

Prospect Pipeline Corridor Strategic Masterplan

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Jumna ya wogal wal ya pemel jimna mingan jumna tamu
Ngalaringi wyanga pemal.
Ngalaringi babuna wal gnia ya pemal da lo-loley dice wara mooting humna banga nolla ya.
Pemal jumna wal gnia koi mund wal tati pemal jumna annagar dice.
Eorah wal mullana wal mingan jumna gai gnia bou gu-nu-gal ngalringi go-roong dyaralang.
Nglaringi go-roong dyaralang.
Ngalaringi bou ngalaringi jam ya tiati ngalraingi bubuna jumna.
Mittigar gurrung burruk gneene da daruga pemal
Didjeree goor.

*We were the first carer's of this land, we took only what we needed from Mother Earth.
Our Ancestors knew how to take care of the land, so as to continue their survival.
We do not own the land, but we are charged with the care of it. As custodians of this land we ask that all people join
us and preserve what we have left for future generations.
We must protect the few sites we have to ensure our culture continues.
In the language of our ancestors we welcome you to Darug lands.
Thank you.*

Spoken by Darug Elder Aunty Edna at the Prospect Creek Plan of Management Launch Day (9 August 2002)
and the Prospect Creek Open Day (7 February 2004)

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Country and their continuing connection to culture, community, land, waters and air. Specifically we acknowledge the Cennemegal, Welmaly, Bidjigal, Burramattagal, Wangal and Wategoro peoples of the Dharug nation who are the carers of the Ngura [Country] within which the Prospect Pipeline Corridor is located. We also acknowledge those from other groups with long relationships to this Country.

We pay our respect to Elders and Knowledge Holders and express our gratitude for their continued sharing of stories, knowledge and culture.

We express thanks to the First Peoples of the Sydney area, who have strived to retain and reclaim their cultures, languages, identities, and connections to Country despite colonial forces. We recognise the valuable contribution made by Aboriginal peoples in Sydney to community, narratives, spaces and places.

We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded and these lands remain a contested space for many First Peoples.

Designing with Ngura (Country)

The journey of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their knowledge of this land is incredibly rich - its importance to the future of our country should never be underestimated. To this end, the NSW EP&A act 1979 requires development 'to promote the sustainable management of built and cultural heritage (including Aboriginal cultural heritage)'(1.3 [f]).

This project is being undertaken in engagement with Traditional Custodians of Ngura (Country) through which the Corridor extends and in collaboration with Djinjama Indigenous Corporation. The aim is to embed a respect for indigenous perspectives, knowledge, technology and 'care for Country' to create a shared vision for the future. This is consistent with Cumberland City Council's Reconciliation Action Plan 2019-21.

We acknowledge that engaging with Country is continuous process and extends well beyond the scope and program of this project.

Country

Country is the places from which Ancestors originated and still exist within as lifeforces. Country cannot be owned or tamed, as Country is also a relationship that must be honoured and nurtured. Country is alive and sentient. It is not just a place on a map or a boundary line, it is a lived experience and a heritage.

Country, for First Peoples, relates not only to the cultural group and land to which they belong, it is also their place of origin in cultural, spiritual and literal terms. Country incorporates the tangible and intangible, knowledges and cultural practices, identity and reciprocal relationships, belonging and wellbeing.

The Prospect Pipeline Corridor sits within Dharug (also sometimes written Darug, Daruk, Dharook, Oharruk) Country. Ngura is the Dharug word for Country. To be clear, when talking about Country, it is not the countryside or the area outside of metropolitan spaces being referred to, it is to the lands to which First Peoples belong, yearn for, find healing from and will return to. Country is the places from which Ancestors originated and still exist within as lifeforces. Country cannot be owned or tamed, as Country is also a relationship that must be honoured and nurtured. Country is alive and sentient. It is not just a place on a map or a boundary line, it is a lived experience and a heritage. The Dharug continue to hold a spiritual connection with the Prospect Pipeline Corridor.

For Aboriginal peoples, the landscape is the material embodiment of narratives embedded into the creation of a site, a monument and physical reminder of connections to sites and Ancestors. The Country Sydney is located within is bounded and shared by others, including the Dharawal (Darawal, D'harawal, Tharawal, Turuwal, Turrubul), Eora (Iyora, Lyora, Iora), Gundungurra (Gandangarra), Deerubbin (Dyarubbin, Dooraban, Deerabbun), Ku-ring-gai (Guringah, Guringai, Kurig-gai, Kuringgai), Yuin (Djuwin, Djuuwin, Juwin, Yuwin).

Country, as the holder of memory and narrative, space and place, and the relationships connecting all entities of the land, is key for First Peoples and for designers of space and professionals in the built environment. This project aims to embed an integrated approach to Country and engagement with First Peoples. (Hromek, D. 2021)

