

Application form 1: For the Community Conservation Fund Project details

This form must be completed by all applications to the Community Conservation Fund

Important notes to applicants:

- Applicants must provide a completed, signed copy of this application form and all supporting information by **3pm on Wednesday 5 November 2008**.
- Please **do not bind** applications or supporting material as we need to be able to photocopy the material.
- Any cross references that you make in the application form to supporting material need to be clearly referenced with a brief summary of the information being referred to in the appropriate sections of the application form.
- Please check that you have completed all sections of this application and attached all photos / documents referred to, as the Community Conservation Fund does not have the capacity to follow-up applications that are missing information.
- The receipt of all applications will be acknowledged in writing 1 week after the funding round has closed.
- At the end of this application form you will find *Endnote references* that are referred to on the form. These will guide you on the type of information needed or provide further details on the question.
- More information about the Fund, the assessment of applications and the types of projects eligible for funding is provided in the Community Conservation Fund Guidelines.
- If your application is successful, a summary of the project and funding will be made available on the Department of Conservation (DOC) website. Information on the project may also appear in the media highlighting the achievements of the project in contributing to the Government's biodiversity objectives.
- Contact with other funding agencies: as part of the assessment process other funding agencies may be contacted by the Department in relation to applications. In applying to the Fund you are acknowledging your consent to this action.

Using this form:

Where possible please complete this form electronically for readability. However, if this is not possible hand-written applications are accepted. Please complete fields as appropriate. Words in italics are intended to be explanatory and should be removed. The field will automatically expand if the text you are typing in is longer than the current space provided. Answer all appropriate questions.

SECTION A	Applicant details
Name of Community Group :	Rimutaka Forest Park Charitable Trust
Short name of project :	Catchpool Restoration Project
Postal address:	PO Box 38564, Petone Mail Centre, Petone, Lower Hutt
Postcode:	5045
City/Rural area:	Wainuiomata
Is the group GST registered?	Yes
If Yes GST number :	55437424
How did you find out about the Fund?	Numerous sources via online
Primary Contact details	
Name of contact person:	Melody McLaughlin
Position (in group):	Secretary
Phone number:	04 5646213
Fax number:	n/a
Email address:	melody@rimutakatrust.org.nz
Website:	www.rimutakatrust.org.nz
Secondary contact details	

Name of secondary contact person:	Bill McCabe
Position (in organisation):	Vice President
Phone number:	04 5645029
Fax number:	n/a
Email address:	William.mccabe@xtra.co.nz
How many years has your group been involved in restoration?	20 years – one of the first restoration groups to be established
Overview of the community group	<p>The Rimutaka Forest Park Trust is a community group of volunteers, established in 1988 and committed to protecting and restoring the unique flora and fauna of the Rimutaka Forest Park located east of Wainuiomata, near Wellington.</p> <p>www.rimutakatrust.org.nz</p>
How many hectares or square metres is your group currently restoring / maintaining.	<p>2500ha currently being trapped to protect North Island Brown kiwi translocated into the park as part of the Trust's ecological goal in restoring a self sustaining, natural biodiversity where indigenous flora and fauna will flourish and allow visitors to the park unlimited access to the Taonga o Ngahere o Aotearoa.</p> <p>There is an additional 500-600ha protected by pest work trapping possum, rats, stoats in the Catchpool. This is the main public access to the park and the Orongorongo Valley where both private hut owners and DOC huts are available for hire. An estimated 70,000 people visit the park through this popular entrance to the park.</p> <p>The Trust is currently doing managed plantings in the park, ad hoc only.</p>
We agree to successful project details and contact information being made available ¹	<p><i>Community group agrees to project details being made publically available (mark one)</i></p> <p>Yes</p>

