Ten-year work plan – Little France Park

Activity	Responsible	Detail/Budget if applicable	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Objective 1. Comply with all legal and policy requirements in management of the reserve.													
1.1 Establish a management group	CEC NH	Establish management group	X	X									
	CEC NH	Pursue LNR Status via committee and planning Designate as a Fields in Trust site	X	X									
1.2 Ensure the management group follows due process	Management group / CEC NH / FOLFP	Meeting schedule to review site progress bi-annually. Prepare reports as required.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1.3 Carry out Management Plan update	Management Group CEC NH / FOLFP	ELL & Management group & CEC NH in consultation with FOLFP	X								X		X
Objective 2. Conserve and enhance the natural environment (geology and soils, flora and fauna)													
Geology													
Flora													
2.1 Improving biodiversity present on the site	CEC NH and SNH BCF funded project for grassland enrichment	CEC site officer to ensure grassland management appropriate to management plan outcomes and BCF funding commitments. End season annual cut of all identified grassland areas.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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		Appropriate support to deliver management plan outcomes. Annual or Biennial lift and disposal of arisings.											
2.2 Manage grassland habitats	CEC NH, CEC Grounds Maintenance	CEC to ensure amenity grassland management to verges and open areas as identified in plan via NH site officer. Appropriate support to deliver management plan outcomes. Target delivery - monthly.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	CEC NH, CEC Grounds Maintenance	CEC to ensure low maintenance grassland management to open areas as identified in plan via NH site officer. Appropriate support to deliver management plan outcomes. Target delivery – three cuts annually.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	CEC NH, CEC Grounds Maintenance	Targeted spraying of INNS per CEC policy. Appropriate support to deliver management plan outcomes.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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2.3 maintain and enhance mixed long-grass and shrub habitat	CEC NH, CEC Grounds Maintenance	Consider limited rotational cutting of long grass out with areas highlighted in management plan. Low impact managed areas. Appropriate support to deliver management plan outcomes.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	Plant scrub areas as required to bulk up and protect scrub habitat.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X
2.4. Maintain grass paths	CEC NH, CEC Grounds maintenance	Minimum x3 annual mowing of all grass paths to a minimum of 3m width.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2.5. Enrichment with local seed source	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	Introduction of seed enrichment by hand in enriched grassland areas. On site harvesting and over seed by communities and volunteers.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	Consider appropriate funding sources to further enrich or manage grassland to maximise species richness appropriate to the site (subject to funding) and implement improvements.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2.6 Control invasive species as needed	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners, CEC	Monitoring to establish calendar, location and targeted plan. Control using methods as required.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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	Grounds Maintenance												
2.7 Maintain and enhance wooded areas	CEC NH, CEC Forestry	Monitor wooded areas per management plan outcomes. Retain old trees as standing or fallen deadwood. Monitor Ash Dieback and control Dutch Elm disease.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X
	CEC NH, CEC Forestry	Remove diseased trees using methods designed to minimise habitat damage. Repair/replant as needed.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	Re-bed any damaged or leaning tree tubes, clear vegetative growth that may supress successful establishment, cut suckering growth from ash stumps in replanted woodlands.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners, CEC Forestry	Thin existing woodland block on South slope and crown lift. Remove boundary fencing.	X		X		X		X		X		X
	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners, CEC Forestry	Beat up and ensure establishment of new mixed woodland block on North slope.		X		X		X		X		X	

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Fauna													
2.8. Repair areas damaged	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, corporate volunteers	CEC NH R&M budget for repairs where interplanting required or loss to new planting.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2.9 carry out regular site visits	CEC NH, FOLFP	Regular site visits to observe any remediation required to site assets. FOLFP can feedback observations for CEC to investigate.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2.10 wetlands	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	Consider creating a wetland habitat scrape in South slope area identified in management plan. As appropriate to the site (subject to funding) and implement improvements.	X	X	X		X		X		X		X
	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	Consider maximising access to existing flood alleviation area with new built infrastructure, margin planting and reed bed management preserving areas of open water for improved habitat value and for public enjoyment and education. As appropriate to the site (subject to funding) and implement improvements.	X	X	X		X		X		X		X
Objective 3. Preserve and Protect archaeological features and monuments													

