

ENDORSED 2021/22 ENVIRONMENT LEVY PROGRAM

PROJECT	PURPOSE	Funding theme	Transformational Action task number	The Natural Environment			The Environment We Create			Living in the Environment			Indicative Outer Years					
				Landscape and Character Biodiversity	Waterways and Wetlands Coastal	Open Space	Flooding and Stormwater	Neighbourhoods and Housing	Social Infrastructure	Sustainable Design	Energy and Resources	Sustainable Living	Adaptation and Resilience	ENDORSED 2021/22 EL PROGRAM	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	
Strategic Pathway 2: Protection and enhancement of our natural assets and distinctive landscapes																		
Transformational Action 6: Connecting nature and people																		
Land Acquisition Program	To identify and purchase priority lands throughout the LGA to support the delivery of strategic natural environment outcomes.	LA	6.3	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$3,728,236	\$4,003,375	\$4,082,575	\$4,161,775
Establishment of Environment Levy Acquired Properties	To undertake planning and on-ground actions in establishing Environment Levy acquired properties in accordance with the Environment Reserve Network Management Plan.	LA	6.4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$570,000	\$570,000	\$570,000	\$570,000
Planning and Legal for EL Land Acquisitions	To undertake the planning and legal requirements associated with acquiring identified land and works associated with protecting acquired lands in perpetuity.	LA	6.3	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Maintenance of EL Conservation Estate ¹	To undertake ongoing maintenance of acquired Environment Levy properties to the endorsed service levels and in line with the Environment Reserve Network Management Plan.	EO	6.4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$771,000	\$771,000	\$771,000	\$771,000
Koala and Macropod Conservation and Management	To support the implementation of the Sunshine Coast Koala and Macropod Conservation Plans in delivering on-ground actions, community education and research.	MP	6.5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Improving Fauna Movement	Implement outcomes that deliver improved fauna movement across the LGA.	MP	6.10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Environment Levy Partnerships	To support the operational expenses of non-for-profit organisations whose operations or services contribute to enhance and protect the Sunshine Coast's natural environment.	CE&S	6.2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$610,000	\$620,000	\$630,000	\$640,000
Environment Levy Grants	To provide assistance to not-for-profit community based organisations to undertake on-ground projects that make a positive and ongoing contribution to the region's biodiversity and waterways values.	CE&S	6.2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Environment Levy Landholder Environment Grants	To provide financial assistance for private rural landholders to undertake on-ground projects, which protect and enhance the Sunshine Coast's natural assets.	CE&S	6.2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000
Land for Wild Incentives	To provide native plants and other incentives for environmental improvements to Land for Wildlife properties.	CE&S	6.2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Voluntary Conservation Agreement Initiatives	To establish vegetation protection covenants and supporting Voluntary Conservation Agreements and support ongoing maintenance on environmentally significant private land.	CE&S	6.2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$480,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Environmental Operational Expenses	To fund environmental operational expenses in the Liveability and Natural Assets Group including: Salary and Wages, Environment Education facilities, Conservation Estate management and Community Conservation Partnership Program.	EO	6.4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$1,683,204	\$1,683,204	\$1,683,204	\$1,683,204
Flying fox management	To support the implementation of the Regional Flying Fox Management Plan in managing flying-fox roosts in urban areas.	EO	6.4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
Shorebird Conservation Action Plan	To raise the profile and increase awareness of migratory and resident shorebirds and provide safe roosting areas to improve conservation outcomes for these protected species.	CE&S	6.10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Nature Watch Sunshine Coast	To develop an overarching citizen science community participation program to align existing initiatives and deliver a new reserve monitoring citizen science program.	CE&S	6.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$40,000	\$51,000	\$52,500	\$14,500
Transformational Action 9: Stopping the brown from coming down																		
Erosion and sediment control facility	To provide an area to support internal and external training of erosion and sediment control practices on the Sunshine Coast.	MP	9.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$40,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Construction management and waterway improvement	Two full time contract positions to improve construction management practices and levels of compliance regarding erosion and sediment control resulting in improvements in our waterways wetlands and ocean health.	EO	9.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$210,000	\$210,000	\$210,000	-
Strategic Pathway 3: Responsive, accessible and well managed assets and infrastructure																		
Transformational Action 13: Healthy Coast																		
Coastal Dunal Rehabilitation	To undertake coastal rehabilitation through on-ground ecological restoration works across the local government area's dunal and rocky headlands.	MP	13.2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$990,000	\$990,000	\$990,000	\$990,000
