

Wainuiomata Parks Projects

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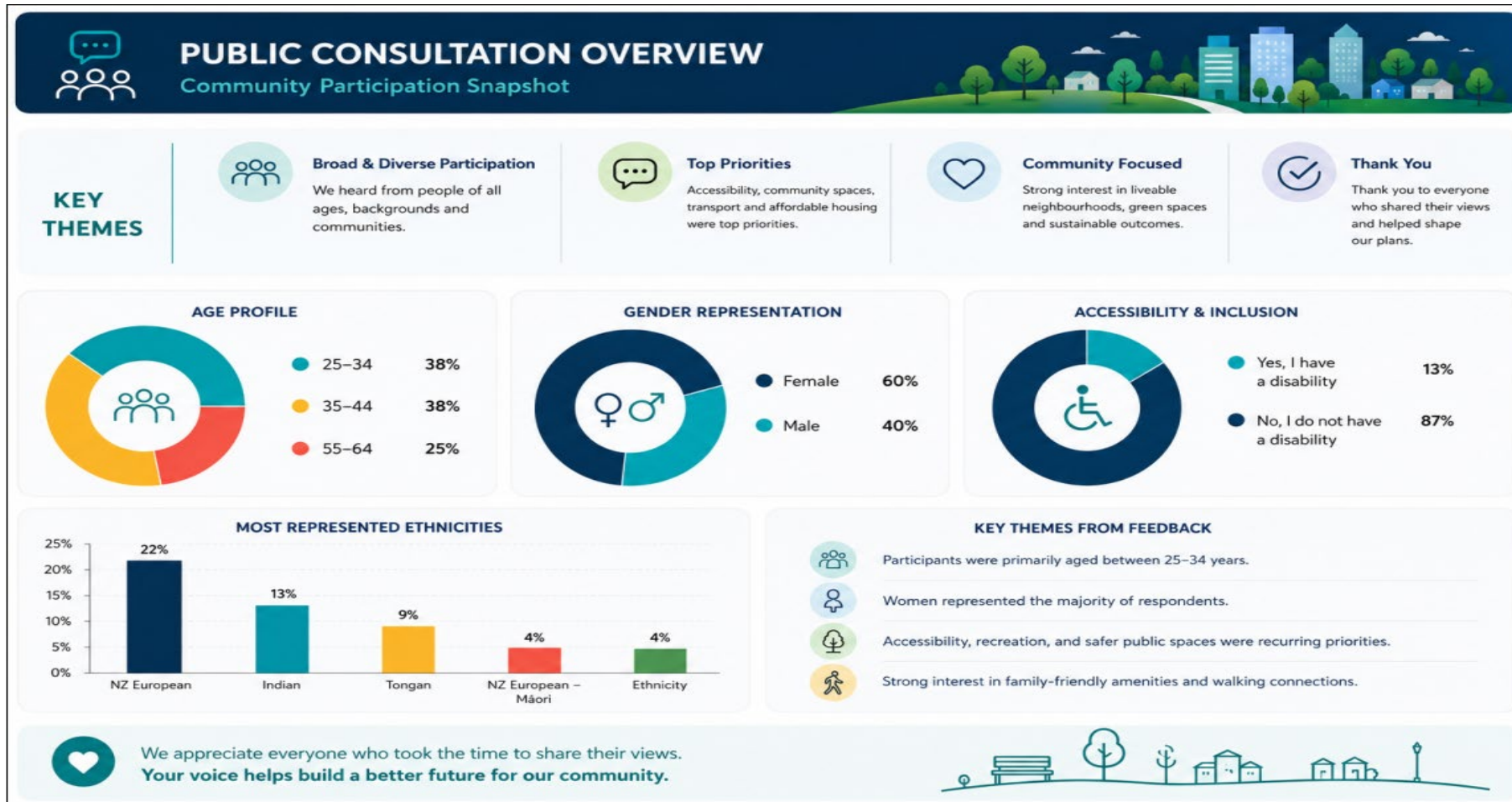


Wise Street Park

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Public Consultation Overview



Wise Park – Design

WHAT WE HEARD

COMMUNITY INSIGHTS SHAPING OUR PARK DESIGN

4 SHADE & COMFORT



- Strong request for shade provision (trees and/or built shade structures)
- Especially important around:
 - Seating areas
 - Gathering spaces

5 ADDITIONAL FEATURES & ACTIVITIES



- Requests for alternative recreation options:
 - Pump track (if dog area not included)
 - Open space for informal play
- Even where playgrounds aren't included, users want active recreation opportunities

6 FENCING & SAFETY



- Preference for secure, higher fencing (especially for children & dogs)
- Opportunity for creative/visual fencing (e.g. murals, art features)

