

6.20 Sheppard's Bush/Brois St Reserve

Description

Location:	Brois Street
Legal description:	Lot 41 and 44 DP 8218
Size:	3.39 ha
Reserve status:	Reserve



Physical description

This reserve is situated in a gully between Brois and Budleigh Streets. A mown walkway runs through the middle of the reserve connecting Brois Street with to a path through a bush remnant, which links up to Budleigh Street. A concrete path located on the north eastern boundary of the reserve also connects Brois and Budleigh Streets.

The reserve contains two significant ecological areas, a wetland near Brois Street and a native bush remnant towards the southern end of the reserve. The remainder of the reserve is fairly open and planted with fruit trees.

Tangata whenua interests

This reserve is within the tribal rohe of Te Atiawa Iwi. The area is of historic and cultural significance to Ngati Te Whiti.

Land status and history

In 1960 the Minister of Lands vested this reserve in the New Plymouth City Council, in trust for recreation purposes. In 1983 the reserve was gazetted Recreation reserve subject to the provision of the Reserves Act 1977. The underlying title remains with the crown.

A right of way easement exists over the formed driveway off Brois Street in favour of the property owners of 14 and 15 Brois Street to allow vehicular access to their properties.

Existing improvements

A number of mature and immature fruit and nut trees exist throughout the reserve including pear, olive, walnut, and apple.

Uses and activities

This reserve is established as a community orchard and is suitable for fruit picking. It also provides an access way between Brois and Budleigh Streets. The two ecological areas provide important habitat for native fauna and an opportunity for the local community to experience and learn about these areas and the native flora, fauna and ecological communities within.

Classification

Recreation

Management objectives and specific policies

- This reserve will continue to be maintained and developed as a community orchard and link from Budleigh and Brois Streets.
- Community orchards are available for the whole community to use with a general policy that individuals/families should only harvest the amount they require for their own consumption.
- The council will consider applications for bulk harvesting of fruit with priority given to non-profit organisations undertaking fundraising.
- The ecological areas will be maintained and enhanced, in particular the wetland areas toward Brois Street will be enhanced with native wetland planting.
- As part of the implementation of this management plan an Orchard Operations Plan will be developed that will help determine the appropriate maintenance for each of the four community orchard and in particular will look at aspects such as pest control, fertilising and control of undergrowth.

Visual Resource Key

Landscape/Spatial Features

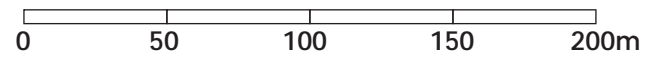
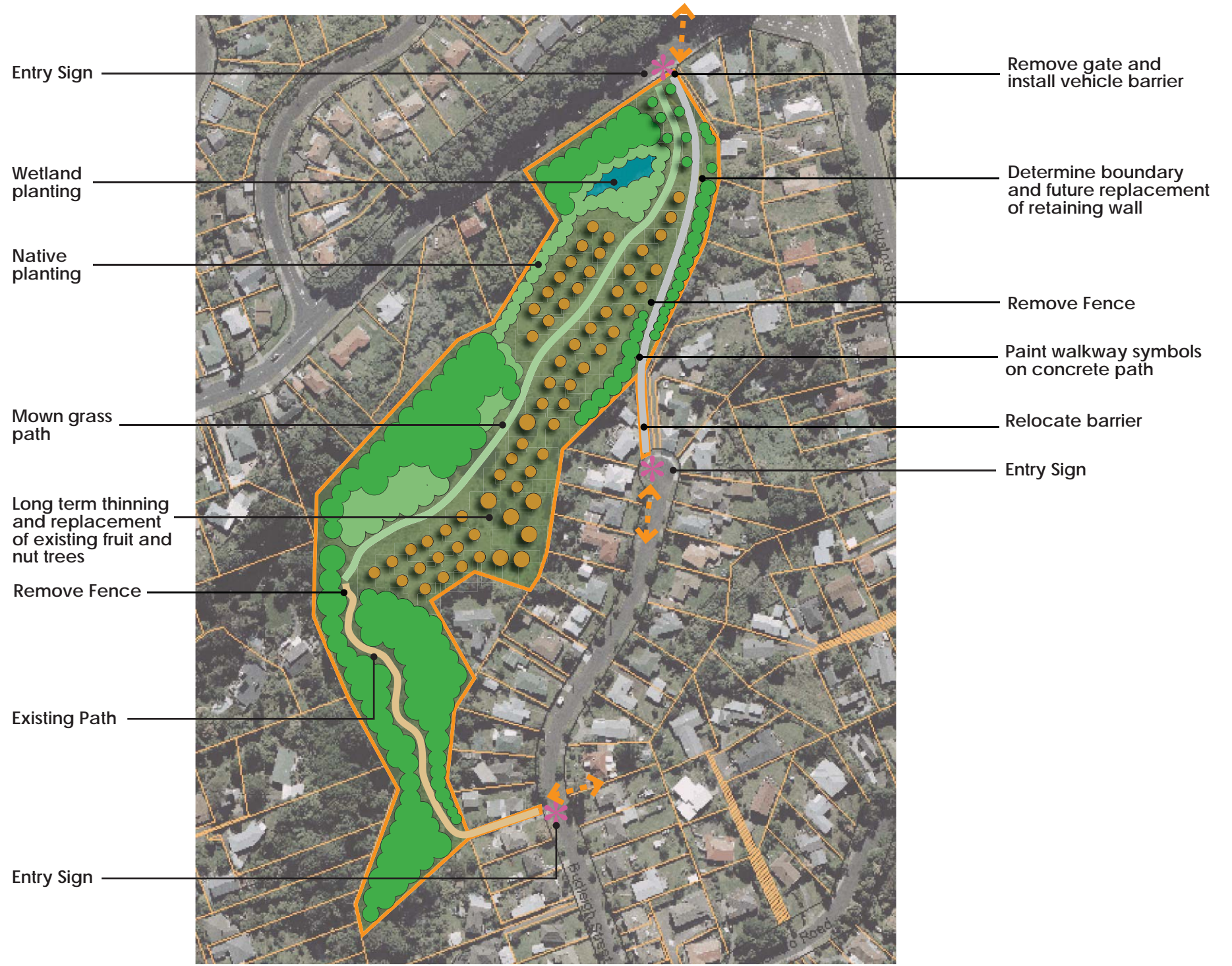
- Land Parcel
- Wetland
- Un-mown Open Space
- Entry Points

Vegetation

- Existing Trees/Vegetation
- Existing Fruit/Nut Trees
- Proposed Trees/Vegetation

Structures

- Pedestrian Entry Sign
- Existing Mown Grass Pathway
- Existing Concrete Path
- Existing Pathway



Landscape Context Key

Landscape Features

- Stream

Spatial Features

- Reserve Land
- Surrounding Open Space/Reserves/Sports Fields