SECTION B:	Project summary
Name of project:	Rimutaka Restoration
Outline of the proposed project and its objectives:	<p>Restoration of a retired logging area in 'nodes' - starting in gullies where small pockets of remaining native vegetation can be enhanced and expanded to encourage birds for natural seed dispersal. Extend the streamside/wetland planting to reduce flooding and erosion and ensure clean water for the native fish species found in the tributaries such as kokopu and koura. Ridge plants alongside proposed tracks to further encourage wildlife and provide a range of vegetation necessary for ecological diversity.</p> <p>The Trust see this as a natural extension of the work currently being undertaken in relation to fauna restoration, understanding the connective nature of the flora and fauna to establish a natural habitat and food source for native birds and create an environment that links to our long-term goals. Provide an increased opportunity for different sectors of the community to be involved and engaged in conservation in the Park.</p> <p>Short term: Meet the increasing desire from the community groups/education and businesses (corporate organisations) to actively participate in conservation efforts in the park - one of the best ways to achieve this is through restoration projects building up the resource pool of volunteers to support the long term goal. Actively encourage more people into the park to create a positive environment and a sense of ownership to the place through hands-on involvement.</p> <p>Long term: Establish an ongoing restoration network of groups and individuals who will take responsibility and maintain the ongoing plantings, accelerating the natural regeneration of native flora within the park by creating the 'nodes' of planting to act as seed sources this will in turn support the Trusts objectives to re introduced other species both flora and fauna back into the park.</p>

Start date:	May 2009			
Completion date:	Ongoing. This is a long term commitment to further enhance the park and provide a vehicle for the restoration of native species.			
Location of project ²	Rimutaka Forest Park (Catchpool), Coast Road, 10 KILOMETRES From Wainuiomata township. 30 kilometres from Wellington city			
Grid Reference ³	Easting: 7073359			
	Northing: 8177842			
Agency and if appropriate the office responsible for the land	Department of Conservation - Wellington Conservancy			
Has the Agency agreed to the proposed project being undertaken on their land?	<p>Yes – please see attached letter of support from DOC Ponake Office.</p> <p>Nature of relationship – Partnership with DOC</p> <p>One of the Trust Objectives:</p> <p>'To co-operate with the Department of Conservation in the development of interpretive, research, and environmental programmes of the park system for the benefit and enjoyment of the wider community'.</p>			
Is the Agency undertaking restoration activities on land adjacent to this site or on this site?	Planting of streamside catchment to reduce flooding and sediment run off with native plants. 4500 plants have been planted over a three year period. Proposed restoration area currently degraded and neglected.			
Describe any synergies or links between the proposed project and other work being carried out or proposed in the area?	Existing restoration planting of streamside area will further enhance seed 'bank' and variety of species to allow for natural regeneration elsewhere and provide corridors for native species. Pest control work being carried out in the area will help towards protecting the planting from predation. The Dawn Chorus Project managing the Pest Management in the Catchpool continues to expand its network of traps. Poison licence also being sought.			
Project site size in hectares :	247.5ha total benefit. 45.1 ha specific planting areas (nodes) see map in Planting Form 2			
Legal title description:	Pt Section 19 and Pt Section 83 Wainuiomata District, certificate of title WN 21A/861			
Designation of the area <i>Please mark as appropriate</i>	Reserve	National Park	Council freehold	Other
	Transit	Rail	Te Ture Whenua	
Ecosystem type	Wetland	Dune land	Riparian margins	
	Forest remnant	High Country	Urban waterway	
	Urban bush	Scrublands	Other <i>(please name)</i>	
Is the project within an area that has had restoration activity within the last 5 years?⁴	<p>Yes</p> <p>In the past DOC have conducted general planting for school and conservation groups but both DOC and the Trust feel it is timely to move to a more measured and planned approach with an ongoing maintenance focus to provide as well as community ownership.</p>			
If yes: is this an extension of previous work or a new initiative within a larger restoration area. ⁵	Natural extension of previous plantings but involves a larger area with a more focused view on the where and how. Previous had been ad-hoc and with little or no planning, the Trust now wishes to establish a long-term plan for restoration with clear objectives to target key ecosystem types/sites that this funding would allow for. It has been recognised that the ad-hoc nature of plantings has positive effects on community involvement, but a lack of planning and ongoing maintenance has led to a percentage of plants not surviving the first year (exact figures unknown) this has a negative impact on conservation efforts.			

