

APPENDIX C BROAD OBJECTIVES TABLE

Broad objectives	Principles/strategies
To improve streamside and aquatic habitat	<p>Continue programs to identify and remove fish barriers and examine opportunities to re-introduce large woody debris outside major boating channels.</p> <p>Use vegetation to provide shade and food sources for in-stream fauna.</p> <p>Ensure new buildings or structures do not overshadow the river.</p>
To improve the bed and banks of the river	<p>Prevent any commercial and recreational activities, and associated infrastructure, alongside or on the river, or in its connected catchment, which can be shown to be detrimental to river health.</p> <p>Maintain and enforce the 5 knot speed limit and allow power boats only downstream of Canning Street, to minimise damage to the river banks and aquatic ecosystems.</p> <p>Undertake waterway rehabilitation works as identified in documents such as the Regional River Health Strategy and Melbourne Water's Maribyrnong River Waterway Management Activity Plan.</p>
To improve water quality and management to meet State Environmental Protection Policy objectives	<p>Continue to implement Council Stormwater Management Plans to achieve targeted and efficient litter trapping near, and at source, and address other priority actions to improve water quality.</p> <p>Continue to develop and disseminate information to the building industry on best practice site management during construction, and ensure effective policing of local laws.</p> <p>Pursue opportunities associated with new development to undertake waterway rehabilitation works.</p>
To reduce polluted or sediment laden run-off into the river	Ensure new developments address stormwater retention and treatment such that impacts on river health are minimised and stormwater connections can be limited.
To establish and manage environmental flows	Maintain and protect minimum environmental flows according to the Bulk Entitlement Order for the Maribyrnong River, allowing no new entitlements to extract water except as allowed under the bulk entitlement.

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To maintain natural flood storage capacity and recognise existing risks	Ensure new development recognises flood risk and management and maintains hydraulic integrity of floodplain.
To reduce risks associated with contaminated sites	Ensure removal or containment of contamination from industrial or other sites at the time of land use change.
To continue to provide a diversity of recreational opportunities, in a safe and sustainable manner	Manage public areas (including the river) and adjoining private uses to ensure that intended recreational experiences can be sustained and enhanced and that conflicts between different activities and land uses are resolved and minimised.
To ensure significant areas free from commercial and intensive recreational activity are preserved within the valley	Provide for low key informal activities, relaxation, adventure and sense of remoteness and solitude away from key traffic routes and other activities which generate noise.
To consolidate intensive recreation and tourism development in discrete locations, i.e. activity nodes	<p>Allow commercial or restricted uses on public open space within the valley only if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are integral to people's use and appreciation of the surrounding public land, and are accessible to a broad cross-section of the community • do not detract from the primary recreational and scenic experiences intended for the site as a whole • do not detract from the protection of natural systems or cultural heritage. <p>Support existing and new cultural festivals and events consistent with agreed objectives and criteria for event approvals.</p> <p>Facilitate low key tourist activity based on natural and cultural heritage – including appreciation of industrial and military history and the natural environment.</p>

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To support and promote sustainable water-based activities	<p>Improve the standard and range of public boating infrastructure, including berths, launching and fishing facilities.</p> <p>Manage the demand for recreational boating and limit the development of related infrastructure to the extent necessary to protect river health, intended visitor experiences along the valley, and human safety.</p> <p>Ensure new boating infrastructure on public land is accessible to the wider community rather than particular groups.</p>
To ensure that the river, port land and infrastructure downstream of Footscray Road is available to accommodate future growth in port and other water-based activity	<p>Plan for the future development of the working port (including chemical storage facilities) and surrounding areas, in a way that recognises port needs as well as community interests such as local amenity, safety, river health, recreation, tourism, and heritage.</p> <p>Ensure safe access for shipping.</p>
To protect and improve indigenous vegetation and biodiversity	<p>Protect all sites of botanical and zoological significance.</p> <p>Protect remnant indigenous vegetation wherever possible in order to provide habitat for local fauna and enhance the valley as a wildlife corridor.</p> <p>Ensure planning outcomes are consistent with the Native Vegetation Management Framework which requires a net gain in native vegetation.</p> <p>Ensure open space areas along the river corridor are managed and revegetated in a manner complementary to the stream environment and that opportunities for enhancing that environment are preserved.</p> <p>Ensure amenable plantings of non-invasive and non-noxious species are used on private land, to minimise potential spread to river banks.</p>
To control and remove weeds along the valley corridor	<p>Remove pest plants and undertake revegetation in degraded riparian areas using indigenous species.</p>

