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FAQs: Land purchase for future sports and recreational facilities in Mangawhai

Kaipara District Council is considering the purchase of a 5.8 hectare block of land in Mangawhai Village for future use as public sporting and recreational facilities. The cost to purchase the land will be up to \$5.9 million. The purchase will not impact rates, as we are proposing to use the current pool of reserve contributions to buy the land.

Where is the land? The land is in Mangawhai Village, on Moir Street close to the Domain. We have not provided further detail of the location due to commercial sensitivity and privacy of the owner.

How much will the land cost to buy? The land has been independently valued at around \$5.9 million.

What are reserve contributions? When developers or property owners subdivide their land, a condition of their consent is that they make a financial contribution as reserve contributions. This is to help offset the impact of and demand for public services that they are contributing to. Reserve contributions can only be used to fund the purchase and upgrade of open spaces or their facilities. This means we can't use reserve contributions on things like libraries, roading, or waste etc. Under Council's Reserve Contributions Policy ([link](#)) the District is divided into four catchment areas. Reserve contributions can only be used to fund projects which meet the criteria and fall within the catchment area in which the funds have been collected. Under these conditions, the reserve contributions received from subdivisions in the Mangawhai area must be spent on open spaces within the Mangawhai area.

When will the purchase be completed? Following the community engagement, the feedback will be collated and presented to Council for a decision at the September meeting.

When will it be developed? In the event that the land is purchased, additional engagement with the community will be required to understand what sports and recreational facilities should be developed on the land, that will complement other sporting & recreational facilities already established in the Mangawhai area. Once options have been developed, these would need to be included and budgeted for in Council's Long Term Plan (2024-2027).

How will the development of the land for sporting and recreational facilities be funded? The development of the site could be funded by future reserve contributions. Once complete, the ongoing maintenance of the site will transfer into our operational maintenance programme, funded through general rates.

Is this the best location / land for sporting and recreational facilities?

It is a preferred location for sporting and recreational facilities, as identified in the Mangawhai Spatial Plan.



FIND OUT MORE

You can read the **Reserve Contribution Policy** and the **Mangawhai Spatial Plan** on our website.



Infometrics regional economic profile for 2021 showed growth of 10.2% in Mangawhai compared to the national growth of 0.6%. For the latest independent economic profile by Infometrics, visit **ecoprofile.infometrics.co.nz/Mangawhai**