Has your group previously received restoration funding from another Government or local Council fund for this area?	No	Name of fund/funder
What was achieved with this funding?	N/A	

SECTION C: Tasks, resources and funding requested

Total funding sought from the Community Conservation Fund (Inclusive of GST):

Year One:	\$ 20,000.00
Year Two:	\$ 20,000.00

What are the key tasks to be completed in the project and how much money will go on each task (inclusive of GST)?

Include any work plan and timetable, and the source and date of all quotations

The totals quoted below should equal the total funds requested

Funding sought via the planting, fencing or equipment fund should be included in these costings.

Note when valuing volunteer labour in the overall cost of funds introduced to the project calculate at \$15/hour

YEAR ONE: Key task – summarised		Funds Sought - Year One	Any funds/ contribution introduced by the group ⁶ - Year One	Other CONFIRMED sources of funding⁷ – Year one	Total cost of task – Year One
1	Plant purchase – 10,000 root trainers Larger plants – 2500 seedlings??	\$10,000 \$6,250	Volunteer time \$17,280	-	\$34,780
2	Equipment purchase Gloves, spades etc	\$2,000	Volunteer time to purchase and maintain \$1000		\$3,000
3	Site preparation and access – hire bulldozer and driver	\$1,750	-		\$1,750
4					
5					
6					
Totals		\$20,000.00	\$18,280.00	\$0	\$39,530.00

(Please insert more rows to the above as required)

YEAR TWO: Key task – summarised		Funds Sought - Year Two	Your funding contribution⁶ - Year Two	Other CONFIRMED sources of funding⁷ – Year Two	Total cost of task – Year Two
1	Plant purchase – 10,000 root trainers Larger plants -3,000 seedlings	\$10,000 \$7,500	Volunteer time \$17,280	-	\$34,780.00
2	Site preparation and access – hire digger and driver	\$1,500	-		\$1,500.00
3	Replacement tools, gloves etc	\$1,000			\$1,000.00
4					
5					
6					
Totals		\$20,000.00	\$17,280.00	\$0	\$37,380.00

(Please insert more rows to the above as required)

Are you applying to other sources of funding for this project?	<p>No</p> <p>The initial approach will be to purchase plants already propagated by an approved plant supplier to create a base of targeted planting (This application)</p> <p>Phase two of this project (not included in this request) will be a combination of purchasing plants and the Trust establishing a nursery in the Park to further encourage community involvement and ensure long-term success in support of our ecological goal in restoring a self sustaining, natural biodiversity where indigenous flora and fauna will flourish and allow visitors to the park unlimited access to the Taonga o Ngahere o Aotearoa.</p>
Who are the key people involved in the project and what is their involvement?	Rimutaka Forest Park Trust committee. Trust Volunteers, members as organisers, local gardening groups and circles, corporate groups, DOC for technical advice.
Describe how the project will be carried out?⁸	<p>Restoration of a retired logging area in 'nodes' – (see Catchpool Restoration map attached) starting in gullies with small pockets of remaining native vegetation to encourage birds for natural seed dispersal, streamside/wetland planting to reduce flooding and erosion and ensure clean water and healthy soil, as well as ridge plants alongside proposed tracks to further encourage wildlife and provide a range of vegetation necessary for ecological diversity. Some areas will need to be cleared and access tracks developed to allow for planting. Initial work will be to clear, where there is none, an access route to the site, clear wilding pines as necessary. Training of volunteers on the correct method of planting to ensure maximum success will be conducted prior to any actual planting commencing along with education around the different species and threatened plants. This is a great opportunity to increase awareness of threatened or endangered plants and why they are important.</p>
Describe how the project will be monitored to ensure it is undertaken as outlined in the application and the objectives of the project are achieved?⁹	<p>Results Monitoring – to demonstrate the level of public involvement in the restoration project the number of volunteers, and the community, education or business groups (corporate organisations) with which they are affiliated, will be recorded during each planting day and photos of planting activities taken.</p> <p>Results Monitoring – To determine the success of the restoration planting photo frames of each of the planting sites will be taken prior to the commencement of planting and subsequently at 1 year intervals using the Photopoints/Photoframes methods outlined in Native Forest Monitoring (Peter Hanford 2002).</p> <p>Outcomes Monitoring – Stream quality upstream and adjacent to downstream extent of the restoration planting nodes will be sampling using the monitoring protocol outlined in the Stream Monitoring Protocol Version 2 (Niwa 2002)</p> <p>Copies of all monitoring data and photoframes will be stored in digital format on the Wellington Conservancy S drive S:\PonekeAO\Catchpool Valley\Catchpool community restoration project monitoring data</p> <p>The Project Manager will be responsible for inspection along with Technical support from DOC. These inspections will occur before/during and after planting along with a scheduled plan of maintenance.</p>

