Members' Association*



19 January 2023



Shared Island initiative - overview

- **Programme for Government - Shared Island chapter:**
 - “Work with all communities and traditions on the island to build consensus around a shared future, underpinned by the Good Friday Agreement.”
- **Significantly-enhanced level of ambition** for collaborative all-island investment cooperation (PfG and National Development Plan 2021-2030)
- **Whole of Government approach:**
 - Delivered by **Government Departments and Agencies**
 - Working through **All-Island partnerships** with NI, UK, Local Authority, Education and Civil Society partners
 - **Shared Island unit** in D/Taoiseach is a driver and coordinator for the initiative, working with line Departments and Agencies.
 - **Good Friday Agreement** - relationships (N/S and E/W), institutions, principles, commitments.

Shared Island Initiative

- Overview

Building a Shared Island

- Deliver long-standing and new cross-border investments

Inclusive Dialogue

- 15 events, 3300+ attendees from all communities, traditions and regions.

Policy research programme

- High quality evidence and analysis on deepening co-operation and connections on the island.



Shared Island Youth Forum

- Met for the first time on 8 September in Dublin Castle, and has held four meetings since then, including an engagement with the Taoiseach in December.
- Membership includes 40 young representatives from NI and 40 from the South, reflective of gender, ethnic, community, faith and other identity diversities.
- The Forum will meet and deliberate over the next year and set out their vision and values for a shared future on the island.
- Focused on 5 themes: Sustainability; Opportunity; Wellbeing; Equality; and Culture and Identity.



Shared Island research programme



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Publications to date:

- **Cross-Border Trade in Services**
- **Enhancing attractiveness of the Island of Ireland to FDI**
- **Analysis of Primary Health Care Systems of Ireland and Northern Ireland**
- **Comparison of Education and Training Systems and outcomes**
- **Modelling Productivity Levels in Ireland and Northern Ireland**
- **Coordination of energy infrastructure and renewable energy supports**
- **Early Childhood Education and Care, North and South**
- **Migrant Integration and Experience in Ireland and Northern Ireland**
- **Student Mobility in Ireland and Northern Ireland**
- **Social and political attitudes in Ireland and Northern Ireland**



Upcoming research:

- **Housing Supply Factors;**
- **Gender Equality and the Pay Gap;**



All reports available at gov.ie/sharedisland/research



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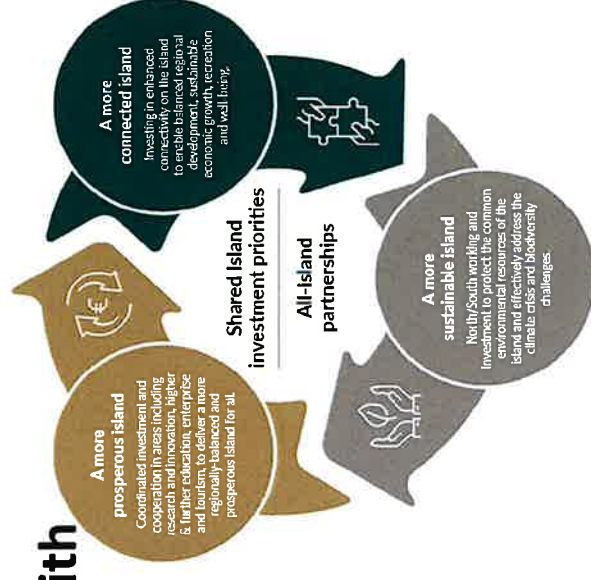
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- Deliver **strategic investment objectives on Shared Island** as set out in Programme for Government and revised National Development Plan (2021-2030).
- Allocations made to Government Departments to take forward Shared Island projects in collaborative, co-funding approaches.
- Working with **Executive, UK Government counterparts, and with Local Authority, Education and Civil Society partners.**
- **Portfolio approach** - Government, Executive, UK Government, Local Authority, EU sources (PEACEPLUS).
- **Competitive funding calls for all-island programmes** in cooperation with line Departments and Agencies.



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Shared Island Fund – Allocations to date



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- €1bn commitment through the Shared Island Fund out to 2030
- €247m allocated from the Shared Island Fund from 2020-2023
- June 2023 allocations:
 - **New teaching and student services' building** at Ulster University's Derry campus (€44.5m)
 - construction of **two new all-island bioeconomy demonstrator facilities** for the agriculture and marine sectors (€7 million)
 - a new **respite and therapeutic centre** for children diagnosed with cancer and their families from across the island of Ireland (€2.5 million)
 - completion this year of the **tender process for the Narrow Water Bridge** project (€2 million)



Shared Island Fund: A more connected island

Objective:

“Connectivity of infrastructure, systems and people: encompassing transport, tourism & recreation, public services as well as culture, arts and heritage”



Summary of allocations to date:

- €47m enabling Phases 2 and 3 of the Ulster Canal Restoration
- €3m moving ahead with Narrow Water Bridge project
- €5m seed capital for cross-border Local Authority investment projects
- €7.4m for Arts investment projects
- €6m for a Shared Island dimension to the Government's Creative Ireland Programme 2023-2027