1 DOG EXERCISE AREA



- Strong support for a fenced dog area
- Preference for separate zones (e.g. small vs large dogs)
- Ongoing maintenance (cleanliness is critical)
- Seen as a major attractor feature for the reserve

2 PATHS & MOVEMENT



- Desire for looped walking tracks (good for exercise & flow)
- Preference for curved, natural-feeling paths
- Accessible surfaces (pram & wheelchair friendly)
- Interest in outer perimeter track for longer walks/running
- Integration with planting and landscape features

3 SEATING & AMENITIES



- High demand for frequent seating along paths
- Key needs:
 - Accessible seating (with backs/armrests)
 - Picnic tables / social seating areas
- Seating should be well-distributed, not clustered
- Support rest, socialising, and supervision



7 LANDSCAPE & AESTHETICS



- Interest in native planting
- Natural materials (rocks, soft edges)
- Desire for a space that feels:
 - Welcoming
 - Connected to nature
 - Not overly hard/urban

8 ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION



- Important theme across responses
- Inclusive design
- Seating for people with disabilities
- Smooth, accessible paths
- Park should be usable by all ages and abilities

DESIGN IMPLICATIONS



DOG-FRIENDLY
A dedicated space for our four-legged community



ACCESSIBLE
Inclusive design for everyone, of all ages and abilities



NATURE-BASED
Native planting and natural materials connect us to nature



WALKABLE LOOPS
Looped paths for exercise, movement and connection



WELL-SEATED
Plenty of seating and places to rest, meet and gather



SHADED
Comfortable spaces with trees and shade where it's needed



MULTI-USE
Spaces for play, activity, relaxation and community

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How is the Park Used?

- Most people consulted use it weekly or occasionally for a range of leisure pursuits.

Engagement Snapshot

- 95 survey respondents
- 92% live in Lower Hutt
- 88 respondents live in Wainuiomata
- Mix of regular users, parents with tamariki, and retirees
- Majority between 25-44 years
- Predominantly NZ European, followed by Māori, Samoan, and Cook Islands Māori.

Sentiment on Draft Plan.

- Most gave a score of 3 or 4 (out of 5)
- 18% gave the highest rating (5 out of 5)

What People Liked.

- Upgraded playgrounds for a range of ages
- Skatepark renewal and support for BMX and pump tracks
- BBQ stations and picnic spots
- Improved drainage, paths and lighting
- Inclusion of natural play and local identity.

Hugh Sinclair Render



Masterplan Focus Areas

Amenities:

- New shelters and furnishings will enhance comfort and useability, with future parking areas planned for better access.
- Streamside timber platforms will provide scenic gathering spaces, while culturally inspired art and sculptures will celebrate the site's identity and heritage.

Recreation:

- A destination play space will be developed, connecting to an upgraded playground with improved surfaces.
- The skate park will be expanded, and a mixed-use games area will be introduced, incorporating traditional Māori games, pétanque, and table tennis.

Circulation and Safety:

- Improving connectivity with altered, new, and upgraded path connections, an informal stream crossing, and bridge enhancements.
- Road changes will improve access, while boardwalks will allow movement over drainage areas.
- Tree and pole lighting will enhance visibility, with CCTV installed where appropriate to improve security.

Environmental:

- Prioritises ecological enhancement by retaining and planting new trees, improving bank stability with buffer planting and removal of invasive weeds.
- Reuse of land for drainage and lowland planting will support water management and ecology, while water paths and drainage points will be introduced for better flow.
- The landscape will be shaped with terracing, retaining walls, and adjusted mounding to enhance both function and aesthetics



Frederick Wise Park

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Frederic Wise Park Drainage



Potential Future Projects Wainuiomata

Reserves Investment Strategy

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Black Creek

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New projects – Black Creek Wainuiomata Shared Path

ORIGINAL RIS PROJECT

- INVESTIGATE BLACK CREEK SHARED PATH \$600k.

PROPOSED NEW PROJECT

- TRANSFORMATIVE BLUE/GREEN CORRIDOR SUPPORTING ACTIVE TRANSPORT, IMPROVED CONNECTION, WATER QUALITY AND BIODIVERSITY.