SECTION D:

Information for project evaluation

The questions below are based on the criteria used to evaluate applications for this fund. Please quote any information sources or provide enough detail to back up any statements that you make. For example:

- When you describe the indigenous biodiversity and its values, please quote any relevant information sources (for example; district or regional plan, protected natural area survey, significant natural area survey, written reports by qualified ecologists etc)
- If you identify that others support the project attach evidence of their written support for the project

<p>What are the indigenous biodiversity values of the area or habitat?¹⁰</p>	<p>Threatened plants that currently occur in the park <i>Brachyglottis kirkii</i> var <i>kirkii</i> (Kirk's tree daisy) <i>Korthalsella salicornioides</i> (leafless mistletoe) <i>Pseudopanax ferox</i> (fierce lancewood)</p> <p>Other significant regionally threatened species that occur in or adjacent to the park The Park supports 26 species of native orchid (one quarter of NZ's orchids). <i>Clematis afoliata</i> (leafless clematis) - on coastal cliffs <i>Crassula peduncularis</i> - in coastal zone <i>Euphrasia</i> "Mt Holdsworth" (endemic to Tararua and Rimutaka) <i>Hebe venustula</i> <i>Ileostylus micranthus</i> - in shrublands <i>Korthalsella clavata</i> - in coastal zone <i>Korthalsella lindsayi</i> <i>Lycopodium fastigiatum</i> - in subalpine bogs <i>Muehlenbeckia astonii</i> (shrubby tororaro) - in coastal zone <i>Rubus squarrosus</i> - leafless lawyer - on coastal cliffs</p> <p>Threatened plants that could be restored <i>Alepis flavida</i> (yellow mistletoe) <i>Arthropodium cirratum</i> (rengarenga lily) - this is regionally threatened <i>Brachyglottis kirkii</i> var <i>kirkii</i> (Kirk's tree daisy) <i>Dactylanthus taylori</i> (woodrose) <i>Pseudopanax ferox</i> (fierce lancewood) <i>Streblus banksii</i> (large leaved milk tree)</p> <p>Other threatened species used to occur here but probably cannot be restored in the near future including <i>Peraxilla tetrapetala</i> (red flowered mistletoe).</p> <p>Over and above the threatened species listed the following species will make up the bulk of the plantings.</p> <p><i>Aristotelia serrata</i> (wineberry) <i>Beilschmiedia tawa</i> (tawa) <i>Brachyglottis repanda</i> (rangiora) <i>Coprosma</i> spp <i>Cortaderia toetoe</i> <i>Leucopogon fasciculatus</i> (mingimingi) <i>Melicytus ramiflorus</i> (mahoe) <i>Nothofagus solandri</i> (black beech) <i>Nothofagus truncate</i> (hard beech) <i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i> <i>Podocarpus totara</i> (totara) <i>Pseudopanax arboreus</i> (five finger) <i>Pseudopanax crassifolium</i> (lancewood) <i>Pseudowintera colorata</i> (pepperwood) <i>Rhopalostylis sapida</i> (Nikau) <i>Schefflera digitata</i> (pate) <i>Sophora tetraptera</i> (kowhai) <i>Weinmannia racemosa</i> (kamahi)</p> <p>Iconic bird species that occur at the site are kereru, tui, rifleman, tomtit and falcon among others. Kakariki also exist in the park but not at this specific location.</p>
<p>Describe any challenges to restoration the area presents.</p>	<p>Gorse, hence the requirement for a bulldozer to create access lines to the node or to clear around the nodes for initial planting. Logged area therefore leftover logs and scrappy branches etc, Wilding pines needing removal as part of the restoration activity.</p>