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<p>To protect and enhance the visual integrity of the river valley's landscape character</p>	<p>Ensure new development acknowledges that built form ranges from being a dominant and integral part of the public environment in the lower reaches to having minimal visual intrusion in the upper reaches.</p> <p>Provide visual links to nearby activity centres and other open space systems. Protect and re-establish indigenous vegetation in order to create naturalistic landscapes, screen buildings and roads, and provide amenity, including shade, for visitors.</p> <p>Use trees to define views from road crossings and other exterior vantage points and to frame natural settings, grasslands and long views characteristic of much of the river environment.</p> <p>Protect significant trees – both indigenous and exotic – from damage or destruction. Ensure park infrastructure and landscaping reflect landscape design guidelines for a particular site.</p> <p>Progressively remove, modify or screen infrastructure which is inconsistent with the vision and objectives.</p> <p>Ensure development involves the creation of visually attractive and naturalistic landforms.</p> <p>Minimise the loss of vegetation on surrounding private land.</p>
<p>To conserve plantings with heritage significance</p>	<p>Conserve sites of landscape heritage significance.</p>
<p>To protect and re-establish naturalistic land forms where practical</p>	<p>Protect all sites of geological and geomorphological significance or interesting topography. Prohibit further extractive industry within the valley, phase out existing operations, and rehabilitate degraded areas.</p>
<p>To ensure river structures are sympathetic to the river valley</p>	<p>Develop guidelines for different river structures such as bridges, wharves, pontoons and landings, riverside establishments, steps and terraces.</p>

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<p>To ensure new built form is sympathetic to the river valley</p>	<p>Ensure any new housing or mixed use development is consistent with the protection of natural and cultural assets and a continuous open space corridor adjoining the river.</p> <p>Ensure new buildings do not overshadow significant areas of open space or trails. Ensure activity centre structure planning considers visual impacts of any buildings on views from within the valley, and requires design features (eg colours, massing) to ensure any tall buildings are appropriate in the context of the valley landscape.</p> <p>Ensure that new subdivisions adjoining the valley give priority to protecting landscape quality, scale and the overall river corridor environment.</p> <p>Ensure new development is consistent with best practice in terms of water sensitive urban design (especially the use of rainwater tanks for stormwater retention), energy efficient subdivision and building design, waste minimisation and integrated transport planning.</p>
<p>To protect and enhance the preferred character of different lengths of the river valley</p>	<p>Ensure the integration of new residential and other developments with the developing river character.</p> <p>Maintain non-indigenous vegetation only where relevant to sites of cultural heritage value.</p>
<p>To optimise public access to the river for people of all abilities, within the constraints of ecological integrity and river health</p>	<p>Provide links to and between surrounding residential or mixed use areas, activity centres, educational centres, public transport and other open spaces using paths, bridges, river-based transport and view corridors.</p> <p>Improve public accessibility in terms of public realm design improvements, road and path quality, signage, public amenities and security, and public berthing and fishing infrastructure.</p> <p>Create opportunities for access to the river for boating, swimming, fishing and appreciation of riverside settings. Encourage improved public transport provision to key sites designed for intensive recreational or tourist use.</p>

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To provide continuous public open space along both sides of the river as far as practicable	<p>Ensure any public land immediately adjoining the river is not sold or alienated for uses that may prevent public access.</p> <p>Direct priority for any further public acquisition or transfer to land immediately adjacent to the river and to land with high natural or cultural heritage value.</p> <p>Prevent any loss of existing public open space within the valley unless replaced with land of equivalent size and value within the same section of the valley.</p>
To provide an integrated trail network with appropriate support facilities and signage	<p>Complete pedestrian and bicycle links along the valley and to other metropolitan trails, including Stony Creek, Yarra River, Port Phillip Bay, Steele Creek.</p> <p>Promote the establishment of strategically located new river and road crossings for pedestrians and cyclists.</p>
To identify and maintain records of heritage assets along the river valley	Review and document heritage assets (Indigenous and post-European) and develop programs to ensure their protection and interpretation.
To conserve sites and features of identified Aboriginal heritage value	<p>Protect all known sites of Indigenous (Aboriginal) heritage significance (including archaeological sites) in consultation with local Indigenous communities.</p> <p>Promote the link between protecting river health and Indigenous heritage, reflecting the spiritual connection of Aboriginal people to rivers and their traditional way of life.</p> <p>Promote Indigenous cultural values and activities as a way of educating the wider community.</p>
To conserve sites and features of identified industrial and other post-contact heritage value	<p>Recognise and interpret industrial heritage and redevelop disused industrial buildings and premises to contemporary uses.</p> <p>Protect sites of post-contact heritage significance (including archaeological sites) in consultation with relevant community organisations.</p>

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To improve existing levels of cooperation to achieve effective and efficient management	<p>Establish and maintain administrative structures and processes to coordinate the planning and management of the river valley by State and local government organisations.</p> <p>Develop partnerships between State and local government, community groups and adjoining landowners to achieve common objectives.</p>
To involve the community in river valley management	<p>Facilitate community engagement in planning and management decision-making and activities affecting the river valley.</p> <p>Stimulate public interest and enhance knowledge through information dissemination, interpretation and educational programs.</p> <p>Educate and involve the community to promote stewardship of the river.</p>
To inspire and facilitate action to improve the valley and river	<p>Raise private sector awareness of opportunities for sustainable and compatible development adjoining the public land within the valley.</p> <p>Inspire long term commitment from governments and the community through successful implementation and leading by example.</p>
To ensure planning provisions reflect agreed policy, objectives and guidelines.	<p>Update council planning schemes in a coordinated fashion, including MSSs and overlay schedules to reflect the policies, objectives and guidelines in this report.</p> <p>Ensure Green Wedge Management and Implementation Plans reflect the policies and objectives in this report, as relevant to the non-urban portion of the Maribyrnong valley.</p>