

"Nature in my Neighbourhood" 2010

The programme provides:

- an overview of Waitakere streams and ecosystems;
- an opportunity to meet other experts who have detailed knowledge about native plants and animals important to Waitakere and to the region; and
- support for people wanting to work towards enhancing their local natural environments.

Venue: Rutherford College and a site visit.

Dates: Saturday 13 March 2010 (9.30 am- 12.30 pm)
Saturday 20 March 2010 (9.30 am- 12.30 pm)

Cost: \$10.00 per session or \$15.00 for both.

To enrol: www.westaucklandcomed.co.nz or phone 834 4099 by Tuesday March 9.

For more information: www.waitakere.govt.nz or phone 839 0400.

Session 1: Looking to the future - Saturday 13 March 2010

Welcome and overview

- Reasons Waitakere ecosystems are important - a regional and national perspective.
- Streams as a focus of ecological restoration in communities: a win-win approach.
- Success factors in community action.

A case study: The Beach Valley Road Project

- One way to kick start a community project for success.
- Stepping into the shoes of the community – a description of the process of change that has happened with the people.

"Same but different in other communities"

- A 'big picture' of what communities are doing in Waitakere.
- Success factors for working in neighbourhoods.

Hands-on vision-mapping session

- 'Ways to engage with my neighbour and plan where we are going'.
- Vision mapping and planning how the map can become a framework for action.

"Making the most of opportunities"

- Turning the vision into a reality – preparations for Session 2.
- Information about stream and other community-assistance restoration programmes.

Presenters:

Bobbie Carroll (Beach Valley Road Project)

Chris Ferkins (WCC- Environmental Coordinator: Parks)

Chrissy Henley (Consultant)

Sue Langton (WCC-Public Affairs Advisor: Environmental Education)

Session 2: Stepping into the shoes of the environment - Saturday 20 March 2010

Welcome and a focus on Waitakere streams

- What lives there and some human impacts. An overview of trends.
- Making a difference is easy as a landowner.
- Looking at macroinvertebrates from a Waitakere stream.

Restoration – site visits to restoration projects in stream riparian margins

Planning the next steps

- Many people, who are part of local restoration initiatives, will already be involved in hands-on-programmes to get to know pests and weeds and to find out about ways to restore local environments through planting and other initiatives.
- This series supports those programmes and provides an opportunity for others to establish new restoration programmes.

Presenters:

Stephen Moore (Jones Environmental)
Shane Butland (Wai Care Waitakere Coordinator)
Chris Ferkins and Sue Langton (WCC)

Provider: Waitakere City Council in conjunction with Wai Care. Rutherford College Community Education is a delivery partner with Waitakere City Council.