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DESIGN FEEDBACK SOUGHT FOR NEW WETLAND IN SOUTH PARK LANDS

Feedback from the public is being sought on the proposed design of a new \$12.5 million wetland in Adelaide's South Park Lands as part of the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project.

The new wetland will be constructed at the southern end of Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16) and is one of the largest developments in the Project's approved Stormwater Management Plan, which is currently being implemented to improve the standard of flood protection for properties across the catchment council areas of Adelaide, Burnside, Mitcham, Unley and West Torrens.

Designed to mitigate the flooding issues along Park Lands Creek, the works will contribute to a reduction in flows entering the City of Unley under Greenhill Road, thereby reducing the flooding risk to the mainly residential areas downstream. Other benefits include improved water quality, enhanced biodiversity through diversification of plant and animal species, and new amenity and recreational facilities for park users, including footpaths, walking trails and picnic areas.

A dedicated native grassland meadow for butterfly habitat will also be established, in addition to board walks, viewing platforms and a stepping stone creek path.

The community consultation process is also seeking public feedback on planned works in nearby Blue Gum Park/Kurangga (Park 20), located at the north western corner of the Greenhill and Unley Road intersection.

Proposed works in Blue Gum Park/Kurangga involve the construction of low-level mounding (typically less than 1m high), construction of a new shared use path, and realignment of existing creek lines in the southern section of the park.

Both projects have been designed in accordance with previous feasibility studies and consultation processes and form part of the Project's approved Stormwater Management Plan.

Peta Mantzarapis, Project Director of the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project, says community consultation will include distribution of information brochures to key stakeholders, local media advertising and site signage, with further information and online feedback forms available at www.bhkcstormwater.com.au.

"We've already conducted extensive consultation in developing the SMP along with site investigations and design development for these works in the South Park Lands, and are now giving the public a final opportunity to provide any feedback on the designs before construction commences," said Ms Mantzarapis.

"We encourage members of the public to review the designs and provide any further feedback.

"Crucially, these works will lift the standard of flood protection in the South Park Lands and are key in mitigating flood risk across the catchment, serving to safeguard properties and community spaces against major flooding events."

Feedback on the proposed works closes at 5pm on Friday 5 July 2019, with Ms Mantzarapis anticipating construction of both projects to commence next year.

The Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project is a collaboration between Adelaide, Burnside, Mitcham, Unley and West Torrens councils to develop and implement an effective stormwater management plan to improve the standard of flood protection for homes, businesses and public facilities across the catchment.

Extending from the Adelaide Hills in the east to Adelaide Airport in the west, the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project covers a catchment area of 69 square kilometres and more than 200,000 residents. Flood mitigation works detailed in the Project's Stormwater Management Plan will reduce the number of properties affected by a one in 100-year flood event by nearly 98%.

For more information about the Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project, visit www.bhkcstormwater.com.au.

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