

AUCKLAND ZOO

URBAN ARK MANAWA TAIAO

A COMMUNITY-LED LANDSCAPE-SCALE INITIATIVE

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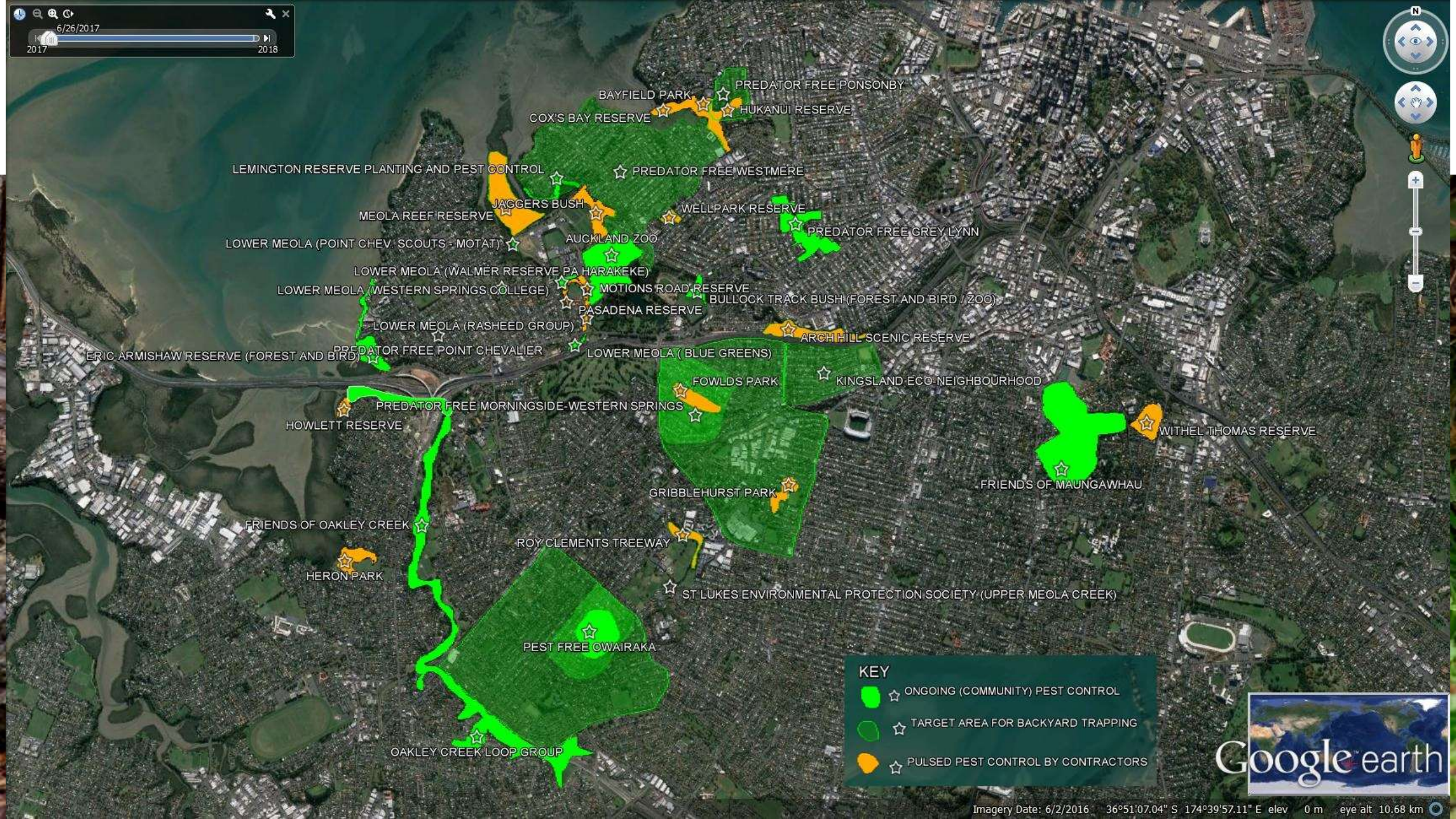


