

General targets

Advisory and advocacy

	<<Description	>>Actions	
	Target description	Target	By
1	Establish another landscape conservation initiative across the county in addition to the Nene Valley	1	2020
2	Increase extent of priority habitat across the county by 1770ha through creation and restoration work	170ha	2020
3	Ensure that 95% of county's SSSI are in favourable-recovering condition and that 50% are in a favourable condition	95%	2020
4	Ensure that 50% of Local Wildlife Sites are under positive management across the county by 2020	50%	2020
5	Maintain all Protected Wildflower Verges (PWV) to ensure they meet the designation criteria or improve in species diversity by 2020 and identify 5 new PWV by 2020	32 (+5)	2020

Urban & artificial habitats

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	Target description	Target	By
1	To have an effective evidence base to inform and influence future plans and actions	complete	2020
2	To ensure that different user groups are aware of relevant advice	complete	2020
3	5–10 urban enhancement projects within the county showcase best practice	5–10	2020
4	Different user groups are able to publicise plans and projects that have beneficial impact in urban areas	complete	2020

Ecosystem services

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1	Successful study of ecosystem services provided across a target area such as the Nene Valley	1	2020
2	Increase in ecosystem services integrated into planning policy and new development	increase	2020
3	Increase in investment in ecosystem services	increase	2020

Community awareness and involvement

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1	Ensure an active Local Nature Partnership and annual LNP conference	1 conference	2020
2	Improved ANGSt across the county	increase	2020
3	Increase in local community environmental events/walks delivered	increase	2020
4	Increase in volunteer hours delivering conservation action	increase	2020
5	Ensure that all Local Nature Reserves have management plans for improving biodiversity and that they are implemented	20	2020

Policy and planning

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	Target description	Target	By
1	Ensure no net loss of Local Wildlife Sites, nature reserves, pocket parks or Protected Wildflower Verges to development	no loss	2020
2	Ensure that all relevant new developments lead to a net gain in biodiversity through on or off site mitigation with consideration of BAP targets	100%	2020

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3	Ensure all new developments are accompanied by a suitable ecological survey that references loss and creation of priority habitat	100%	2020

Invasive species

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	Target description	Target	By
1	Functioning database of the distribution of invasive species in the county	1	2020
2	No designated sites lost or declining due to the presence of invasive species	0	2020

Data, monitoring and evidence

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	Target description	Target	By
1	Re-survey 200 LWS by 2020, write site reports and provide management advice	200 sites	2020
2	Produce an updated strategic ecological network map of the county by 2020	1	2020

Habitat targets

Arable field margins

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current extent of arable field margins	No net loss	2020
2	Creation	Create 400ha of arable field margins by 2020	400ha	2020

Eutrophic standing waters

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Achieving condition	Maintain the condition of all eutrophic standing waters of known conservation importance currently judged in good condition and bring into good condition all LWS and SSSI eutrophic standing waters not currently so	100%	2020
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Floodplain grazing marsh

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current extent of BAP-defined floodplain grazing marsh (no loss of BAP habitat)	No loss	2020
2	Achieving condition	Bring into positive management 300ha of BAP standard floodplain grazing marsh	300ha	2020

	Target type	Target description	Target	By
3	Restoration	Restore 200ha of relict floodplain grazing marsh from degraded sites no longer meeting BAP definition (e.g. agriculturally improved or with poor hydrological regime) by 2020	200ha	2020
4	Creation	Establish 50ha of BAP-defined floodplain grazing marsh (which is capable of supporting a diverse range of invertebrates, mammals and breeding waders) from arable land/quarries by 2020	50ha	2020

Hedgerows

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current extent of hedgerows (no net loss)	No net loss	2020
2	Restoration	Restore appropriate management to 50% of hedgerows not currently under agri-environment schemes by 2020	50%	2020
3	Achieving condition	Increase the number of new young hedgerow trees by 800 by 2025 (equal to rejuvenating or planting 40km of hedgerow)	800 trees	2020
4	Creation	Increase the extent of species-rich hedgerows by 40km by 2025. New hedgerows to include hedgerow trees	40km	2020

Lowland calcareous grassland

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current extent of lowland calcareous grassland priority habitat	No loss	2020
2	Achieving condition	Achieve favourable condition on 60ha of calcareous grassland by 2020	60ha	2020
3	Restoration	Restore 50ha of lowland calcareous grassland from semi-improved or neglected grassland to LWS-standard by 2020	50ha	2020

	Target type	Target description	Target	By
4	Creation	Create 30ha of LWS-standard lowland calcareous grassland from arable, improved grassland and mineral extraction and landfill sites by 2020	30ha	2020