*Creative Ireland
Shared Island
Initiative
2023-2025*

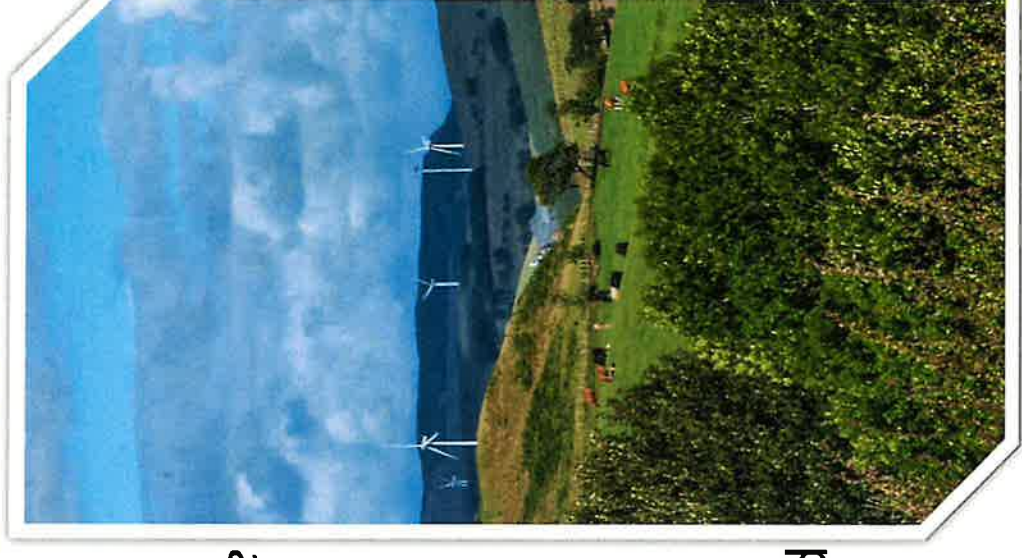
Shared Island Fund: A more sustainable island

Objective:

“Well coordinated North/South approaches fundamental to effective policy and public investment actions on climate and environment”

Summary of allocations to date:

- €3m for Shared Island Community Climate Action programme
- €15m for All-Island Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure scheme
- €11m for cross-border peatland restoration and all-island invasive species and biosecurity initiative



Shared Island Fund: A more prosperous island

Objective:

“Coordinated investment for a regionally-balanced and prosperous island”

Summary of allocations to date:

- €20m for Co-Centres for Research and Innovation, funded through Science Foundation Ireland, the NI Executive and UK Government
- €40m for the North South Research Programme for higher education institutions
- €7.6m Wild Atlantic Way and Causeway Coastal Route tourism brand collaboration



Shared Island Fund and Local Authorities

**Shared Island Local Authority
Development** funding scheme (€5m)

**Shared Island Electric Vehicle Charging
Networks** (sports clubs) (€15m)

**Shared Island Community Climate
Action Programme** (€3m)

**Creative Communities on a Shared
Island** (€0.85m)



Shared Island Local Authority Development Funding Scheme

Overview

- Seed capital grants of up to €250,000 for cross-border Local Authority Partnerships.
- 25 awards to 15 Local Authorities in the South working with 9 councils in NI (€4.7m).
- Feasibility projects currently being assessed by the Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and will liaise with policy-lead Departments North and South on potential further funding streams.

Objective

- Generate well-developed pipeline of cross-border local authority projects.

Impact

- Local Authorities cooperating to deliver shared regional development goals.
- More strategic cooperation by central and local government on the island.



Shared Island Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Scheme

Overview

- €15m for sports clubs to install publicly-accessible Electric Vehicle (EV) charge points
- Administered by Pobal.ie, working with National Sports Governing Bodies (NGBs).
- Current phase: evaluation ongoing of applications from sports clubs.

Objective

- Installation of interoperable EV charging infrastructure on both sides of the border.

Impact

- Facilitating increased EV use across the island.
- EV charging points at destination locations.
- Support for aligned standards and use of interoperable technologies for EV charging on the island of Ireland.



Shared Island Community Climate Action Programme

Overview

- €3m for Shared Island strand to Community Climate Action Programme.
- Projects to include a partner in Northern Ireland (can be a Council).
- At least 50% of awarded funding for project delivery in Northern Ireland.
- Minister for Environment launched scheme in January 2024.
- Administered by Community Climate Action Officers.
- Funding grant amounts (i) up to €20,000 (ii) €20,000 - €50,000 and (iii) €50,000 to €100,000.
- Applications to be developed with Community Climate Action Officers.

Objective

- Support Local Authorities to step up climate action in partnership with communities across the island.
- Cross-border projects particularly sought on: Valuing Networks for Nature: Just Transition; Renewable energy: Flood forecasting; Coastal erosion etc.

Impact

- Help to reach climate and energy targets on the island of Ireland.
- Support collaborative community involvement on climate action.