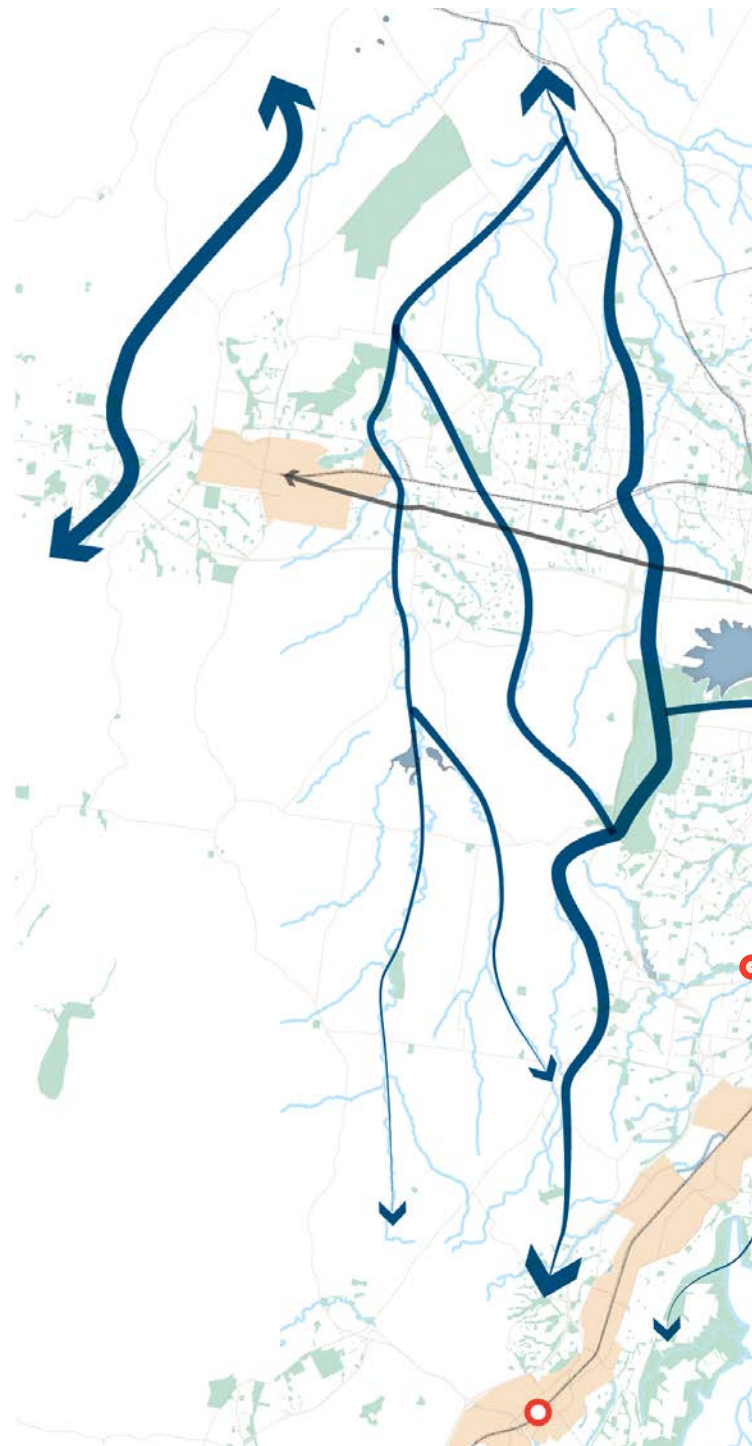
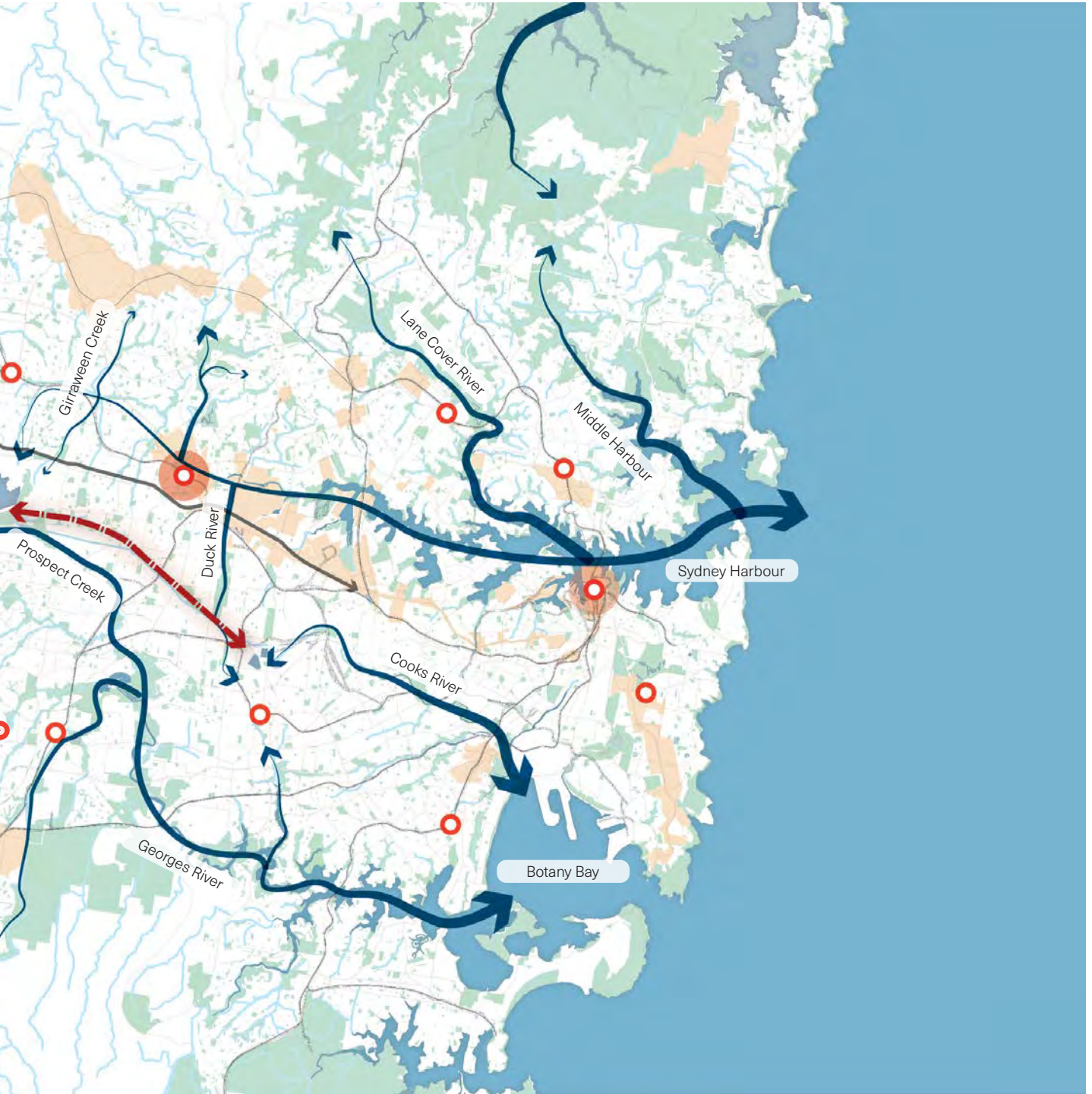


Figure 01: Country and Interconnectedness



- Prospect Pipeline Corridor
- Waterways

- Great Western Highway
- Train line
- Major roads

- Metropolitan Cluster
- Strategic Centre

Executive Summary

Cumberland City Council has engaged the consultant team of SJB (Urban Design), Gallagher Studio (Landscape Architect), Djinjama Indigenous Corporation (Indigenous Consultant) and Cred Consulting (Social Planning) to prepare the Prospect Pipeline Corridor Strategic Masterplan ("The Masterplan"). The Masterplan will propose public domain improvements along a 16km corridor between Prospect Reservoir and Potts Hill Industrial Area. A key aim of this project is to establish a vision and principles for the corridor which supports the delivery of a safe and continuous cycleway along its length and new green grid connections. This will be delivered whilst maintaining the operational requirement of existing essential infrastructure within the corridor.

