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Sectoral Report



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1. Introduction

Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 requires each Irish local authority to prepare a Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) for its administrative area. Each Local Authority went through a plan preparation process during 2023 and adopted their LACAP by the end of Quarter 1, 2024. The <u>31 Local Authority Climate Action Plans</u> have a five-year statutory remit. The LACAPs aim to deliver global and national climate targets and implement national climate policy at community level through local authority regulatory and strategic functions and relationships.

Additionally, action 165 of the Government's Climate Action Plan 2019, requires Local Authorities to identify and develop plans for a Decarbonising Zone (DZ) where a DZ is defined as a "spatial area identified by the local authority, in which a range of climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity measures and action owners are identified to address local low carbon energy, greenhouse gas emissions and climate needs to contribute to national climate action targets". Subsequently, Action 80 of the Climate Action Plan 2021 required that DZ plans be integrated with the LACAP.

The Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs), which coordinate the Local Authority response to climate change, have carried out an <u>analysis of the 31 Local Authority Climate Action Plans</u> that were adopted by Irish Local authorities in 2024. The analysis is useful in terms of providing an understanding of the scope and reach of the LACAPs as well as the focus of the local government sector's climate action efforts for the next five years.

One element of the analysis identified the sectors that are relevant to each of the actions that have been adopted in the 31 LACAPs with most actions being relevant to more than one sector. For the purpose of the analysis, a sector is considered to be a distinct part of society or the economy with examples including health, transport, education, and others. Figure 1 shows the distribution of sectors across all LACAP actions. Given that the LACAPs are plans of local government, it is not surprising that the local government sector is listed as being relevant to almost all actions.

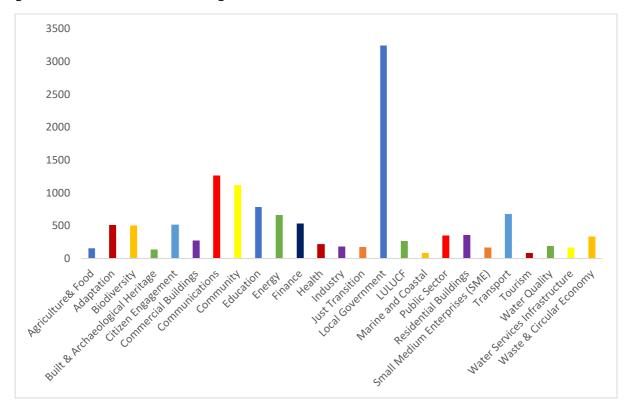


Figure 1: Breakdown of LACAP actions according to sector

Following on from the publication of the analysis of the 31 Local Authority Climate Action Plans, the CAROs have produced summary reports for each of the sectors that have been identified as being relevant to the delivery of LACAP and DZ actions. The aim of these <u>sectoral reports</u> is to steer sectors towards the local authorities and actions that are most relevant to them, to facilitate more informed sectoral engagement and to assist sectors in the preparation of their own plans.

This sectoral report has been prepared for the Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF sector.

Please note that this is a high-level assessment performed by the CAROs to inform the LULUCF sector. If further information is required on any aspect of the report, please contact CARO@CorkCoCo.ie.

2. LACAP analysis

The methodology deployed for the LACAP analysis centred around the development of a database. A CARO project group was established to build and contribute to the database. The database was populated by the individual actions that were adopted by all 31 local authorities.

The CARO team assessed and categorised each individual action under pre-determined high-level classifications including thematic focus area, related sector, action type i.e. mitigation or adaptation, organisation or community focus, stakeholders identified, etc.

Actions were further categorised using a three-tier process. Each action was initially classified as one of 11 Tier 1 categories and then further classified by Tier 2 and Tier 3 sub-category (over 300 Tier 2 and Tier 3 sub-categories). The Tier 1 categories under which actions were initially classified were:

- 1. Local Authority Organisation
- 2. Local Authority Owned or Managed Buildings –including administrative buildings, social housing and other community buildings (e.g. libraries, swimming pools, etc)
- 3. Local Authority Owned or Managed Infrastructure –including assets such as roads, public lighting, land, parks, heritage assets, communication networks, EV charging infrastructure, draining systems, etc.
- 4. Local Authority Finance or Budgets
- 5. Planning
- 6. Community
- 7. Active and Sustainable Travel
- 8. Climate Impact Management
- 9. Waste and Circular Economy
- 10. Natural Assets and LULUCF
- 11. Tourism

The working group developed and worked to set criteria to ensure consistency in approach to action categorisation. Regular review meetings were held to maintain high levels of consistency in the data.

3. LACAP overview

The Local Authority Climate Action Plans (LACAPs) reinforce the commitment by the local government sector to lead on climate action at local and national levels. Each LACAP outlines the actions that the individual local authority will be taking to meet its responsibility regarding reduction of greenhouse gas emissions across its own assets and infrastructure as well as the actions that the local authority will take to influence, enable, and facilitate others to meet their own targets.

The Decarbonising Zone section of the Local Authority Climate Action Plans identifies the climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity actions to be taken by the Local Authority in the selected Decarbonising Zone (DZ) to test, pilot and demonstrate decarbonising at a local and community level.

High level analysis of the LACAPs including Decarbonising Zone reveals the following:

- In total, **3,935** actions have been adopted across all 31 LACAPs.
- **3282** of these actions relate to the whole local authority administrative area and are referred to as LACAP actions.
- **653** of these actions relate specifically to Decarbonizing Zones (DZs) that have been identified by the local authority and are referred to as DZ actions.
- There is a wide variation in numbers of actions across the 31 LACAPs reflecting a difference in approach to defining actions rather than a difference in level of ambition between local authorities.
- There is also a wide variation in numbers of DZ actions across the 31 LACAPs.
- 8 local authorities did not identify individual actions for their DZ. It should be noted that the approach that most of these local authorities have taken is to develop and adopt a Register of Opportunities which is a portfolio of projects, technologies and interventions from which individual actions will be identified during the implementation stage.

4. Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) Sector Actions:

This report has been prepared for the **LULUCF** sector. An analysis of all 3282 actions in 31 LACAPs has concluded that:

- **263** of all 3282 actions relate to the LULUCF sector.
- these are contained in **all** of the 31 LACAPs.

Furthermore, an analysis of all 653 DZ actions has concluded that:

- **51** of the total DZ actions relate to the LULUCF sector.
- These are contained in **15** of the DZ plans (taking note that 8 local authorities did not list individual actions for their DZs).

Figure 2 shows the distribution of LULUCF Actions across all local authority Climate Action Plans (LACAP) and Decarbonising Zones (DZ).

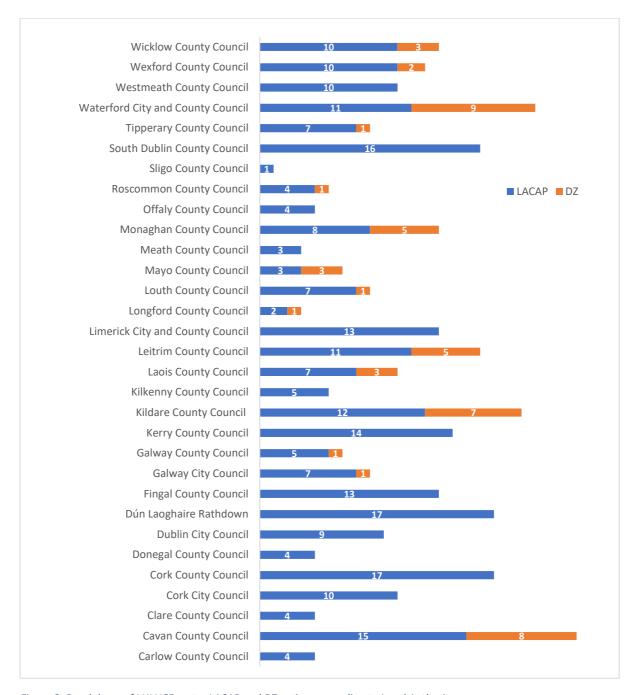
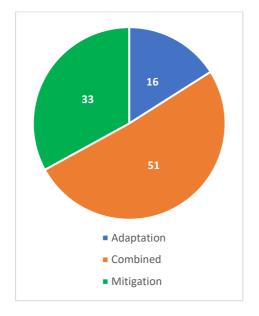


Figure 2: Breakdown of LULUCF sector LACAP and DZ actions according to Local Authority

4.1. Adaptation/Mitigation

All LACAPs identify adaptation and mitigation actions that will be implemented by the relevant local authority to reach its climate targets. Mitigation actions include those that reduce the causes of climate change and those that serve to maintain and enhance carbon sinks while adaptation actions include those that increase resilience to current climate and weather conditions and those that involve planning for future climate impacts. Combined actions are those that address climate mitigation and adaptation. Figure 3 shows the breakdown of LACAP actions relating to the LULUCF sector according to whether they are identified as mitigation or adaptation or combined. 51% of the total number of LULUCF sector actions across all LACAPs address both mitigation and adaptation while 33% are specifically mitigation actions and 16% specifically relate to adaptation.

Figure 4 shows the breakdown of DZ actions relating to the LULUCF sector according to whether they are identified as mitigation or adaptation or combined. 63% of the total number of LULUCF sector actions across all DZs address both mitigation and adaptation while 12% are specifically mitigation actions and 25% specifically relate to adaptation.



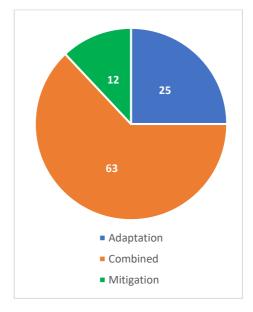


Figure 3: Percentage Adaptation/Mitigation breakdown of LACAP actions relating to the LULUCF sector

Figure 4: Percentage Adaptation/Mitigation breakdown of DZ actions relating to the LULUCF sector

4.2. Classification of Actions

Each action underwent a three-tier classification process, with 11 possible categories in Tier one, being further broken down into Tier 2 and Tier 3 categories.

