

PRECINCT 9: HORSLEY PARK

The Horsley Park Precinct (313 hectares) has undulating rural farming lands bounded by the M7 Motorway to the west, industrial lands (Smithfield and Wetherill Park) to the east, private quarrying and brickmaking facilities to the north and the State heritage significant Upper Canal system.

Desired Future Character

To be a key WSPT Business Hub site as an extension of the Smithfield/Wetherill Park industrial area, surrounded by a sustainable urban farming precinct. The urban farming precinct will feature market gardening, community and research gardens, agri-tourism, and education programs.

Objectives

- Support ongoing WSPT Business Hubs at sites designated by the Trust
- Engage existing farming landowners in sustainable urban farming practices
- Create a destination around farming and agriculture
- Build a cohesive rural landscape from internal and boundary roads that clearly identifies the precinct as part of the Parklands and that conserves rural heritage landscapes
- Protect the Upper Canal system, its catchment and cultural heritage values

Land Use Opportunities

- WSPT Business Hubs at sites designated by the Trust
- Agri-tourism and education and associated facilities
- Urban farming, market gardens and associated facilities
- Farm-gate shops, markets and associated facilities
- Walking and cycling tracks
- Utilities infrastructure
- Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural and heritage interpretation

Key Management Priorities

Environmental Protection and Land Stewardship

- Improve the biodiversity and bushland quality within the Precinct, including along Eastern Creek
- Work with partners such as Sydney Water to investigate water harvesting, landscape recycling systems and water recycling for irrigation
- Work with partners to improve the water quality in Eastern Creek, and with WaterNSW to protect the Upper Canal and its water quality

- Activate further sites for urban farming
- Work with industry/educational groups to develop best practice urban farming programs and industry links across Sydney
- Explore and interpret the area's Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural heritage

Creating Recreational and Community Facilities

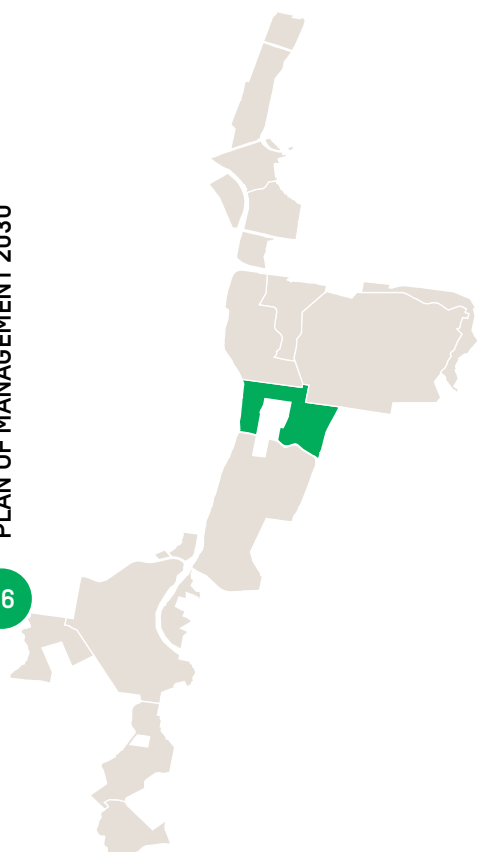
- Develop a walking and cycling track network through the Precinct that links to Prospect Cycleway
- Enhance the farming landscape and create a cohesive urban farming identity for the precinct
- Expand the activation of the precinct with a focus on urban farming such as cafes, events and other opportunities for public interaction

Community Participation and Engagement

- Develop sustainable farming education and research programs with partners
- Encourage private landowners to participate in the sustainable urban farming program
- Create community engagement opportunities for the urban farming program, such as farm-gate sales, cafes and educational outlets










Financial Sustainability and Economic Development

- Continue to support WSPT Business Hubs at sites designated by the Trust
- Manage the impacts of any future service infrastructure expansions in the precinct, if required





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-  Precinct Boundary
-  Bushland Corridor
-  Environmental Conservation Area
-  Heritage Item
-  Parklands Tracks
-  Waterway
-  Gas Infrastructure
-  Electricity Infrastructure
-  LGA Boundary