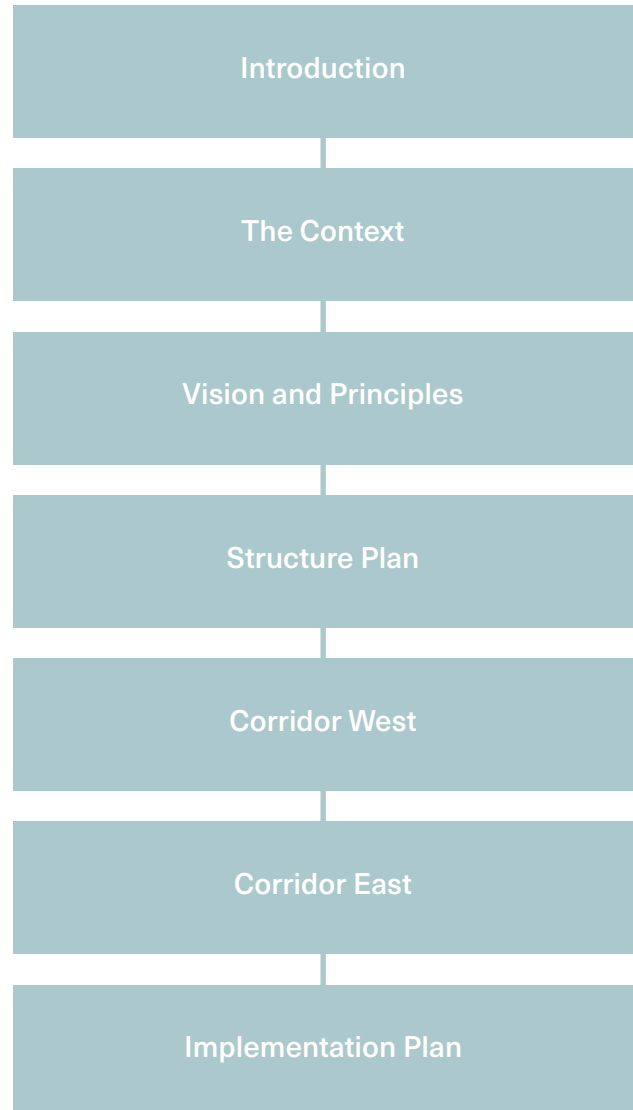
The Prospect Pipeline Corridor is a significant piece of infrastructure which will have ongoing significance in the delivery of essential drinking water to Sydney.

The Strategic Masterplan has been informed by detailed analysis completed in previous stages.

This work is being completed in consultation with representatives from the following government agencies:

- City of Canterbury Bankstown (CBCity)
- Fairfield City Council (FCC)
- Blacktown City Council (BCC)
- Strathfield Council
- Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW)
- Sydney Water
- NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPIE)
- TransGrid

The Masterplan supports the aspirations outlined within the NSW Government Architect (GANSW) Sydney Green Grid West Central Area and is funded through the NSW Government Metropolitan Greenspace Program (MGP).





The corridor near Campbell Hill Road

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Lower Prospect Canal Reserve

Introduction

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1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Corridor

The Prospect Pipeline Corridor is located in the Western Sydney region, approximately 13km to the south-west of the regional centre of Parramatta CBD. The corridor runs between two key pieces of Sydney Water infrastructure: the Prospect Reservoir in the West and Potts Hill Reservoir to the east.

The corridor is strategically positioned within the West Central and South-West District of the Sydney Green Grid, which has been identified as one of the fastest growing areas in greater Sydney and Australia. The Corridor will be a key link in the implementation of the Green Grid, as well as further facilitating key hydraulic and biodiversity connections to the regionally significant waterways, such as the Parramatta River. The development of the public corridor must ensure future works compliment the ongoing, safe and secure operation of water, telecommunications and electrical infrastructure within the corridor.

Infrastructure within the corridor

The Sydney Water-owned Pipeline Corridor houses critical infrastructure for Sydney's drinking water supply, supplying up to 2 million people with drinking water. These pipeline services areas including Sydney CBD, Eastern Suburbs and the Inner West. About 40% of Sydney's water supply travels through these pipes. Given the growing city's growing water needs, further water infrastructure will likely need to be built in the corridor in future.

The corridor also houses important electricity and communications infrastructure underground. This may impact potential building and planting opportunities above.

1.2 HOW TO USE THIS MASTERPLAN

This Strategic Masterplan outlines the project vision, principles, design strategies for the Prospect Pipeline Corridor. The masterplan establishes a framework to enable Council to:

- continue discussions with key stakeholders and engage with the local community
- undertake detailed design and feasibility studies
- seek funding for projects along the corridor

The structure plans within this document have been prepared in consultation with Cumberland City Council and the project Working Party. This has been undertaken to:

- ensure the corridor delivers beneficial community and transport infrastructure which is complementary to the strategies and projects proposed in adjacent areas
- ensure future works complement the ongoing, safe and secure operation of water, telecommunications and electrical infrastructure within the corridor

Potential projects within the corridor or beyond the study area may require detailed testing, inputs from specialist consultants and/or wider stakeholder discussions. These have been included within the Prospect Pipeline Corridor Implementation Plan in Chapter 8 for future discussion and exploration.