Figure 5 shows the breakdown of all LACAP and DZ LULUCF sector actions according to Tier 1 Category with actions classified into 8 of the possible 11 categories.



Figure 5: Tier 1 classification of LACAP and DZ LULUCF sector actions

It is apparent that most LULUCF sector actions are associated with the theme of natural assets/LULUCF, with smaller numbers of actions being classified as aligning with the broad themes of local authority owned and/or managed infrastructure and assets, planning, local authority organisation and climate impact management. The types of actions that are listed under each of these categories are as follows:

Natural assets, Land Use, Land-use Change, Forestry (LULUCF):

- Develop and implement guidelines for Invasive Alien Species Management.
- Develop and implement policy and plans (e.g. Green Infrastructure Strategy, Green Space Strategy, Parks strategy, Public Realm Plan, Tree Strategy, Tree and Woodland Plan, Public Open Space Strategy, Wetland Restoration Plan, Local Food Growing Strategy, Habitat Protection Plan, Carbon Sequestration Plan, Hedgerow and Tree Policy, Pesticide Reduction Policy, Wetland Action Plan, Biodiversity Plan, Rainwater Management Plan).
- Commission surveys of green infrastructure (e.g. wetland survey, green infrastructure mapping, County Habitat Map, etc.) to identify at -risk habitats that are to be conserved and protected.
- Host an annual uplands forum to develop an integrated partnership with key stakeholders to develop carbon sequestration, catchment management and tackle recreational pressures on upland sites delivering protection of habitat.
- Support and encourage local community projects and initiatives that address habitat protection, peatland rewetting, sand dune restoration, woodland creation and nature restoration.
- Liaise with Teagasc and local farmers to advocate towards a more low-carbon and climate resilient agriculture and forestry sector.
- Ensure the protection and improvement of water quality through the implementation of the Water Framework Directive and River Basin Management Plan and Local Authority Waters Programme.
- Maintenance of lakes and wetlands to increase storage capacity during severe weather events.
- Rehabilitation of former industrial peatlands in line with the National Recovery and Resilience Plan.

Local Authority owned and/or managed infrastructure/assets:

- Audit all local authority land, carry out ecological/habitat surveys and highlight areas at risk and those suitable for restoration and enhanced carbon storage.
- Assess the carbon offset potential of existing parks and amenity areas.
- Identify suitable Council owned land for woodland planting and other biodiversity measures.
- Support the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine's scheme for Woodland Creation on Public Lands.
- Purchase land for sustainable woodland creation and other biodiversity measures.
- Carry out ecological audit and surveys of Council owned lands.
- Deliver and maintain allotments for local food production.
- Development and demonstration of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) with an emphasis on nature-based solutions/SuDS where possible.

Planning:

• Require proposals for new development to integrate with existing Green Infrastructure networks and include planting of native trees, hedgerows and vegetation.

- Promotion of pocket parks in conjunction with urban planning and commercial and intensified residential development.
- Develop and implement a Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) and integrated rainwater management protocol for both Council and private sector projects.
- Deliver a yearly increase in the application of Blue-Green Infrastructure, Nature Based-solutions and Integrated Rainwater Management in local authority, private and public projects. Collate a database and spatial map to track progress.
- Quantify the carbon benefit net gain resulting from green spaces, marine area and carbon sequestration measures embedded in developments.

Local Authority Organisation:

- Develop hill and forest fire management response and prevention strategy.
- Ensure legislation and regulation on climate change and flood management is integrated into council policies and guidelines.
- Allocate increased budget for river draining maintenance works.
- In-house training for Council staff on biodiversity and nature-based solutions in their work.
- Prepare a guidance document and training on the importance of, quality rating and sustainable management of the hedgerows and riparian areas, for Council staff and external stakeholders including farmers/landowners.

Climate impact management:

- Restore and maintain lakes and wetlands to maximise storage capacity during severe weather events.
- Complete National Catchment based Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) programme.
- Use of nature-based solutions in flood alleviation and coastal protection schemes.

All 263 LACAP and 51 DZ actions that have been identified as being relevant to the LULUCF sector are listed in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1: LACAP actions that relate to the LULUCF sector

Local Authority	Action no	Action
Carlow County Council	NE 1.2	Implement the actions set out in the County Carlow Green Infrastructure Strategy; having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as archaeology, European sites, biodiversity and amenity value.
Carlow County Council	NE 1.3	Prepare guidelines for Invasive Alien Species Management
Carlow County Council	NE 1.8	Develop a Native Tree Strategy to provide the vision and direction for long-term planning, planting, protection and maintenance of native trees, hedgerows and woodlands within Carlow Town and County
Carlow County Council	NE 1.9	Investigate the feasibility of developing a Carlow County Council Garden nursery facilitating self-sufficiency by providing all new plants for public realm enhancement.
Cavan County Council	TR23	Finalise land use transportation plan for Cavan Town; having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity, European sites local air quality, cultural heritage etc. Whilst ensuring prioritising sustainable transport.
Cavan County Council	N 5	Develop Green Infrastructure Plan including a green infrastructure network for the County that incorporates ecology, climate change mitigation and adaptation, to increase climate resilience, climate action co-benefits and environmental protection requirements.
Cavan County Council	N 6	Audit all local authority land, carry out ecological/habitat surveys and highlight areas at risk and those suitable for restoration and enhanced carbon storage, also identifying potential wildlife corridors for protection through statutory plan.
Cavan County Council	N 7	Conduct County wetland survey and implement recommendations in terms of conservation and restoration of wetlands.
Cavan County Council	N 9	Development and Implementation of a SUDS policy and continue the prioritisation of SUDS measures in local authority projects ensuring the plan takes nature-based solutions/ protection of biodiversity and avoidance of habitat fragmentation into consideration.
Cavan County Council	N 11	Cavan County Council will seek to prioritise the delivery of Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme identified flood schemes in the county and promote nature-based solutions and integral to these schemes having due regard to the need to promote nature based solutions and Sustainable Drainage Systems, and environmental sensitivities at these locations, including water quality, biodiversity, European sites, riparian corridors and aquatic ecology, visual amenity and recreation and amenity value.
Cavan County Council	N 12	Develop a tree and woodland plan to increase tree cover on council owned land, using appropriate species to store carbon, support nature, improve soils and water quality, and aid in flood protection and urban design. Aim to increase areas of public land under forestry through schemes such as Forest Creation on public lands.

N 14	Carry out and require planting of native trees, hedgerows and vegetation on all new developments. All planting should be pollinator friendly and in accordance with the All Ireland Pollinator Plan and Pollinator Guidelines for Communities.
N 15	Development of a pocket park strategy for the County. Promotion of pocket parks in conjunction with urban planning and commercial and intensified residential development. To make the area wildlife friendly.
N 16	Develop a native tree strategy to outline vision and plan for long term planning, protection and maintenance of native trees, hedgerows and woodlands. Highlight the importance of cultivation and propagation of disease resistant plants e.g. plants resistant to diseases such as ash dieback.
N 17	Promote not-for-profit tree planting programmes for targeted ecological improvements and ground stabilisation as a means of climate change mitigation, and carbon sequestration over the lifetime of the planted species
N 18	Promote the integrated planning, design and delivery of green infrastructure (including urban greening) through appropriate provisions in planning policies, development standards, infrastructural, public realm and community projects, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as Archaeology, European sites, biodiversity and amenity value etc.
N 19	Identifying surplus lands within the ownership of the LA for planting to maximise contributions to both forestry and biodiversity
N 20	Integration of peatland soil maps with the council planning map systems to prevent further drainage and degradation.
N 21	Promote public education to increase awareness of the importance of bogs as both hydrological and carbon sinks, explaining their ability to reduce the effects of surface water run off during rainfall events and their ability to provide a subsequent slow release of water to the receiving environment. Awareness should be increased of the benefits of rewetting bogs and how these actions can be taken by landowners
C 2.8	Support Wetland project within the Ennis 2040 Strategy aimed at increasing biodiversity and sustainability
N 1.2	Identify potential for climate and biodiversity projects including tree planting and woodland creation within Clare County Council landbanks
N 1.7	Undertake a county-wide wetland inventory survey to identify and map the wetland resource in County Clare
N 1.8	Support and work with landowners to undertake a peatland restoration project whilst advocating and exerting influence to ensure such projects promote climate action co-benefits and do not contravene relevant environmental protection criteria or cause significant negative environmental effects.
1.21	Develop a GBI hub/portal for external viewing and transparency of data, aligned with open data goals of the Digital Strategy (2018- 2022).
3.21	Mainstream Green and Blue Infrastructure priorities into the design and delivery of all built environment and energy projects in the city, supported by the rollout and adoption of decision-support tools like the GBI Hub. Demonstrate mainstreaming in priority projects including: Lee to Sea Greenway; Vernon Mount Park Project; Decarbonising Zone; and all new Rewilding, Rewetting and Reafforestation projects in the city. Have due regard to opportunities to enhance tourism, recreation and
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		heritage value associated with supported projects, and environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, local air quality, biodiversity, European site, and heritage related sensitivities
Cork City Council	5.1	Support and implement the National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023–2027.
Cork City Council	5.2	Implement Cork City Council's Heritage and Biodiversity Plan 2021-2026, including the protection, restoration and enhancement of rivers and wetlands; protection and promotion of designated habitats and species.
		Publish and implement the actions prioritised in Cork City's first Trees Strategy, including: A detailed inventory of tree stock for analysis of ecosystem services provided; City-wide analysis of available planting sites; Prepare long-term canopy cover plan; Review development standards to protect existing trees and management standards to maximise quality and longevity of existing stock. Take measures to promote the use of native species over non- natives, having due regard for water quality and soil stability
Cork City Council	5.5	issues whilst undertaking the planning process.
Cork City Council	5.6	Incorporate climate adaptation and mitigation considerations into the forthcoming updated Cork City Landscape Strategy.
Cork City Council	5.7	Complete and publish the detailed Habitat and Risk Register Assessment, including mapping/GIS, of priority areas for the city and a risk register of all natural heritage assets at a habitat level.
Cork City Council	5.9	Undertake strategic land procurement for the protection of nature and biodiversity.
Cork City Council	5.14	Initiate delivery of the proposed Northwest Regional Park, having due regard to relevant planning and environmental protection requirements and opportunities to promote climate action co-benefits.
Cork City Council	5.22	Identify and purchase suitable land for sustainable woodland creation. Take measures to promote the use of native species over non-natives and having due regard for water quality and soil stability issues whilst undertaking the planning process.
Cork County Council	4.5.1.1.2	Work with stakeholders and communities to identify suitable areas for Nature Recovery opportunities.
Cork County Council	4.5.1.2.2	Work with stakeholders to carry out a county wide survey to identify and map wetlands; protect and restore wetlands in Local Authority control; and to support landowners and others to protect and restore wetlands in accordance with relevant environmental protection requirements, including water quality, habitat and protected species related requirements.
Cork County Council	4.5.1.2.5	Work with stakeholders to examine the feasibility of mapping of green and blue infrastructure assets in the County.
Cork County Council	4.5.1.2.6	Identify opportunities to preserve, enhance and develop ecological connections between areas of high biodiversity value, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity, European sites and local air quality
Cork County Council	4.5.1.4.3	Identify a range of potential pilots to demonstrate sustainable measures including nature-based SuDS; and pilot a biodiversity- and climate-led design for Council-led social housing developments with measures such as green roofs, green

