



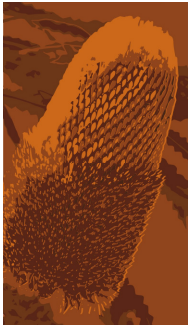
Biodiversity Milestone Awards checklist



The Milestone Awards are presented to those Local Governments subscribing to the Biodiversity Projects who have committed to and taken steps to prepare a Local Biodiversity Strategy in accordance with the *Local Government Biodiversity Planning Guidelines* (2004). There are seven Milestones that reflect the major achievements of Local Governments in the local biodiversity planning process. List of Biodiversity Milestone Awards recipients can be downloaded from the project's website: <http://pbp.walga.asn.au/BiodiversityAwards.aspx>



Activities of a Local Government are assessed against a checklist listed in Table 27 of The Local Government Biodiversity Planning Guidelines (pages 264-268) and the Perth Biodiversity Project/Southwest Biodiversity Project will determine if the Milestones have been achieved. Local Governments might be asked to provide supporting information to make a determination of Milestone completion. Also, it is at the discretion of PBP/SWBP to award a Milestone to a Local Government if not all the steps are achieved due to some steps being irrelevant to that Local Government's situation.


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Full copy of the *Local Government Biodiversity Planning Guidelines* (2004) can be downloaded from the website <http://pbp.walga.asn.au/Publications/LocalGovernmentBiodiversityPlanningGuidelines.aspx>

Outcome	Task/Activity	Milestone Awarded for (wording for certificates and presentations):
<p>Scoping and resource allocation (Council resolution that formalises Council's intent and commitment to local biodiversity conservation planning)</p> 	<p>Seek Council resolution to undertake local biodiversity planning.</p> <p>Plan for involvement of the local community, State Government and relevant Local Government staff in the local biodiversity planning process.</p> <p>Undertake training and awareness-raising for elected members, staff and members of the Steering Committee, if required.</p> <p>Allocate sufficient resources to complete a Local Biodiversity Strategy (including biodiversity target-setting activities, preparation of Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy/Discussion Paper, consultation, final Local Biodiversity Strategy with an Action Plan).</p>	<p>Scoping, training and resource identification</p>

Outcome	Task/Activity	Milestone Awarded for (wording for certificates and presentations):
<p>Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy/ Discussion Paper released for public comment</p> 	<p>Identify, map and quantify the extent of natural areas and other biodiversity assets</p> <hr/> <p>Set up a Steering Group and/or a Technical Working Group</p> <hr/> <p>Develop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vision ▪ Local Biodiversity Objectives and Targets ▪ Begin identification of local ecological linkages. <hr/> <p>Identify and discuss implementation mechanisms and proposed timeframes</p> <hr/> <p>After Council endorsement, release a Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy/Discussion paper for public comment</p>	<p>Preparing and endorsing for public consultation a Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy/Discussion Paper</p>
<p>Local Biodiversity Strategy including an Action Plan adopted by Council</p> 	<p>Collate comments from public consultation and prepare recommendations for the final Local Biodiversity Strategy</p> <hr/> <p>Prepare a report on results of public consultation and proposed changes to the Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy, seeking Council endorsement</p> <hr/> <p>Prepare final Local Biodiversity Strategy with an Action Plan including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision • Local biodiversity Objectives and Targets for protection, retention and management • Bushland Protection Map/s or spatial representation of biodiversity conservation objectives and targets • Action Plan (with time frames, key performance indicators identified and where possible provide cost estimates for forward financial planning) <hr/> <p>Council adopts the final Local Biodiversity Strategy</p>	<p>Preparing and adopting a final Local Biodiversity Strategy including an Action Plan</p>