Wildlife
Conservation
Science *at*
work

We're on a mission to
bring people together
*to enable the survival of
our wild world.*

Urban Ark Manawa Taiao

- How Urban Ark Manawa Taiao came about
- The Zoo's role in supporting the work
- How local buy-in and expertise is key



BAYFIELD PARK
PREDATOR FREE PONSONBY
COX'S BAY RESERVE
HUKANUI RESERVE
LEMINGTON RESERVE PLANTING AND PEST CONTROL
PREDATOR FREE WESTMERE
MEOLA REEF RESERVE
JAGGERS BUSH
WELLPARK RESERVE
LOWER MEOLA (POINT CHEV. SCOUTS - MOTAT)
AUCKLAND ZOO
PREDATOR FREE GREY LYNN
LOWER MEOLA (WALMER RESERVE PA HARAKEKE)
MOTIONS ROAD RESERVE
PASADENA RESERVE
BULLOCK TRACK BUSH (FOREST AND BIRD / ZOO)
LOWER MEOLA (RASHEED GROUP)
ERIC ARMISHAW RESERVE (FOREST AND BIRD)
PREDATOR FREE POINT CHEVALIER
LOWER MEOLA (BLUE GREENS)
ARCH HILL SCENIC RESERVE
FOWLDS PARK
KINGSLAND ECO-NEIGHBOURHOOD
PREDATOR FREE MORNINGSIDE - WESTERN SPRINGS
HOWLETT RESERVE
WITHEL THOMAS RESERVE
FRIENDS OF MAUNGAWHAU
FRIENDS OF OAKLEY CREEK
ROY CLEMENTS TREEWAY
HERON PARK
ST LUKES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SOCIETY (UPPER MEOLA CREEK)
PEST FREE OWAIRAKA
OAKLEY CREEK LOOP GROUP

KEY

- ONGOING (COMMUNITY) PEST CONTROL
- TARGET AREA FOR BACKYARD TRAPPING
- PULSED PEST CONTROL BY CONTRACTORS



**Backyard trapping groups -
Kiwibank funding & Predator
Free New Zealand Trust
support**

- Predator Free Morningside
Western Springs
- Predator Free Westmere
- Predator Free Ponsonby
- Predator Free Grey Lynn
- Predator Free Point Chevalier

**Local Board or Council
funding / support**

- Pest Free Ōwairaka
- Kingsland Eco-
neighbourhood
- Lemington Reserve Planting
and Pest Control

**Well established with ongoing
funding and legal status**

- Friends of Maungawhau
- Friends of Oakley Creek Te
Auaunga
- Friends of Oakley Creek
Loop Group
- St Lukes Environmental
Protection Society
- Forest and Bird
- Auckland Zoo (pest control
and restoration on site)



The issues

- Lack of visibility of groups' work & general public engagement
 - Volunteer burnout – too much taken on by too few
 - Lack of consistent approach across the projects – can we make a difference on a landscape-scale by collaborating?
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The issues

- Lack of strategic approach
 - Lack of sustained motivation of general public, especially in backyard trapping, once the hiss and roar of the initial launch has passed
 - Ongoing funding and support, and keeping up to date with how to obtain these
 - Navigating Council processes
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A solution was needed to bring people together

Some common challenges were evident across all projects, so coming together and employing a coordinator was a significant step to assisting with these

