

A low-angle photograph of a field of daisies. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing white petals and others pink or orange. The stems are thin and green, reaching upwards. The background is a clear, light blue sky.

# Urban Greening Strategy

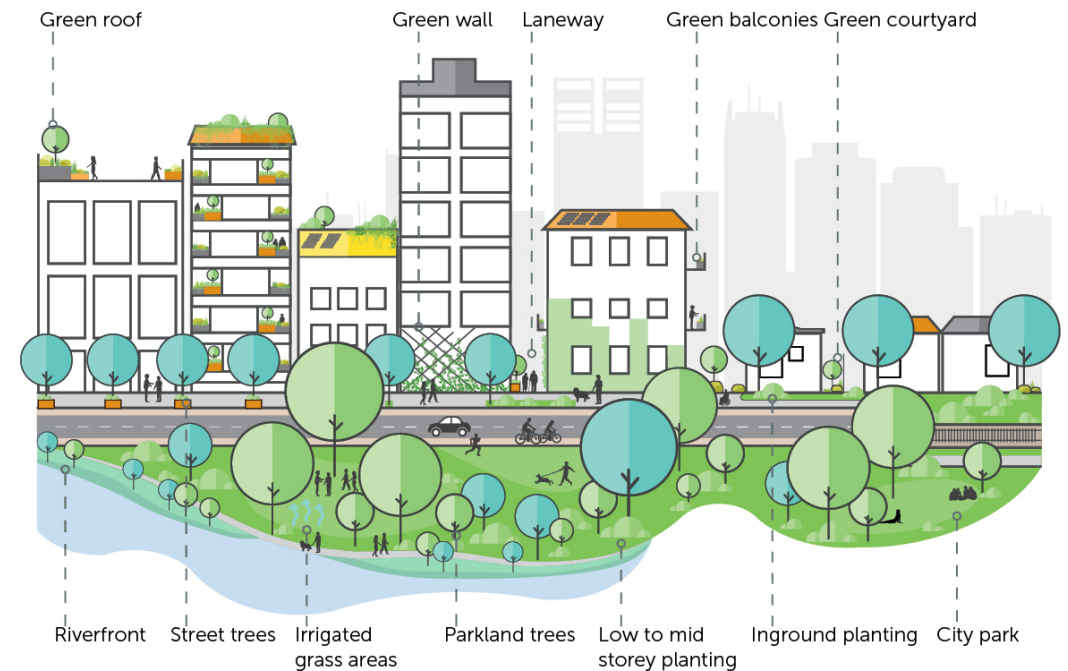
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**2023-2036**

# What is urban greening?

Urban greening, also known as green infrastructure, refers to the city's network of natural, designed or cultivated vegetated spaces located on both public and private land. Urban greening exists at a range of spatial scales, its key components include:

- Small city spaces e.g. balconies, courtyards and laneways
- Green roofs and walls
- Street trees and planting
- City parks and gardens
- Wider open space network including the riverfront and left over spaces e.g. road and rail reserves



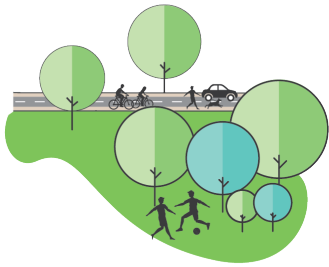
# Why is it important?

Urban greening delivers a range of social, environmental and economic benefits including:

- Improved physical health
- Enhanced mental wellbeing
- Climate change adaptation
- Improved water management
- Enhanced biodiversity
- Stronger sense of place - awareness of cultural heritage
- Stronger economy

