



# Green Network

**The Blueprint**

Making the Connections

# What is it?

The Blueprint is a framework for the creation of a strategic Green Network for the benefit of people and wildlife in Glasgow City Region

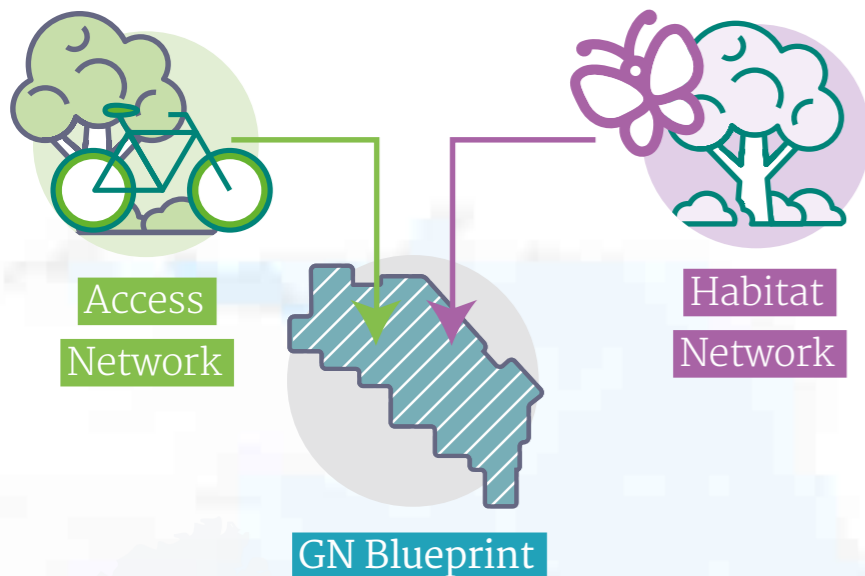
It incorporates the fundamental functions of a Green Network (GN):

- > an **Access Network** – facilitating the off-road movement of people between communities through greenspace
- > a **Habitat Network** – facilitating the movement of wildlife through the landscape

The Blueprint identifies for both networks:

- > existing Green Network assets
- > where protection and enhancements are required
- > where there are gaps in the networks
- > opportunities to address those gaps

The Blueprint will help to target resources and effort effectively, creating and enhancing the right Green Network component in the right place for most benefit



# What are the benefits?

The Blueprint will contribute to sustainable inclusive economic growth and increase wellbeing by helping to deliver:

- > a **successful, sustainable place** where people want to work, invest and live healthy lives
- > a **natural, resilient place** that improves and protects the environment
- > a **connected and low carbon place** providing opportunities for exercise, including active travel, and improvements to mental wellbeing

# How will it be delivered?

A variety of mechanisms will need to be employed to deliver the Blueprint. The major mechanisms can be categorised as:

Planned Development	Public Sector Programmes	Infrastructure Investments	Funding Opportunities
Integrating GN delivery into planning proposals	Securing and enhancing publicly-owned GN assets	Combining GN delivery with grey infrastructure projects	Preparing GN projects for environmental funding programmes

*"I'd like to live in a place where I have the opportunity to walk to the shops and work and see birds, butterflies and the changing seasons as I go"*

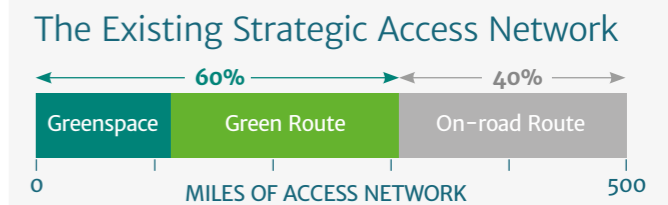
*"Won't it be wonderful to cycle across our region from Biggar to Balloch, and Cumbernauld to Clyde Muirshiel through our Green Network"*

# Opportunities

## Access Network

The Strategic Access Network is comprised of more than 200 routes over 500 miles. Currently 60% of the routes are within the Green Network.