Why Wainuiomata? – A Transformative Opportunity

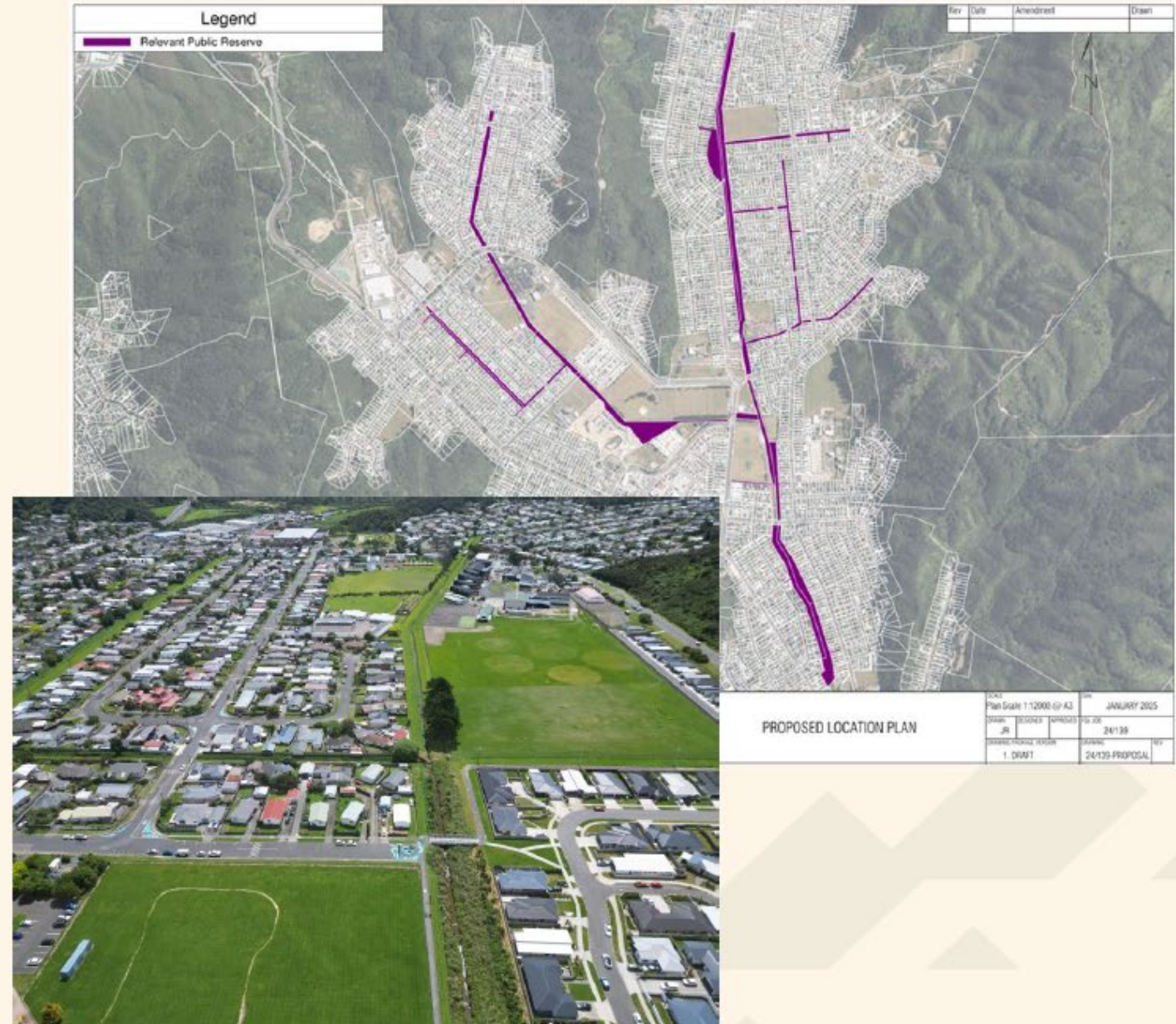


- Strong, growing community with clear local needs.
- Black Creek corridor is degraded but centrally located.
- Continuous public reserve land already in informal use.
- Potential for safe, low-stress commuter walking and cycling.
- Unique chance to combine transport equity with regeneration.



Why Wainuiomata? – A Transformative Opportunity

- Black Creek corridor offers a direct, low-stress **transport link** through the heart of the suburbs.
- Follows **public reserve land** already used informally by walkers and cyclists
- Connects homes, schools, parks, and shops — ideal for commuters, students, and families etc.
- Supports **mode-shift** with a safe and accessible, all-ages, all-abilities route.
- Delivers **transport, recreation, and public amenity** in one integrated network



Vision and Objectives – What Could Black Creek Become?

- A connected **green-blue corridor** supporting:
 - **Water quality** and **habitat restoration**.
 - Active **transport** and **climate resilience**.
 - **Cultural identity** and storytelling.
 - Safe, low-carbon travel for **everyday journeys**.
- Aligns with HCC and GWRC goals for **mode-shift, liveability, and wellbeing**.
- Responds to ecological degradation and a lack of inclusive transport options.





Before



After