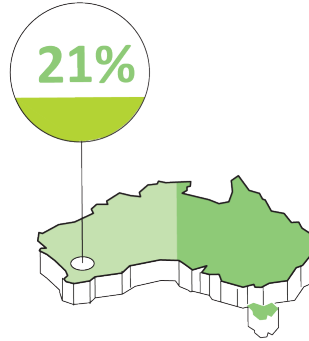


# What do we have?



**Street and  
parkland trees**

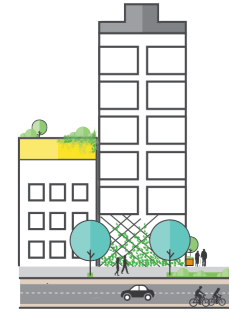
**~16,000**



**Canopy Cover**

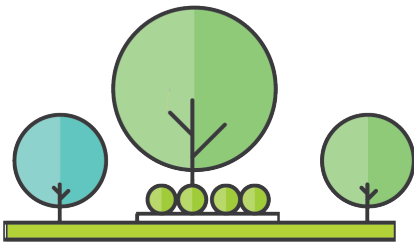
Source DPLH  
including Kings Park

**21%**



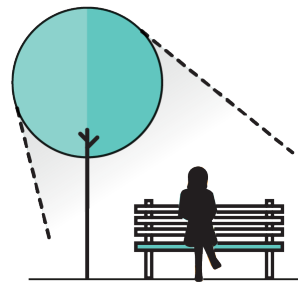
**City owned  
green walls**

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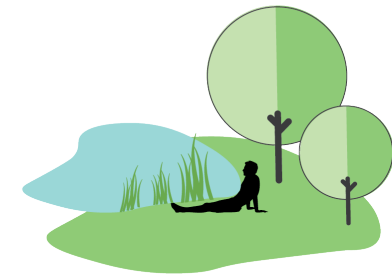
**New Street and  
parkland trees since 2016**

**~2000**



**Number of green  
Open spaces**

**50**



**River foreshore**

**11.2km**

# What is the Urban Greening Strategy?

The draft Urban Greening Strategy sets out the City's high-level aspirations for urban greening with a focus on maximising its contribution to Perth's on-going development as a highly livable, prosperous and sustainable city.