		walls, wetland & pond SUDS, green carparking, nest boxes in facades, grasslands, and wildlife friendly native shrubs and trees in open space; having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity, European sites, and local air quality.
Cork County Council	4.5.1.4.4	Identify council-held assets for opportunities where biodiversity measures, e.g. wildflower/hay meadows, rewilding, hedgerows, and habitat integration methods (e.g. bat boxes, swift boxes / nest boxes) can be implemented in accordance with best practice guidelines, in partnership with appropriate bodies e.g. Birdwatch Ireland.
Cork County Council	4.5.1.4.5	Recognise natural regeneration of woodland and Identify opportunities for native tree planting and native woodland creation within authority's landbank - and aim to avail of the Creation of Woodland in Public Lands Scheme and other grant aided schemes to extend native woodland cover in the county, particularly where co-benefits can be achieved.
Cork County Council	4,5,3,2,6	Support stakeholders in incorporating biodiversity in land use, and work to support the protection of high-nature-value farmland and associated grassland biodiversity through sustainable measures such as farming practices that support soil sequestration.
Cork County Council	4.5.4.1.1	Support sectoral and national afforestation targets in mitigating climate change and the promotion of sustainable forest management initiatives, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as European sites, water quality and biodiversity.
Cork County Council	4.5.4.1.2	Develop a Tree Strategy to support County Development Plan objectives and provide a framework for the planning, protection, planting and management of trees and woodlands on Council property ensuring a focus on native trees and having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as European sites and biodiversity.
Cork County Council	4.5.4.1.3	Work with stakeholders to establish a baseline and further develop targets for new tree cover pertaining to Cork County.
Cork County Council	4.5.4.1.4	Support the implementation of the recommendations of the National Land Use Review.
Cork County Council	4.5.4.1.5	Support the implementation of the National Peatlands Strategy, whilst promoting the need to consider environmental protection requirements during such projects.
Cork County Council	4.5.4.1.6	Implementation of County Development Plan Policy which seeks to achieve a net gain in green infrastructure through the protection and enhancement of existing assets and the provision of new green infrastructure; having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity, European sites, and local air quality.
Cork County Council	4.5.5.1.1	Encourage the promotion of sustainable land use practices and nature-based solutions to water resource management and flooding which can enhance community resilience by providing natural flood defences, promoting climate adaptation, having due regard to environmental sensitivities, including Biodiversity, European sites, water quality and sensitive human receptors.
Cork County Council	4.5.5.1.3	Support an integrated approach to the management of surface water catchments and the use and development of lands adjoining watercourses.
Cork County Council	4.8.5.1.1	Explore opportunities to undertake climate adaptation measures as part of public realm works

Donegal County Council	NE 1.2	Support national and regional initiatives to undertake an audit of local authority land and assess biodiversity potential with respect to climate considerations.
Donegal County Council	NE 2.1	Forestry - Work with Coillte to promote their implementation of appropriate water protection and integration of biodiversity measures in forestry catchments where there is potential for impact on waterbodies (e.g. sediment, pesticides, colour, organic matter and high rainfall events) in line with Water Framework Directive objectives.
Donegal County Council	NE 4.3	Based on Nature Based Solutions opportunity mapping, assess feasibility and consider multi benefits of implementation within an overall NBS road map.
Donegal County Council	NE 4.4	Based on NBS road maps, seek funding opportunities for implementing NBS in appropriate catchments throughout Donegal.
Dublin City Council	RF 1.2	Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere Discovery Centre
Dublin City Council	RF 1.3	Liffey Vale Biodiversity Centre
Dublin City Council	S 3.1	Delivery of Parks Strategy
Dublin City Council	S 4.1	City Centre Public Realm
Dublin City Council	OS 9	Implement flood risk management guidelines.
Dublin City Council	OS 12	Update DLA urban drainage and flooding policies promoting natural flood measures as a priority to inform new development plan.
Dublin City Council	OS 23	Monitor and prepare report on the seagrass (Zostera spp.) beds at Sandymount and Merrion Gates to inform conservation management of this area.
Dublin City Council	OS 26	Implement Dublin City Tree Strategy.
Dublin City Council	EP 30	Work with the Dublin Mountains Partnership on implementing strategic plans and activities for Climate Change mitigation and biodiversity enhancement.
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	F 8	Develop, protect, and conserve riparian corridors, in line with the County Development Plan 2022- 2028 and its future iterations
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	F 16	Maintenance of key lakes and wetlands, existing flood storage facilities to maintain storage capacity during severe weather events
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	N 2	Carry out a feasibility study to develop an ecosystems audit template
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	N 4	Implement the recommendations of the County Hedgerow Evaluation Project

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	N 5	Establish a grant scheme to landowners for the development of a Biodiversity Plan by an Ecologist and to assist the implementation of the Plan's recommendations
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	N 6	Map wildlife corridors across the County and evaluate their ecosystem services including climate change resilience
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	N 8	Carry out ecological audit and surveys of dlr lands and highlight areas at risk from climate change and areas for protection, restoration, and enhancement for carbon storage Identify wildlife corridors and connectivity to the dlr Ecological Network
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	N 10	Prepare a Habitat and Species Management Plan for Booterstown Marsh proposed Natural Heritage Areas (p.N.H.A.) a Protected Plant Species Site and part of the South Dublin Bay and Tolka Estuary Special Protection Area subject to the agreement of the National Parks and Wildlife Service
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	N 13	Implement dlr's Tree Strategy (A Climate for Trees 2024-2030)
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	N 15	Finalise and Implement Wildfire Strategy for Killiney Hill and Roches Hill
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	N 16	Create the Public Open Space and Parks Strategy
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	N 17	Development of on-street Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) within the County with an emphasis on nature-based solutions/SuDS where possible following best practice design and governmental guidance
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	N 20	Co-ordinate action on biodiversity across the four Dublin Local Authorities
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	N 21	Protect and conserve floodplains, wetlands, and coastal areas including those subject to flooding
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	N 22	Implement Green Infrastructure (GI) Strategy in line with EU GI definition and policies that incorporates climate change mitigation and adaptation
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	N 24	Develop demonstration sites to show how to combine nature conservation with existing land uses
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	N 25	Expand the community garden model developed at Fernhill Park to other locations in the County; having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as European sites and biodiversity
Fingal County Council	F 11	Restore St Ita's wetlands to maximise water attenuation capacity and nature conservation benefits
Fingal County Council	N 1	Prepare and implement multi-functional management plans for the Rogerstown, Malahide and Baldoyle Estuaries and their surrounding lands
Fingal County Council	N 2	Map and survey all significant/historic stands of woodland within the county e.g. in excess of 5ha, and review the effectiveness of the protection offered under the Green Infrastructure Network Zoning of woodlands in the County Development Plan
Fingal County Council	N 4	Develop SUDS demonstration sites in the Tolka Valley, Ward River Valley, Balbriggan town Park and Rogerstown estuary

Fingal County Council	N 6	Explore funding models for carbon offsetting to fund wetland and woodland development
		Commission a study to report on the ecosystem services/nature-based solutions provided by Fingal's trees with reference to
Fingal County Council	N 7	their economic/climate change adaptation benefits
Fingal County Council	N 8	Assess and adopt tree valuation methods for compensatory / replacement planting, e.g. CAVAT, iTree
		Initiate a programme of targeted Strategic Annual Tree Planting including identifying and mapping priority locations, to include sites suitable for woodland creation. Reviewed in an annual works programme, presenting what is planned for the coming year. Taking advantage of government funding programmes such as the New Woodland Creation Scheme on Public
Fingal County Council	N 9	Lands
Fingal County Council	N 10	Prepare a list of suitable tree species recommended for differing situations / functions and make available to developers and other stakeholders following the Guiding Principle of 'right tree in the right place'
Fingal County Council	N 14	Prepare wetland and river restoration project for the Bog of the Ring and the Matt river corridor
Fingal County Council	E 26	Assess potential for viable renewable energy projects on a temporary/permanent basis, on council controlled lands
Fingal County Council	R 21	Assess Council lands & buildings for potential for renewable energy, biodiversity; green infrastructure, sustainable agriculture & other sustainable projects.
Fingal County Council	R 23	Identify opportunities for the acquisition of land and buildings by agreement/CPO for renewable energy/ regeneration/active travel/greenway / green infrastructure projects etc
Galway City Council	34	Develop and implement green space strategy (GSS) for Galway City Council owned green spaces that supports space for nature.
Galway City Council	36	Develop and implement actions in the forthcoming Galway City Invasive Alien Species Strategy (GCIAS) 2024-2034 Strategy.
Galway City Council	37	Develop tree strategy for the Galway City area, including detail to increase tree canopy cover throughout the city through management of existing stock and new planting in appropriate places with appropriate planting mixes.
Galway City Council	38	Implement/ develop woodland management plans for existing GCC woodlands.
Galway City Council	39	Quantify the carbon benefit net gain resulting from green spaces, marine area and carbon sequestration measures embedded in developments.
Galway City Council	41	Support the development of a City Blueway Strategy for rivers and canals that considers maintenance, biodiversity, climate adaptation and emissions reduction and is informed by ecological assessment and provision of appropriate buffers and wildlife corridors in collaboration with Office of Public Works (OPW), Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI), National Parks and Wildlife service (NPWS), and Lough Corrib Navigational Trustees (LCNT).
Galway City Council	42	Explore the potential for integrating Nature Based Solutions (NBS) on all internal and GCC permitted projects, with the aim of enhancing climate resilience and fostering biodiversity net gain.