The Blueprint identifies opportunities to address the on-road sections of the network.



*A region-wide accessible Green Network can help address social and environmental injustices and provide a tangible response to climate change*

## Habitat Network

Over 40% of our region is comprised of wildlife habitat, but these habitats are not well connected.

The Blueprint identifies nearly 800 targeted opportunities to connect Habitat Networks.



*One of the best ways we can repair our damaged environment is to link together the places that sustain our wildlife and the ecosystem services they give us*



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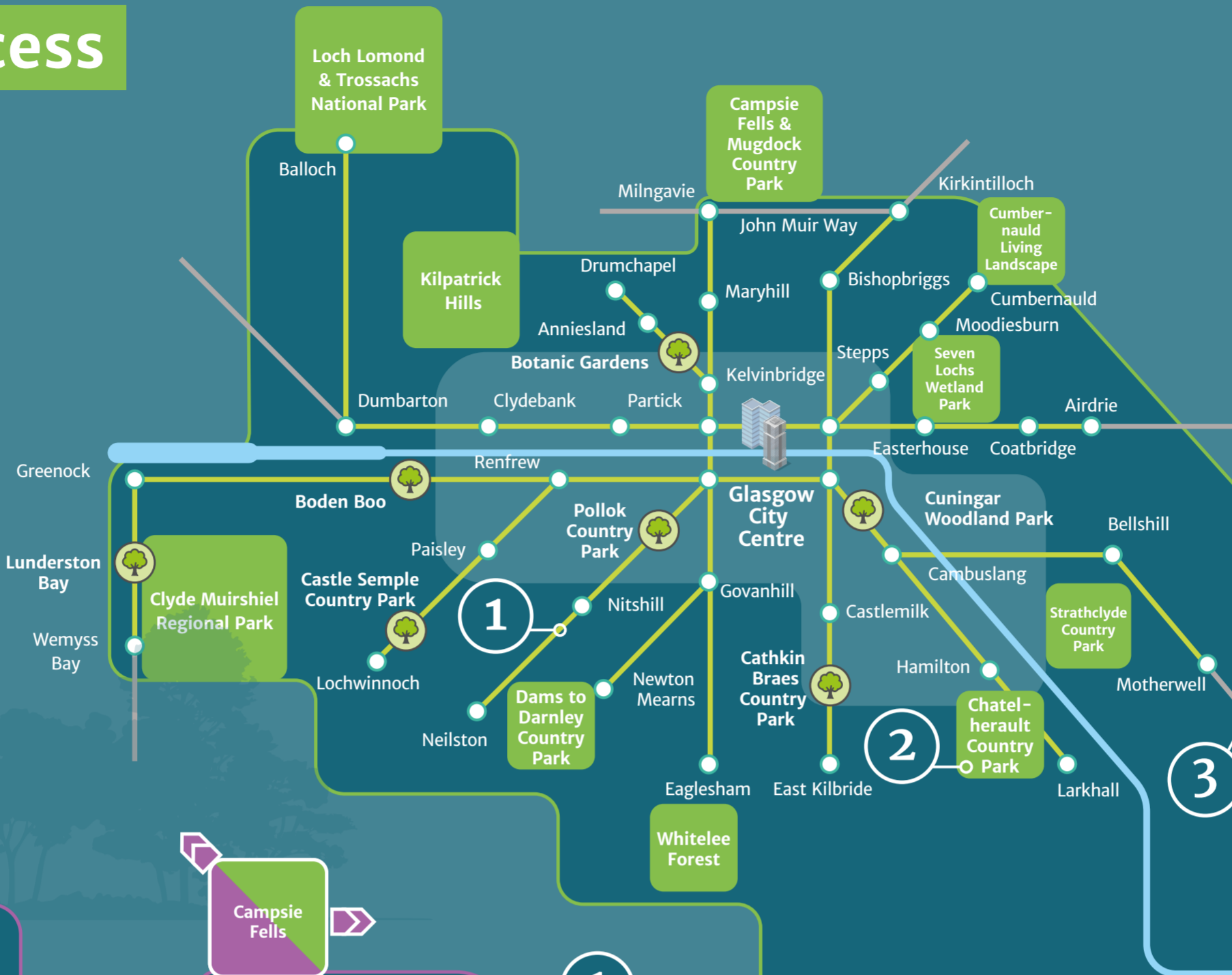
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## Strategic Access Network

