

HAMILTON'S GULLY NETWORK

Hamilton is the home of an extensive gully system providing green space for recreation, visual relief from the urban environment, and habitats for a wide range of wildlife. It is estimated that gullies cover 8% of the city area.

Over time, as the city has expanded, the gullies' natural features have been degraded and a large proportion of their native flora and fauna has been lost.

Hamilton's gully systems have many important functions and values. They contain significant areas of native vegetation, provide important green pathways for wildlife, and contain heritage sites of historical and cultural importance.

HOW YOU CAN DO YOUR PART:

- You can plan gully restoration programmes of your own! Hamilton Zoo's FreeFlight Aviary has been planted with a wide range of natives and is a good place to see what a restored gully may look like in future - or check out Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park across the road from the Zoo carpark.
- Don't dump garden waste into gullies - it may include plants or seeds that may spread and infest native plantings. Instead take it to the Hamilton Organic Recycling Centre.

FIND OUT MORE:

For more information on how to restore gullies and bring back native vegetation and bird life to our city, visit:

www.hamiltonzoo.co.nz

