

Urenui Structure Plan IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



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The Urenui Structure Plan (USP) was adopted in August 2006 and describes how to implement the vision of the New Plymouth Coastal Strategy at the local Urenui level. The USP therefore identifies areas of land use, protection, parks and other infrastructure and community requirements over the next 20 years with respect to Urenui. The USP includes a detailed programme of ongoing work in the form of specific actions set over a 20 year timeframe. The aim now is to set a desired vision for the future and start working on plans and actions to move consistently toward that shared vision.

It is important to remember that the USP describes a partnership between the council and the community and implementation is the responsibility of all partners. The council is committed to the implementation of the USP and will utilise the Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) process to achieve much of this. It is also important that regular monitoring of the proposed actions is undertaken and reviewed as the coast and activities within the coastal environment are dynamic and constantly changing. The USP must be flexible enough to respond to these changes whilst remaining focused on the long term goals.

Implementation of the USP will be at different levels. The main areas of focus will be:

1. Ongoing monitoring and review of internal processes to ensure that the USP is taken into account in day to day recommendations and decision-making processes. Implementation progress will be reported to the Coastal Strategy Monitoring Committee every six months and the USP will be reviewed in ten years from adoption (2016). An across council project team will be retained to ensure an across council approach to implementation.
2. Working in partnership with key stakeholders and the local community on USP implementation, including the establishment of a Urenui Stakeholder Liaison Group to oversee implementation.

3. Implementation of the Action Plan identified in section 5 of the USP. The actions are identified within this USP Implementation Plan which will be updated with progress every six months.

Action Plan Implementation

There are a number of types of actions used to implement the USP. These generally fall into the eight categories identified below:

- PG Population growth** considers how the people of Urenui interact with their coastal environment and how changes in population distribution and settlement patterns will impact on the future management of this environment.
- SOP Sense of place** considers how the community values the coastal environment, the natural character of the area and the special features that make Urenui a unique place.
- IN Infrastructure** considers the need for provision of services and facilities that support people living and working in the coastal environment. Infrastructure includes roads, water, electricity, telephone service and public transportation.
- ED Economic development** considers how people and business of Urenui promote the economic prosperity of the district, building on the natural assets provided by the coastal environment, and how this will be managed in the future.
- ROS Recreation and open space** considers the management issues associated with the use of, and demand for, coastal resources, now and in the future, for recreation as well as for maintaining reserves and open spaces.
- MW Mana whenua** considers the protection, enhancement and management of the coastal environment and resources with respect to mana whenua aspirations and cultural values.

EN Environment considers the importance of our ecosystems, green spaces, rivers, climate and flora and fauna and the values placed upon them.

CH Coastal hazards includes both natural and man-made events that threaten the health of coastal ecosystems and communities. Coastal hazards include, but are not limited to, erosion, cyclones, tsunamis, oil spills, harmful algal blooms, and pollution.

Actions to achieve the vision of the USP have been developed and are outlined in detail within this USP Implementation Plan. Priorities have been identified for each action showing the timeframe that these should be completed and a lead agency or group has also been identified to take each action forward. Support groups have also been identified to recognise that active involvement will be required by others.

Over time further actions can be added as information becomes available or as a consequence of emerging challenges or opportunities.

Prioritisation of the actions

An important part of implementation of the USP is prioritising the actions so that they can be planned and if necessary funding sought. The timing of actions needs to be carefully programmed and staged to make sure capacity and cashflow issues are addressed. Simple prioritisation criteria were developed with implementation methods and actions grouped into four periods based on the council's LTCCP process. These were:

U = Urgent– within next 1 year (01/07/06 to 30/06/07).

H = High – within next 2 - 3 years (01/07/07 to 30/06/09).

M = Medium – within next 4 – 10 years (01/07/10 to 30/06/16).

L = Low – beyond 10 years (01/07/17 to 30/06/25).

E = Existing projects currently underway.

O = Ongoing projects.

Through the council's LTCCP planning cycles it will be possible to focus on each action and define what will occur each year for these projects.

The following USP Implementation Plan contains further details above what is included in the USP to identify progress with implementation and the timing of the actions within the relevant financial year. This February 2008 USP Implementation Plan version includes the existing, and high priority projects from the USP. There are currently no urgent or ongoing projects within the USP. It is intended that the USP Implementation Plan will be formally updated every six months to identify progress and those up and coming priorities. Many actions will run across financial years.

(E) Existing projects currently underway

Action Number	Action from the Urenui Structure Plan	Type	Lead Agency	Support Agency	Action Progress	Timeframes
ROSI	<p>Access to the beach should be maintained for all people throughout the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure there are opportunities for public access to the beach and river for appropriate use and activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Address appropriate uses and activities of water front reserves (e.g. Urenui Domain, Beach Rd Reserve and Mokena St Reserve) in the Coastal Reserves Management Plan. 		NPDC		<p>Good access is currently provided through existing access points. Proposed seawall extension includes provision for good public access – refer to action CHI below.</p>	<p>Ongoing maintenance of good public access.</p>

(H) High Programmes within next 2-3 years (01/07/07 to 30/06/09)

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IN2	Consult with Transit NZ to install pedestrian crossings across the highway.		NPDC	Transit NZ	Pedestrian safety within Urenui Village is related to controlling speed of vehicles on State Highway 3 (SH3). Council is involved in ongoing consultation with Transfield Services (who have Transit NZ contract for this section of SH3) regarding pedestrian safety within Urenui Village.	Ongoing.
IN4	<p>Ensure that water supply is available year round, including the peak tourist season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that there is enough reservoir capability to sustain the community (including the proposed area for rezoning), especially during the peak summer months. • Ensure that the drinking water standard is maintained to the New Zealand Drinking Water Standard. 		NPDC		Already allowed for in current water planning horizons. To be included in next Asset Management Plan review. The Urenui Water Supply is currently compliant with the NZ Drinking Water Standard. No restrictions during one of North Taranaki's driest periods on record.	Asset Management Plan review scheduled to take place in 2008. NZ Drinking Water Standard will be maintained.
MWI	<p>Work with Ngati Mutunga and establish processes to identify further significant sites and establish processes for their protection, and where appropriate managed use.</p> <p>Use updated New Zealand Archaeological Association data to map all sites in the district.</p>		NPDC	Ngati Mutunga	Currently being dealt with through the Wahi Tapu Project. This project is to confirm existing sites and identify new wahi tapu sites in the District Plan. Once these sites have been identified, other aspects of the District Plan will be considered with regard to providing the best protection of these sites. This will include consideration of other mechanisms.	Ongoing.

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MW2	When developing new pathways and facilities take into account the effect on the significant sites of Ngati Mutunga.		NPDC	Ngati Mutunga	Refer to MW1 above.	Ongoing.
CHI	<p>The importance to the community of maintaining land amenity values on the foreshore is recognised. The council has passed resolutions to investigate options for appropriate erosion control mechanisms as follows.</p> <p>A. In December 2005 the council passed a resolution to investigate requirements and costing for a rock seawall for the western part of the beach. This resolution has been progressed and a final report with cost estimates is imminent.</p> <p>B. In April 2005 the council passed a resolution to investigate offshore erosion control structures as recommended by ASR (2005). The funding for this action was included in the Community Plan 2006-2016 for consultation. Funding was approved within the Community Plan to build a rock wall</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The council to implement the action described in 'B' above as approved in the Community Plan 2006-2016. 		NPDC		Coastal Permit 7007 for 311m extension of the Urenui seawall granted on 8 August 2007 to NPDC. Refer to Policy Committee Item B6 (19 February 2008) for latest update.	Finance and timeframes for seawall construction to be determined.