### Network

The Access Network should aid off-road movement, through greenspaces and green routes, connecting people to places they want to go such as shops, schools and transport hubs, and to places of work and places for recreation, such as parks.



1

**Barrhead:**  
0.5km of footpath reconstruction  
 > **FUNDING:** Scottish Water – community benefits agreement  
 > **DELIVERED BY:** Scottish Water contractor – pipe renewal project  
 > **PARTNERS:** East Renfrewshire Council



2

**Chatelherault Country Park:**  
10km of footpath reconstruction  
 > **FUNDING:** South Lanarkshire Council, Forestry Commission Scotland, Heritage Lottery Fund  
 > **DELIVERED BY:** South Lanarkshire Council



3

**Craigneuk:**  
1.25km of multi-use paths constructed and refurbished  
 > **FUNDING:** North Lanarkshire Council (sustainable transport funding); Sustrans Community Links  
 > **DELIVERED BY:** Central Scotland Green Network Trust, North Lanarkshire Council (accommodation works)  
 > **PARTNERS:** Sustrans, Craigneuk Community Council



## Strategic Habitat Network

A functioning Habitat Network should consist of habitat patches to support species that live there and that are close enough together so that species can move easily between them.



1

**Fannyside Muir:**  
230 ha of bog restoration and habitat creation  
 > **FUNDING:** EU LIFE, WREN (Biodiversity Action Fund), SNH (Peatland Action Fund) (+ volunteer workforce)  
 > **DELIVERED BY:** Buglife Scotland  
 > **PARTNERS:** Forest Enterprise Scotland, North Lanarkshire Council, Scottish Wildlife Trust, RSPB, SNH

Habitat Network Area	Predominant Habitat Type
> 10,000 ha 1,000–10,000 ha < 1,000 ha	Bog & Heath Neutral Grassland Wetland Broadleaved Woodland
Network Connection Opportunities	
Colour – Habitat type Length – Connection length	Large woodland habitat & aspirational connection



2

**Lang Craigs:**  
250ha site: 234,000 native trees planted for habitat creation  
 > **FUNDING:** SRDP, Peoples Postcode Lottery, Sport Scotland Active Places Legacy Fund, Biffaward, Commonwealth Woods  
 > **DELIVERED BY:** Woodland Trust Scotland  
 > **PARTNERS:** Woodland Trust Scotland, West Dunbartonshire Council, Forestry Commission Scotland



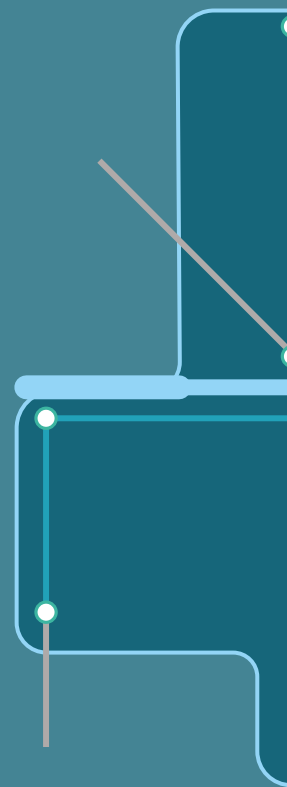
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**Whitelee:**  
2547 ha of blanket bog habitat restoration planned  
 > **FUNDING:** Scottish Power Renewables  
 > **DELIVERED BY:** Scottish Power Renewables  
 > **PARTNERS:** RSPB, SNH, Forest Enterprise Scotland





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