



## St Peters School Riparian restoration



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This project's primary objective is to restore and protect the health and wellbeing of a catchment and wetland system, a tributary of Te Awa o Waikato. Ngāti Hauā Mahi Trust (NHMT) is working in close partnership with St Peters School on this project.

The St Peters project consists of catchment restoration (Compartment A), Riparian margin planting (Compartment B, C) and Wetland restoration – refer to St Peters Riparian Restoration Project maps as attached. The site is located on ex-farm land and an agreement in principle has been made to covenant necessary land for its protection.

Restoring and protecting the St Peters site means, quality improvement for:

- The water of the St Peters catchment 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:

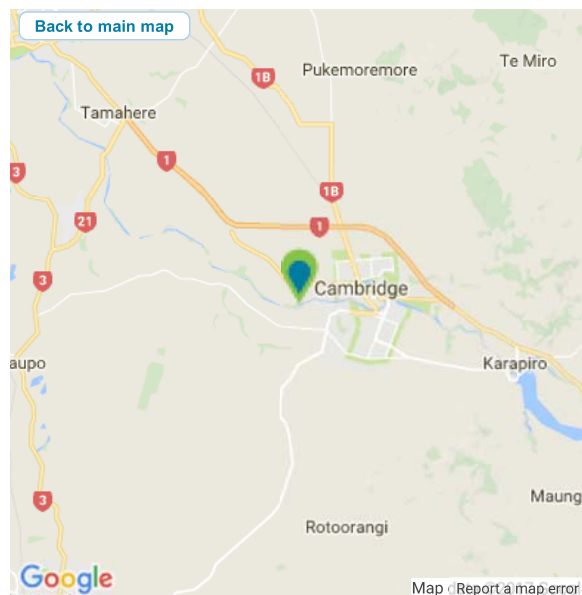
- Cultural, Social and Environmental sustenance by reconnecting with the stream
- Physical sustenance from eating healthy freshwater fish species and watercress
- Learning and Sharing Mātauranga Māori about the stream and its restoration process, with neighbouring hapu, iwi and the wider general community

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

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 14-023).

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