Lowland dry acid grassland

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current extent lowland dry acid grassland priority habitat	No loss	2020
2	Achieving condition	Achieve favourable condition on 30ha of lowland dry acid grassland by 2020	30ha	2020
3	Restoration	Restore 20ha of lowland dry acid grassland from semi-improved or neglected grassland to LWS-standard by 2020	20ha	2020
4	Creation	Create 10ha of LWS standard lowland dry acid grassland from arable, improved grassland and coniferous plantation by 2020	10ha	2020

Lowland fen

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current extent of fen-type habitat	No loss	2020
2	Achieving condition	Achieve favourable condition on 20ha of fen-type habitat by 2020	20ha	2020
3	Restoration	Restore 40ha of floodplain to LWS standard fen-type habitats by 2020	40ha	2020
4	Creation	Create 20ha of fen-type habitats from arable, improved grassland or mineral extraction sites by 2020	20ha	2020

Lowland heathland

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current extent of at least LWS-standard lowland heathland	No loss	2020
2	Creation	Increase the extent of lowland heathland by creating 10ha of LWS-standard habitat adjacent to existing heathland by 2020	10ha	2020

Lowland meadow

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current extent of at least LWS-standard lowland meadow	No loss	2020
2	Achieving condition	Achieve favourable condition on 100ha of lowland meadow by 2020	100ha	2020
3	Restoration	Restore 100ha of lowland meadow from semi-improved or neglected grassland to LWS standard by 2020	100ha	2020
4	Creation	Create 80ha of LWS-standard lowland meadow from arable or improved grassland by 2020	80ha	2020

Lowland mixed deciduous woodland

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current extent of at least LWS-standard ancient semi-natural woodland	No loss	2020
2	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current extent of at least LWS-standard native secondary woodland	No loss	2020
3	Achieving condition	Bring into positive management 635ha of native broadleaved woodland by 2020 (~1% per year)	635ha	2020

	Target type	Target description	Target	By
4	Restoration	Restore 100ha of non-native plantations on ancient semi-natural woodland sites to native woodland by 2020	100ha	2020
5	Creation	Increase the extent of Native Woodland by 250ha by 2020 through a combination of converting (restocking) existing plantations and creating native woodland on ex-agricultural land	250ha	2020

Open mosaic habitats on previously developed land

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Identifying extent	Identify all areas that meet the definition for this habitat through desk study and site visits by 2020	100%	2020
2	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current known extent of this habitat and ensure no net loss	No net loss	2020
3	Achieving condition	Achieve favourable condition on 30ha of open mosaic habitats by 2020	30ha	2020

Ponds

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current extent of at least BAP habitat ponds	No net loss	2020
2	Achieving condition	Achieve wildlife-friendly management of 50 ponds by 2020	50	2020
3	Creation	Create 50 wildlife-friendly ponds by 2020	50	2020

Reedbed

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current extent and quality of wet reedbeds by 2020	No loss	2020
2	Achieving condition	Achieve favourable condition for all significant stands of reedbed not under current conservation management	100%	2020
3	Creation	Establish 50ha of wet reedbed from land of low nature conservation interest by 2020	50ha	2020

Rivers

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Maintaining extent	Ensure no deterioration of river habitat quality (National River Habitat Survey Programme)	No reduction in quality	2020
2	Achieving condition	Ensure all rivers in Northamptonshire meet Good Ecological status or Good Ecological Potential by 2020	100%	2020

Traditional orchards

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Identifying extent	Identify through desk study and site visits all areas that meet the definition for this habitat by 2020	100%	2020
2	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current extent of traditional orchards	No loss	2020
3	Achieving condition	Achieve favourable condition on 20ha of traditional orchard habitats by 2020	20ha	2020
4	Restoration	Restore 10ha of heavily degraded and historical orchard to LWS standard by 2020	10ha	2020

Wet woodland

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current extent of wet woodland priority habitat	No loss	2020
2	Achieving condition	Achieve favourable condition on 20ha of wet woodland habitat by 2020	20ha	2020
3	Restoration	Restore 10ha of degraded (i.e. dried out) wet woodland habitat to LWS standard by 2020	10ha	2020
4	Creation	Creation of 10ha of LWS-standard wet woodland on non-wooded or plantation sites by 2020	10ha	2020

Wood-pasture and parkland

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	Target type	Target description	Target	By
1	Maintaining extent	Maintain the current extent and standard of wood-pasture and parkland and their associated trees by 2020	No loss	2020
2	Achieving condition	Achieve favourable condition on 150ha of wood-pasture and parkland habitat by 2020	150ha	2020
3	Restoration	Restore 200ha of degraded or remnant wood-pasture or parkland sites to help reverse fragmentation and reduce the generation gap between veteran trees by 2020	200ha	2020
4	Creation	Establish 30ha of new wood-pasture or parkland on arable land or improved grassland	30ha	2020