

# Local Biodiversity Strategy 2022



**Biodiversity is the diversity of life on earth. Our local biodiversity is the Shire's living landscape, including all native plants and animals – but it is under threat.**

The Shire's draft Local Biodiversity Strategy identifies threats to the natural environment including clearing, dieback, invasive species and climate change. It also identifies ways that the Shire and other custodians of natural areas can help protect our natural heritage for the future.

Public comment is now sought on the draft Strategy from residents, environmental volunteers and interested organisations.

## What is the Strategy about?

There are important local natural areas outside of national parks that provide critical habitat for native species. The Strategy represents a collection of actions the Shire can take, across its various roles and responsibilities to assist in protecting and enhancing local biodiversity.

The Shire only manages around 3% of native vegetation in the Shire, with the large proportion falling under State control and a substantial amount (14%) remaining on private land.

The Local Biodiversity Strategy aims to improve how the Shire manages natural assets as well as supporting conservation efforts by private landowners, and advocacy for better biodiversity management on State Government land.

## What does this mean for my property?

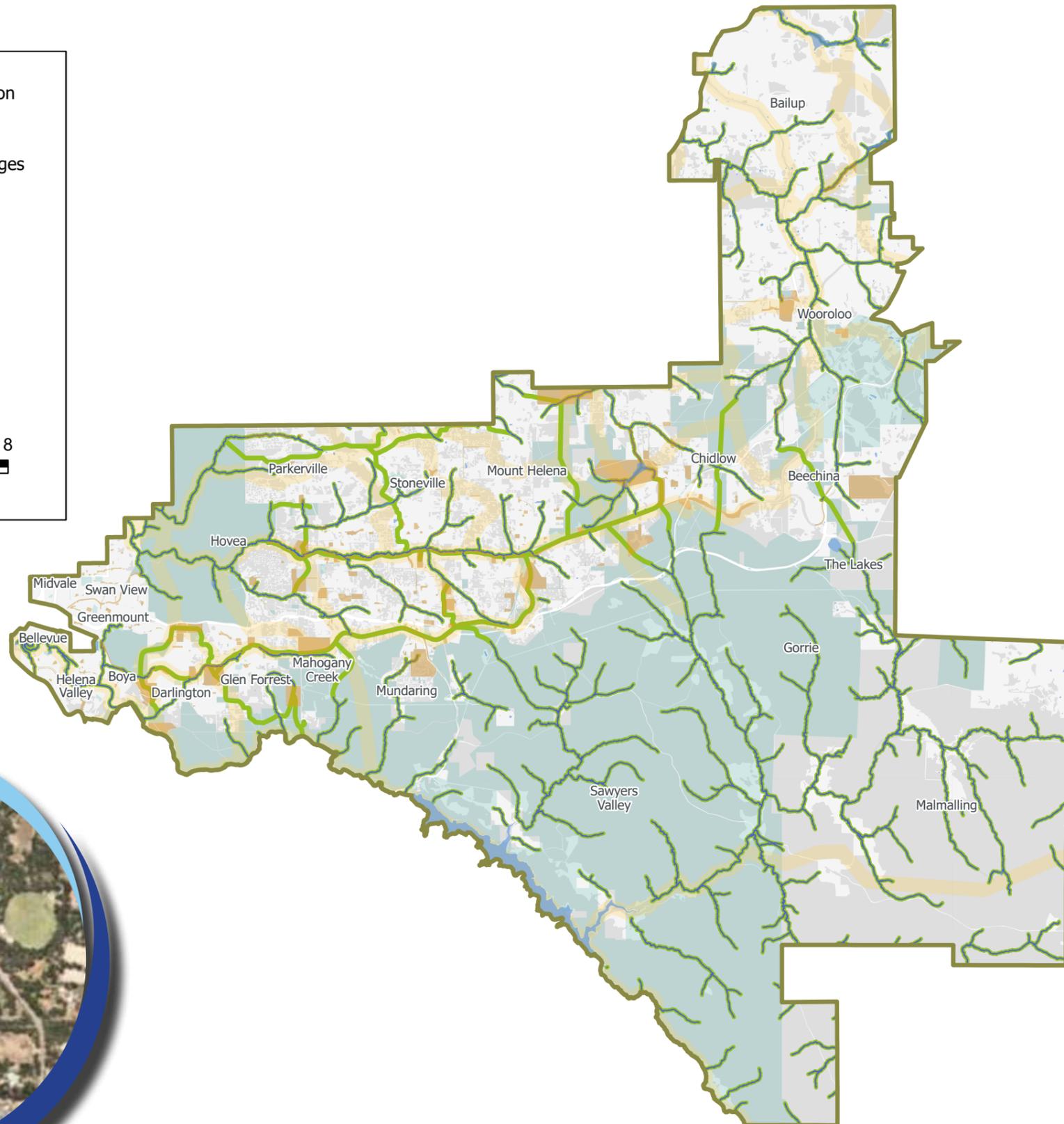
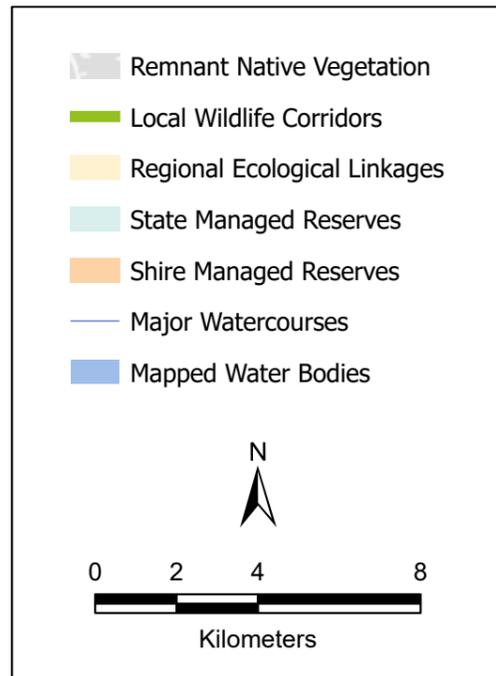
The Strategy aims to recognise the significant contributions from landowners and volunteers and identify ways to better support land management into the future.

