5.2 WHAT DO WE WANT?

- A linked open space system realising and expanding upon the ‘Chain of Parks’ concept
- An off-road, linked pathway system from Karkarook Park to Braeside Park.
- Parks, reserves and wetlands that are linked by paths, and protect and provide refuge for indigenous flora and fauna
- Passive recreational spaces - large and small - that provide for quiet respite and informal activity
- Active recreation areas linked by pedestrian and cycle paths throughout the Green Wedge.
- Improvements to the appearance of roadsides through landscaping, and by regularising of footpath, verge and road treatments as appropriate to the role and function of the road.
5.3 WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

PARKS, RESERVES AND WETLANDS

- Preserve existing parks and reserves and ensure that adjoining uses and development do not impact on the environmental qualities, tranquillity and amenity of these areas.
- Expand existing and establish new parks and reserves to include identified environmentally significant areas, buffers for sensitive environments, indigenous flora and fauna habitats and wildlife corridors.
- Establish new wetlands in areas with existing water bodies, adjacent to existing watercourses and potential habitats.
- Create wetlands to assist in water quality improvement of the watercourses and ground water, and mitigate flooding problems.
- Acquire land encumbered by former landfills as soon as safe and practicable and convert to passive recreation uses, particularly where such land can form part of the ‘Chain of Parks’ and/or provide a link to existing and proposed open space.
- Advocate for the acquisition of the Triangle site in Springvale Road, Aspendale Gardens by Melbourne Water, or other state government body, for open space.

STREETSCAPES

- Improve the appearance of roads within the Kingston Green Wedge by regularising footpaths, verges and road treatments as appropriate to the role and function of the road.

OPEN SPACE LINKAGES

- Progressively acquire land adjoining the Mordialloc Settlement and Dunlops Creeks (min. 10 metres each side) for public access, through the planning approvals process or non-compulsory acquisition.
- Progressively develop the Chain of Parks pedestrian and cycle paths as sections become available.
- Develop a themed path style and signage for the linked pathways to guide users and to indicate temporary alternative routes pending completion of linkages.
- Negotiate with VicRoads to ensure adequate under and overpasses are included in the Bypass and Freeway designs to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists at frequent intervals and to connect with the linkages.
5.4 HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO IT?

PASSIVE RECREATION

- Create small ‘pocket parks’ close to residential and commercial areas outside the Green Wedge.
- Provide passive recreation areas within existing and new reserves and parks.
- Seek funding for open space acquisition from state and federal government sources.
- Continue implementation of the Sandbelt Open Space Project Development Plan, May 1994 (known as the Chain of Parks Concept Plan).
- Rezone Council owned land within the Chain of Parks Concept Plan area to Public Parks and Recreation Zone.
- Utilise open space levies, developer contributions and the development approvals process to acquire land for open space and conservation purposes.
- Identify priority waterbodies for acquisition for their ecological values.
- Seek funding from State government sources (eg Sport and Recreation, Planning and Community Development), user groups and private organisations for completion of sections of the pathways.
- Involve local community, environment and user groups in ‘volunteer days’ to undertake works, landscaping and maintenance.
- Develop an approach to promote the design and construction of roads which incorporate footpaths and landscaping and accord with design outcomes sought in the Kingston Green Wedge Management Plan (refer to 5.5 Streetscape Design Guidelines).
- Progressively implement the road verge landscaping and footpath improvements for which Council is responsible as part of operational budgets.
- Negotiate with VicRoads to ensure upgrades to roads are made in a timely manner, incorporate the required space for landscaping and footpaths, with minimal impacts on Braeside Park.
MAP 6 FUTURE PUBLIC SPACES

- Green Wedge study area
- Railway lines & stations
- Existing open space areas
- Existing conservation reserves
- Existing active recreation areas
- Creeks & waterways
- Waterbodies & wetlands
- Proposed habitat links
- Proposed freeway / bypass (approximate location)
- Principal Bicycle Network 2006 (existing)
- Existing shared paths
- Interim shared paths
- Proposed shared paths
- Existing pedestrian paths
- Proposed pedestrian paths
- Potential active or passive recreation areas
- Potential active recreation areas
- Proposed open space areas
- Proposed regional energy park
- Proposed community environment centre
- Existing Public Acquisition Overlay for the Chain of Parks concept

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Existing Public Acquisition Overlay for the Chain of Parks concept

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DANDENONG
Patterson Lakes
Recreation Reserve

GOVERNOR ROAD
HUTTON ROAD

CITY OF GREATER DANSENONG

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MAP 7 CHAIN OF PARKS

Green Wedge study area
Railway lines & stations
Existing open space areas
Proposed open space / recreational areas
Core parkland areas
Creeks and waterways
Waterbodies and wetlands
Proposed habitat links
Proposed freeway / bypass (approximate location)

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