



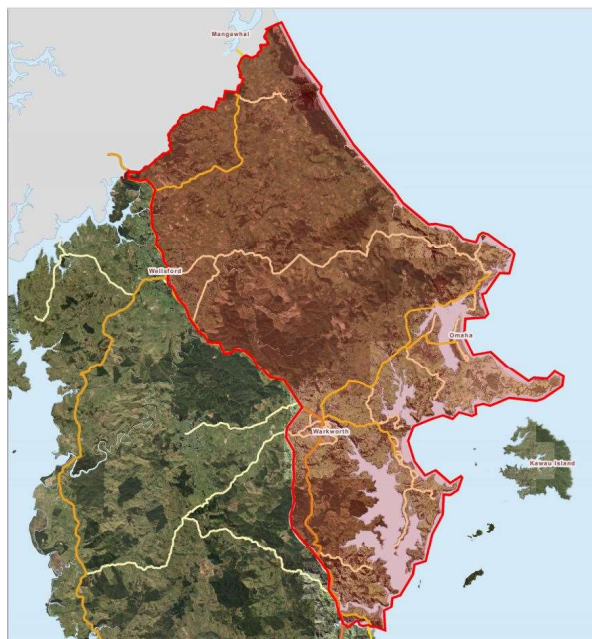
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Restore Rodney East

Restore Rodney East is a Rodney Local Board funded project, aiming to achieve increased landscape scale environmental restoration in eastern Rodney, building on the significant biodiversity gains iwi, community groups and landowners have already achieved, and increasing the coordination of these efforts at a more regional level.

The Restore Rodney East project is in the tribal territory of local iwi, Ngāti Manuhiri, who will be potential partners for the project. The project area is defined as following State Highway 1 from Wenderholm to the Auckland region boundary, extending to the Eastern coastline, reaching from Waiwera River to Te Arai.

The first part of the project is developing an **Ecological Connectivity Roadmap** for the entire Rodney East area. Our ecological contractors Boffa Miskell will use key environmental data along with where current conservation activity is taking place, to develop a robust technical report to inform where conservation activity can be prioritised across the Rodney East landscape to achieve ecological connectivity.



Rodney East contains significant areas of indigenous biodiversity, a highly engaged and growing conservation community, and multiple large-scale agency projects underway. There is a huge opportunity to achieve connectivity across this landscape by connecting and leveraging off all this conservation work and focusing on the areas or actions that can create the best ecological outcomes. Through synthesis of this information, gaps and opportunities for ecological protection and restoration will be identified and allow the Rodney East community to use this information to direct their conservation activities as they grow their capacity and capability to protect and restore the special and valued ecology of the Rodney East area.

A **Community Strategy** and **Paid Coordinator** position is also part of the Restore Rodney East project and information on these parts of the project will be communicated soon.