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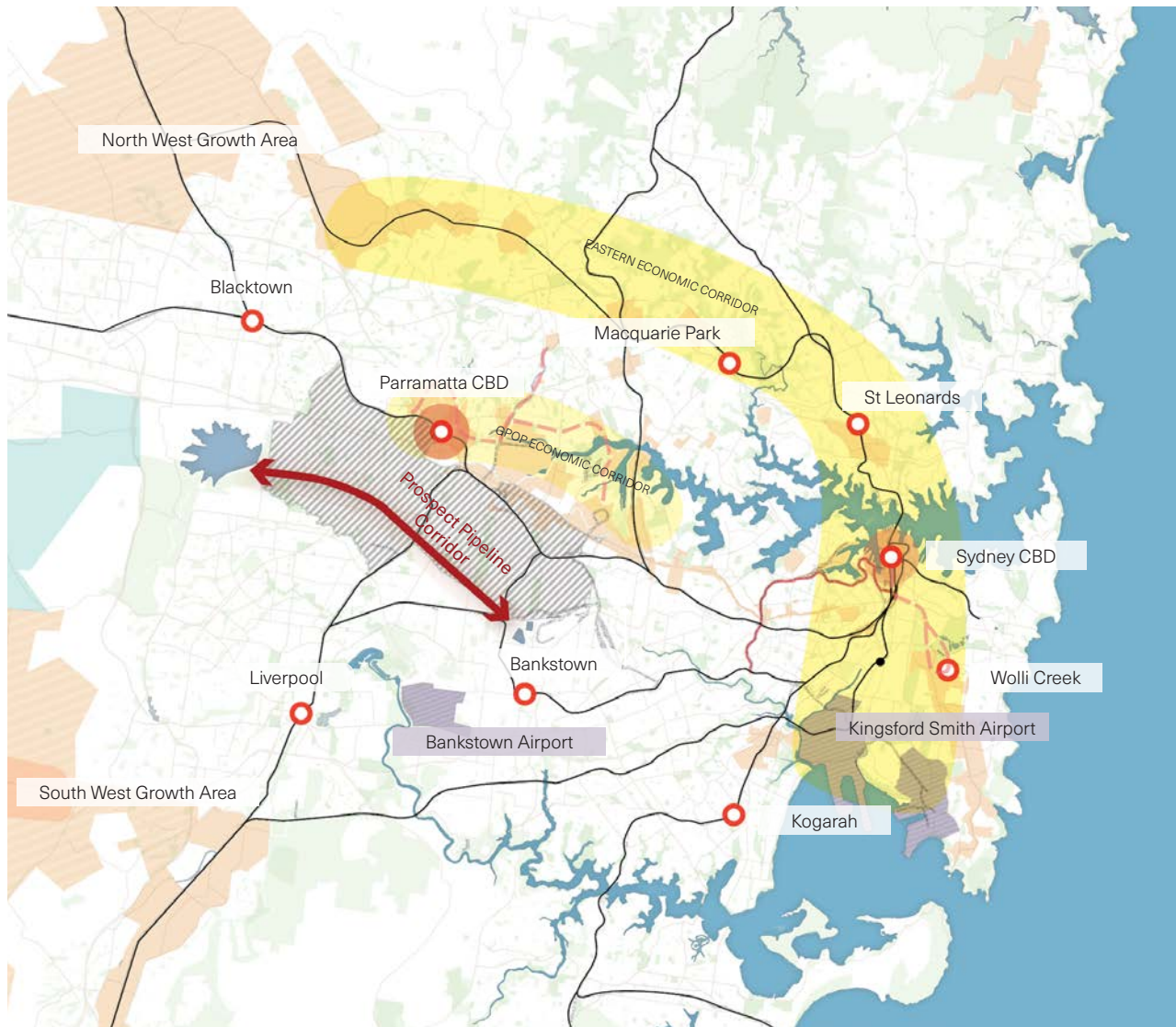















Figure 02: Sydney Context

-  Prospect Pipeline Corridor
-  Cumberland Council LGA
-  Metropolitan Centre (GSC)
-  Health and Education Precinct (GSC)
-  Rail and Metro
-  Light Rail
-  Proposed Light Rail
-  Urban Renewal Areas
-  Growth Areas
-  Western Sydney Priority Growth Area Precinct
-  Eastern Economic Corridor
-  GPOP Economic Corridor
-  Transport and Intermodal Hubs

1.3 STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE/ALIGNMENT

The Prospect Pipeline Corridor is highlighted across both State and local policies as a strategic opportunity to deliver additional transport and community infrastructure.

A Metropolis of Three Cities, Central City District Plan and the Greater Sydney Green Grid

A Metropolis of Three Cities published by the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) locates the Prospect Reservoir Pipeline Corridor and the surrounding Cumberland LGA within the Central River City. The aspirations for this area are outlined within the Central City District Plan (GSC) and the Greater Sydney Green Grid (Green Grid), published by the Government Architect NSW (GANSW).

The Green Grid is a long-term vision for a network of high quality green spaces that are able to connect communities to the natural environment. It is envisioned to link tree-lined streets, waterways, parks and open spaces to town centres, public transport and public spaces. The Green Grid builds on the District's established open space, the Regional Tracks and Trails Framework and the Principal Bicycle Network (in development by Transport for NSW).

The long-term vision for the Green Grid in the Central City District is shown in Figure 02. This vision will be delivered incrementally over time, as opportunities arise and as detailed plans for connections are refined.

The Prospect Reservoir Pipeline Corridor has been identified as a Green Grid Priority Project, selected to provide district-scale connections that link open space, waterways and bushland. This connection is envisioned as "a connected open space corridor linking Prospect Reservoir and Western Sydney Parklands through Pemulwuy, Greystanes, Merrylands West, Smithfield, Guildford, Chester Hill and Regents Park". This project will also connect with other projects including the Duck River Open Space Corridor, recognised for its connected areas of parklands, including Auburn Botanical Garden, the Duck River Walk and several parks and reserves for both active and passive recreation.

