



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Cork City Council

URBAN PLANTING :NURTURING NATURE IN CORK CITY

Parks and Recreation, Cork City Council 31ST MAY 2023

CORK CITY –Parks & Recreation



Ballincollig Regional Park ~ 55 ha



Fitzgerald's Park ~ 3.3 ha



Marina Park – 32 hectares

Cork City is the second largest city in the Republic of Ireland

Area : 187 km²

Population : ~210,000

Parks & Open Spaces : 800 hectares

Cork City's open spaces include parks of a variety of sizes , cemeteries, woodlands, sports grounds , river corridors, walkways , allotments , community gardens , historic landscapes and gardens.



Tramore Valley Park ~65 ha



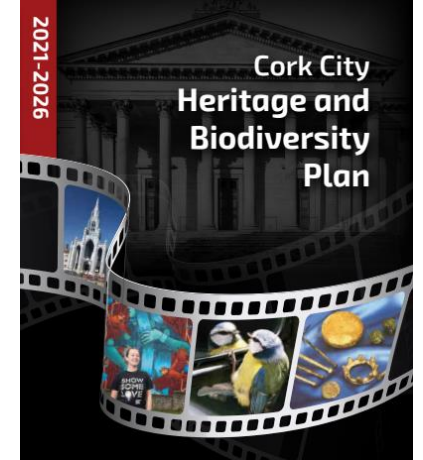
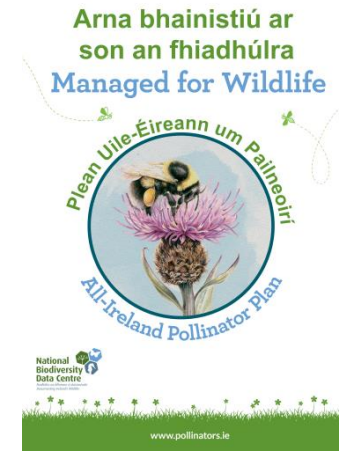
Glen River Park ~ 22 ha



Biodiversity Initiatives



- Streetscape planters with pollinator friendly flowers
- Summer Bedding Schemes – 85% pollinator friendly plants
- Pollinator Friendly Herbaceous Perennials over 8000 planted in 3 years
- Wildflower Meadows establishment
- Developing Biodiversity Action Plans for Public Parks



Biodiversity Initiatives



- Urban Forestation – increasing native species
- Green Flag Awards
- Community Gardens & Allotments
- Work with and support various voluntary biodiversity groups
- No Glyphosate Policy – weed control by mechanical or manual methods



Urban Forestation

Cork City Tree Canopy Cover is currently ~ 13 % of which 70% is on private land

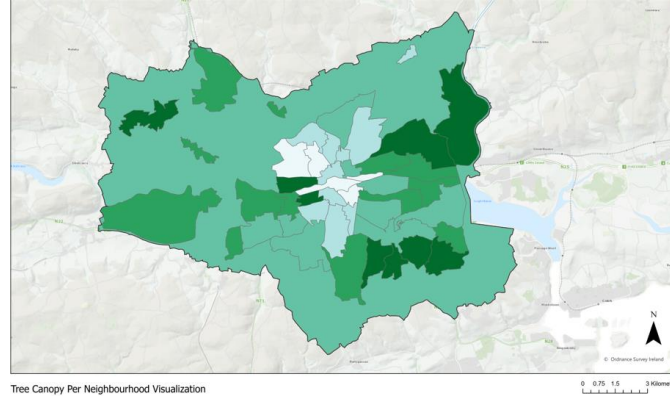
An inventory of trees in the city , both public & private is required to assist in the long term management of city trees and to allow for measurement of ecosystem service benefits – public well being , carbon sequestration , climate & environmental

Additional lands need to be secured , given the current limitations which dictates our current & future canopy cover.

Cork City is signed up to *Trees in Cities Challenge* and *3 Billion Trees initiative*

Over 10,000 trees have been planted in parks and public open spaces in the city since 2020 – predominately native species

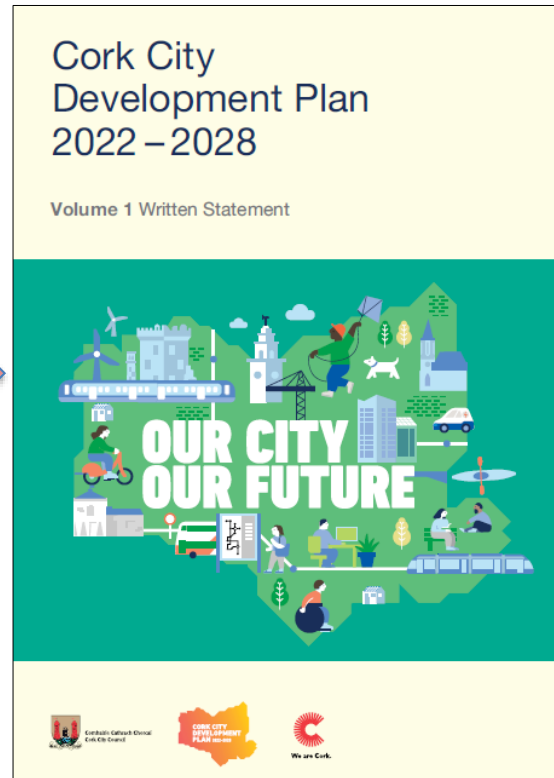
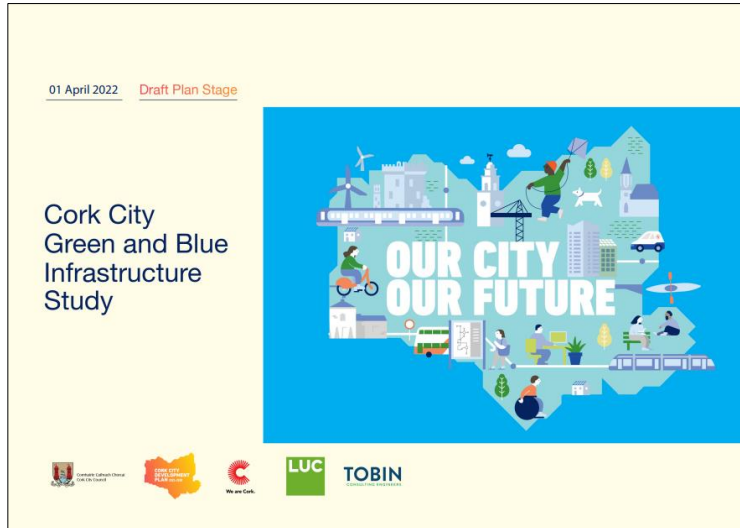
Tree Strategy is currently being prepared , with a draft for public consultation by end 2023.



Fitzgerald's Park



Cork City Tree Strategy



Objective 6.5

Trees & Urban Woodland

- To protect and enhance the City's tree and urban woodlands in public and private ownership. Cork City Council will seek to survey, map and maintain existing important individual and groups of trees, using Tree Preservation Orders as appropriate;
- To encourage the planting of new urban woodlands and trees where appropriate throughout the City and particularly where there are deficiencies in tree coverage as identified in the Cork City Green and Blue Infrastructure Study;
- To support the preparation of a City Tree Strategy which provides a vision for long-term planting, protection and maintenance of trees, hedgerows and woodlands;
- To support retaining existing trees and the planting of new trees as part of new developments subject to care on the species of tree and the siting and management of the trees to avoid conflict with transport safety and residential amenity in particular;
- To promote the planting of pollinator friendly native deciduous trees and mixed forestry to benefit biodiversity.



Thank You



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