

Environmental Development

OUR VISION

Masterton/Whakaoriori has rivers we can swim in and drink from, clean air to breathe, and green (and blue) spaces that we can enjoy and share with future generations



We aspire to be a leader in environmental development, working alongside iwi and our community to preserve and enhance our natural environment and to create a better future for our people. The five priorities below outline the strategic direction we will take to achieve our vision.

1

Our district has clean air and water. To achieve this we will:

- Improve air quality
- Manage water demand
- Improve water quality

2

Our unique natural heritage and biodiversity is managed to ensure wider cultural and ecosystem values are recognised and protected. To achieve this we will:

- Use land sustainably
- Protect our natural heritage and wāhi tapu sites
- Support biodiversity

3

Address current and future impacts of climate change. To achieve this we will:

- Improve energy efficiency/conservation
- Minimise waste
- Promote and enable cleaner transport
- Work towards a more circular vs linear economy
- Work towards a low carbon economy in support of the government's target to reduce New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2050
- Prepare to adapt for future changes through building resilience, keeping informed and sharing information and being open to economic opportunities generated by a low carbon economy

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A community culture of sustainability. To achieve this we will:

- Lead by example
- Inform our community
- Enable our community to act by minimising barriers to change

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A commitment to work together as kaitiaki/stewards of our local environment. To achieve this we will:

- Work in partnership and/or collaboration with iwi and stakeholders
- Support community-led initiatives