Cumberland City Council Local Strategic Plan and Open Space and Recreation Strategy 2019-2029

The *Cumberland City Council Local Strategic Planning Statement* (LSPS) and Open Space and Recreation Strategy 2019-2029 recognises that the natural environment in Cumberland LGA is highly valued. The "green heart" of the Duck River, along with other community and tourism assets exist along the corridor, including the Auburn Botanic Gardens and various sporting fields and parks are specifically highlighted.

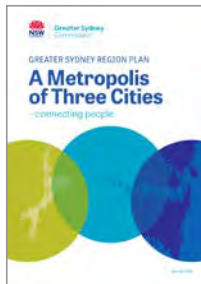
- *The Cumberland Open Space and Recreation Strategy* recognises the need to plan for connections on a regional scale in consideration of neighbouring LGAs, acknowledging that the community does not organise their lives by Council boundaries
- The strategy identifies the Sydney Green Grid projects as a priority for Cumberland, specifically the Duck River Open Space Corridor, Prospect Reservoir Pipeline Corridor and Duck Creek projects, in order to develop a connected network of open space, recreation facilities and other infrastructure.
- Open space and recreational lands presents opportunities to celebrate the community profile of Cumberland, in particular the Aboriginal heritage and history of the areas surrounding Pemulwuy, Prospect Creek and along the Duck River
- The Lower Prospect Canal Cycling trail in the south of Greystanes is recognised as an open space of regional significance. The reserve along with the Boothtown Aqueduct are heritage listed items.

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State and Regional



Future Transport 2056 (TfNSW)



Greater Sydney Region Plan (GSC)

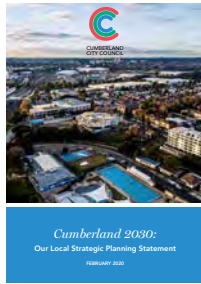


Central City District Plan (GSC)

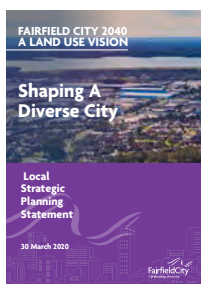


Sydney Green Grid - West Central and South West

Local



Cumberland 2030 Local Strategic Planning Statement (CCC)



Fairfield City 2040 Local Strategic Planning Statement (FCC)



Connective City 2036 Local Strategic Planning Statement (CBCC)



Open Space and Recreation Strategy 2019-2029 (CCC)



Cumberland Biodiversity Strategy 2019 (CCC)

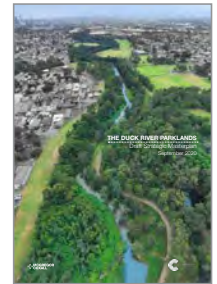


Draft Active Transport Action Plan 2021-2031 (CBCC)



Cooks River Corridor Plan 2022 (CBCC)

In progress



Duck River Parklands Draft Strategic Masterplan (CCC)



Principal Bicycle Network (TfNSW - In progress)

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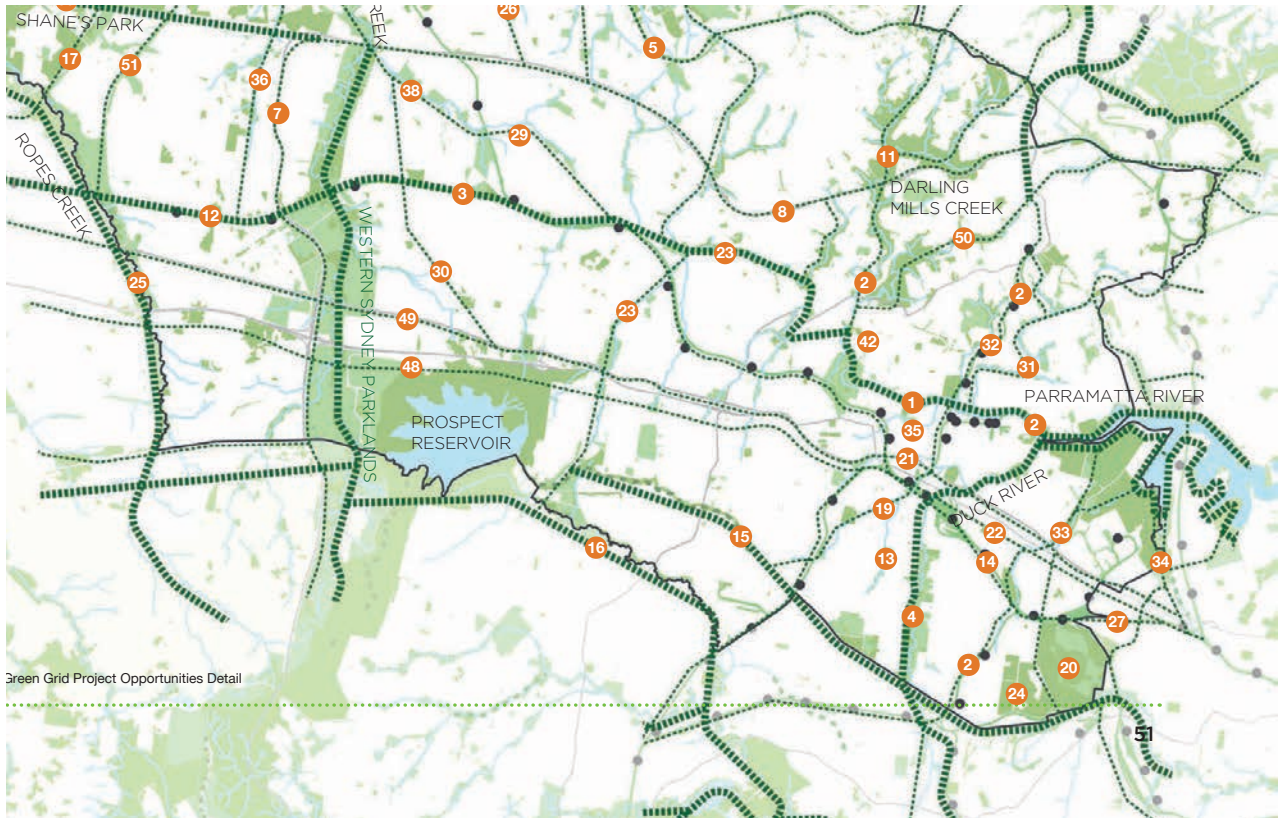


