



## Lifting the Creek in Haewai / Houghton Valley







1949 -1971 landfill  
not designed to  
capture leachate



Leachate in Taputeranga  
marine reserve







Freshwater is  
contaminated  
before entering  
the marine  
reserve







Hydrocarbon odours and methane in the community







A 100-year vision to embrace an uncertain future





History Hikoi



New playground project

Our school embracing the past and the future



History panels





Painting the creek

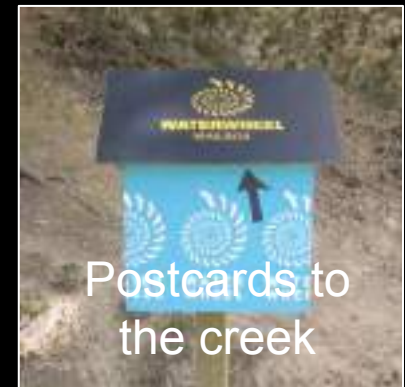


Creek walk

## Community engagement for more than a decade



Creek swim



Postcards to  
the creek





## The future







A holistic, regenerative, whole catchment concept



## **Whole catchment plan**

Consultant fees	\$50,000
Community input	gratis

## **Stage 1 ballpark cost**

Leachate diversion upgrade	\$2.0 million
Lower Houghton Bay Road stormwater pipe	\$1.5 million
Bottom 3 terraces with wetlands	\$4.5 million
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	\$8.0 million

## **Further stages ballpark cost**

6 more terraces	\$10.0 million
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Is GWRC able to support this project?



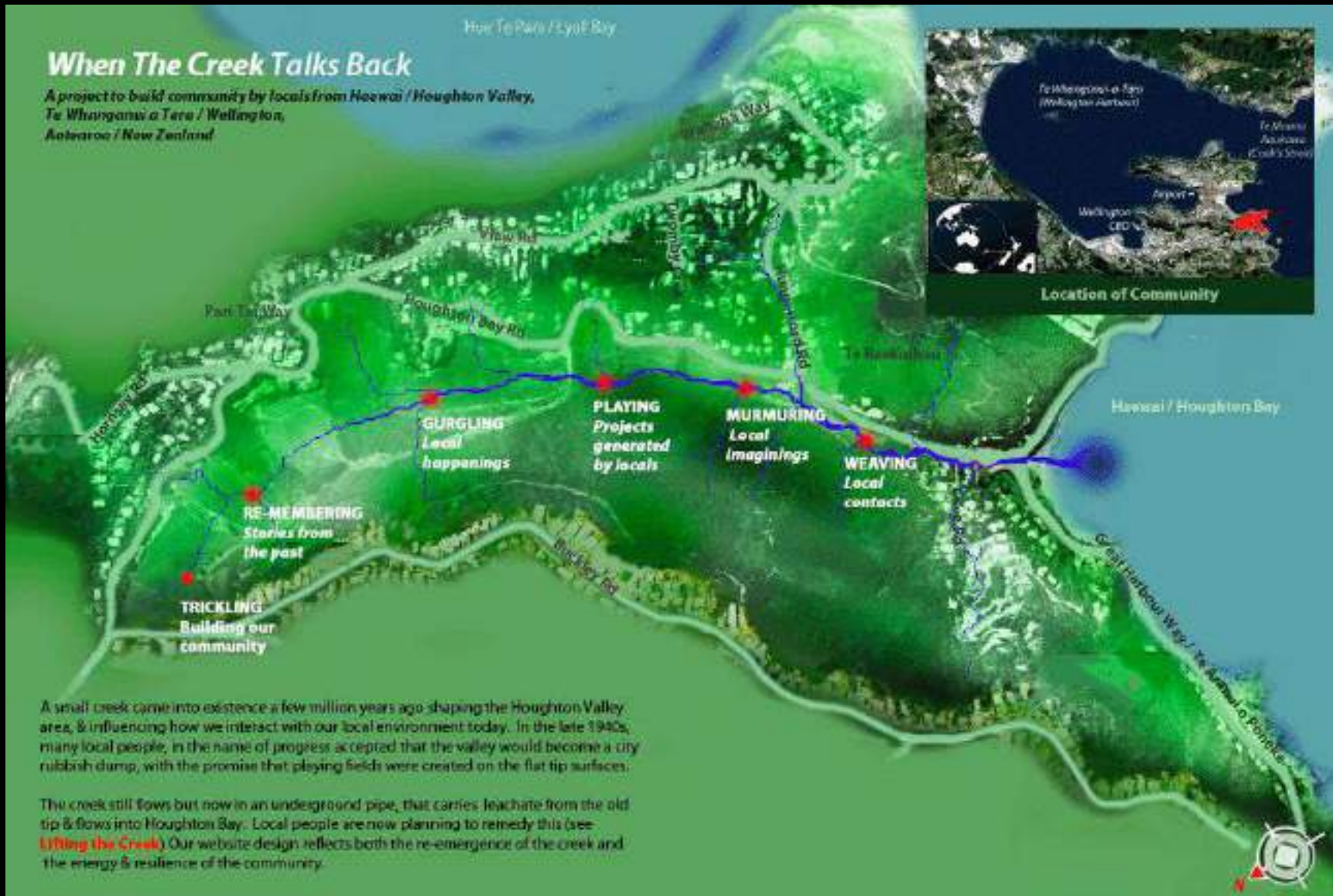
Hoo Te Pahi / Lyo E Bay

## When The Creek Talks Back

A project to build community by locals from Hoo-wai / Houghton Valley,  
Te Whanganui-a-Tara / Wellington,  
Aotearoa / New Zealand



Location of Community



A small creek came into existence a few million years ago shaping the Houghton Valley area, & influencing how we interact with our local environment today. In the late 1940s, many local people, in the name of progress accepted that the valley would become a city rubbish dump, with the promise that playing fields were created on the flat tip surfaces.

The creek still flows but now in an underground pipe, that carries leachate from the old tip & flows into Houghton Bay. Local people are now planning to remedy this (see [Lifting the Creek](#)). Our website design reflects both the re-emergence of the creek and the energy & resilience of the community.

Visit [www.houghtonvalley.org.nz](http://www.houghtonvalley.org.nz) for more information