

(Draft) Waterford City Biodiversity Action Plan

AIMS / OBJECTIVES

1. Promote better awareness and understanding of local biodiversity issues across all sectors.
2. To maintain and enhance habitats and species important at a local as well as national or international level for nature conservation;
- 3 Promote optimum management for these sites;
- 4 Where appropriate, avail of opportunities to improve degraded habitats or create new habitats;
- 5 Target and tackle biodiversity information gaps and anomalies.

Preliminary Draft Proposed Actions (please e-mail us any changes/or additional suggestions)

No.	Action	Objectives					Potential Partners
		1	2	3	4	5	
1	Support the establishment of a Biodiversity Forum, with a view to co-ordinating actions of the various stakeholders	✓	✓	✓		✓	WCC, WIT, WVEC, ENGO, Community Forum, NPWS, SRFB, NBDC.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review/update the biodiversity audit of the City, undertaken in 2003 • Compile a database of surveys and studies on sources of wildlife, wildlife habitats and flora within the city to include EIS reports. 	✓				✓	WCC,
3	Survey attitudes of people to nature and biodiversity	✓					WCC, WIT
4	Develop a biodiversity awareness campaign aimed at the general public, developers, designers, engineers, architects and developers Establish an educational programme for general public landowners, developers and farmers on non native invasive species	✓	✓				WCC, WIT, WVEC, ENGO, Community Forum, NPWS, SRFB, WCDB

6	Promote existing wildlife habitats and the creation of new wildlife habitats including the retention of existing natural habitats in new development proposals		✓	✓	✓		OPW, WCC,SRFB, ENGO's, WIT.
7	Develop biodiversity guidelines and training for all relevant City Council Staff Provide supplementary training for maintenance personnel on the care of trees and biodiversity.	✓		✓			WCC,WIT,WVEC
		✓		✓			
8	Establish a GIS based biodiversity database for guidance on the use of land.	✓				✓	WCC NBDC
9	KEY HABITAT: WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the adoption of a policy that aims for no net loss of wetlands in the City. Review biological audit of these areas 		✓	✓	✓		WCC, WIT, WVEC, ENGO, Community Forum, NPWS, SRFB
10	KEY HABITAT: Urban Woodlands and hedgerows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop management plans and recreational use policies for all woodland areas owned by City Council. Promote the retention of hedgerows in new developments where feasible. 		✓	✓	✓		WCC, WIT, WVEC, ENGO, NPWS, SRFB
11	KEY ZONE: Tidal Zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop management plans, recreational use policies for all tidal zones . 		✓	✓	✓		WCC, WIT, WVEC, ENGO, , NPWS, SRFB, Port of Waterford, NBDC.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote better understanding of diversity of habitats within these zones through provision of on site information. 						
12	<p>KEY SPECIES: Bats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the protection of the foraging habitats of bats such as urban woodlands, wetlands and hedgerows. 		✓	✓	✓		WCC, BCI
12	<p>KEY SPECIES: Birds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasize the importance of protection of Bird Habitats including, waterways, wetlands urban woodlands and hedgerows. 		✓	✓	✓		WCC, WIT, WVEC, ENGO, Community Forum, NPWS, SRFB,IWT
13	<p>KEY SPECIES: Small Mammals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to monitor small mammal populations within the City 		✓	✓	✓		WCC, ENGO, NPWS, IWT
14	Support efforts to prevent the spread of invasive species	✓		✓			NPWS, IWT,WCC, NBDC.
15	Actively promote the use of indigenous species	✓		✓			WCC, NPWS
16	Effect more tree preservation orders within the City		✓	✓	✓		WCC,

WCC-Waterford City Council
 WIT-Waterford Institute of Technology
 WVEC-Waterford Vocational Education Committee
 ENGO,-Environmental Non Government Organizations
 NPWS,-National Parks and Wildlife Service



SRFB,-Southern Regional Fisheries Board
BAT-Bat Conservation Ireland
Irish Wildlife Trust
WCDB- Waterford City Development Board.

WE want to know your views.

Send any comments on the proposed actions to:
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