Figure 03: West Central Green Grid, Project Opportunities Detail, West Central District Sydney Green Grid Spatial framework and project opportunities

PROJECT OPPORTUNITY	DOMINANT GRID LAYER		
1. Parramatta River Foreshore	HYDROLOGICAL	34. Powells Creek and Mason Park	HYDROLOGICAL
2. Parramatta Light Rail	TRANSPORT	35. Clay Cliff Creek and Jubilee Park	HYDROLOGICAL
3. Great West Walk: Parramatta to Penrith	TRANSPORT	36. Bells Creek, Marsden Park	HYDROLOGICAL
4. Duck River Corridor	HYDROLOGICAL	37. Killarney Chain of Ponds and Ponds Ck	HYDROLOGICAL
5. Sydney Metro Northwest	TRANSPORT	38. Breakfast Ck and Nth Blacktown CBD	HYDROLOGICAL
6. Sydney Metro Northwest Potential Extension	TRANSPORT	39. Shane's Park and Wianamatta Nature Res	ECOLOGICAL
7. M7 Motorway Pedestrian and Cycle Link	TRANSPORT	40. Marramarra National Park and Trails	ECOLOGICAL
8. M2 Motorway Pedestrian and Cycle Link	TRANSPORT	41. Rural Area: Pitt Town to Dural	RURAL
9. Western Sydney Parklands and NW Link	RECREATIONAL	42. North Parramatta Urban Renewal	DEVELOPMENT
10. Cattai and Caddies Creek Corridors	HYDROLOGICAL	43. South Creek	HYDROLOGICAL
11. Darling Mills Creek Corridor	HYDROLOGICAL	44. First Ponds Creek	HYDROLOGICAL
12. Parramatta to Penrith Rail Corridor	TRANSPORT	45. Hawkesbury River to Wisemans Ferry	TRANSPORT
13. Little Duck Creek Corridor	HYDROLOGICAL	46. Old Northern Road to Wisemans Ferry	TRANSPORT
14. Parramatta to Bankstown Rail Corridors	TRANSPORT	47. Little Cattai Creek	HYDROLOGICAL
15. Prospect Reservoir Water Pipeline	UTILITIES	48. M4 Motorway Corridor	TRANSPORT
16. Prospect Creek Parklands	RECREATIONAL	49. Great Western Highway Corridor	TRANSPORT
17. Sydney Metro Northwest to T1 Western Line	TRANSPORT	50. Lake Parramatta and Hunts Creek	ECOLOGICAL
18. Windsor Road Active Transport Corridor	TRANSPORT	51. Marsden Park Elec Easement	UTILITIES
19. Duck Creek	HYDROLOGICAL		
20. Rookwood Cemetery	UTILITIES		
21. M4 Overpass and A'Beckett Creek	HYDROLOGICAL		
22. Parramatta Road Urban Transformation	TRANSPORT		
23. Toongabbie and Blacktown Creeks	HYDROLOGICAL		
24. Lidcombe TAFE, Sydney Uni Precinct	RECREATIONAL		
25. Ropes Creek Corridor	HYDROLOGICAL		
26. Second Ponds Creek and The Ponds	HYDROLOGICAL		
27. Parramatta to Strathfield Rail Corridor	UTILITIES		
28. Blue Gum, Scaly Bark and Guppy Creek	HYDROLOGICAL		
29. Blacktown Creek and Rail Corridor	HYDROLOGICAL		
30. Prospect to Seven Hills Elec Easement	UTILITIES		
31. North Parramatta and Dundas Creeks	HYDROLOGICAL		
32. Carlingford Rail Line	TRANSPORT		
33. Upper Haslams Creek and Wyatt Park	HYDROLOGICAL		



Eucalypt, Prospect Reservoir

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1.4 THE PROSPECT PIPELINE CORRIDOR

The study area for the Prospect Pipeline Corridor Strategic Masterplan is indicated in Figure 04, generally delineated by a 800m buffer around the length of the Pipeline Corridor. The study area begins at Prospect Reservoir and Prospect Hill (Marrong) to the west, and ends at Potts Hill Reservoir to the east; two pieces of significant water infrastructure. It traverses the four Local Government Areas (LGA) of Cumberland City Council, Fairfield City Council and City of Canterbury Bankstown.

The Corridor consists of two distinctive zones demarcated by the Guildford Pipehead Complex. The Lower Prospect Canal Reserve forms the western portion of the study area. This is a naturalised corridor with mature landscape connected via continuous shared path connected to Prospect Reservoir. An existing shared path is located adjacent to the pipeline between the Guildford Pipeline Complex and Guildford Town Centre. There are no cycle or pedestrian paths along Corridor East from Guildford Town Centre to Potts Hill Reservoir.












-  Corridor West
-  Corridor East
-  Study area
-  Reservoirs
-  Guildford Pipehead Complex
-  Public recreation
-  Bushland and civic
-  Industrial
-  Train line
-  Train station
-  LGA Boundaries



Figure 04: Study Area



1.5 KEY FEATURES - CORRIDOR WEST

01

Prospect Reservoir

In the west, the corridor connects to parkland on the south-eastern edge of the Prospect Reservoir and Western Sydney Parklands. Prospect Reservoir and the surrounding area is a heritage item of state significance. The reservoir currently serves an integral water storage role. It is particularly important in times of high water demand or when other water sources are taken offline for maintenance. While the reservoir itself is not publicly accessible, some of the lands on its eastern edge are accessible.

The reservoir is surrounded by native bushland including Cumberland Plain Woodland which serves as a home for native fauna. Views west across the reservoir and Western Sydney are available from George Maunder Lookout. Existing cycleways around the southern edge of Prospect Reservoir connect to the Lower Prospect Canal Reserve, providing access to Wetherill Park.