Explain the extent, if any, that the area is important habitat for endangered or threatened plants or animals..	Apart from the visual effects on people as they enter the park this project gives us a rare and prime opportunity to plants species which had previous been present in the Catchpool or are there in small numbers. The Trust is keen to restore the Fierce lancewood, large leaved milk tree, Leafless mistletoe and Kirk;s tree daisy all once occurring in the park. The park supports 26 species of native orchids, Woodrose which was once present could be restore along with appropriate pest management. This would contribute substantially to the survivorship of these different species as the sites would be managed/maintained rather than planted and left.
Indicate whether the site has cultural or historical value for the local community	Important to local community, widely used by schools, trampers, outdoors clubs, Orongorongo Club, Rimutaka Forest Park Trust, local Iwi and other organisations.
List the likely outcomes of the project?¹¹ Including ecological outcomes and wider benefits	<p>The Trust's mission is:</p> <p>"To protect and restore the natural and historic resources of the Rimutaka Forest Park valleys and environs, in order to contribute to the spiritual, mental, emotional and physical well-being of the wider community"</p> <p>This project will allow this by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoring corridors and providing seed banks for native bird dispersal • Accelerating natural regeneration through the use of 'nodes' of plantings that are representative of a variety of ecosystems • Benefits to the community through engaging with a wider audience in conservation • Providing opportunities to the community and corporate groups to do hands-on conservation work thus increasing their understanding of conservation and the importance of restoration • Increasing the instances of threatened species • Reintroduction of plants species that were once present in park.
How will the group provide the necessary ongoing care to any areas restored with this funding?	Plants will be released twice yearly, or more frequently as required, using volunteers and corporate groups who will be encouraged to take responsibility for particular areas from planting through to ongoing care, in the late spring and early winter. Corporate groups with two days a year paid voluntary work are keen to work with the Trust to build a sustainable management plan for the ongoing restoration of this section and subsequent other areas of the park. Pest protection will be put in place for the more endangered and re introduction species such as the fierce lancewood and woodrose. Technical advise will be sort from DOC who the Trust has a close working relationship. Funding will be accessed from other fund sources to set up a nursery propagation area in the park to compliment the sourcing of plants from authorised native plant nurseries. Both options will ensure a continuous supply of the more common and the not so common plants in the park. Reintroduction of species which have died out or are very few will also generate a positive and strong sense of making a difference for conservation.
How does the wider community view this project and how will it increase the community's interaction with restoration efforts?	The Rimutaka Forest Park is viewed by the local community of Wainuiomata as a key part of their recreational and social wellbeing. Local schools visit the park on a regular basis, with the introduction of kiwi the schools have taken on more ownership as they name a kiwi and the Trust advocacy work encourages education of native flora and fauna. The wider community extending to Lower Hutt and Wellington also see the park as being a place of significant value. The Trust has volunteers from as far afield as Te Horo, Wellington and Upper Hutt people prepared to travel to the park. With the filling of the pine trees the more commonly used entrance to the park, The Catchpool, looks very bare, sad and uninviting, by providing a restoration effort this also empowers people to make a difference helping towards alleviating concerns expressed by the local community. (letters to local paper etc). A wider section of the community can become involved in the park such as school groups outside of the immediate community of Wainuiomata, retirees, people with disabilities who can not do kiwi tracking or stoat or possum trapping but are keen to be involved in conservation efforts, corporate groups and others to contribute. This initiative is also being driven by the desire from the community for opportunity to participate in conservation efforts and the Trust desire to give the regeneration a helping hand.

SECTION E:

Declaration (please print before completing this section)

I declare that the statements in this application are true and the information provided is correct.