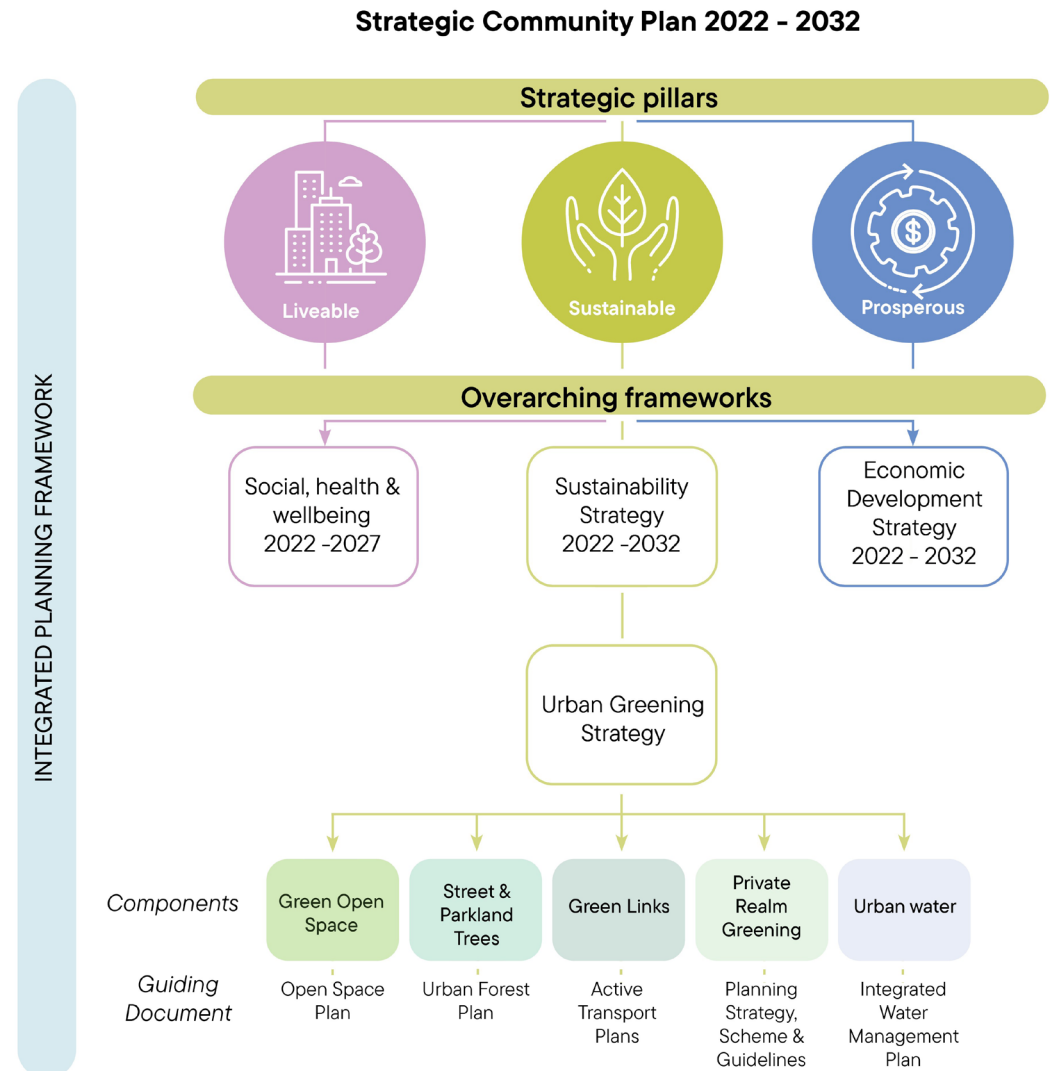
# Strategic context

The draft Urban Greening Strategy sets out:

- our urban greening commitment
- key moves; and
- supporting initiatives

to increase the level of urban greening on both public and private land across the city.

The Strategy also provides a framework for a suite of detailed operational plans for key components of the City's green infrastructure



# Our urban greening commitment

*By 2036 Perth city will be a greener, cooler, and more resilient place that is welcoming and vibrant.*

*Our status as a capital city within a recognised global biodiversity hot spot will be celebrated. Ribbons of native greening will weave across the city from Kings Park showcasing our unique floral heritage and creating a perception of a city within a park. Our streets will be green threads that pull an expanded network of spaces together, providing cool oasis for city dwellers to catch their breath and escape the hustle and bustle of city life, and a refuge for our unique wildlife to bring more nature into the city.*

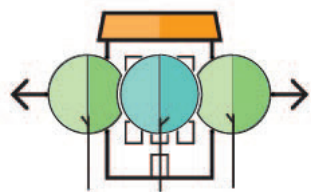
*Our buildings will be covered with a mosaic of green roofs, living facades, planted balconies and courtyards that provide small ecological stepping stones for wildlife and green views and spaces for residents to enjoy. Our parks and gardens will provide contemporary landscapes for gathering, playing and celebrating, welcoming a new generation of city dwellers.*

*Our community will be engaged and aware; actively contributing to the bigger greening picture and creating a green legacy for future generations.*

*We will have completed our transition to a water sensitive city and our green infrastructure network will provide a bulwark against the impacts of climate change on city livability, cooling and calming the city and protecting it from flooding.*

*The Urban Greening Strategy sets out a range of initiatives aimed at integrating our approach to land use planning and the design of our existing streets, open spaces and other city infrastructure to maximise greening outcomes and deliver on this commitment.*

# Key moves



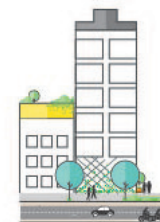
## Creating a greener street network

Greening our streets to encourage walking and cycling and support the development of wildlife corridors.



## Enhancing green open space

Investing in existing and new open space to create an accessible network of resilient, greener parks and gardens.



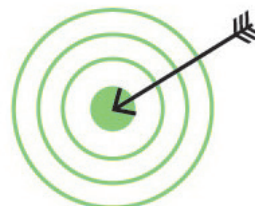
## Greening buildings

Encouraging green roofs, living walls and improved vegetation on privately owned and crown land.



## Making the blue-green connection

Planning proactively for sustainable water management to support high quality greening that cools and beautifies the city.



## Setting targets

Establishing evidence-based targets for urban greening in the public realm and measuring progress in achieving them.



## Greening together

Raising awareness and encouraging community participation in City led urban greening programs and initiatives.

Please refer to the draft Urban Greening Strategy document for more details on initiatives within each key move.

# The City's role



## **Deliver**

- Protect the City's GI network
- Plan strategically
- Public realm greening projects
- Supporting policy and design guidance



## **Collaborate**

- Advocate on behalf of the community
- Partner with other government agencies
- Incentivise the development industry

# What do you think?

The draft City of Perth Urban Greening Strategy is currently out for public consultation until 30 June, 2023.

We would like to know what you think. Please take the time to fill in our Community Survey, available on the Engage Perth website.