The natural environment is already protected through state and national laws, as well as the Shire's local planning framework.

There are current requirements to guide new development back from watercourses and important local natural areas, and these are not proposed to change.



# Wildlife Corridors



Habitat for our native animals exists throughout the shire. The draft Wildlife Corridor Network seeks to strengthen pathways between large nature reserves and significant natural areas.

Custodians of land within the Wildlife Corridor Network may receive extra support from the Shire to help maintain these important connections for the future.

The Wildlife Corridor Network is made up of Regional Ecological Linkages and Local Wildlife Corridors. Regional Ecological Linkages maintain landscape level connections between national and regional parks. Local Wildlife Corridors link important local nature reserves, major watercourses and water bodies too.

These connections between natural areas let native animals move to find food, water and mates. Stronger wildlife corridors help to maintain genetic diversity and enable wildlife to re-colonise areas after fire. They also let our native bees and insects move between areas of native vegetation for pollination, which helps to maintain wildflowers and ant biodiversity.

There are more detailed maps as well as more information about the mapping process in the draft Local Biodiversity Strategy.



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## What is the Shire seeking comment on?

Written submissions can address any part of the draft LBS. We are particularly keen to hear suggestions for practical support for conservation on private land, and which issues or actions people think should be the highest priorities over the next five years.

The draft Local Biodiversity Strategy is available on the Shire website at: [www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/consultations](http://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/consultations)

Limited printed copies will be available for reading at the following locations:

- Shire of Mundaring Administration Centre (7000 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring)
- Mundaring (Albert Facey Memorial Library - 1 Nichol Street, Mundaring)
- Boya (Katharine Susannah Prichard Library - 119-135 Scott Street, Helena Valley)
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We are inviting community comment broadly from any resident or interested organisation through public notices.

## How can I provide feedback?

Submissions must be in writing and can be provided via post, email, or using the Public Notice comment form for the LBS on our website.

Post to: Shire of Mundaring, 7000 Great Eastern Highway,  
Mundaring WA 6073  
Email: [shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au)

## The consultation period closes 4pm on Wednesday 25 January 2023

Once the public comment period is complete, Shire staff will compile submissions and analyse suggestions. It is expected that there will be changes and improvements to the Strategy based on the public submissions received. A revised draft will be presented to Council for adoption in 2023.

## Where can I get more information?

For more information contact the Shire's Planning and Environment Service on 9290 6651 or via [shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au)

