



Wetland Creation

In conjunction with the Environment Agency, the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and the Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park (QEP), the Blue Green Corridor project team have developed a concept and identified a location for a new wetland system within the park. This new habitat will complement existing features and other river works.

The proposed works

The works will restore grassland, with low habitat value, into a more diverse habitat able to support both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

Two complimentary wetland areas with significant amenity and conservation value will be created within the northern end of the park where high water tables currently result in the grassed area becoming boggy.

The creation of ground water fed pools will provide essential refuge, spawning and feeding habitats for invertebrates and amphibians. Habitats such as these are highly desirable in urban

locations, and currently absent within the Grantham reach of the River Witham.

A scheme of appropriate and sympathetic planting of wetland and meadow plants will be undertaken, and new footpaths installed to ensure that the new wetland features and the wider park can be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

In addition to creating specific environments for aquatic species to flourish in, these wetlands will complement other works being undertaken both within QEP and along the river corridor.

Within a few years, this small stretch of the River Witham, from Wyndham Park and through QEP, will support a variety of habitats supporting a diverse and wide

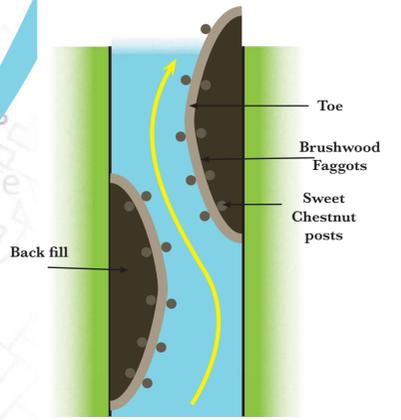
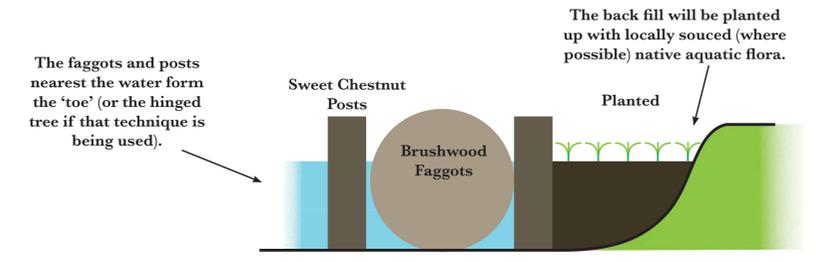
range of aquatic, semi-aquatic, and terrestrial species of flora and fauna, throughout the various stages of their life-cycles. As well as the huge ecological benefits, the rejuvenation of the urban river area will provide aesthetic benefits and interesting leisure walks for the community.

The works are planned to be undertaken in the autumn of 2021, with works scheduled to take 10-12 weeks. It is hoped that there will be opportunities for local volunteers to engage and contribute, especially at the planting stage.

QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK



- Footpaths
- Wetland
- Marginal Habitat
- Meadow



If you would you like to get involved?
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