



Hamilton Gully Restoration Programme



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The project involves work to raise an awareness and appreciation of Hamilton's gully systems and actively promote and enable the physical restoration of this resource.

This project benefits the community and helps with education of landowners whose properties back onto the 87km of streams and open drains within the city. Residents receiving small amounts of plants and advice, feel motivated and supported in the restoration of their gullies, and are given the opportunity to be part of the gully restoration community.

The project is complimentary to the existing Gully Restoration Programme initiatives and is beyond current Hamilton City Council funding capabilities.

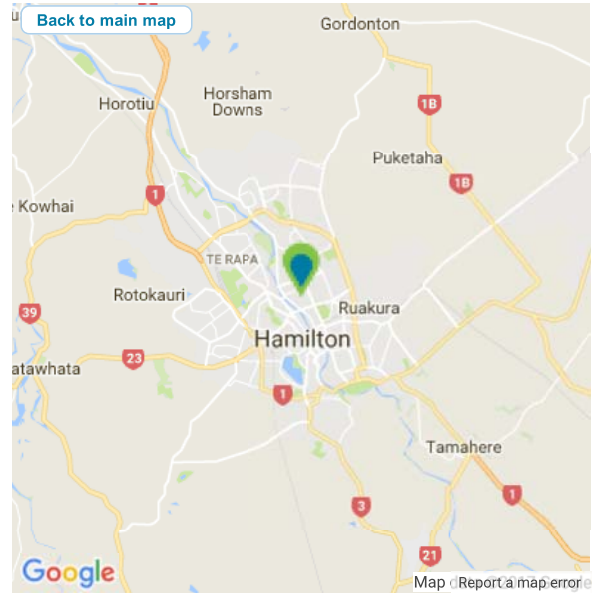
The project goals include:

- Restoration of Hamilton Streams promoted and incentives made available to enhance restoration that compliments and extends the existing Plants for Gullies Programme.
- Support for seed collection and propagation of eco-sourced plants provided.
- The Gully Seminar series provides opportunities to learn more, discuss relevant topics, planting, stream stabilisation, and plant identification with other gully enthusiasts and guest speakers.
- Partnering with University of Waikato is achieved, for the seminar series.

The programme encourages the community to be responsible for restoring and protecting privately owned gullies which in turn makes them more aware of the life in these streams and how it can be enhanced. The long term vision of the project is to restore ecological corridors connecting gullies to the Waikato River and contributing to improving the health and abundant aquatic life, making it a way of life for our communities, learning skills and gaining knowledge to pass onto our future generations.

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