Finding solutions by coming together

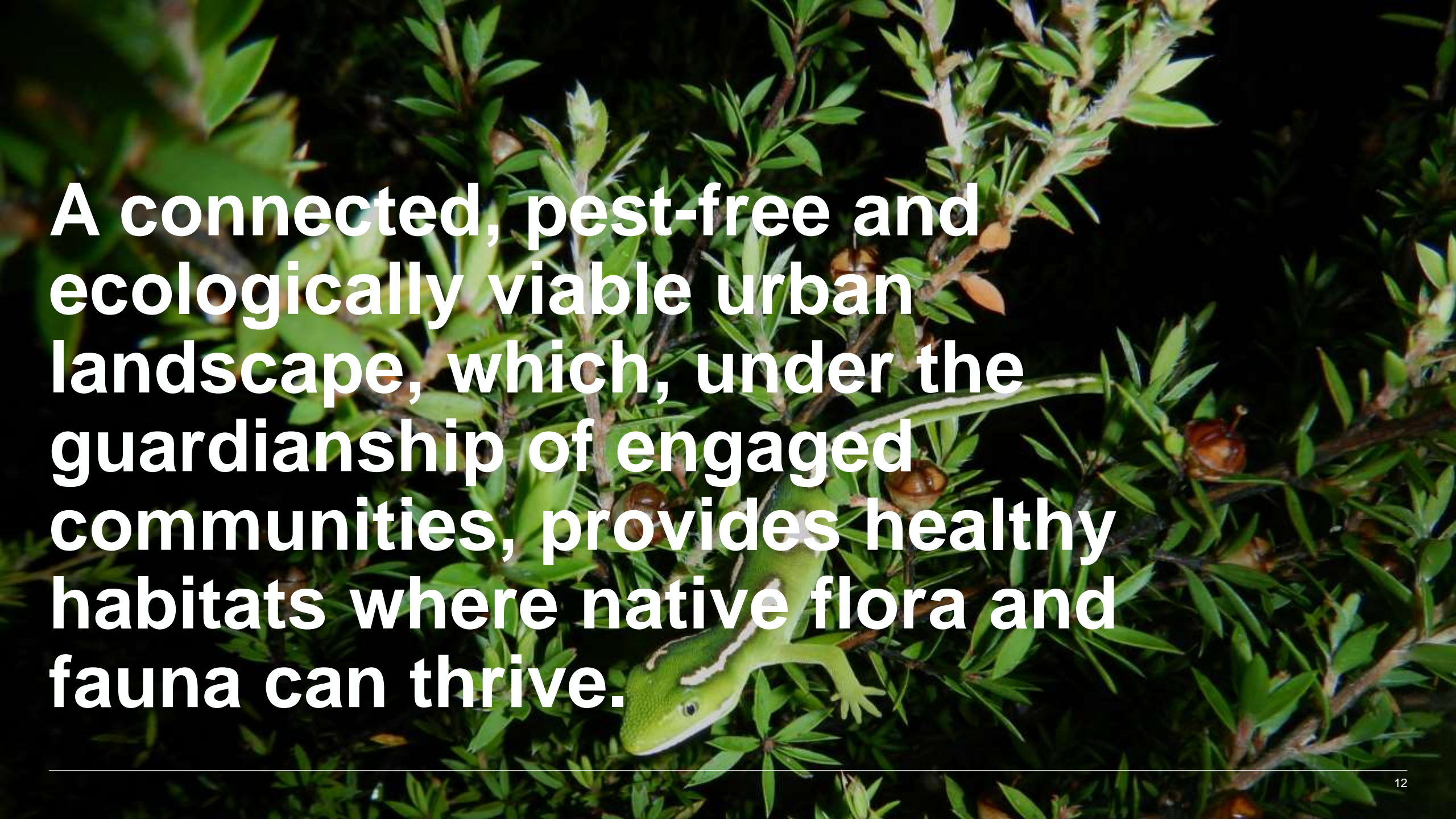
- Identify the gaps between the areas where work is being done
 - Catalyse and facilitate new groups to fill those gaps
 - Apply for funding e.g. for contractors to carry out work as necessary to close the gaps
 - Share best practice information
 - Improve biodiversity monitoring
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Finding solutions by coming together

- Enhance communication
 - Improve data management
 - Networking opportunities: exchange of knowledge, technical support and resources
 - Use the zoo as a nexus for education and engagement
 - Channel community support / volunteers to existing groups
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A green gecko with white stripes on its back is perched on a branch of a green shrub with small brown fruits. The gecko is facing left and is the central focus of the image. The background is a dense thicket of similar green foliage.

