



Comhairle Ceantair
Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster
District Council

LOUGH NEAGH
PARTNERSHIP

PRESENTATION
MUDC
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

LNP STRATEGIC PLAN
2023 -2028

10 NOV 2022

Basic Needs of Lough Neagh

- Major loss of habitats and species
- No Navigation Authority or Dredger
- No links with Waterways Ireland and Cross Border Councils to access SEUPB and Shared Island Funding for Blackwater River
- Future Net Carbon Zero and Climate Needs need addressed
- No Interdepartmental body to manage Lough





So How Much Money has the
Lough Neagh Partnership
Brought into Lough Neagh and
MUDC over last 5 years ?
(2016 – 2021)



Programmes	Grant Assistance	Total incl Matched Investment	Total incl Matched and Levered Funds
Lough Neagh Environment Protection	£429, 439.	£580,250	£614,750
Lough Neagh Landscape Scheme	£2,494,900	£3,536,556	£4,344,451
Waterpro Water Quality	£179,600	£179,600	£179,600
2 Environmental Farm Schemes	£401,899	£401,899	£4,962,718

Programmes	Grant Assistance	Total incl Matched Investment	Total incl Matched and Levered Funds
Lough Neagh Artisan Food Programme	£29,550	£35,000	£35,000
Coalisland Industrial Heritage Project	£312,151	£344,151	£400,496
Marketing Grants for 3 festivals 32 Tour promotions)	£30, 234	£41, 654	£78,404
Community Renewal Fund	£210,000	£210,000	£210,000
TOTAL	Every £1 spent in MUDC, approx £28.5 returned by LNP		£10,825,419.00 in Lough Neagh

- So How Much Additional Money and Assistance can the Lough Neagh Partnership Bring into Lough Neagh and Mid Ulster District Council over the next 5 years (2023 - 2028)

See Lough Neagh Strategic Plan



○ Estimated to attract new £17,380,575 of investment in Lough

Help provide new marker system and put dredger on Lough neagh

Help set up a new interdepartmental management structure for Lough

Lobby and co ordinate for purchase of bed and soil of Lough Neagh

Support new farming sector to adapt to new farm reforms and net carbon zero requirements



- • Protect Lough and redress Habitat and Species loss via new SEUPB funds
- Help create new green economy business opportunities through new Shared Prosperity Fund
- Help develop Navigable rivers such as Blackwater through DFI SEUPB and RDP
- Promote food development and food experience branding through artisans group
- Help draw up new climate change, biodiversity and carbon capture plans.