Shoreline Erosion Management	To undertake coastal dunal rehabilitation works to support the implementation of the Sunshine Coast Council Shoreline Erosion Management Plan.	MP	13.3	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Coastal Education and Engagement	To support coastal education and community engagement through a range of different communication tools, including Coastsnap.	CE&S	13.4	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Healthy Coast Major Green Space	To prepare a comprehensive coastal management plan to guide the planning, management and sustainable use of the Sunshine Coast local government area coastal foreshores and adjacent lands.	MP	13.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$100,000	\$50,000	-	-
Coastal Health Monitoring	Phase 2 of the Coastal Health Report baseline ecological monitoring to understand local variability and establish external reference monitoring.	MP	13.5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$85,000	\$30,000	-	-
Transformation Action 14: Expanding the green space																		
Blue Heart Major Green Space	The Blue Heart major green space project is guided by the Blue Heart five year implementation plan and will focus on planning, research and activation.	MP	14.3	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$100,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Lower Mooloolah River Major Green Space	To commence the ecological planning, research and activation of the Lower Mooloolah River Green Space.	MP	14.3	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$70,000	\$60,000	-	-
Transformational Action 16: Managing our invasive plants and animals																		
Pest management operational expenses - project management ²	To fund two operational pest management positions for the delivery of invasive animal control and one pest management position for the delivery of invasive plant control in accordance with the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017.	EO	16.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
Pest Action and Engagement Program	To support community engagement and awareness of biosecurity matters through implementing actions from the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Area Biosecurity Plan 2017.	EO	16.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Targeted riparian invasive plant restoration program	To restore endangered riparian rainforest on the North Maroochy River by controlling cats claw creeper in partnership with local landholders.	CE&S	16.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000
Innovative invasive plant management trial	To trial new drone technology to treat targeted areas impacted by terrestrial and aquatic invasive plants.	EO	16.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$40,000	-	-	-
Weed Management Pilot Program	To establish a weeds taskforce to deliver two key demonstration sites and support landholders through increased support and education.	EO	16.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$594,000	\$594,000	\$594,000	\$594,000
Strategic Pathway 4: Transitioning to a sustainable and affordable way of living																		
Transformational Action 18: An involved community																		
Sunshine Coast Conservation Forum	To support a networking event for all involved in environmental conservation on the Sunshine Coast to learn about current issues, management approaches and work towards a sustainable future.	CE&S	18.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$12,000	\$30,000
Environment Levy Community Education and Engagement	To promote the Environment Levy and support the production of the annual reports, media events and materials through an engagement approach that uses film, social media and our digital channels.	CE&S	18.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Sunshine Coast Kids in Action Program	To invest in the region's future leaders and environmental custodians in developing leadership and active-citizenship skills, responsibility, and stewardship of the environment.	CE&S	18.3	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$80,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Transformational Action 24: Building our Knowledge																		
Climate-induced marine species migration	To establish an evidence-based reference point to assist in understanding and managing coastal micro-marine species diversity and climate-induced migration of species with potential to impact the Sunshine Coast.	MP	24.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Healthy Land and Water Partnership	To support annual partnership with Healthy Land and Water to provide regional coordination of regional environmental health monitoring program to better understand changes in the health of local catchments.	CE&S	24.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000
Flying fox research and education	To support flying fox research to inform effective conservation approaches and community education.	EO	24.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Invertebrate BioBiltz	To undertake an Invertebrate BioBiltz in Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve.	CE&S	24.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$15,000	\$42,000	-	-
Advancing reserve fire management	The establish an ongoing ecological monitoring and data collection program for pre and post burn sites and to populate a new database developed in 2020 with data from existing sites currently covered by a static Fire Management Plan (FMP) and new sites without FMPs.	EO	24.1	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000
Estimated Revenue												\$11,891,440	\$12,131,440	\$12,371,440	\$12,611,440			
Total EL Program Allocation												\$11,891,440	\$11,437,579	\$11,328,279	\$11,182,479			

NOTES

- Environment Levy Conservation Estate (Council managed component only) includes materials and services
- Funding associated with the pest management operational expenses will continue as a "core" component of the annual Environment Levy Program.

FUNDING THEME KEY

LA = Land Acquisition	MP = Major Projects
CE&S = Community Education and Support	EO = Environmental Operations