

# Seven Lochs Wetland Park



Destined to become Scotland's largest urban wildlife site, the proposed Seven Lochs Wetland Park is an exemplar of Green Network planning and delivery.

The Vision for the Park, which straddles the Glasgow City / North Lanarkshire council boundary, is of a new Park of national significance, sustaining and enhancing a high quality wetland environment that will:

- promote health and well-being
- protect and enhance biodiversity
- contribute to environmental, economic and social regeneration

The Partnership is working with the councils and others to make this Vision a reality.



## Our work to date

Our Opportunities Mapping analysis for the GCV Strategic Development Plan identified the area in which the Wetland Park sits as a Spatial Priority for Green Network delivery. Existing high quality habitat, on-going social and economic regeneration, and future development plans create an exciting opportunity to demonstrate how to integrate development with the expansion of the Green Network.

We have examined how green infrastructure and innovative surface water management can deliver high quality development which links to the surrounding wetland environment. The Seven Lochs Wetland Park has been identified as a key mechanism to achieve this - whilst also creating a new Green Network asset that will deliver multiple benefits for local communities, and a unique new visitor attraction for Central Scotland.

Our award winning Wetland Park masterplan makes proposals to improve existing habitat networks, create 'gateway' visitor centres, and develop green corridors to connect local communities with the Park.

## Our plans for the future

The Vision for the Seven Lochs Wetland Park has been enthusiastically received. The Wetland Park will become a flagship site within the Central Scotland Green Network, and the Partnership will continue to work with others to:

- create a formal structure to oversee the establishment and management of the Park
- secure funding to deliver the Park and welcome people to it
- promote the Park to local communities and engage them in its design and delivery
- explore opportunities for training and employment linked to the development and management of the Park
- ensure that planning and management of the Wetland Park supports wider flood risk management strategies and delivers other vital ecosystem services