Killycolpy NIEA Reserves



Sheekys

Brookend

Sheekys

Hamiltons

Killywoolaghan

Killycolpy

Kells Point

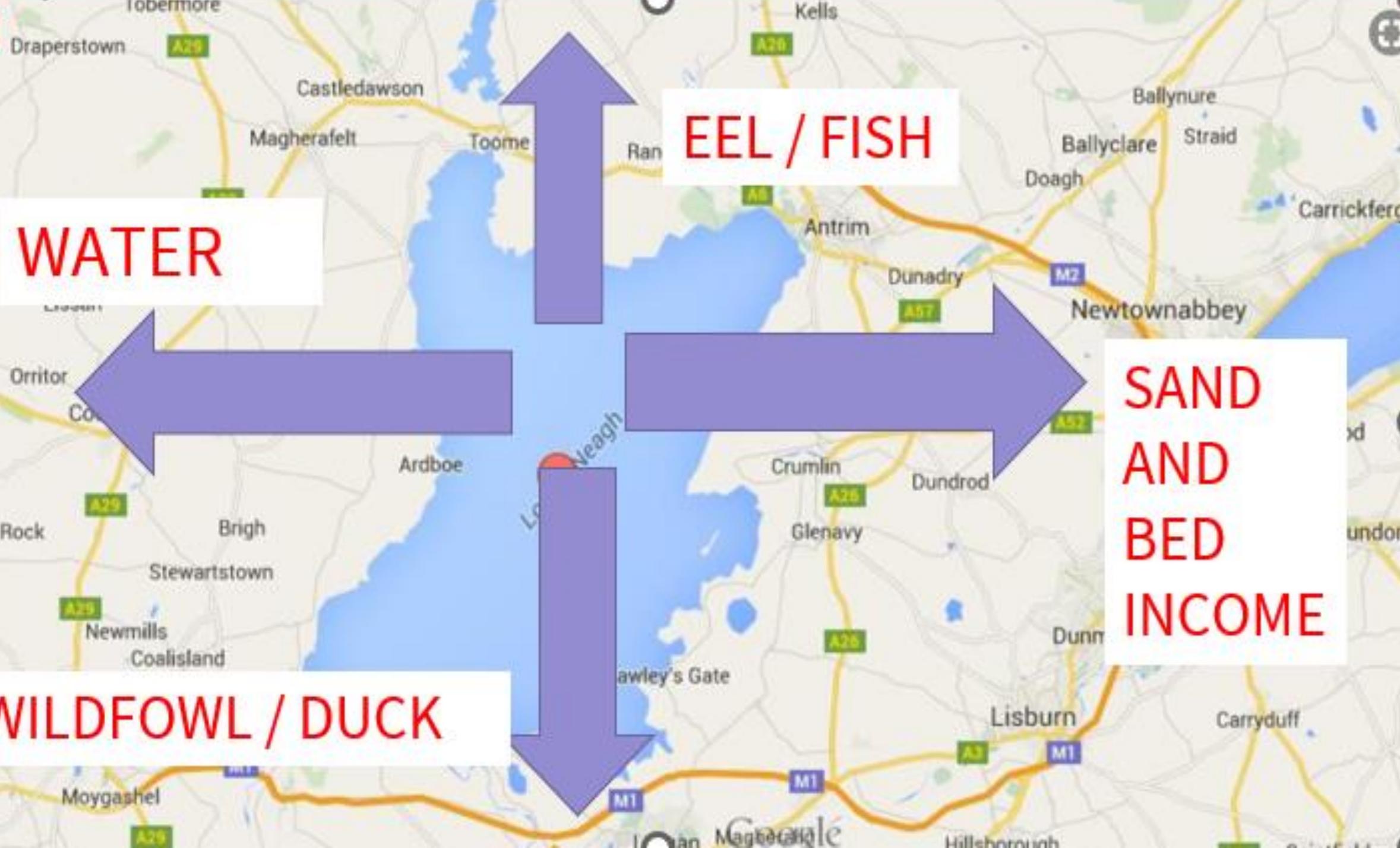
Kells Point



- Map of Farms covered in Environmental Group Farm Scheme around Lough Neagh





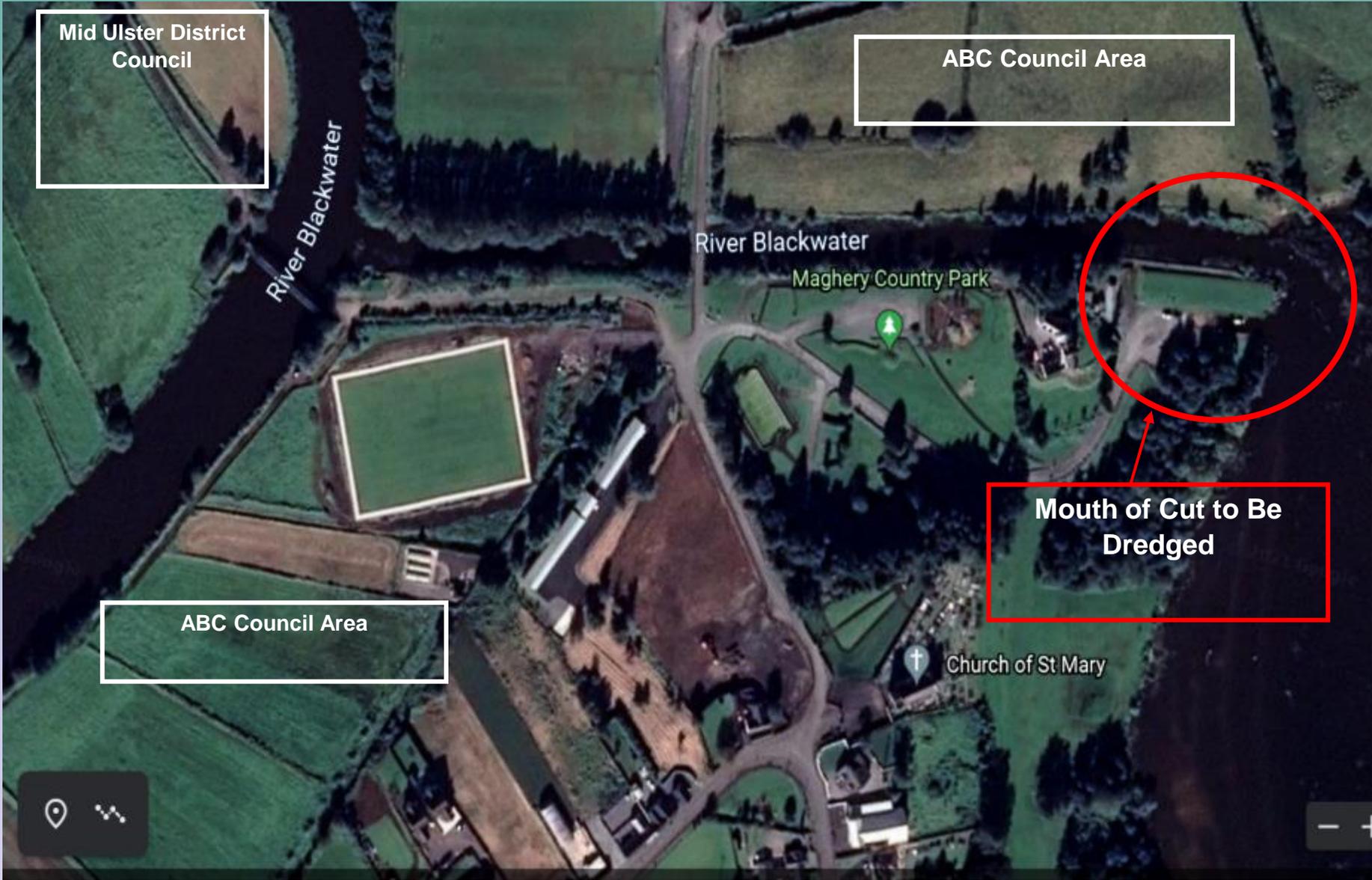


WATER

EEL / FISH

**SAND
AND
BED
INCOME**

WILDFOWL / DUCK







○ Financial Sustainability of Partnership

- LNP Core funding £22,000 from 3 large Councils
 - LNP had legacy funds from Heritage Lottery Fund but finishes in Mar 2023
 - Benchmark for other Other Councils Funding NGOs
 - Mournes Heritage Trust by NMDC: £300,000 per annum
 - Ring of Gullion Heritage Trust by NMDDC: £143,500,
by ANDBC £24,500 per annum
 - Belfast Hills Partnership by BCC: £28,000 per annum
- LNP request for £49,378 per annum



○ Financial way Forward Way forward

- Realise financial pressures on Councils
- Not a begging bowl request or request for assistance for the same old thing
- Rather have 5 year SLA **reviewed** every year with targets for new MUDC service delivery and bringing in additional funding and value to rate payers
- Target and help provide new **Services to MUDC** not just Lough Neagh Core
- New Stronger integrated relationship with **Council using more expertise of Partnership** to develop new opportunities and needs of Council



The Way Forward : Additional New Specific MUDC Services on Top of Core whole Lough Neagh

- LNP help with making applications and business proposals with MUDC for Lough capital projects
 - Tradd Point, Blackwater River, River Bann access
- Directly manage Derrytresk/DerryLoughan Bog, Killyhoulihan/Killykolpy and examine other sites in MUDC ownership for Biodiversity management and peatland restoration to manage
- Carry out Environmental Impact Assessments for 75 Fishermen Quays and 3 River mouths



The Way Forward : Additional Specific MUDC Services



- Directly assist with development of MUDC Climate Change Strategy, Carbon Zero Strategy, Biodiversity Strategy and Farm Economic Strategic
- Help MUDC with running events and promoting artisan food and developing tourism experiences
- LNP Identify carbon reserves in MUDC and examine carbon trading opportunities
- Examine opportunities to develop other MUDC Heritage projects eg Beagh more Tentative List and NLHF proposal, place new employees in LNP offices



○ Conclusion

- The Lough Neagh Strategic Plan and its recommendations be approved by MUDC Dev Committee and Council and used as a working tool for the next five years for benefit of Lough Neagh, MUDC and ratepayers



Thanks to MUDC
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