



# The Peninsula Project

Working together to protect our people, property and environment  
*Kia mau ki te mauri o te taiao o Hauraki*




## Graham's Creek newsletter – March 2012

This newsletter contains information on:

- potential capital works for floodway improvement – and seeks your feedback on what work should be done
- stream maintenance – and seeks your feedback on the future of this activity
- how to provide your feedback to Thames-Coromandel District Council on the proposal to upgrade the Manaia Road causeway.

## Flood mitigation for Graham's Creek

A sustainable long term solution to reduce the flood hazard to the Graham's Creek community is needed. To make progress on this matter an agreed programme is required that includes upgrading of the causeway, floodway improvements and ongoing maintenance. Waikato Regional Council and Thames-Coromandel District Council are working together to bring this matter forward in our planning and to a conclusion in the near future. We will work with the community to ensure this is successful and flood risks are reduced.

### Manaia Road causeway

Thames-Coromandel District Council has included a proposal to upgrade the Manaia Road causeway in year two (2013/14) of their 2012 Draft Ten Year Plan for consultation. Your feedback on this proposal is important – go to [www.ourcoromandel.com](http://www.ourcoromandel.com) and have your say before 2 April 2012.

### Floodway improvements

Thames-Coromandel District Council agreed to include the causeway improvement project in their Draft Ten Year Plan, subject to Waikato Regional Council committing to undertake supporting stopbank and floodway improvement works. This is because a combination of measures is needed to lessen the effects of flooding on the Graham's Creek community.

**The upgrading of the causeway alone will not reduce the flood hazards for the majority of properties. Unless the community agrees to both the causeway and stopbank and floodway improvement works, neither will be undertaken.**

Any capital works are subject to community consultation and feedback is sought on the following proposal to be undertaken in association with the causeway upgrade:

Proposed capital works	Estimated costs and funding
Construction of a shallow stopbank along the lower right bank of the creek and along the Manaia Road foreshore, lessening the effects of flooding on properties on Manaia and Hornsea roads	Estimated cost: \$390,000 Funding: via targeted rates A lower level of service at a lower cost may be an option and this would be investigated and developed with the community.
Diversion of a proportion of Graham's Creek away from the backyards of properties on Ocean Beach Road (115-133 Ocean Beach Road)	Estimated cost: \$280,000 Funding: via targeted rates
Optional raising of approximately 50 houses on Ocean Beach Road to provide adequate freeboard above the 100 year ARI flood level (	Estimated cost: \$30,000 per property. Funding: paid for by individual property owner

# Rating for capital works

If feedback on the proposed capital works is positive:

A rating classification would be undertaken by Waikato Regional Council for the Graham's Creek community early in the 2012/13 financial year.

Indicative rates would be prepared and consultation on those rates undertaken with the community through Waikato Regional Council's 2013 Draft Annual Plan process.

If the community is supportive, physical works would be constructed during the following 2013/14 financial year.

## Stream maintenance

For background and further information on this activity please refer to our November 2011 newsletter, available online at [www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/peninsulaproject](http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/peninsulaproject).

In 2006 a stream maintenance programme and associated rating were established following community consultation. There are around 80 properties in the Graham's Creek community which, along with wider peninsula and regional ratepayers, contribute to maintenance of the stream.

The stream maintenance programme was to provide for:

- desilting the channel through the Turner property to 115 Ocean Beach Road every three to four years
- controlling vegetation every three to four years
- removing channel blockages when they occur
- annual inspections, reports and general landowner liaison.

The originally agreed programme provides for maintenance work every three to four years. In years where no work has been undertaken the funding collected is held in reserve and available when more significant works are needed, such as after a flood event.

Currently the stream maintenance rate is \$29.36 per \$100,000 of capital value for those in the highest benefit area, and \$4.19 per \$100,000 of capital value for those in the lowest benefit area.

Since the programme was established less work has been able to be carried out than originally anticipated. This has been due to a lack of agreement between Waikato Regional Council and some landowners along the stream on what was needed, and some landowners not allowing access across their properties. Progress has been made in this area more recently, however, and further work is expected over the coming months.

Due to community concerns it is proposed that the stream maintenance rate be reviewed. Feedback is sought from the community on whether to:

**Option 1** - Continue the rate as it is.

**Option 2** - Suspend the rate for a period of time. Stream maintenance would continue until existing funds held by Waikato Regional Council are exhausted.

**Option 3** - Remove the rate. Stream maintenance could continue until existing funds held by Waikato Regional Council are exhausted or stream maintenance by the council could cease and those funds could be credited.

Reducing the existing programme is not considered an option as it is already set at the lowest level of service believed to be worthwhile in terms of achievable outcomes and associated running costs.

## Have your say

### Waikato Regional Council

The council would like you to have your say on proposals for Graham's Creek. You can do this by filling in the attached submission form and mailing it, no stamp required, to:

Corporate Planning and Development Unit  
Freepost 118509  
Waikato Regional Council  
Private Bag 3038  
Waikato Mail Centre  
Hamilton 3240

You can read about and make a submission on other matters in the 2012-2022 Draft Long Term Plan online at [www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/ltp](http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/ltp) from 27 March 2012, or by visiting your local library or Waikato Regional Council office.

### Submissions must be received by 4pm on Friday 27 April 2012.

If you have any queries or need more information, please call Julie Beaufill or Roger Spooner on Waikato Regional Council's freephone 0800 800 401.

### Thames-Coromandel District Council

The council would like you to have your say on the proposed upgrade to the Manaia Road causeway. You can do this by making a submission online at [www.strongercoromandel.com](http://www.strongercoromandel.com).

Submissions close Monday 2 April 2012.

If you have any queries or need more information, please call Sam Marshall or Matt Busch on 07 868 0200.



Flooding, Graham's Creek.

## SUBMISSION FORM



Please tell us what you think about our proposals. You are welcome to use the submission form here or send in your submission on a separate sheet. The council looks forward to your comments on the specific Graham's Creek proposals outlined or any other aspect of the long term plan you wish to raise.

**Title** (please circle): Dr Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**First name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organisation/group submitting** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal address:**

(Please ensure you provide your full postal address, including rural delivery)

**Phone** (daytime): \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** (please print): \_\_\_\_\_  **Tick** if you prefer to be contacted by email.

**I/we wish to present my/our group's comments to the council in person.**  yes  no

Hearings are scheduled for 14 to 18 May 2012. You will be notified when to appear.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Your submission

Note that your submission and any information you supply as part of your submission is considered public information and will be available in reports and documents relating to this process and may be published on our website at [www.waikatoregion.govt.nz](http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz).

1. Do you support the proposed construction of floodway improvement works (a shallow stopbank, diversion of the stream, optional house raising) to mitigate flooding at Graham's Creek?  yes  no

2. In relation to a review of the stream maintenance rate, which of the following options do you support? (tick one box only):

**Option 1** – Continue the rate as it is.

**Option 2** – Suspend the rate for a period of time. Stream maintenance would continue until existing funds held by Waikato Regional Council are exhausted.

**Option 3** – Remove the rate. Stream maintenance could continue until existing funds held by Waikato Regional Council are exhausted, or stream maintenance by the council would cease and those funds could be credited.

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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