

WHATAWHATA LAB

Theme	Initiative	Priority	Comments	Category
Identity WW1.1	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area. Consider the village as a service centre for the rural periphery and local Marae.	TOP	Access to river corridor, lakes and reserve areas should be guided by WDC Trails Strategy 2016. This exercise should be facilitated with each community (via Community Boards / Committees) to improve the identity of each town/village.	Not started – possibly not Council led
Nature WW2.1	Address river bank weeds and erosion issues.	HIGH	Ongoing liaison with WRC and roading alliance on issues as resources allow.	
Communities WW4.1	Support the process to create a meeting space ('Our Place').	TOP	Community funding progressing well. Substantial amount of work still required but will be done once funds are available.	Underway
WW4.2	Facilitate an investigation into the options for expanding the School. Consider expansion towards the east (1).	MEDIUM		
WW4.3	Create public picnic areas with BBQ facilities.	HIGH	There is insufficient Council land in Whatawhata except for the Whatawhata Recreation Reserve as majority of land bounds highways, and exiting and entering is a safety concern.	Not started
Transport WW7.1	Support NZTA discussions to deliver the roundabout to resolve congestion and safety concerns (2).	TOP	State Highway works would be 100% funded by NZTA. We would work with NZTA to improve local connectivity.	Not started – possibly not Council led
WW7.2	Extend local footpaths to connect new residential areas to the village centre.	TOP	Three year programme in place for district wide footpaths - further investigation would be required - also liaise with developers.	Underway
WW7.3	Investigate reinstating the Makarini Road bridge across the Waipa to improve connectivity between the village centre and residential expansion areas to the west.	LOW	Investigation only would be in the order of \$20 - 50K. This would be feasibility only - investigation and design would be \$150K+. Pedestrian bridge could be less expensive and more justified with only rural-residential west of river.	Not started
WW7.4	Create public river access to the west of the village centre.	HIGH	As above.	Not started
Infrastructure	Consider constructing new	MEDIUM	No wastewater network in Whatawhata. This will need to be an onsite disposal	Not started

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WW8.1	facilities as part of the proposed sports fields expansion (WW4.3).		system.	
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Already started by Council

Economy WW6.1	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	HIGH	Land capacity and demand analysis has been undertaken for Waikato 2070 (District Growth and Economic Development Strategy), including a stocktake of what is enabled by the operative and proposed District Plan, and an assessment of commercial feasibility as required by the National Policy Statement – Urban Development Capacity. No additional growth areas were identified in Waikato 2070.	Completed and ongoing
WW6.2	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	VERY HIGH		