Signature and name of applicant**(A representative of the Community group):****Name**.....**Title / Position:****Date:** 2008**SECTION F:****Checklist of supporting information to be attached to the application form**

List of items you may have included in your application. Please ensure each item is numbered and referred to within this application form. Please tick the relevant box –

1. Site plan ☐
2. Photographs of the project area (please provide captions or write on back of photographs) ☐
3. Assessment of the indigenous biodiversity values present on the site and threats to those values (Significant Natural Area Report extracts, ecological or management plans for the site or other such relevant documentation) ☐
4. Planting Form (Refer to 'Application Form 2 – Community Conservation Fund Planting' if your project involves planting) ☐
5. Fencing Form (Refer to 'Application Form 3 – Community Conservation Fund Fencing' if your project involves fencing) ☐
6. Equipment Form (Refer to 'Application Form 4 –Community Conservation Fund Equipment if you are purchasing equipment) ☐
7. Certificate of Legal Status of Organisation, Incorporated Society, Charitable Trust etc. ☐
8. Letter/s of support -Include letter of support from the Agency responsible for the land (How many? _____) ☐
9. Any other supporting material or information - ☐
 - Restoration or Management Plan ☐
 - Pest control plan ☐
 - Quotes for work to be completed (i.e. plants, weed control) ☐
 - Project or group's vision statements ☐
 - Planting lists / quotes ☐
10. Other – Please give title / details ☐

Completed, signed application form and supporting information is to be provided by 3pm Wednesday 5 November 2008 to:

Postal address:

Community Conservation Funds
Department of Conservation
P O Box 10420
Wellington 6143

Courier / physical address

Community Conservation Funds
Department of Conservation
18-32 Manners Street
Wellington

For enquiries:

Fund Adviser Katrina Edwards

Free phone: 0800 86 20 20

F: (04) 381 3057

E: ccf@doc.govt.nzW: <http://www.doc.govt.nz/communityfund> (www.doc.govt.nz)**End notes**

1 General information will include: project name, brief description, name and email address of main contact. This will also allow us to promote information sharing between groups working on similar projects.

2 Location: Please complete the details in this format, plus additional information that you feel is required to allow us to map the location of your project.

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- ³ This must be completed, if you do not know the grid reference of the project site involved, contact the agency you are working with and they will be able to provide this for you.
- ⁴ Restoration activities could include work that was undertaken by the Agency, your group or another restoration group.
- ⁵ State any work that has been undertaken in the project area or a similar area by those involved in this project. Include any work undertaken to date and any future activities planned that have been contributed to.
- ⁶ Funds introduced by the group may be as cash used to purchase additional resources or indirectly for costs involved in undertaking the restoration activities e.g. costs associated with machinery use, for example petrol. It should not include any co-funding or other grants received by the group for this project
- ⁷ Please state source of funds and amount that has been granted. This may be funding from a commercial donor or for funding obtained from another agency e.g. (Trust bank, Council Environmental funds). If another organisation is contributing in kind help to the project provide a dollar value here. For example: if the Agency is providing Pest Control and you are applying for planting.
- ⁸ Full descriptions of methods and reasoning for the methods chosen should be included. You also could include a site plan which would show such things as proposed fence lines, planting plans, areas of weed infestations etc. If your project includes weed control outline the control methods and processes.
- ⁹ A report will be required at the end of the project that identifies what has been achieved during the project and including an appropriate level of monitoring. Examples may include some or all of the following examples all before and after photographs, statistics on survival rates of plants, notes of key learning's or transects showing vegetation changes. An example of an end of project report is available on the DOC web site but can be varied according to the scale of the project. You should discuss with fund staff the specific requirements for your project when you sign the deed.
- ¹⁰ All applications are assessed both on a regional and national basis, as such you should provide good information on the biodiversity of the proposed project site, include evidence in the form of reports, photos, survey information etc. You can seek professional advice on the biodiversity values for the land or ask the agency, your local Department of Conservation Office or Council Office. Include all supporting information and references.
- ¹¹ In answering this it would be good to describe the problems first, (for example weeds are covering x hectares of the forest floor, seed germination in these areas looks to be less than half of that in areas where there are no weeds. Removing the weeds will enable regeneration to occur). Evidence in the form of reports or photographs is useful.