Creative Communities on a Shared Island

Overview

- €850,000 for 9 new cross-border creative initiatives led by Local Authorities
- 2 key projects receive €250,000 each for large-scale music, dance and crafting initiatives to be delivered over 2 years
- 7 awards of €50,000 for more focused projects that include the development of an all-island Lace Trail, cross-border Dementia Choir Recitals, farm walks and talks in Leitrim and Fermanagh and creative exchanges between Belfast and West Cork

Objective

- Build on the experience and expertise of Local Authorities in fostering cross-border cooperation and interaction and aims to deepen creative collaborative networks across the island of Ireland.

Impact

- Each project will provide opportunities, facilitated by Local Authorities, for new community interactions which help to create a shared island



Shared Island initiative - 2023/2024



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Continue to progress potential Shared Island investment projects.



Continue the **Shared Island Dialogue series** with a focus on: (i) common societal concerns for the future; (ii) policy roundtables to explore further all-island cooperation and; (iii) progress the Shared Island Youth Forum encompassing up to 80 young people, aged 18-25 from across all communities, meeting 6 to 8 times over a 12-month period.



Progressing the **Shared Island research programme** to provide high-quality evidence and analysis on the opportunities, and the challenges, around deepening cooperation and connections on the island.



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22nd January 2024

Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the January meeting of the Council the members passed the following motion and agreed to circulate it to all Councils.

"That Carlow County Council affirms the great work done by sports clubs throughout the country and acknowledges the lack of funding opportunities for sports clubs in non-clár areas in terms of bringing their carparks up to a good standard in terms of drainage, surfacing and Health & Safety compliance. We call on central government to provide such funding opportunities by either expansion of current schemes such as LIS or a new funding scheme."

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Brophy', written over a horizontal line.

Eamonn Brophy,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services / Human Resources Department,



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16th January 2024

To: All Councils

Dear Meetings Administrator,

Below please find resolution passed by the Members of Mayo County Council at the Monthly Meeting held 15th January 2024, I would be grateful if you would circulate to Members.

The Elected Members of Mayo County Council at their monthly meeting of Monday January 15th 2024, suspended standing orders and resolved:

“That all co-operation ceases immediately, between the staff of Mayo County Council and Department of children, equality disability integration and youth, until such time as an agreed strategy is put in place to properly co-ordinate the provision of additional services for the communities’ hosting refugees and international protection applicants. Services should include medical, policing, accommodation, housing, education, transport, training etc..... and that the delivery dates are set down for the roll out of these services.

This strategy should also reflect equality on the numbers of refugees across all national constituencies.

That Mayo County Council requests the Irish Government to revoke the European Union (Planning and Development) (Displaced Persons from Ukraine Temporary Protection) Regulations 2022

That Mayo County Council encourages government to utilise lands where planning permission has been granted but no works have taken place to erect modular or prefabricated housing for the accommodation needs of refugees fleeing wars and Irish people requiring affordable accommodation.

That Mayo County Council requests the Irish Government to immediately cease leasing any property that is intended to be used in the future as tourist accommodation for the accommodation needs of refugees, asylum seekers or people seeking temporary protection.

Any contracts issued where residency has not been taken up to date that the contracts are paused until the strategy is agreed.

County Secretary

MD/ZP

24th January, 2024

Memo to All Local Authorities

To Whom It May Concern

At the January Meeting of Wexford County Council the Members passed the following motion:

"This council notes that both the Taoiseach and the Tánaiste have suggested that Israel is committing war crimes in Gaza. Over 10,000 children have been killed in what Minister Simon Harris, has described as "a war on children."

Leo Varadkar has stated that the failure of Israel to observe humanitarian law 'can't be inconsequential'

War crimes also continue in the Occupied West Bank associated with settlements that are illegal under International Law. We note that hundreds of civilians have also been killed there (where Hamas doesn't exist), and a school funded by Irish money was demolished recently.

As an Irish local authority we acknowledge that we can no longer stand by as complacent witnesses to ongoing war crimes and constant breaches of International law.

There must be consequences and Ireland is best placed to lead the way, just as we did with Apartheid South Africa.

This council is requesting that Ireland should also exercise our right as a state party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to refer the actions in Palestine and Israel to the Prosecutor of the court for the purpose of requesting an investigation into any acts of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide that have occurred in Gaza over recent months.

We further support the growing call to invoke the Genocide Convention.

That Wexford County Council re-echoes the call of Dublin Local Authorities in formally supporting the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement (BDS) against apartheid Israel, as a peaceful campaign for change.

We therefore call for the enactment of the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018 and the Illegal Israeli Settlements Divestment Bill 2023 as a matter of urgency.

We request that this motion be circulated to all local authorities."





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30th January 2024

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on Monday, 15th January 2024, the Members agreed the following resolution:

"That this local authority calls on the Government to take a serious stance and introduce effective laws to prosecute those who wilfully break the law on bicycles, electric bicycles and electric scooters. A copy of this motion to be sent to every local authority within the State".

Yours sincerely,

Sinéad Branley
Meetings Administrator

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