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3.1 Archaeological features and monuments	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	Receptive to any identified projects from HES/ Edinburgh Arc. Society on site.	X		X		X		X		X		X
Objective 4. Contribute to research in ecology and natural history													
4.1 Monitor vegetation cover & adjustments to land use	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	Possible student project to document changes in land use changes and impact on the land. Explore possibility of Drone survey.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4.2. Expand species database	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	Opportunistic recording of plant and animal species. Annual quadrat sampling of plant species possible with additional training and support to community. Transect survey of bumblebees and butterflies (spring/summer) Annual biodiversity recording activity event	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4.3. Share data with national conservation bodies	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	Share species lists with conservation organisations such as; SNH, Bumblebee Conservation Society, RSPB, Bat Conservation Trust, Badger Trust Scotland and TWIC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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4.4 Support scientific research into the ecology of the site	CEC NH, ELL partners	Establish links with local universities, possible student projects.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Objective 5. Provide educational resources and interpretation for the public													
5.1 Provide on-site information	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	CEC NH R&M or attract external funding to Install signage, with path maps and information (subject to funding) and implement improvements.	X	X	X		X		X		X		X
	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	Consider appropriate orientation signage or directional markers as appropriate to the site as it develops (subject to funding) and implement improvements.	X	X	X			X			X		X
5.2 Provide interpretative information	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	CEC NH R&M or attract external funding to Install signage, with path maps, orientation, directional signage and information and implement improvements.	X	X	X			X		X		X	

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Objective 6. Encourage community involvement in conservation													
6.1 Involve interested community members in biodiversity recording and conservation activities	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	Post information on CEC / ELL website and other social media channels. Organise, support and co-ordinate conservation calendar with community.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x
6.2 Promote conservation through Edinburgh Friends of Parks Forum	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	Encourage attendance and involvement of community with wider friends forum.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x
6.3 Engage with educational bodies	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners	Continue to encourage engagement through ELL/ELGT partners engagement officer post.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x
Objective 7. Upkeep and General Maintenance of site													
7.1 Ensure a clean and welcoming site	CEC NH, FOLFP, community, ELL partners, CEC Cleansing	Ensure entrances, gates barriers and displays meet CEC branding standards. Support from CEC Cleansing teams for litter and waste. Engage with communities and partners for regular litter and fly tipping removal.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x

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7.2 Improve condition and appearance of site features	CEC NH, ELL partners, FOLFP, community	Generate path plan for upgrading paths to unbound surfaces where appropriate (subject to available funding) and implement improvements.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x
	CEC NH, ELL partners, FOLFP, community	Undertake site boundary condition assessment – identify boundary improvement (subject to available funding) and implement improvements	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x
	CEC NH, CEC Forestry, ELL partners, FOLFP, community	Consider further interpretation of site features including a specimen tree trail and arboretum (subject to available funding).	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x
	CEC NH, ELL partners, FOLFP, community	Consider desire for natural or formal play features on site. (subject to available funding).	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x
	CEC NH, ELL partners, FOLFP, community	Consider further habitat enhancements, marginal planting and access improvements to wetlands areas. (subject to available funding).		x	x	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	CEC NH, ELL partners, FOLFP, community	Consider further investments in placemaking projects with consultation and community involvement (subject to available funding).		x	x	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

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	CEC NH, ELL partners, FOLFP, community	Maintain walls, boundaries, fences and gates to a good condition. (subject to available funding).	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x
	CEC NH, ELL partners, FOLFP, community	Maintain all site infrastructure to a good condition. (subject to available funding).	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x
7.3 promote responsible access within the park	CEC NH, ELL partners, FOLFP, community	Promote Scottish Outdoor Access Code and Civic Goverment Scotland act, CEC management rules and any other pertinent information or legislation relating to use of civic open space.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x

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