GreenWay Program

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GreenWay & Light Rail corridor “at a glance”

- 5.8 km sustainable transport and urban environmental corridor in Inner West
- links Parramatta & Cooks rivers
- catchment population of 48,000
- connects 6 inner city villages
- mostly public land, owned by 4 local councils & state government

comprises

- 5km Inner West Light Rail extension
- Hawthorne Canal
- cycleways, footpaths and open space
- 16 urban bush care sites
- outdoor classroom for 35 local schools
- recreation, fitness & sports facilities
- public art, cafes & community culture

GreenWay Vision
“a recognisable environmental, cultural and non-polluting transport corridor linking two of Sydney’s most important Waterways”

GreenWay/Inner West Light Rail corridor connects 3 growth precincts approx. 12,000 to 18,000 new homes

**Bays Precinct**
5,000 - 10,000 new homes?

**Parramatta Road Renewal**
- Taverners Hill Precinct 3,700 new homes
- Leichhardt Precinct 1,200 new homes
- Lewisham West Precinct 1,500 new homes

**Syd. To B’town corridor**
- Hurlstone Park Precinct 1,200 new homes
- Dulwich Hill Precinct 2,000 new homes
- Marrickville Precinct 4,000 new homes
Greater Sydney Commission

- Eastern City District Plan
  March 2018
- GreenWay is no. 1 of 5 “priority projects” in Plan’s Green Grid
- Cooks River, Wolli Creek & Bardwell Park also included

“the Inner West GreenWay (has) got every single thing you want to have as part of the Green Grid”. Rod Simpson, GSC Environment Commissioner, SMH 22/11/16
GreenWay wins “Great Community Led Project Award”

“This unique level of community leadership and engagement is one of the principle reasons why the GreenWay vision and program has endured for 15 years, despite various set-backs”

“A collaborative model which has sustained itself over many years and serves to guide other potential projects”

Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning, Lucy Turnbull AM, Chief Commissioner, GSC
23 February 2017
towards a more sustainable, resilient future

we need ......

• compact, well designed, healthy cities
• sustainable buildings energy, water, waste
• reduced car dependency
• active transport
• public transport
• environmental protection and rehabilitation
• connected, activated, safe, aware communities
• a healthy, sustainable lifestyle

“95 per cent probability that humans are responsible for global warming”
IPCC, 30 Sept 2013

“The heat is on. Now we must act.”
UN Secretary General, 30 Sept 2013
TIMELINE

1998
Community bushcare and cycling groups become active along the GreenWay

2009
GreenWay Coordination Strategy & Master Plan exhibited and adopted by the four councils

2010
GreenWay Urban Sustainability Project funded by $1.8M NSW Environmental Trust grant (3 years)

2011
Inner West Light Rail construction starts. Completion of GreenWay deferred by State Government

2012
GreenWay Place Management Program established

2014

2019
GreenWay Missing Links completed?

2020
Vibrant, connected corridor to be managed by a GreenWay Association?

place making/place management

McGill St & Allied Mills in 2014

- Disused Rozelle Goods Line
- 6 ha low value commercial & industrial buildings
- Disused Mungo Scott Flour Mill

Lewisham West Precinct in 2020

- 1,500 new apartments
- 2 ha new open space
- Approx 6,000 sqm office/commercial
- 500m GreenWay missing link
- Light rail stop & activated plaza
GreenWay Missing Links

2.6 km (45%) of GreenWay in place
3.2 km (55%) remaining
11 priority missing links, 3 feeder links
  - lengths ….. 20m – 600m
  - off-road & on-road (quiet)
  - intersections , tunnels & paths

cost (all links) $25 mil

2014 - 2017 concept designs, securing funding
2016 – 2021 detailed design & construction

aiming for a holistic, place-making approach
social, economic & environment benefits

a lot more than a 3m wide concrete path!
16 urban bush care sites ... 
the “quiet patch”, Lords Rd., Leichhardt

Kegworth PS students help prepare the site in 2001

........ and check progress 13 years later in 2014!
community arts & culture ...

Tree Cycle, near Blackmore Oval

annual GreenWay art prize 2018

street art @ Jack Shanahan skate park
Art on the GreenWay

- 4th annual “Art on the GreenWay” @ Iron Cove bridge
- 8 x $1,000 commissions by IWC
- 2 x March weekends
- co-promotion with 2018 Inner West Open Studio Trail
primary schools sustainability program
place management challenges along the GreenWay & light rail corridor

degraded natural environment along Hawthorne Canal ..... 

.... and contested public spaces
place management challenges along the GreenWay & light rail corridor

bikes & pedestrians

....... vs cars & buses!
creepy public places

Hawthorne Canal & light rail underpass, Leichhardt

2006

2012
lack of agency coordination ... “silo effect”

new Hawthorne Stop bridge, Ashfield-side

four barrier fences in 8ms!
GreenWay crossing of Parramatta Rd was “shared” between six agencies for over a century ....... no wonder its a mess!

**Leichhardt** land NE of Parramatta Rd

**RMS** owns Parramatta Rd.

**TfNSW** owns light rail over Parramatta Rd

**Marrickville** land SE of Parramatta Rd

**Ashfield** land SW of Parra.Rd.

**Sydney Water** owns Hawthorne Canal under Parra. Rd.

**GreenWay Missing Link**
A ‘wicked problem’ along the GreenWay

Q1 Why is it hard to secure cross-agency collaboration in a place?

Q2 How can a coordinated approach be achieved?
GREENWAY MASTER PLAN
Cooks to Cove GreenWay
Final - July 2018

2018 Master Plan Objectives

Ecology
- Protect and enhance the role of the GreenWay as an important urban biodiversity corridor linking two of Sydney’s most significant urban waterways

Active Transport
- Create a safe and permeable active transport corridor linking the Cooks River to Iron Cove, which suits a wide range of users
- Create easy and safe connections into the surrounding street network and open spaces to maximise access, permeability and circulation

Recreation
- Deliver a series of interconnected, high quality, open spaces
- Integrate a range of passive and active recreation opportunities

Culture
- Establish the GreenWay as a locale for quality public art
- Protect, enhance and interpret the unique environmental, aboriginal, industrial and cultural heritage of the corridor
- Use the GreenWay for education purposes and to share local stories and information
GreenWay delivers all 5 strategic directions ....

1. An ecologically sustainable Inner West
2. Networked, diverse and liveable neighbourhoods
3. Creative communities and strong economy
4. Resilient, caring and healthy communities
5. Progressive local leadership
Sydney’s High Line ...!