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<p data-bbox="248 293 719 347">Local Planning Policy for Biodiversity Conservation adopted by Council</p> 	<p data-bbox="831 293 1330 347">Prepare Local Planning Policy for Biodiversity Conservation including:</p> <ul data-bbox="831 357 1458 612" style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear definitions of Local Significance criteria • Clear outline of retention and protection mechanism to be used for each local natural area • Biodiversity objectives and targets endorsed through a Local Biodiversity Strategy • Spatial plan of priority areas for conservation • Outline the requirements for a minimum standard of ecological assessments <p data-bbox="831 619 1476 699">Please note: A Local Planning Policy can apply to a specific provision in a Local Planning Scheme, such as Urban or Rural type zone, but still should include the above criteria.</p> <p data-bbox="831 708 1458 740">Release a Draft Local Planning Policy for public comment</p> <p data-bbox="831 756 1424 815">After consideration of outcomes of public consultation, Council endorses the final document</p>	<p data-bbox="1482 469 1895 587">Preparing and adopting a Local Planning Policy for Biodiversity Conservation (or the wording will reflect the specific policy)</p>
<p data-bbox="248 841 692 895">Incentives Strategy for Private Land Conservation</p> 	<p data-bbox="831 841 1453 895">Conduct community survey associated with development of Incentives Strategy for Private Land Conservation.</p> <p data-bbox="831 943 1352 997">Prepare an Incentives Strategy for Private Land Conservation.</p> <p data-bbox="831 1013 1453 1093">Release a draft Strategy for Public consultation, consider recommendations and endorse the Final Incentives Strategy for Private Land Conservation.</p> <p data-bbox="831 1141 1379 1198">Prioritise those landholders to be targeted by the Incentives Strategy for Private Land Conservation.</p> <p data-bbox="831 1246 1391 1300">Develop criteria for assessments of applications for incentives by private landholders</p> <p data-bbox="831 1348 1330 1380">Initiate Council budget item to fund incentives</p>	<p data-bbox="1482 1013 1946 1099">Preparing and adopting an Incentives Strategy for Private Land Conservation</p>

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Action Plan for Bushland Management and Protection 	<p>Undertake desktop and field assessment of all Local Government lands and unallocated Crown land.</p> <p>Determine priorities and develop management and protection recommendations and estimated costs of implementation for all Local Government lands and unallocated Crown land.</p> <p>Budget for the protection and management of Local Government lands and unallocated Crown land.</p>	<p>Preparing and adopting an action plan for the protection and management of Local Government lands and unallocated Crown land</p>
Amendments to a local government planning framework 	<p>Review/Amend or Develop a Local Planning Strategy including provisions for biodiversity conservation such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a bushland protection map • establishment of ecological linkages • introducing conservation zoning • zone specific measures to protect natural areas. <p>Review or Amend a Local Planning Scheme to incorporate appropriate protection mechanisms such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing conservation zoning • zone specific measures to protect natural areas • where appropriate introduce 'vegetation protection' Special Control Area <p>and references to the Local Biodiversity Strategy.</p> <p>After Council endorsement the Draft Local Planning Strategy and/or Amended Local Planning Scheme is released for Public Consultation.</p> <p>After public consultation the Western Australian Planning Commission endorses the new Local Planning Strategy.</p>	<p>Preparing and releasing for Public Comment a Local Planning Strategy that provides for biodiversity conservation And/or* Preparing and releasing for Public Comment an amended Local Planning Scheme that incorporates appropriate protection mechanisms</p> <p>Adopting a Local Planning Strategy that provides for biodiversity conservation And/or* Adopting an amended Local Planning Scheme that incorporates appropriate protection mechanisms</p>

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<p data-bbox="241 292 824 320">Implementation of Local Biodiversity Strategy</p> 	<p data-bbox="824 292 1473 411">Ensure that each development proposal submitted to Council that is likely to impact on natural areas has relevant information as per requirements outlined in an LPP.</p> <p data-bbox="824 411 1473 480">Where necessary or identified as a priority, field verify the information provided by the development proponent.</p> <p data-bbox="824 480 1473 576">Assess development proposals in accordance with the policy measures and assessment process identified in the LPP.</p> <p data-bbox="824 576 1473 644">Implement management and protection actions for Local Government lands and unallocated Crown land.</p> <p data-bbox="824 644 1473 713">Annual implementation of Incentives Strategy for Private Land Conservation.</p> <p data-bbox="824 713 1473 782">Formalise protection status of natural areas through Scheme Amendment.</p> <p data-bbox="824 782 1473 849">Establish reporting process based on Local Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan.</p>	<p data-bbox="1473 467 1962 555">Releasing Annual/Biannual Report on progress with implementation of the Local Biodiversity Strategy</p>

Note: * Local planning frameworks vary, some local governments working with existing Local Planning Strategies, others are in a process of developing a Local Planning Strategy while some might not have a Local Planning Strategy for few more years. However, that is not a reason not to develop a Local Biodiversity Strategy to inform land use decision making.