

Open space - Metropolitan Melbourne**Objective**

To strengthen the integrated metropolitan open space network.

Strategies

Develop a network of local open spaces that are accessible and of high-quality and include opportunities for new local open spaces through planning for urban redevelopment projects.

Ensure major open space corridors are protected and enhanced.

Develop open space networks in growth areas and in the surrounding region of Metropolitan Melbourne, where existing open space is limited and demand is growing, including:

- Cardinia Creek Parklands.
- Cranbourne Regional Park.
- Kororoit Creek Corridor.
- Quarry Hills Regional Park.
- Chain of Parks - Sandbelt.
- Sunbury Regional Park - Jacksons Creek Valley.
- Toolern Creek Regional Park.
- Werribee Township Regional Park.

Create continuous open space links and trails along the:

- Frankston parklands (linking existing parks from Carrum to Mornington).
- Maribyrnong River parklands.
- Merri Creek parklands (extending to Craigieburn).
- Western Coastal parklands (linking Point Gellibrand, Point Cook and Werribee).
- Yarra River parklands (extending from Warrandyte to the Port Phillip Bay).

Provide long term planning protection to meet demand for future open space along the Plenty Gorge parklands, Yarra Valley parklands, Cardinia Creek parklands, Heatherton/Dingley 'Sandbelt' parklands and Dandenong Valley parklands.

Protect the metropolitan water's edge parklands from intrusion and encroachment of development that impacts on open space and their natural landscape setting.

Continue development of the lower Yarra River as a focus for sport, entertainment and leisure.

Support establishing community gardens and productive streetscapes.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Linking People and Spaces: A Strategy for Melbourne's Open Space Network* (Parks Victoria, 2002)
- *Maribyrnong River – Vision for Recreational and Tourism Development* (Melbourne Parks and Waterways, 1996)
- *Maribyrnong River Valley Design Guidelines* (Department of Planning and Community Development, 2010)