	Further to include sustainable urban drainage systems, with appropriate regard to environmental protection requirements, including designated European sites.
	Increase in leaf cover in Galway City area, considering trees and vertical shading solutions.
GL 3.2	Support the development, implementation and sharing of best practice in relation to Green Public Procurement. Develop a Sustainable Wood Procurement Strategy and overall Green Public Procurement Strategy through the Cities4Forests Programme. Develop a monitoring and reporting tool to ensure GPP is embedded into all procurement.
LN 2.1	Identify priority areas for habitat restoration and protection for carbon and biodiversity benefits. Work with stakeholders including landowners and Local Authority to identify opportunities to deliver restoration. Investigate opportunities for Biodiversity Net Gain investment.
LN 2.2	Audit local authority land and buildings, carry out ecological/habitat surveys and highlight areas at risk (as well as areas which are thriving or providing sequestration services) and those suitable for restoration and enhanced carbon storage, community purposes or as wildlife corridors for protection through statutory plans.
LN 2.3	Conduct a tree cover survey and devise and adopt a tree management policy that recognises the ecosystem services provided by existing woodland habitat and hedgerows and seeks to retain and support such habitats.
LN 2.5	Implement a county-wide pollinator conservation initiative, creating and maintaining pollinator-friendly habitats based on the most up-to-date scientific advice.
2.1.1	Ensure public green spaces are managed to support pollinator friendly habitats, and to investigate a native seed library for the county, whilst promoting the use of native species in all habitats.
2.1.2	Identify sites for additional native tree planting, reduced mowing, hedge planting and/or other actions to create diverse habitats in public parks and open spaces.
2.1.3	Work in partnership with local Biodiversity Action Groups and other stakeholders to build future resilience of habitats and species and identify habitats for carbon sequestration.
2.1.9	Develop a strategy to identify public areas that are in need of treatment of invasive species which may threaten important habitats and species.
2.2.1	Support Green and Blue Infrastructure at appropriate locations in the county and increase connectivity of the protected areas network using appropriate buffer zones, corridors, stepping-stones and/or flyways, having due regard to opportunities to promote climate action co-benefits, and environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity European sites and cultural heritage considerations.
2.2.2	Flood alleviation projects and coastal protection schemes to investigate the use of Nature Based Solutions. having due regard for environmental sensitivities at these locations, including water quality, biodiversity, European sites, riparian corridors and aquatic ecology, visual amenity and recreation and amenity value.
2.3.2	Work with stakeholders in the designation of nature conservation sites on land and our coastal waters.
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Kerry County Council	2.3.6	Support the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine's 2020 scheme for Woodland Creation on Public Lands in appropriate locations, whilst promoting the creation of native woodlands specifically.
Kerry County Council	2.4.1	Work with partners to identify other sites in the community for native woodland creation and promote native tree planting across other publicly owned land, schools and businesses.
Kerry County Council	2.4.1	across other publicly owned tand, schools and businesses.
Kerry County Council	2.4.2	Assess the carbon offset potential of existing parks and amenity areas, further to best practices guidelines as they develop.
Kerry County Council	2.4.3	Complete Kerry's County Wetland Survey.
Kerry County Council	2.4.4	Continue to enforce the provisions of the Planning and Development Act and Regulations, as amended, as they relate to the protection of natural heritage, including habitats classed as wetlands.
Kerry County Council	2.4.5	Support actions from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine's 2020 Ag Climatise: A Roadmap towards Climate Neutrality.
Kerry County Council	2.4.7	Support the outcomes of the National Land Review in the zoning of land in the county.
Kildare County Council	N1	Develop Green Infrastructure Plan (as defined by the EU as 'A strategically planned network of natural and semi-natural areas with other environmental features, designed and managed to deliver a wide range of ecosystem services, while also enhancing biodiversity') including a green infrastructure network for the County that incorporates climate change mitigation and adaptation to increase climate resilience, climate action co benefits and environmental protection requirements
Kildare County Council	N2	Identify all local authority land, carry out ecological/habitat survey and highlight areas at risk and those suitable for restoration and enhanced carbon storage, also identifying potential wildlife corridors for protection through statutory plans.
Kildare County Council	N7	Commission the 'Local Authority County Wetland Survey', develop a Wetland Restoration Plan, this shall identify priority areas for habitat restoration, carbon capture and water and biodiversity benefits, along with phasing for restoration. This plan shall be developed by a competent ecology team, and shall have due regard to the need to appropriately protect, conserve and enhance important habitats and species and European sites, and support the maintenance and improvement of water quality in line with the aims of the Water Framework Directive
Kildare County Council	N9	Develop integrated programme to address Invasive Alien Species
Kildare County Council	N10	Develop a plan of action to protect, conserve and enhance the wetlands identified in the County Kildare Wetland Survey 2012-2014 (including Pollardstown Fen). This plan shall be developed by a competent ecology team and shall have due regard to the need to appropriately protect, conserve and enhance important habitats and species and European sites, and support the maintenance and improvement of water quality in line with the aims of the Water Framework Directive.
Kildare County Council	N15	Devise a county native tree management plan which seeks to retain existing native provenance trees, support the planting of native provenance trees, and identify sites for native and mixed woodland planting. Set targets to maintain existing and plant new native provenance trees in urban and rural areas, to enhance carbon storage, biodiversity and landscape, air

		quality, and urban heat island mitigation. Increase range of edible native provenance locally sourced fruits, flowers and vegetables in Council Parks, rooftops and open spaces.
Kildare County Council	N16	Deliver the enhanced rehabilitation of former industrial peatlands within the County in line with Irelands National Recovery and Resilience Plan, whilst advocating and exerting influence to ensure such projects promote climate action co-benefits and do not contravene relevant environmental protection criteria or cause significant negative environmental effects
Kildare County Council	N17	Engage with Bord na Móna to explore the appropriate and sensitive diversification of former cutaway peatlands and development of alternative uses such as rewetting and recreational facilities under the brown to green agenda under the National Strategy on Outdoor Recreation, whilst advocating and exerting influence to ensure such projects promote climate action co-benefits and do not contravene relevant environmental protection criteria or cause significant negative environmental effects.
Kildare County Council	N18	Engage with Bord na Móna to develop a Green Infrastructure Masterplan to inform the delineation of core areas, steppingstones and corridors to support the development of the Bog of Allen Nature Reserve, Special Amenity Area Order and/or National Peatlands Park.
Kildare County Council	N19	Support farmers in the shift toward a low-carbon and climate resilient agriculture sector in County Kildare including the diversification of farming practices to increased tillage, horticulture or alternative land uses
Kildare County Council	N20	Support and promote the Signpost Advisory Programme to support climate and sustainability actions on farms.
Kildare County Council	R15	Carry out a 'Tree Cover Survey and Policy' on lands managed by the Council, in accordance with an agreed methodology. The study will identify sites for native and mixed woodland planting and set targets for planting and maintaining native provenance trees in urban and rural areas, to enhance carbon storage, biodiversity and landscape, air quality, and urban heat island mitigation. Where possible tree pits should integrate into the surface water drainage to provide water quality benefits.
Kilkenny County Council	3.1	Prepare a Tree Strategy and Policy for Kilkenny City to provide a long-term vision for the management of public trees whilst taking measures to promote the use of native species over non-natives and having due regard for water quality and soil stability issues whilst undertaking the planning process.
Kilkenny County Council	3.2	Promote and facilitate tree, woodland and hedgerow protection, planting and management on public and private land whilst taking measures to promote the use of native species over non-natives and having due regard for water quality and soil stability issues whilst undertaking the planning process.
Kilkenny County Council	3.3	Develop an Invasive Species Register and Treatment Strategy for Council land. This programme shall be developed by a competent ecology team, and shall have due regard to the need to appropriately manage and prevent the spread of invasive species.
Kilkenny County Council	3.4	Deliver a Pollinator Programme to protect and enhance pollinator habitats on Council owned land and in the wider county, whilst taking measures to promote the use of native plant species over nonnatives, as appropriate.

