THE GREEN GRID
CREATING SYDNEY’S OPEN SPACE NETWORK

THE NSW GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT’S OFFICE
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A strong global city, a liveable local city
As Sydney grows, the metropolitan strategy sets out a vision for Sydney to remain distinctive and inspiring and one of the most liveable cities in the world.
create socially inclusive places that promote, social cultural and recreational opportunities

deliver accessible and adaptable recreation and open space

build resilience to natural hazards

improve air quality

achieve a healthy water environment

protect, enhance and rehabilitate biodiversity
subregional planning
Figure 17: Sydney's Subregions - for consultation
“The Vision for the East London Green Grid is to create a network of interlinked, multi-purpose open spaces with good connections to the areas where people live and work, public transport, the Green Belt and the Thames. This will be a richly varied landscape that will include diverse uses to appeal to all.”

East London Green Grid Primer
The East London Green Grid is the agreed delivery mechanism for central government’s Greening The Gateway Programme in London, emerging ideas for a Thames Estuary Parklands develop this relationship further.
the Sydney green grid
THE SYDNEY GREEN GRID

AIM 1
Conserve, improve and expand Sydney’s strategic network of open spaces. Connecting town centres integrating public transport and connecting the residents, workers and visitors of Sydney with a diversity of open space, sports facilities and recreational experiences.

AIM 2
Reinforce a sense of place within Sydney’s subregions through enhancing open space quality and advocating an appreciation for Sydney’s diverse natural and cultural environment.

AIM 3
Safeguard and plan the green infrastructure of Sydney in parallel with the strategic planning of the city’s other infrastructure. Promoting the multifunctional nature of the environmental, health, social and economic benefits open space offers.
the Parramatta green grid
composite open space deficiency
promoting access to open space
managing flood risk
improving the visitor experience
making connections 5 km cycle radius
making connections using open space corridors
making connections using open space and street network
making connections using transport infrastructure
Interconnected network of shared pathways

Existing and future transport network

Neighbourhood centres and fine grain street network

Parramatta open space, and River and tributaries network
benefits of the green grid

provides a spatial framework to regional planning
provides opportunity to put policy into action
adds value to urban development
increases access to open space
promotes healthy living
improves sustainable travel connections
conserves and enhances biodiversity and increase access to nature
facilitates adaptation to climate extremes and promotes urban greening
enhances distinctive destinations and boosts the visitor economy
2005 framework + subregional boundaries

1.1 The Great River Walk
   (Hawkesbury-Nepean River)
1.2 The Great North Walk
1.3 Cattai Creek
1.4 Western Parklands and Eastern Creek Corridor
1.5 South Creek
1.6 Sydney Harbour and Parramatta River Foreshore
1.7 Coastal Trails
1.8 The Georges River (Kai’ Mai)
1.9 Lake Burragorang - Picton - Georges River
   (link to Bicentennial Trail)
1.10 Cooks River

Subregions
1 Central
2 West Central and North West
3 South
4 North
5 West
6 South West
Sydney basin topography
creek network as open space framework
layering strategy

Sydney topography + creek network
existing regional open space
layering strategy

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existing regional open space
2014 NSW bike strategy
layering strategy

Sydney topography + creek network
existing regional open space
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city shapers
layering strategy

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centres, proposed centres + UAP’s
The Great North Walk
Rydalmere to West Head

Green Square
BONDI JUNCTION
SYDNEY CBD
BURWOOD
RHODES
SOP
CHATSWOOD
FRENCHS FOREST
BROOKVALE
DEE WHY
ST LEONARDS
MACQURIE PARK
CASTLE HILL
HORNSBY
NORWEST BUSINESS PARK
ROUSE HILL
MARSDEN PARK
MOUNT DRUITT
PENRITH
PENRITH ED. CENTRE
PARRAMATTA
RYDALMEREWESTMEAD
PRAIRIE-WOOD
FAIRFIELD
LIVERPOOL
BANKSTOWN AIRPORT
BANKSTOWN
HURSTVILLE
KOGARAH
Sutherland
LEPPINGTON
CAMPBELL-TOWN
MACARTHUR
BLACKTOWN
RANDWICK
SYDNEY AIRPORT
PORT BOTANY
RANDWICK + ANZAC PARADE
SOUTH MASCOT STATION
HERRING ROAD
WENTWORTH POINT
CARTER STREET
NORTH PARRAMATTA
NORTH RYDE
EPPING

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Prariewood to Parramatta Park
2013 framework primary corridors
2013 framework potential local networks
1. North
2. West Central and North West
3. West
4. South West
5. South
6. Central