

Precinct 9

Horsley Park



Precinct Description:

The Horsley Park precinct (313ha) comprises undulating rural farming lands bounded by the M7 Motorway, industrial lands (Smithfield and Wetherill Park) and private quarrying and brick making facilities.

Desired Future Character:

A centre of sustainable urban farming, featuring market gardening, community gardens, farmers markets, agri-tourism, and education programs.

Objectives:

- Engage existing farming landowners in sustainable urban farming practices.
- Build a cohesive rural image (including from internal and boundary roads) that clearly identifies the precinct as part of the Parklands.

Land Use Opportunities

- Agri-tourism and business
- Urban farming/market gardens
- Education facilities
- Farm gate shops/markets
- Walking, cycle and bridle trails
- Existing and future service infrastructure

Key Management Priorities:

Recreation and Parkland Infrastructure:

- Develop a walking and cycling track network through the precinct.
- Accommodate interim recreation uses to meet demand prior to full development of the urban farming program.
- Enhance the visual quality of the farming landscape and create a cohesive urban farming identity for the precinct's internal and boundary roads.

Environment and Conservation:

- Improve the biodiversity and bushland quality within the precinct.
- Work with partners to investigate water harvesting, landscape recycling systems and water recycling for irrigation.
- Work with partners to improve water quality in Eastern Creek.

Culture and Participation:

- Develop with partners sustainable farming educational programs.
- Work with private landowners to engage them in the sustainable urban farming program.

Urban Farming:

- Activate further sites for urban farming.
- Work with industry/educational groups to develop best practice urban farming programs and industry links across Sydney.
- Create the opportunity for farmers markets and farm-gate sales.

Parklands Development and Management:

- Work with lessees and private landowners to develop plans for water recycling, renewable energies and waste management.
- Plan for the impacts of future service infrastructure expansions in the precinct.