		
		Identify, map and utilise local authority owned land for habitat enhancement/restoration and nature-based solutions, whilst taking measures to promote the use of native plant/animal species
Kilkenny County Council	3.6	over non-natives, as appropriate.
Laois County Council	37	In response to the predicted frequency of higher intensity rainfalls, Laois County Council will propose, in its annual budgets, a real term increase of 1% per annum above inflation over the life of this plan for river drainage maintenance works. During the execution of these works, the Council will continue to have due regard to environmental sensitivities at these locations, including water quality, biodiversity, European sites, riparian corridors and aquatic ecology.
Laois County Council	39	In response to the predicted frequency of higher intensity rainfalls, Laois County Council will prepare a three-year forward plan for river maintenance of river channels (together with associated bridges) under its jurisdiction every two years. This comprehensive maintenance plan will be subject to statutory procedures (including Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) procedures, if and as required) recognizing the sensitivity of the sites involved. The design process, the Plan, together with any statutory procedures will have due regard to environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity, European sites, protected species, local air quality, and cultural heritage.
Laois County Council	67	Over the lifetime of this plan Laois County Council will map and record all major road drainage spine networks to establish accurate data on the existing drainage infrastructure.
Laois County Council	70	Laois County Council will develop a Tree Strategy to provide the vision and direction for long-term planning, planting, protection and maintenance of trees, hedgerows and woodlands within County Laois whilst taking measures to promote the use of native species over non-natives and having due regard for water quality and soil stability issues whilst undertaking the planning process.
Laois County Council	71	Laois County Council will provide in-house training for relevant Laois local authority staff on enhancement of biodiversity and applying Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) in undertaking their roles.
Laois County Council	75	Within Laois County Councils' internal GIS system, appropriate GIS habitat map layers will be made available.
Laois County Council	114	Laois County Council will support community based food growing initiatives through the development of community gardening guidelines
		Leitrim County Council will seek to prioritise the delivery of Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme identified flood schemes in the county and promote nature-based solutions and integral to these schemes Prioritise CFRAMS identified flood schemes in Leitrim, priorities: 1. CoS planning, CoS construction
		2. LV Planning, LV construction3. Mohill -feasibility study, works dependent on outcome4. Dromod -feasibility study, start dependent on Cos & LV
	D 17	5. Dromahaire FRS planning;
Leitrim County Council	B 17	in accordance with technical, financial and environmental requirements

Leitrim County Council	B 19	Pursue maintenance funding for works on local flooding areas ensuring the plan takes nature-based solutions and protection of biodiversity into consideration.
Leitrim County Council	N 3	Develop an integrated programme to raise awareness of invasive alien species to help prevent, manage and eradicate invasive species in the county.
Leitrim County Council	N 4	Consider a Green Infrastructure Strategy including a green infrastructure network for the County that incorporates ecology, climate change mitigation and adaptation, to increase climate resilience, climate action co-benefits and environmental protection requirements. Ensure such a strategy promotes climate action co-benefits and adherence to planning and environmental protection requirements.
Leitrim County Council	N 5	Identify Local Authority land that may require ecological surveys and highlight areas that may be at risk and require protection.
Leitrim County Council	N 6	Continue County wetland survey and identify suitable wetland sites for conservation and restoration.
Leitrim County Council	N 7	Assist with a feasibility assessment to determine if it is possible to identify waterbodies that are both particularly vulnerable to extreme water events associated with climate change and at risk of not meeting the requirements of the EU Water Framework Directive with a focus on follow-up and protective / remedial action.
Leitrim County Council	N 8	Development and implementation of a SuDS policy and continue the prioritisation of SuDS measures in Local Authority projects ensuring the plan takes nature-based solutions / protection of biodiversity and avoidance of habitat fragmentation into consideration. Ensure this policy promotes nature-based solutions where appropriate and has due regard to environmental protection requirements.
Leitrim County Council	N 13	Identifying suitable lands within the ownership of the LA for prioritising native species biodiversity contribution.
Leitrim County Council	N 16	Consider feasibility of the integration of peatland soil maps with the council planning map systems to assist in land use identification to further prevent drainage and degradation of peatlands.
Leitrim County Council	CRT 1	Implement an awareness campaign to educate the public on climate change mitigation and adaptation measures including the circular economy, promotion biodiversity, water conservation and carbon reduction initiatives. Promote various funding streams and grants to assist homes, communities and businesses to implement positive climate actions.
Limerick City & County Council	В3	Implement the Catchment Flood Risk Management (CFRAM) programme across Limerick following the OPW Plans (2016) for Athea, Adare, Askeaton, Croom, Foynes, Newcastlewest, Rathkeale, Castleconnell and Limerick City and Environs. Ensure due regard is given to promoting Sustainable Drainage Systems, nature-based solutions, and environmental sensitivities, including water quality, biodiversity, European sites, riparian corridors and aquatic ecology.
Limerick City & County Council	B 9	Implement the Blue Green Infrastructure strategy for Limerick City and Environs whose aim is to inform and guide the planning and management of green and blue spaces in Limerick City and Environs, including our rivers, parks and open green spaces, helping drive the transition to a low carbon and climate resilient society having due regard to opportunities to enhance tourism, recreation and cultural heritage value associated with routes, and environmental sensitivities such as the receiving water environment, local air quality, biodiversity, European sites, and cultural heritage related sensitivities.

Limerick City & County Council	B 15	Carry out an assessment of the renewable energy potential across the councils property portfolio to include buildings and land. Should include the potential to support EV roll out as well as local REC formation.
Limerick City & County Council	N 1	A local Biodiversity Action Plan will set out measures to protect and enhance local biodiversity, including climate-relevant measures. Implement relevant actions of the national Bio-diversity Action Plan at local level having due regard to co-benefit opportunities such the maintenance and improvement of water quality in line with the aims of the Water Framework Directive, or the potential for increasing carbon sequestration levels.
Limerick City & County Council	N 2	Set targets to maintain existing woodlands in good condition and plant new native trees in urban and rural areas, subject to independent ecological assessment, to enhance carbon storage, biodiversity and landscape, air quality, and urban heat island mitigation.
Limerick City & County Council	N 3	A wetland survey will inform council strategy and planning documents and implement recommendations in terms of conservation and restoration of wetlands.
Limerick City & County Council	N 4	Develop a Local Food Growing Strategy and expand the number of community growing projects and support them with skills training, materials and capacity building.
Limerick City & County Council	N 6	Deliver a habitat protection and creation of new habitats, landscapes, hedgerows strategy having due regard to the need to appropriately protect, conserve and enhance important habitats and species and European sites, and support the maintenance and improvement of water quality in line with the aims of the Water Framework Directive. This plan shall be developed by a competent ecology team, and shall have due regard to the need to appropriately manage these habitats.
Limerick City & County Council	N 8	Carry out ecological/habitat survey and highlight areas at risk and those suitable for ecological restoration and, where appropriate, enhanced carbon storage.
Limerick City & County Council	N 9	Create and maintain pollinator-friendly habitats based on most up to date scientific advice from AIPP.
Limerick City & County Council	N 11	Identify urban areas, towns and villages to be greened (tree planting, pollinators, community gardens, sensory gardens, allotments natural play areas) using native species.
Limerick City & County Council	N 12	Investigate community tree-planting and biodiversity enrichment programmes (Mini-Forest initiatives) using native species.
Limerick City & County Council	N 15	Meet annual inspection targets as per EPA National Agriculture Inspection Plan while ensuring sustainable transport modes are used to travel to and from inspection sies, where feasible.
Longford County Council	18	Longford County Council will improve urban drainage maintenance to prevent flooding and where applicable, nature-based solutions will be used.
Longford County Council	28	Longford County Council will actively promote green landscaping and nature-based solutions to adapt to the effects of climate change.

		Continued urban regeneration to ensure most efficient use of existing urban land while having due regard to the need to appropriately protect and
Louth County Council	BEI 2	conserve biodiversity and natural and built heritage.
Louis Councy Council	DL12	Develop and implement a Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) and integrated rainwater management protocol for both Council
		and private sector projects. A protocol for NBS will address the following:
		I. Part 8 and Section 177AE applications for active travel, roads, public realm projects, public housing, footpath upgrades, public and council carparks, greenway/Blueway planning etc. with targets for all.
		ii. 'Taking in Charge' – put in a plan and resource taking in charge schemes
		iii. Plan and resource maintenance
		iv. Build in education and awareness for public and elected members.
		v. Application of water sensitive urban design concepts
		vi. Inland Fisheries Ireland guidance for watercourses to be considered as part of relevant council policy
		vii. Environmental protection requirements relating to projects
Louth County Council	NEGI 6	involving the development of NBS.
Louth County Council	NEGI 8	Update Fire management plan for Cooley Mountains. Ecological expertise shall be sought during plan updating. The plan shall have due regard to the need to appropriately protect important habitats.
Louth County Council	NEGI 10	Develop a Carbon sequestration plan for Louth whilst taking measures to promote the use of native plant species over non-natives, as appropriate.
Louth County Council	NEGI 12	Implement Louth County Council hedgerow and trees policy. Ensure that the policy promotes the use of native species over non-natives and has due regard for water quality and soil stability issues.
Louth County Council	NEGI 13	Develop Louth County Wetland Action Plan. This plan shall be developed by a competent ecology team, and shall have due regard to the need to appropriately protect, conserve and enhance important habitats and species and European sites, and support the maintenance and improvement of water quality in line with the aims of the Water Framework Directive.
Louth County Council	NEGI 18	Alien invasive species plan for Louth, This plan shall be developed by a competent ecology team, and shall have due regard to the need to appropriately manage and prevent the spread of invasive species.
Mayo County Council	12	Prepare a tree management plan, incorporating a strategy to increase overall tree canopy cover in County Mayo, through climate appropriate management of existing and future stock that targets planting in appropriate place with appropriate
Mayo County Council	13	planting mixes.
		Implement the Biodiversity plan for County Mayo- incl. carbon sequestration, flood alleviation via nature-based solutions approach, identification and support for eco-system services, invasive species management, pesticide and herbicide
		reduction, green and blue infrastructure, integrating biodiversity considerations to new and existing development, wildlife
		corridors identification and enhancement. The implementation of the Biodiversity Plan will be underpinned by ecological
Mayo County Council	14	surveys and assessments to ensure interventions are appropriate to the receiving environment.
mayo county council	177	Surveys and assessments to chouse interventions are appropriate to the receiving environment.

