



Implementation of Waipa Catchment Plan soil conservation schemes



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This project will implement several of the goals, strategies and actions listed in the Waipa Catchment Plan.

Specifically it actions Soil Conservation Strategy 1. This will establish new catchment management schemes in the two Priority 1 soil conservation sub-catchments (Moakurarua and Kaniwhaniwha) and develop a full implementation plan including partnerships, community engagement and funding mechanisms.

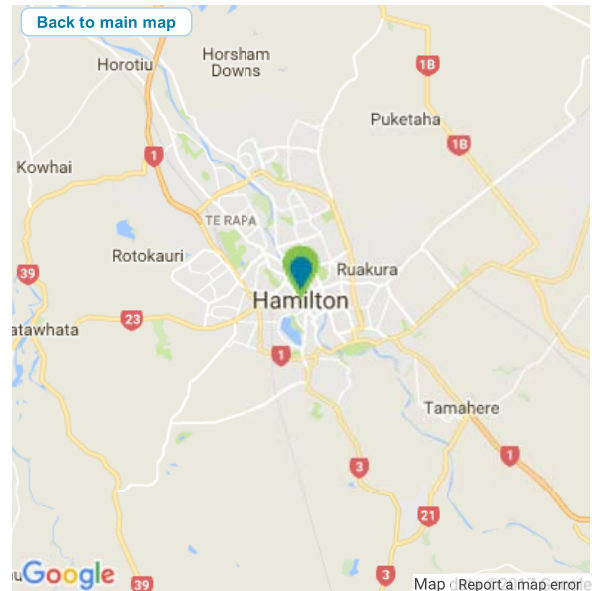
Waikato Regional Council has undertaken a spatial analysis exercise in order to estimate the mitigations required to address soil conservation issues in the entire Waipa catchment, and within the Moakurarua and Kaniwhaniwha sub-catchments. Activities include riparian fencing and planting, improving river/stream bank stability, pole planting, establishment of plantation forestry, fencing of retired areas, and fencing of existing indigenous vegetation.

Co-funding is sought for farm planning and on-the ground actions to reduce erosion risk and sediment yield to waterways.

This application is for a period of 3 years, but with an intention to submit a further bid during Year 3 to continue implementation based on the learnings and outcomes of this first phase. See attached spreadsheet for details on estimated outputs in the two priority subcatchments over Years 1 – 3 and through until 2025.

Modelling indicates that through this project (assuming it continues through until 2025) a demonstrable reduction in suspended sediment will be achieved in the Moakurarua and the Kaniwhaniwha within a 10 year period.

While WRC will be focusing on soil conservation aspects of the Waipa Catchment Plan we are also working with co-management partners and with industry on implementation of other aspects around water quality and biodiversity. This is a Waikato River Authority funded project (WRA 14-051)



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