

Welcome to the River Crane Catchment Conference October 18 2022



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Launching the State of the Environment Report

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Our Smarter Water Catchments initiative – challenges and opportunities

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Agenda

1. Overview of our approach
2. Highlighting key challenges
3. How can we resolve them?
4. Current funding opportunities
5. What's next?



Overview of our Smarter Water Catchments approach

Our 10-year plans are published on our website, with progress updates created annually



Working together to protect and enhance our water environment
Co-creating a long-term plan for the River Crane catchment



Delivering our shared long-term plan

Here are the milestones we achieved in 2021/22, after in-depth analysis we've updated some of next year's milestones which we've highlighted.

Promote public awareness access and participation

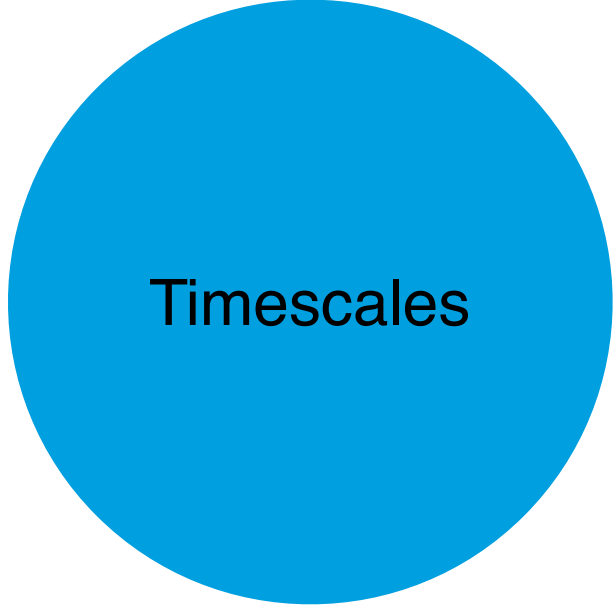
Enhance biodiversity and ecological connectivity action plan



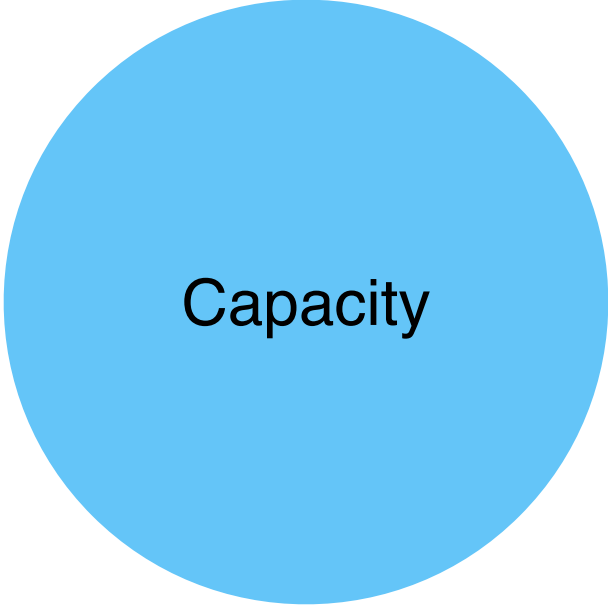
Working in partnership



Key challenges we have experienced



Timescales



Capacity



Finances

How do we resolve them?

Our approach to opportunities

Timescales

- Created a 10 year vision
- Considering environmental timescales
- Understanding partners motivation and responsibilities

Capacity

- Working in partnership
- Supporting existing roles within organisations
- Linking with other specialisms
- Quantifying the value CVP brings to the catchment

Finances

- Thinking outside of funding cycles
- Collectively working towards an agreed vision
- Bringing in new funding mechanisms

Current funding opportunities

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Crane Valley Project Fund £250,000

- Feasibility
- Implementation and delivery
- Education and engagement
- Research and development

Awarded 7 projects for 2022/2023

Crane Valley Community Fund £30,000

- Up to £2,000
- Organisational costs such as:
 - Field equipment, PPE, operational services and training, promotional material, site infrastructure and events.

Closes 6th March 2023



What's next?

Next steps

- Delivering the year on year actions
- Aligning finances
 - Maximising match funding opportunities
 - Building upon the baseline evidence
 - Creating a pipeline of opportunities
 - Partnering with organisations: Finance Earth
- Capacity
 - Utilising the skills of partnership organisations
 - Developing outreach programmes
- Monitoring & quantifying
 - Tracking and communicating multiple benefits
 - Feeding into future frameworks (e.g., WINEP)





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Rob Gray (Chair of CVCIC)

The Future of the Crane Catchment

A Short History



Industrial Importance
West London Green Chain
Five boroughs since 1965
CVP from 2005
Pollution in 2011 and 2013
Citizen Crane from 2014
CV partners: £300k/yr projects
SWC from 2020 (1st urban)
2000 Ha of open space +
70km of river corridor



The Present



CVCIC set up

Half way: 1st 5 yrs of 10 yr plan

SWC team of 10 + orgs

Baseline understanding

£12m of other funds

60+ community organisations

CV Funds launched this year

Some parts are already good

- many are not functioning well



The Future



Build on these foundations
Deliver change on the ground
Work in partnership
Integrate the community
Add value to existing projects
Aim to transform community
and environmental value
TW re-structure + funding



Can a Catchment be a Community?

650,000 people

Full socio-economic range

Engagement and participation

- health; social; heritage
- education; training; employment
- biodiversity, green travel and carbon

Can we engage people, where they live, in the biggest challenges of our time?

Can a catchment be a community?





Thank you

Questions to the panel



Coffee Break

Upstairs in Beaumont Room