02

Prospect Hill (Marrong)

Prospect Hill is a place of Indigenous cultural significance as an important marker, navigational element and vantage point in the landscape. The hill provides 360° district views from Marrong Reserve (Pemulwuy Lookout). It is a listed item on the NSW State Heritage Register and subject to the Cumberland City Council *Prospect Hill Plan of Management (POM) March 2019*.

Landscape improvements including the provision of new pedestrian and shared paths, endemic planting, bush foods and a play spaces are outlined within the POM to support engagement with Indigenous knowledge and opportunities for public recreation.

03

Lower Prospect Canal Reserve

The corridor follows the alignment of the Lower Prospect Canal Reserve, a naturalised landscape and recreation corridor following the former Lower Prospect Canal. It extends through the suburbs of Greystanes, Merrylands West, Woodpark, Smithfield and Guildford West.

Lined with mature trees and grassland, an off-road shared path supports uninterrupted movement along its length. The shared path utilises existing canal underpasses that enable pedestrians and cyclists to bypass cross-roads including the Cumberland Highway, Greystanes Road and Sherwood Road.

03

Guildford Pipehead Complex

Owned by Sydney Water, the Guildford Pipehead Complex is made up a series of buildings and water infrastructure which distributes water to Greater Sydney. The complex is not publicly accessible.

Existing cycleways extend from the Lower Prospect Canal Reserve around the complex's northern edge connecting to cycleways running parallel to the pipeline.

Areas in the north of the complex were recently approved for medium scale residential flat buildings. These will create a new, more dense residential interface along the corridor.

04

Guildford Town Centre

Guildford Town Centre is a local centre anchored by Guildford Train Station and the Guildford Road high street. It is highlighted as a principal local centre within the Cumberland LSPS, and supports day-to-day services, food and beverage outlets which service the local community. The area is seeing some densification through the delivery of town houses and apartment buildings in the blocks surrounding the town centre, no doubt taking advantage of public transport connections and amenity. Shared cycle and pedestrian paths along the rail line connect this centre to existing cycleways along the pipeline.

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View north west over Prospect Reservoir



View west towards Prospect Hill (Marrong)



View west along Lower Prospect Canal Reserve



View south east over Guildford Pipehead Complex

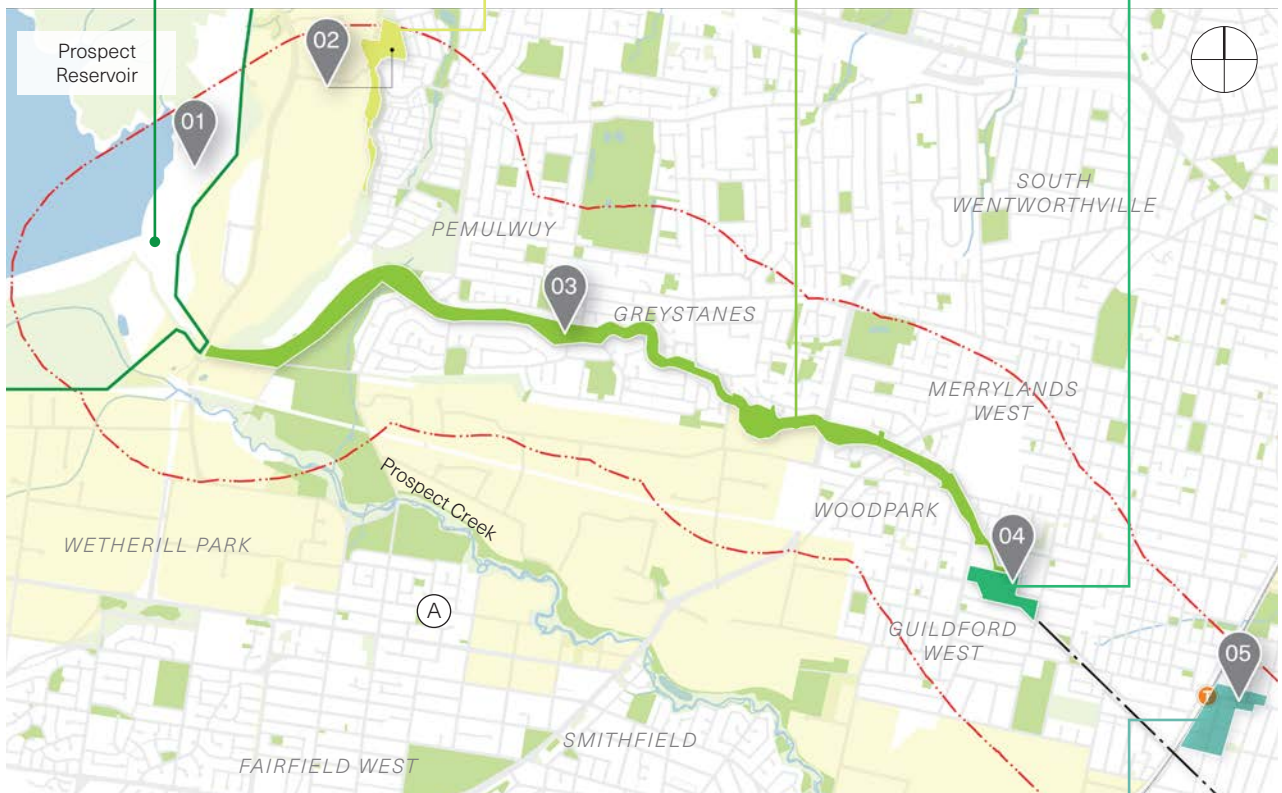


Figure 05: Key features, corridor west

- Study area
- Prospect Pipeline
- Waterways
- Public recreation
- Bushland and civic

- Industrial
- Train line
- T Train station



Guildford Road

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1.6 KEY FEATURES - CORRIDOR EAST

05

Waddangalli Woodland Reserve & Campbell Hill Pioneer Reserve

Waddangalli Woodland Reserve & Campbell Hill Pioneer Reserve are large landscaped open spaces bordering the corridor to the north at Campbell Hill Road, Guildford. Both Reserves feature large stands of the ecologically endangered communities of Cumberland Shale Plains Woodland which are formally protected under the *NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*. These spaces are important habitats for birds and serve as stopping points for birds moving between Rookwood, Newington Forest in the east and Prospect Reservoir in the west.