		Work with higher education institutions in the region and utilise their expertise in research and education programmes of
		mutual interest in particular around regenerative agriculture, Just Transition collaboration, climate adaption and land use
Mayo County Council	25	and nature-based solutions as well as sectoral adaptation and mitigation research.
		Commence a programme of auditing of LA lands to carry out ecological and habitat surveys and highlight areas at risk and
Meath County Council	NE 2	those suitable for restoration and enhanced carbon storage.
Meath County Council	NE 4	Plant native woodland on appropriate LA owned lands.
Meath County Council	NE 11	Support and facilitate the planting of groups of trees within the boundary/built footprint of existing built-up areas.
		Participate in Rehabilitation of roads over peat working group to determine most environmentally appropriate intervention
Monaghan County		techniques; while ensuring rehabilitation projects have due regard to peat, water levels, flood risk, biodiversity, and
Council	T 4	European sites.
		Continue to complete National Catchment -based Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) programme within
		Monaghan to ensure all current and future flood risks are identified with a focus on implementation of the resulting
		recommendations; having due regard to the need to promote nature-based solutions and Sustainable Drainage Systems,
Monaghan County		and environmental sensitivities at these locations, including water quality, biodiversity, European sites, riparian corridors
Council	T 15	and aquatic ecology.
		Develop a Green Infrastructure Plan at county and major urban area level, incorporating ecology, climate change mitigation
Monaghan County		and adaptation, and environmental protection considerations, to increase climate resilience, deliver a wide range of
Council	NEGI 1	ecosystem services, while also enhancing biodiversity.
		Develop a Tree and Woodland Plan to increase tree cover on Council-owned land, using appropriate native species to store
Monaghan County		carbon, support nature, improve soils and water quality, and aid flood protection and urban design. Aim to increase areas of
Council	NEGI 2	public land under forestry through schemes such as "Forest Creation on Public Lands".
Monaghan County		
Council	NEGI 3	Develop a Biodiversity Action Plan for the county to protect and increase biodiversity on Council land.
		Develop and implement a pesticide reduction policy for Monaghan County Council, using Monaghan Municipal Districts pilot
		programme of significantly reduced use of glyphosate and trials of scuffing machine, to meet or exceed Irelands target of
Monaghan County		50% reduction by 2030; whilst ensuring these substances are only used to a degree and an extent that does not cause
Council	NEGI 4	significant effects on the receiving environment, such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity or European sites.
Monaghan County		Implement the Conservation Management Plan for Sliabh Beagh, to include management of fires & peat extraction,
Council	NEGI 6	implementation of water management, control dumping and invasive species, promotion and education initiatives.
Monaghan County		Implement Monaghan's Wetland Action Plan 2020. Protect and conserve floodplains and wetlands, with a view to protecting
Council	NEGI 8	biodiversity and ameliorating flooding.
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Offaly County Council	NE 4.1.5	Develop integrated programme to address Invasive Alien Species through education and/or selected actions as appropriate. This programme shall be developed by a competent ecology team and shall have due regard to the need to appropriately manage and prevent the spread of invasive species.
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		Commission a county wetland survey and support implementation of recommendations on OCC lands in terms of conservation and restoration works. Recommendations shall be developed by a competent ecology team and shall have due
		regard to the need to appropriately protect, conserve and enhance important habitats and species and European sites, and
Offaly County Council	NE 4.1.6	support the maintenance and improvement of water quality in line with the aims of the Water Framework Directive.
		Prepare strategic wildfire management plan for high-risk areas such as bogs and Slieve Blooms having appropriate regard to
		the need to support the achievement of conservation objectives and protect and enhance important habitats or the
Offaly County Council	NE 4.2.1	qualifying interests of any protected sites.
Offaly County Council	NE 4.2.7	Conduct tree cover survey. Devise and adopt tree management policy. Implement recommendations regarding canopy cover
Roscommon County		Develop an RCC Green Infrastructure Strategy incorporating policies and programmes across all sections in support of
Council	NEGI 1	biodiversity and heritage protection and enhancement and associated Climate Action benefits.
		Establish holistic linkages between existing, planned and proposed amenity infrastructure and heritage assets within the
		county to enhance archaeological protection, biodiversity (wildlife corridors), flood resilience (ecosystem services) and
Roscommon County		increase public awareness (immersion in nature/heritage), whilst promoting the adoption nature-based solutions and SUDs
Council	NEGI 2	as appropriate, avoidance of habitat fragmentation, and adherence to environmental protection requirements
		Engage with stakeholders in peatland and forestry management to align with heritage policy and RCC emergency services
		fire prevention and response provisions. Prepare guidelines for stakeholder use as appropriate. Engage peatland and
		forestry stakeholders with initiatives and community projects, identify synergies with JTF programme and areas of "added
		value" for local communities; whilst advocating and exerting influence to ensure such projects promote Climate Action co-
Roscommon County		benefits and do not contravene relevant environmental protection criteria or cause significant negative environmental
Council	NEGI 3	effects.
		Implement the tree management strategy with a focus on native trees to promote enhanced canopy cover within the County
		including tree protection measures and planting programmes in Local Authority property. Roll out internal training
		programmes for relevant council staff and contractors and externally for communities, landowners and potential developers
Roscommon County		on appropriate planting and maintenance for canopy preservation and biodiversity enhancement. Investigate potential
Council	NEGI 8	system to monitor planting regimes.
		Develop a Biodiversity Action Plan for Co. Sligo which addresses all of the relevant climate related issues & includes
		appropriate actions which supports green & blue infrastructure, NBSs, integrates biodiversity
	20	considerations into new & existing operations & developments. The implementation of the Biodiversity Plan will be
Sligo County Council	30	underpinned by ecological surveys and assessments to ensure interventions are appropriate to the receiving environment.

South Dublin County Council	F 7	Develop, protect and conserve riparian corridors, in line with County Development Plan and Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study (GDSDS), increasing riparian corridor connectivity where possible, and similarly for floodplains around rivers and watercourses subject to flooding.
South Dublin County Council	F 10	Identify 4 No. Demonstration Sites or Pilot schemes to monitor different SuDs projects, demonstrating how to combine SuDS/flood attenuation systems with existing land uses.
South Dublin County Council	F 15	Maintenance of lakes and wetlands to increase storage capacity during severe weather events, where necessary.
South Dublin County Council	N 1	Manage our tree mapping data and ensure the maintenance of our tree management system to evaluate carbon sequestration data associated with trees in South Dublin, and investigate further opportunities for carbon sequestration where possible.
South Dublin County Council	N 2	Look to maintain and increase natural meadows, where appropriate, across the county.
South Dublin County Council	N 3	Increase native tree planting across the county. Retain existing native trees in South Dublin, in so far as possible.
South Dublin County Council	N 4	Increase and maintain native hedgerow planting across the county.
South Dublin County Council	N 5	Support / develop small urban 'Miyawaki' native mini- woodlands.
South Dublin County Council	N 6	Develop an Urban Woodland and Hedgerow Management Strategy and implement plans for the County to enhance, maintain and improve existing woodlands throughout our Parks.
South Dublin County Council	N 7	Implement a programme of enhancement and expansion of ponds and wetland habitats, to expand areas of water storage capacity and increase sequestration.
South Dublin County Council	N 8	Continue to implement Dublin Mountains Makeover with Coillte Nature and the Dublin Mountains Partnership exploring opportunities for native tree planting projects to manage surface water run-off from mountainous areas to reduce flooding downstream. Refer to Note C below
South Dublin County Council	N 9	Expand and refine the evidence base for the County Habitat Map to identify key habitats / locations for nature based solutions, and use the data to develop management and mitigation plans for these nature based adaptation projects into the future.
South Dublin County Council	N 10	Pilot and co-design a biodiversity inclusive design for a social housing estate.
South Dublin County Council	N 11	Maintain and expand allotments for local food production across the County, in accordance with SDCC's Allotments Policy.

South Dublin County Council	N 12	Support the provision of Community Gardens for local food production across the County, in partnership with Community Centres, Schools and other local groups.
South Dublin County	IV 1Z	centres, senous and other tocat groups.
Council	N 13	Support the Biodiversity Action Plan 2020-2026.
Tipperary County Council	23	Carry out an 'Ecological/Habitat audit and Tree Cover survey' of local authority owned land, in accordance with an agreed methodology, to identify areas suitable for restoration and enhanced carbon storage, through biodiversity and tree planting measures and having regard to the need to conserve and enhance protected species, biodiversity and European sites on or connected to local authority lands. The study will, in particular, identify sites for native and mixed woodland planting and set targets for planting and maintaining native trees in urban and rural areas, to enhance carbon storage, biodiversity and landscape, air quality, and urban heat island mitigation.
Tipperary County Council	24	Prepare a 'Habitat, Ecology and Tree Cover Policy' on lands managed by the local authority as informed by Action 23.
Tipperary County Council	60	Introduce and implement a policy in relation to how Council owned spaces are managed to improve biodiversity levels in keeping with the 'All Ireland Pollinator Plan', and as part of this to develop and implement a 'Pesticide Reduction Protocol' for lands and areas managed by the Council, ensuring these substances are only used to a degree that does not cause significant effects on the receiving environment, such as the receiving water environment, biodiversity or European sites. (see associated Action 24).
Tipperary County Council	61	Prepare a guidance document and training on the importance of, quality rating and sustainable management of the hedgerows of Tipperary, for Council staff and external stakeholders including farmers/landowners.
Tipperary County Council	63	Building on work carried out for the 'Tipperary County Wetland Survey', develop a 'Wetland Restoration Plan', this shall identify priority areas for habitat restoration, carbon capture and biodiversity benefits, along with phasing for restoration and having due regard to the need to appropriately protect, conserve and enhance important habitats and species and European sites, and support the maintenance and improvement of water quality in line with the aims of the Water Framework Directive.
		To support and inform a climate proofing programme for natural water resources, and to better manage flooding at the catchment level, the Council will identify a sub-catchment where water quality objectives are not being met, and where there is an established flood risk. A study will be commissioned for this sub-catchment to: i. Identify the reasons why Water Framework Directive water quality objectives are not being met, ii. Set out baseline water quality standards to enable monitoring, iii. Identify solutions (incl nature based) to reducing flood risk at the catchment level, and, iv. Set out viable, positive and collaborative mechanisms at the community level for how they can be delivered. v. The programme shall have due regard to the protection of biodiversity and European sites and avoidance of habitat
Tipperary County Council	74	fragmentation.

