

Nature Recovery Project Planning

Title

- Give your project a clear, inspiring name: e.g. Park Rewilding for Nature and People

Aims, Outcomes, and Outputs

Top Tip: Funders often ask for aims, outcomes, and outputs — define these early.

Aims:

- What is the overall purpose of your project? Does it solve a specific problem or create a positive change?

Outcomes:

- What impact will your project have on nature and people?

Outputs:

- What tangible things will be completed? E.g. number of trees planted, area of meadow created, number of volunteers involved.

Project Preparation

Permissions:

- Do you need landowner consent or local authority approval?

Stakeholders:

- Who needs to know or be involved? E.g. landowners, parish council, schools, volunteers.

Project Delivery

Activities:

- List all steps to achieve your aims.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Who will lead, coordinate, and deliver tasks?

Collaboration:

- Do you need help from other groups or specialists?

Resources and Budget

- What will it cost? Include materials, tools, insurance, and refreshments for volunteers.

Sharing Your Project

- How will you share progress and celebrate success? E.g. social media updates, local press, community events.

Access and Inclusion

- Are there any physical or social barriers? How will you make the project accessible to all?

Risks and Contingency

- What could delay or prevent success? E.g. bad weather, funding gaps, volunteer availability. Plan alternatives.

Timeline

- When will you start and finish? Consider seasonal factors (e.g. best time for planting). Use a simple timeline or Gantt chart.



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Nature Recovery Project Plan example

Title

Rewilding Riverside Park

Aims

Restore natural habitats in Riverside Park to boost biodiversity and create a space for community connection with nature.

Outcomes

Increased pollinator and bird species diversity; improved mental well-being for residents; stronger community engagement.

Outputs

500 native trees planted; 2 hectares of wildflower meadow; 4 community planting days and 2 wildlife workshops.

Project Preparation

Permissions Landowner consent from parish council obtained; checked for protected species and designations.

Stakeholders Local council, Friends of Riverside Park group, schools, The Chiltern Society (local NGO).

Project Delivery

Activities Site survey, remove invasive species, plant native trees, sow wildflower seeds, install bird boxes, organise community days.

Roles and Responsibilities Project lead: Friends of Riverside Park chair;
volunteer coordinator: school eco-club leader;

Collaboration Technical advice: The Chiltern Society.

Resources and Budget

Budget: Trees/seeds: £1,200; Tools: £500; Refreshments: £150; Total: £1,850.

Sharing Your Project

Use Facebook to post project updates e.g. photos of planting days / organise an opening event once complete.

Access and Inclusion

Riverside Park under used by younger people – invite local schools and youth groups to help with the planting and workshops

Risks and Contingency

Risks: Heavy rain delaying planting / contingency: plan extra weekend;
volunteer shortage / contingency: partner with scout group.

Timeline

Jan: planning; Feb/Mar: site prep; Mar/April: planting; Jun: celebration event.



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