

Maniapoto Pa Stream Restoration



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This project's primary objective is to restore and protect the health and wellbeing of the Mangaone Stream which is a tributary of Te Awa o Waikato.

Maniapoto Pā Stream is significant to Ngāti Hauā. It springs from the Maungakawa Ranges, in the Ngāti Hauā rohe, winds through rural farmland behind Waimakariri marae, past Tauwhare pā, through Tamahere, and enters the Waikato River at the urban edge of Hillcrest, Hamilton.

Restoring and protecting the Maniapoto Pā Stream means, quality improvement for:

- The water of the Mangaone Stream that flows into the Waikato River
- Native freshwater fish species, so they thrive in this waterway habitat
- Native flora, that can grow abundantly in, and along this stream
- · Native bird species present

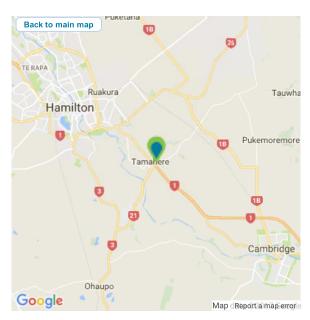
Benefits of restoration will mean Ngāti Hauā whānau, hapū, iwi and community enjoying:

- Cultural, Social and Environmental sustenance by reconnecting with the stream
- Physical sustenance from eating healthy freshwater fish species and watercress
- Learning and Sharing Mātauranga Māori about the stream and its restoration process, with neighbouring hapu, iwi and the wider general community Achieving restoration entails six Key Outcomes:
- Mātauranga Māori is practised throughout the restoration process
- Minimal-spray eco environmental methods used to eradicate pest flora and fauna
- Planting eco-sourced native flora species
- Eradication of pest species, both flora and fauna
- Developing and implementing a Monitoring System to monitor the health and wellbeing of plants, and to monitor pests and water quality.
- Developing and utilising the best methods for planting riparian margins

The constructing of access ways through the along the stream system has and will commence to improve access, use and the holistic wellbeing and appreciation of the Mangaone Stream.

Ngāti Hauā Mahi Trust has identified with organisations that share the same vision to protect and restore the environment and have been fortunate to form partnerships that aid in the planning to execute this riparian restoration project through planting eco-sourced plants and maintaining them. The knowledge base and skills developed from these partnerships will be implemented into this project. This is a Waikato River Authority funded project (WRA 14-024).

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