		Carry out a feasibility assessment of Council owned land assets to determine if it would be possible to identify a site(s) for a 100% owned community-led Renewable Energy development. If considered feasible, progress the project to delivery, ensuring the study has appropriate regard to planning and environmental protected considerations. If considered feasible,
Tipperary County Council	81	progress the project to delivery, having appropriate regard to relevant planning and environmental protection criteria.
Waterford City & County		
Council	2.26	Inclusion of original hedgerows as a feature within green site development (sightlines allowing)
Waterford City & County		Assess Council land for Renewable Energy suitability. A target for example of 5MWh of installed capacity across the County
Council	2.75	developed in conjunction with a community (s) would require a solar farms of a 10ha size could be achieved.
Waterford City & County Council	3.4	Develop nature-based flooding approaches in collaboration with relevant stakeholders. Assessment made at whole-catchment level (catchment as the management unit). Prioritise delivery of Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM).
Waterford City & County Council	3.5	Source and operate a tree health management app to identify trends in tree health and to maximise the chances of successful planting. The app will be used to manage all County Council cared-for trees.
Waterford City & County Council	3.7	Map green infrastructure (GI) – identify wildlife corridors, conservation and restoration spaces. Under the County Development Plan a Blue Green Infrastructure Strategy is being developed.
Waterford City & County Council	3.8	Complete county habitat and ecosystem service surveys with a focus on carbon sinks and stores and identify sites suitable for restoration (wetlands, woodlands, sand dunes, saltmarsh and sea grass beds). Identify funding streams to carry out improvement works and put in place a wetlands recovery programme.
Waterford City & County Council	3.11	Prepare a guidance document and training on the importance of, quality rating and sustainable management of the hedgerows and riparian areas, for Council staff and external stakeholders including farmers/landowners.
Waterford City & County Council	3.12	Deliver 'Tree Cover Survey and Policy' to provide a yearly increase in tree planting on local authority lands and in private and public projects (roundabouts). Identify sites for large scale native and mixed woodland planting and set targets for planting and maintaining native trees in urban and rural areas. Where possible, tree pits should integrate into the surface water drainage to provide water quality benefits.
Waterford City & County Council	3.15	Identify sites and opportunities to work with other agencies and communities on restoration of water levels and 'slow the flow' measures to mitigate flood risk.
Waterford City & County Council	3.16	Deliver on a yearly increase in the application of Blue-Green Infrastructure, Nature Based-solutions and Integrated Rainwater Management in local authority, private and public projects. Collate a database and spatial map to track progress. To include Part 8 and Section 177AE, applications for active travel, roads, public realm projects, public housing, footpath upgrades, public and council carparks, greenway/blueway planning etc
Waterford City & County Council	3.2	Support the development of a nature corridor across a number of rural communities in Waterford
Westmeath County Council	1.14	Liaise and engage with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly during the review process of the Westmeath County Development Plan to develop a coherent and sustainable

		approach to land use, consistent with the National Strategic Outcomes of the National Planning Framework and the Regional Strategic Outcomes of the Eastern and Midland Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy to help transition to a low carbon and climate resilient society.
Westmeath County Council	2.1	WCC will continue to support, progress & resource the Regeneration Team with respect to existing Masterplans and Town Centre First plans. Continue to support the generation of future plans to guide Westmeath towards sustainable modal shift, compact growth and active land management. This will be undertaken whist having due regard to the need to appropriately protect and conserve protected structures in accordance with relevant protected structures regulations, and the need to not negatively impinge on any protected species.
Westmeath County Council	2.2	WCC will continue to implement active land management measures as defined in the masterplans and Town Centre First Plans and in line with Project Ireland 2040, having due regard to all environmental sensitivities, and the need to appropriately protect heritage.
Westmeath County Council	2.11	Identify WCC lands that may be suitable for climate action initiatives and biodiversity enhancement and develop an Action & Enhancement Plan for suitable sites identified, having due regard to the need to ensure renewable energy development supported by this action will not have any significant negative environmental effect.
Westmeath County Council	3.3	Natural borders/buffers to be included as an integral component of the design of greenways/blueways, tracks and trails and amenity areas to promote natural enhancement. Ensure appropriate buffer zones are provided, maintained and protected to avoid potential impacts on designated habitats or protected species and habitats, and to protect and enhance wider biodiversity.
Westmeath County Council	3.4	Develop and support the proposed Tree Management Strategy which seeks to protect existing trees, promote native tree planting and advise on the appropriate maintenance of existing tree stock. Appropriate training regarding tree care and maintenance shall be undertaken by applicable staff regularly in line with the Tree Management Strategy.
Westmeath County Council	3.8	Continue to implement The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009)
Westmeath County Council	3.9	Require proposals for new development to integrate with existing Green Infrastructure networks and contribute to the development and protection of overall Green Infrastructure assets, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as archaeology, European sites, biodiversity and amenity value.
Westmeath County Council	3.1	Support the development of a Green Infrastructure Strategy which promotes and prioritises the delivery of green infrastructure (including urban greening) and nature based solutions through appropriate provisions in planning policies, having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as Archaeology, European sites, biodiversity and amenity value etc.
Westmeath County Council	5.3	Identify, where appropriate, areas considered beneficial for use as local carbon offset through carbon sequestration, having appropriate regard to relevant planning and environmental protection criteria.
Wexford County Council	BET 8	Work with Catchment Flood Risk Assessment Management Programme to prioritise projects to reduce flood risk and provide for detailed mapping of areas prone to fluvial and tidal flood risk. The National Indicative Fluvial Mapping (NIFM) and the National Coastal Hazard Flood Mapping are published and will help inform the implementation of this plan having due

		regard to the need to promote nature based solutions and Sustainable Drainage Systems, and environmental sensitivities at these locations, including water quality, biodiversity, European sites, riparian corridors and aquatic ecology, visual amenity and recreation and amenity value
Wexford County Council	NEGI 4	Preparation of a Rainwater Management Plan using nature-based solutions as part of the Wexford Town Local Area Plan 2024-2030 and consider this for other future Local Area Plans
Wexford County Council	NEGI 5	To identify, protect and manage green infrastructure in future local area plans having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as Archaeology, European sites, biodiversity and amenity value
Wexford County Council	NEGI 11	Ensure the protection and improvement of water quality in County Wexford (through the implementation of the Water Framework Directive and River Basin Management Plan and Local Authority Waters Programme) takes account of climate change and the associated impacts on water quality status.
Wexford County Council	NEGI 13	Assessment of Wexford County Council owned land to identify areas suitable for restoration and enhanced carbon storage though tree-planting and biodiversity measures.
Wexford County Council	NEGI 16	Promote climate action projects that support and protect habitats such as wetlands and flood zones which contribute to green infrastructure having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as European sites, biodiversity and amenity value.
Wexford County Council	NEGI 19	Liaise & collaborate with Teagasc and other advisors to influence and advocate towards more sustainable agricultural and forestry practices including signpost programmes and Forestry Schemes.
Wexford County Council	NEGI 22	Support or facilitate climate action related projects and initiatives which seek to make improvements in soil structure, management and health by increasing soil organic carbon - which will create the environmental co-benefits of improving flood resilience by enhancing water holding capacity of soils and increasing the level of GHG sequestration associated with land use functions having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as European sites, biodiversity and amenity value.
Wexford County Council	NEGI 23	Provide expert advice on biodiversity and encourage native planting on farmland within County Wexford
Wexford County Council	NEGI 26	Support and encourage communities to plant native trees through awareness, and Trees for Wexford Campaign
Wicklow County Council	23 BET	Deliver climate adaptation works on infrastructure through the Climate Change Adaption & Resilience Works and drainage funding programmes, having due regard to the need to promote nature based solutions and Sustainable Drainage Systems, and environmental sensitivities, including water quality, biodiversity, European sites, riparian corridors and aquatic ecology.
		Ensure all relevant legislation and regulation on climate change and flood management is integrated into council policies and guidelines, including the promoting of natural flood measures.
		Undertake Strategic Flood Risk Assessment of all Local Area Plans and Development Plans. Implement the OPW Flood Risk Management Guidelines and best practices to ensure that all developments consider climate
Wicklow County Council	3 NEGI	resilience and demonstrate that they integrate Nature-Based SuDS and Nature-Based Solutions to address surface water

		management. Ensure due regard is given to environmental sensitivities, including water quality, biodiversity, European sites, riparian corridors and aquatic ecology.
Wicklow County Council	4 NEGI	Seek a buffer of generally 25-metre along watercourses as riparian zones for urban areas in line with the Inland Fisheries Ireland publication 'Planning for Watercourses in the Urban Environment' and the Wicklow County Development Plan.
Wicklow County Council	12 NEGI	Undertake an audit of council owned land for suitability for micro-woodlands/biodiversity by end-2025 and to set targets for planting/management with suitable vegetation. Incorporate three pilot woodlands on public lands schemes in Bray, Wicklow & Grangecon.
Wicklow County Council	13 NEGI	Promote the implementation of best practice pollinator friendly and Green Infrastructure guidance for managing greenspace by Municipal Districts to include: mowing regimes, hedgerow, tree care weed & riparian zones management. These standards shall be developed by a competent ecology team, and shall have due regard of the need to appropriately manage these habitats.
Wicklow County Council	21 NEGI	Develop an integrated programme to address invasive alien species through education and with recording and eradication programmes in the public realm. This programme shall be developed by a competent ecology team, and shall have due regard to the need to appropriately manage and prevent the spread of invasive species.
Wicklow County Council	24 NEGI	Assist local community stakeholders engaging in peatland rewetting, woodland creation and nature restoration to access funding to undertake projects in upland areas, whilst advocating and exerting influence to ensure such projects are designed and implemented in a manner that accords with relevant environmental protection requirements.
Wicklow County Council	25 NEGI	Host an annual uplands forum to develop an integrated partnership with key stakeholders to develop carbon sequestration, catchment management and tackle recreational pressures on upland sites delivering protection of habitat.
Wicklow County Council	26 NEGI	Develop a hill and forest fire management response and prevention strategy, including protocols for responding to fires, enforcement, awareness campaigns of the impact of fires and systems to measure the extent and economic costs of fires having appropriate regard to the need to support the achievement of conservation objectives and protect and enhance important habitats or the qualifying interests of any protected sites.
Wicklow County Council	28 NEGI	Map green infrastructure for the five largest towns to develop an integrated approach, implementing objectives in the County Development Plan and Local Area Plans.

