

Company profile: SOUL Environments (Studio of Urban Landscape Ltd.)

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SOUL Environments is a Landscape Architecture, Urban Design and Planning consultancy based in Auckland. They have extensive experience in the preparation of reserve management plans, reserve development plans, preparation of designs and documentation for contraction works and community engagement.

The company directors Jeff Murray and Catherine Hamilton have, between them, prepared over thirty reserve management plans. Recent examples are: Wilson Cement Works Reserve, Warkworth (2005), Long Bay Reserve, Okura (2006), and Kell Park, North Shore City (2004).

The company is run by its directors Jeff and Catherine and has approximately 10 staff. Jeff was employed as a Manager of Transport Strategy for Waitakere City Council and has spent a number of years working for an Iwi (Te Kawerau A Maki) and for the Centre for Maori Studies. He will lead the project, reserve management planning and community engagement.

Catherine will be responsible for reserve development planning, consent and implementation. She has worked in the Landscape Architecture industry for 26 years and has focused on reserve management plans in the public sector. Catherine was key designer for the Threatened Native Plants Garden, Auckland Regional Botanic Gardens, which received the International Federation of Landscape Architects (Pacific Region) Award, fourth place in 2002.