

## **Mangawhai EcoCare Update – 28 September 2007**

### **Earth Tech in Partnership with Kaipara District Council**

In late 2005 Earth Tech Engineering were awarded the contract to design, build and operate the Mangawhai EcoCare Wastewater Scheme. The design of the sewers has been completed and the scheme as a whole has been granted the necessary resource consents. As can be expected with this size of project there were 3 appeals to the consents granted, but these were able to be resolved without an Environment Court hearing.

### **Construction Arrangements**

Various packages of sub contract works and procurement of materials and equipment are presently being finalised by Earth Tech. Council has a significant interest in how these works are undertaken as the Contract includes a share of any savings. The Project Team are presently involved in this evaluation.

However, Earth Tech are the responsible Construction Contractor and have full responsibility for the overall performance of the works on a long term basis. Should any failures occur, Earth Tech will be responsible to rectify them at their cost.

Earth Tech will establish their project and site offices in Mangawhai during October. Construction should commence sometime in November.

A hot topic at the moment for many of you is the construction programme. A preliminary construction programme for the sewer pipes is expected to be available shortly.

### **How Do We Find Out More?**

Council and Earth Tech are jointly preparing an Information Booklet that will provide details about how EcoCare will be constructed and how it may affect you. Copies of the booklet will be sent to land owners within the drainage district and further copies will be available from EcoCare and Council offices. We aim to send these Information Booklets out by mid-October.

If you have any questions, or would like to be added to the email database to receive regular updates, please contact Melanie Smith, Council's EcoCare community representative.

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Melanie is currently based in Council's Kaiwaka office but will move to the EcoCare project office to work alongside Earth Tech. The location of EcoCare Project Office will be finalised soon.

Please keep an eye out for fortnightly updates in Mangawhai and district newspapers.

### **What Do I Need to Do?**

If you are planning any building works such as fences, decks, sheds, driveways and alterations, please discuss with Melanie so that we can coordinate locations and timing with the construction of the public and private drains.