Den Burn Project

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Den Burn Project Description

- Watercource re-naturalisation
- Reduce flood risk to downstream properties
- Creation of a multi-use path alongside
- Ecological recovery
- Visual amenity
- Improvement of river from poor to good ecological status
- Promote Biodiversity
- Enhance green space

Current status (initial stage)

- Topo survey
- Bat survey
- Archaeological Survey
- Landownership survey
- Hydraulic Modelling contract is out for tender
- Morphology contract preparation
- Meetings and workshops
- Water quality monitoring/SEPA
- Discussions with Scottish Water



How potential funding sources was identified and what was the funding for?



- SEPA (WEF) initially approached ACC
- ACC already a partner in BEGIN project

North Sea Region BEGIN



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Water Environment Funding (WEF)

- Aberdeen City Council lead
- SEPA support
- WEF: £58,000 for the development stage of the project
- ACC: £25,000 plus an in kind contribution of officer time of at least 75 staff days
- Funding covers: Survey/Design/Hydraulic modelling/Communication cost/Expertise cost etc
- Future funding for construction works

SAGE COUNTERS, ONLINE DOWNLOADS OF MAPS, IDENTIFIED USER GROUPS, INCREASE A OF OPEN SPACE

CATERING FOR SPECIALIST GROUPS (eg DENENTIA), LESS NHS ADMISSIONS, REDUCED ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, INCREASE BIODIVERSITY, INCREASED PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE, INCREASED HOUSE PRICES INTERPRETATION (PHYSICAL, ONLINE, SCHOOLS)

EVENTS, VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES, PUBLIC ART, DEVELOPING SKILLS FOR CONMUNITY, RED BACK FROM CONSULTATION, INVOLVED IN MANAGEMENT

CHANGE NEGATIVE TO POSITIVE CONNETATIONS, WATER

WIDER CONNECTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN ABBRDEEN

FUTURE PROOFING, CHNATE RESILENCE

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- BEGIN: Blue-Green Infrastructure through Social Innovation
- Ten city and six scientific partners from across the North Sea Region
- 3 pilot projects in Aberdeen
- New Den Burn project added to the BEGIN projects list
- (50%) match funding
- Covers cost of Survey/Design/Hydraulic modelling/Communication cost/Expertise cost /ACC staff cost etc
- Does not cover cost of construction works

The role of partnerships, collaboration, skills, expertise available, insider knowledge, experience etc and how you made this happen?

ACC-SEPA

- Fortnight progress call meetings and face to face meetings four times per year /any issues discussed
- Hydraulic modelling contract prepared by ACC and reviewed by SEPA's expertise
- Water quality of Den Burn monitored by SEPA

ACC-BEGIN

- Reporting every 6 months
- Partners meeting every 6 months
- Knowledge exchange of BGI projects (within and outwith UK) of BEGIN partners through meetings/portals etc
- Advise from Universities/CIRIA etc

What make a good application/Example of an unsuccessful application?

WEF/BEGIN

- Good communication
- Frequent communication
- Both parties benefit
- On time reporting
- Discussion from both sides if any issue/problem arises

Other potential Funding sources

- SUSTRANS
- SNH,
- etc

Lesson learned (focus on 3 key 'success' / 'failure' factors)

- ACC takes more account of the possibility of environment improvements when design flood relief schemes under partnership with WEF and BEGIN
- ACC built good relationship with other North Sea Cities (European Partners) through BEGIN
- ACC built good relationship with a Project Consultant / EU Programmes – Potential funding in similar projects in the future



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