

Offsite Stormwater Quality Improvement Program

WHAT IS IT?

The council program uses developer contributions to deliver water quality improvement projects in the Ipswich region.

- Developers are required to achieve water quality improvements as part of new developments
- They can deliver water quality improvements themselves onsite

OR

- They can request to make a voluntary financial contribution to the Stormwater Quality Offset Program. Council uses these funds to construct water quality improvements projects at suitable sites.

PROJECTS MUST:

- Improve water quality by reducing pollutants such as sediment, phosphorus and nitrogen
- Meet environment and social benefits criteria.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Infrastructure and property protection
- Flood mitigation
- Increased biodiversity
- Habitat improvement
- Carbon capture
- Urban cooling
- Improved air quality.

PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

16 projects completed so far as of 2022

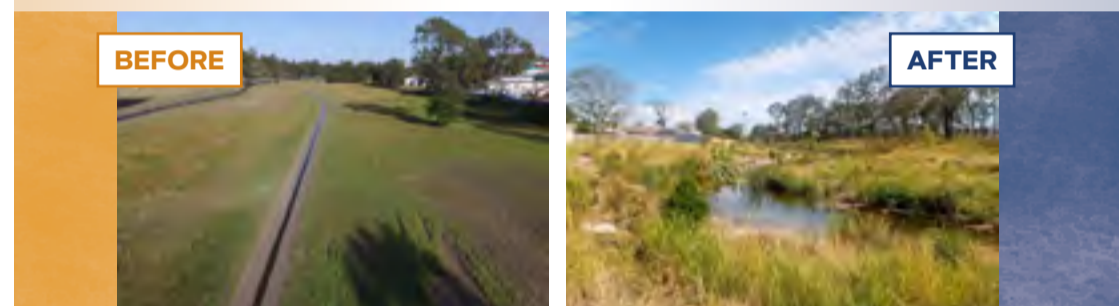
Annually:

- More than 400 tonne of sediment removed
- Stopped one tonne of nitrogen from entering Ipswich's waterways
- Over 0.5 tonnes of phosphorus removed
- Over 74 tonnes of trash (gross pollutants) removed.

EXAMPLE PROJECTS



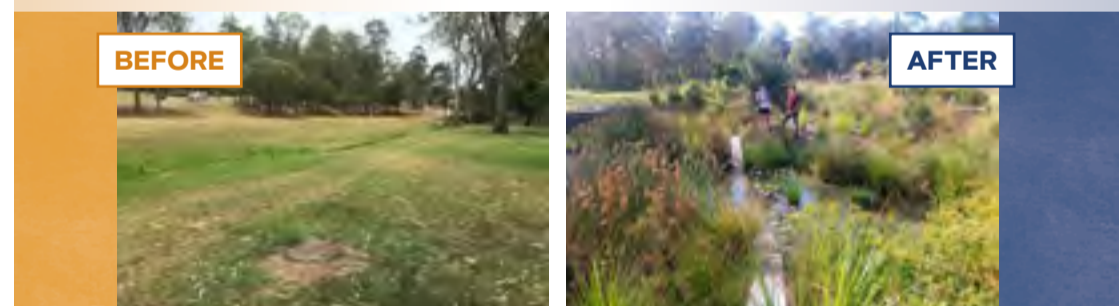
Stabilising Creeks – Ironpot Creek



Naturalising Channels – Small Creek



Constructing Wetlands – Jim Donald Wetland



Bioretention Basins – Bob Titcombe Park



Re-engaging Floodplains – Moodai Reserve

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