A connected, pest-free and ecologically viable urban landscape, which, under the guardianship of engaged communities, provides healthy habitats where native flora and fauna can thrive.

UAMT

UAMT Steering Group

Mandate, specifically in start-up phase

- Defines legal structure, purpose and vision
- Develops action plan for Year 1, including basic infrastructure for existing and future community groups
- Establishes / strengthens network with external parties
- Submits any grant or sponsoring request to secure funding into the future
- Guides and supervises community coordinator

UAMT Community Groups

Ideally one rep for each community group in our area

- Supports SG as critical friend and sounding board
- Meets regularly (6x pa?) for knowledge exchange

UAMT Community Coordinator

As per job description; supports SG and community groups

Zoo support

- Liaising with Council / contractors
- Venue provision
- Materials and support for events and restoration activities
- Map to show the areas where groups are working
- *Ad hoc* advice / information / support / connections





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conservation
week
7-11 September
We are celebrating
New Zealand's
conservation
week
with a special
event at
the Auckland Zoo

pests or pals?



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Oakley Creek
Te Auauunga
restoring the mauri of the creek
www.oakleycreek.org.nz

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An Auckland Council Organisation
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Pests or Pals
Māori names of pests and pals

misc June



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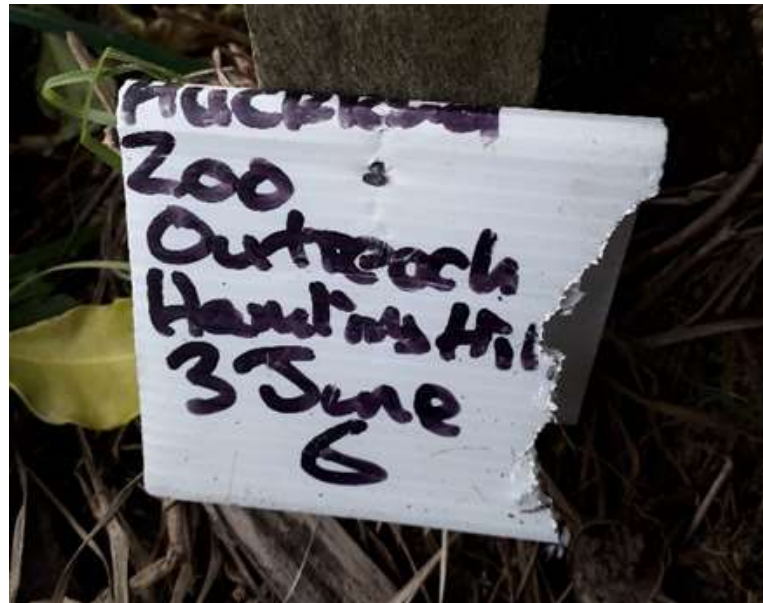
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WATER QUALITY



PEST MONITORING



MOTH PLANT



“To inspire all our communities to care and take action”



Volunteers with diverse skill-sets and connections, and a shared passion for conservation

- **Media / communications**
- **Environmental planning**
- **Project management**
- **Pest management**
- **Human resources**
- **Sustainability**
- **Commerce**
- **Education**
- **Ecology**
- **Design**
- **Law**



Expanding our reach

- Build relationships with property owners, e.g. Kiwirail, Auckland motorways, Foodstuffs, Housing NZ, Watercare
 - Continually make link between backyards, green spaces and Council
 - Campaign for improved planting on public land
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Expanding our reach

- Increase public engagement
 - Work with suburban business associations
 - Develop relationships with local schools
 - Help establish new groups
 - Run training sessions
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Future actions

- Monthly Steering Group meetings
 - Finalise UAMT strategic direction and operational plan
 - Establish UAMT as a legal entity
 - Apply for further funding
 - Develop communications plan
 - Finalise logo, Facebook page, collateral and develop website
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Future actions

- Liaison with partners / stakeholders, e.g. to start filling gaps between projects
 - UAMT Networking event / hui
 - Presence at Grey Lynn Festival
 - Events to provide opportunities for wider community to connect with nature
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Thank you!