Table 2: DZ actions that relate to the LULUCF sector

Local Authority	Action no	Action
Cavan County Council	DZ-BE8	Prioritise completion of CFRAMS identified flood schemes within the DZ to ensure all current and future flood risks are identified.
Cavan County Council	DZ-BE9	Utilise available funding to carry out flood protection works having due regard to the need to promote Nature-based Solutions and Sustainable Drainage Systems, and environmental sensitivities at these locations, including water quality, biodiversity, European sites, riparian corridors and aquatic ecology, visual amenity and recreation and amenity value.
Cavan County Council	DZ-N1	Develop a green infrastructure masterplan for Cavan Town to coordinate planning for and enhancement of the natural environment, biodiversity and green areas having due regard for environmental protection considerations and opportunities for climate action co-benefits.
Cavan County Council	DZ-N2	Carry out a habitat survey of local authority land within the DZ to identify areas at risk and those suitable for restoration works.
Cavan County Council	DZ-N5	Support green infrastructure and Nature-based Solutions such as Sustainable Drainage Systems to improve climate resilience having due regard to environmental sensitivities including water quality, biodiversity, European sites, riparian corridors and aquatic ecology, visual amenity and recreation and amenity value.
Cavan County Council	DZ-N8	Support the transition of the agricultural sector to more sustainable farming techniques through programmes such as Teagasc's Signpost programme
Cavan County Council	DZ-N9	Identify and preserve high value carbon sinks within the DZ.
Cavan County Council	DZ-S9	To maximise the development potential of the Corranure Landbank as a renewable energy hub, ensuring environmental considerations are integrated into the design phase to promote win-win outcomes for aspects such as biodiversity.
Galway City Council	DZ 17	60% of electricity demand met by onsite, land-based, renewable energy generation.
Galway County Council	DZ 1.5	Improve understanding of emissions related to agriculture and LULUCF and update baseline emissions assessment. (Note: Some of the emissions data related to agriculture and LULUCF in the Decarbonisation Zone is based on national averages. The actual emissions may lower due to the nature of farming practices in this region).
Kildare County Council	3.1	Support the creation of shared and connected green spaces in Maynooth town centre
Kildare County Council	3.2	Support green infrastructure projects such as those providing linkages to open spaces for biodiversity such as the Carton Avenue Masterplan, the Harbour Field Improvement Works, the Lyreen River, the Rye River, the Royal Canal Greenway or via the Outer Orbital Route.

Kildare County Council	3.5	Develop a landscaping plan for the town to enable the Council, citizens and businesses to coordinate the enhancement of biodiversity and any future native planting in the town.
Kildare County Council	3.6	Support carbon sequestration through strategic planting of native species for all new developments, underutilised lands or farms to promote biodiversity gain within Maynooth.
Kildare County Council	3.7	Enhance green infrastructure in the town to support the development of sustainable urban drainage systems/swales/rain gardens to improve climate resilience.
Kildare County Council	3.9	Support the agriculture sector in diversifying to sustainable agriculture practices such as the Signpost Programme as well as agritourism and agroforestry practices.
Kildare County Council	3.1	Undertake an assessment to determine the feasibility of allowing the water courses in the town to revert to natural form to mitigate flood risk.
Laois County Council	2.1	Complete the Biodiversity Implementation Plan to guide conservation efforts.
Laois County Council	2.2	Implement tree management strategies to maximize canopy cover in the area with a focus on promoting native trees; having due regard to environmental sensitivities such as European sites and biodiversity.
Laois County Council	2.5	Continue the ongoing management of little woodlands or An Choill Beag in local school as an educational opportunity for students to connect with nature
Leitrim County Council	DZBE7	Continue to complete Office of Public Works' (OPW) Catchment Flood Risk Assessment Management (CFRAM) within the DZ to ensure all current and future flood risks are identified.
Leitrim County Council	DZNGI1	Develop a green infrastructure masterplan for Carrick-on- Shannon to coordinate planning for and enhancement of the natural environment, biodiversity and green areas, having due regard for environmental protection considerations and opportunities for climate action co-benefits.
Leitrim County Council	DZNGI3	Promote biodiversity gain and carbon sequestration through inclusion of planting of native trees and pollinator friendly plants in new developments subject to the development management process.
Leitrim County Council	DZNGI4	Support the creation of public and connected green spaces and wildlife corridors in Carrick-on-Shannon to enhance health and wellbeing and biodiversity, having due regard for planning and development policy and environmental protection considerations during the master planning and development process.
Leitrim County Council	DZNGI5	Support green infrastructure and nature-based solutions such as sustainable urban drainage systems to improve climate resilience, having due regard to environmental sensitivities including water quality, biodiversity, European sites, riparian corridors and aquatic ecology, visual amenity and recreation and amenity value.
Longford County Council	4	Support, promote and enhance nature-based solutions and biodiversity to increase green infrastructure.
Louth County Council	DZ 11	Enhance the biodiversity value of the green and blue spaces within the DZ through nature-based solutions to provide additional ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration, amenity areas and clean water, having due regard for

		planning and development policy and environmental protection considerations during the Master planning and development process
Mayo County Council	DZ 3	Define the climate and biodiversity challenge for the Mayo Decarbonising Zone in terms of sectoral and land use emissions to support co-creation by all stakeholders of a clear road map to meet emissions and nature restoration targets
Mayo County Council	DZ 4	Explore the development of UNESCO Man and Biosphere Reserve
Mayo County Council	DZ 27	Develop an integrated biodiverse master plan across the landscapes, seascapes and skyscapes of Mayo's decarbonising zone that embeds nature-based solutions, interventions and support in appropriate locations.
Monaghan County Council	DZ BE.6	Promote the use of nature-based solutions (NBS) to reduce the impact of flooding where possible, having due regard to environmental sensitivities including sensitive human receptors, water quality, biodiversity, European sites, riparian corridors and aquatic ecology.
Monaghan County Council	DZ NGI.1	Develop a green infrastructure masterplan for Monaghan Town to coordinate planning for the enhancement of the natural environment and to connect public green space and greenways within the DZ, having due regard for environmental protection considerations and opportunities for climate action co-benefits.
Monaghan County Council	DZ NGI.2	Promote biodiversity gain and carbon sequestration in Monaghan Town through strategic planting of native species for all new developments.
Monaghan County Council	DZ NGI.3	Support the creation of public and connected green spaces in Monaghan Town to enhance health and wellbeing and biodiversity.
Monaghan County Council	DZ NGI.4	Support green infrastructure and nature-based solutions such as sustainable urban drainage systems to improve climate resilience, having due regard to environmental sensitivities including water quality, biodiversity, European sites, riparian corridors and aquatic ecology, visual amenity and recreation and amenity value.
Roscommon County Council	DZ 6	Implement the provisions of the Tree Management Strategy with a focus on native trees, in all RCC functional areas within the DZ to promote canopy health and expansion and enhance ecosystem services and biodiversity.
Tipperary County Council	9	Consider the development and implementation of a collaborative/innovative approach to nature-based, land land-use diversification and biodiversity rich solutions, on a catchment basis to support water quality improvement, carbon capture, the bio-economy and flood risk management.
Waterford City & County Council	DZ 2.4	Increase tree-canopy cover to 20.9% uniformly across the city. A particular focus will be on areas of the city with limited tree coverage at present, areas that are likely to get uncomfortable warm due to the Urban Heat Island effect.
Waterford City & County Council	DZ 2.6	Put in place a park of regional significance as per County Development Plan incorporating Nature Based Solutions to reduce flood likelihood
Waterford City & County Council	DZ 2.10	Plant 100,000 trees within the Metropolitan area
Waterford City & County Council	DZ 2.11	Carbon sequestration through detailed tree / meadow planting / growing, rewilding, soil management, waterways and wetland planning, informed by habitat mapping, opportunity mapping and tree canopy surveys

Waterford City & County		Habitat mapping and biodiversity opportunity mapping to understand development opportunities and future habitat
Council	DZ 2.13	options for the open space network outlined in open and green space plans
Waterford City & County		
Council	DZ 3.1	Develop a nature corridor across the city - encouraging householders to use their gardens to facilitate wildlife
Waterford City & County		
Council	DZ 3.2	Incorporate practices as recommended by the National Pollinator Plan in city parks management
Waterford City & County		Do a review of Council owned land in the city for solar suitability and develop solar energy projects. Study to be done in
Council	DZ 4.7	conjunction with SETU
Waterford City & County		
Council	DZ 4.21	Develop Solar Car port projects (1MW) and a solar farm within the city (9MW)
		Work with the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) on the Slaney Pilot catchment Management Plan and
		Catchment Fora to facilitate greater public participation in water management, under the River Basin Management Plan
		2022-2027 and support the implementation of all relevant remediation and mitigation measures required to maintain or
Wexford County Council	DZ NEGI 1	achieve good or high-quality water status in the County
Wexford County Council	DZ NEGI 4	Assess Lucas Park's potential for rewilding and carbon sequestration
	ADZ NE&GI	Implement the Wicklow SuDS Policy, Tree Management Policy and Landscaping Development Guidelines to promote
Wicklow County Council	13	biodiversity gain.
	ADZ NE&GI	
Wicklow County Council	14	Conduct a tree survey in the public realm.
		Map and identify green infrastructure opportunities in the town to support the development of NB-SuDS improving climate
	ADZ NE&GI	resilience, while ensuring projects have due regard to environmental sensitivities, including water quality, biodiversity,
Wicklow County Council	15	European sites, riparian corridors and aquatic ecology.



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