New cycle and pedestrian paths along the corridor will provide new opportunities to provide better access to these spaces and share the knowledge about the significance of these spaces.

06

Duck River

Duck River is a significant riparian corridor and Indigenous site which connects into the City of Canterbury Bankstown (CBCity) LGA to the south and into City of Parramatta (CoP) LGA in the north.

It is an Aboriginal site of ritual battles, ceremony and law, one bank was a special place for women giving birth. Skilled midwives practised in women's knowledge here, while the place for men was across the river. Marriages were arranged on islands. The Silverwater area of Duck River used to be a meeting place for trade between the forest people and the coastal people.

The existing parkland within the Cumberland City Council (CCC) is subject to the Duck River Strategic Masterplan which seeks to retain and enhance existing recreation facilities, deliver new cycle and pedestrian paths and rehabilitate the environment around the river. Works along the corridor should seek to align and deliver on the aspirations outlined within that masterplan. Opportunities to traverse the Prospect Pipeline Corridor at this point has been previously discussed with CBCity to unlock access to this parkland for residents to the south.

07

Regents Park Town Centre

Regents Park Town Centre is anchored by Regents Park Train Station. Retail and commercial uses predominantly located along Amy Street, provide day-to-day services to surrounding residential and industrial areas. Access to and around the Town Centre is heavily constrained by the convergence of road, rail and water infrastructure. Connections from the corridor into Regents Park will need to consider this complexity and seek to provide safe opportunities for cyclists and pedestrians to move through this area.

08

Potts Hill Reservoir

Potts Hill Reservoir is an integral piece of Sydney Water Infrastructure. Originally constructed as an "integral part of the Upper Nepean Water Supply Scheme, which was crucial to the development and growth of Sydney from the late 19th Century" (Sydney Water, sydneywater.com.au). The Reservoir is not publicly accessible and includes a number of heritage items of state significance including the reservoirs themselves and the remains of the pumping station.

Sections of the original reservoir on its east and west have been sold in the last decade for residential and industrial development.

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View south east over Waddangalli Woodland Reserve



View north over the Duck River, Norford Park, Everley Park and Princes Park



Park Road entry (west) to Regents Park Train Station



View south over Potts Hill Reservoir

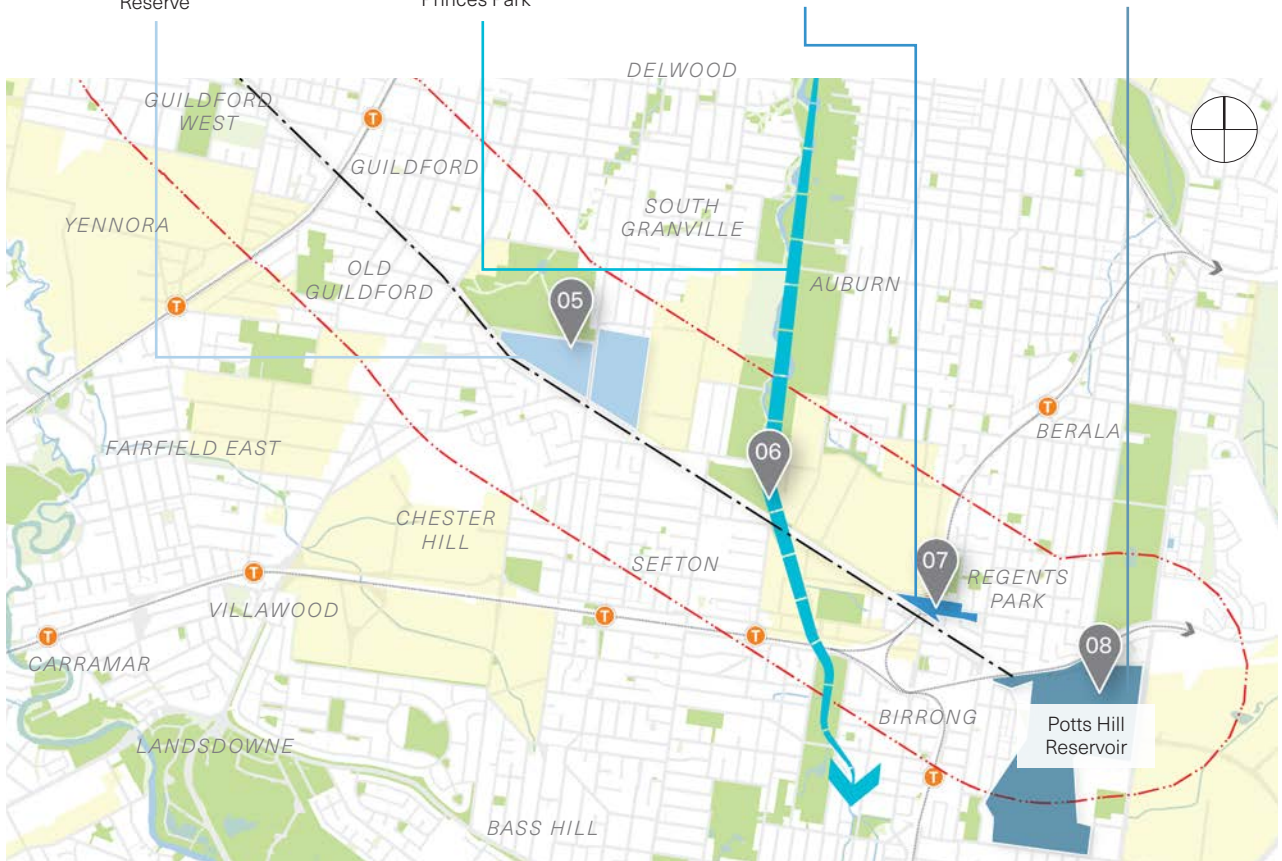


Figure 06: Key features, corridor east

- Study area
- Prospect Pipeline
- Waterways
- Public recreation
- Bushland and civic
- Industrial
- Train line
- T Train station