



# Delivering the Green Network in Gartloch Gartcosh

## LOCATION

The Gartloch Gartcosh community growth corridor stretches from Easterhouse in Glasgow through to Coatbridge in North Lanarkshire. The area's existing greenspace resources will come under pressure in the coming years due to regeneration initiatives and the potential creation of up to 4,300 new homes in the period to 2025.

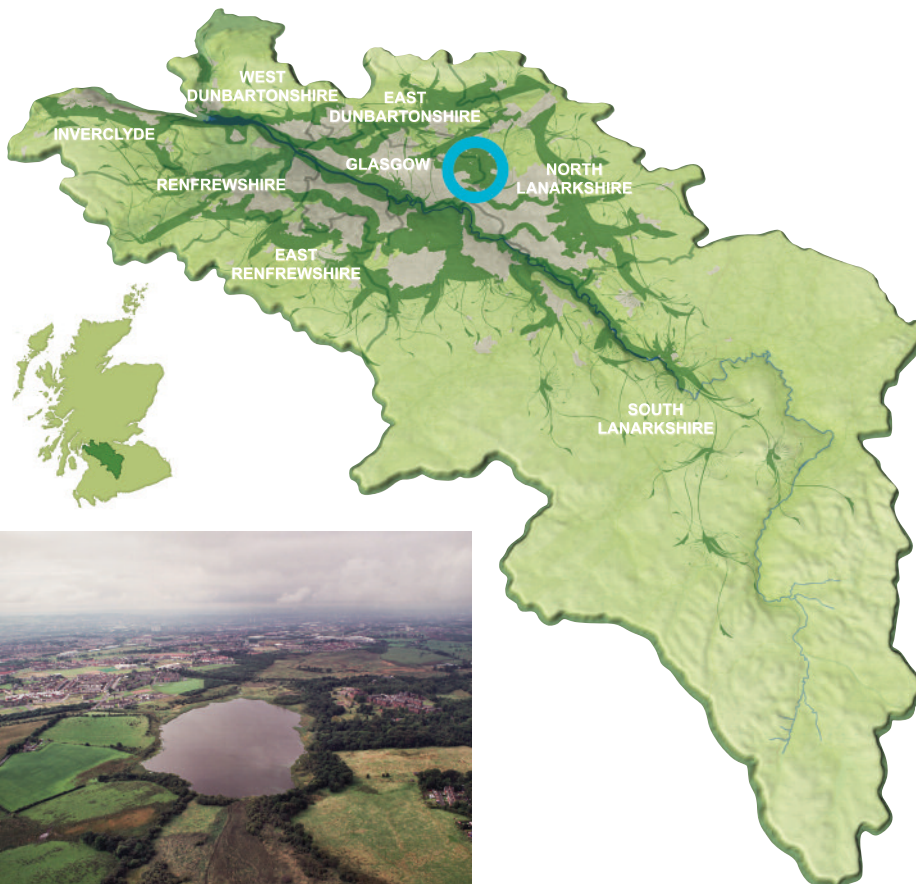
## THE GREEN NETWORK

The Gartloch Gartcosh Green Network will provide a framework for the development of sustainable local communities throughout the growth corridor. Our aim is to utilise existing assets to create a wetland park of national significance with links to a wider network of green spaces. This will enhance the area's biodiversity, generate new opportunities for leisure, recreation and tourism and establish the area as an attractive place to live and do business.

## HERITAGE VALUE

The Gartloch Gartcosh corridor is of immensely high value in terms of both natural and cultural heritage. A network of linked-up habitats – mainly wetlands, woodlands and some grassland – supports a wealth of important species. The area features a number of significant medieval sites including the remains of the 12th century Bishop of Glasgow's palace, the intact 15th century baronial hall known as Provan Hall and evidence of crannogs. Also reflected in the landscape is the impact of the area's more recent role as a mining and industrial centre.

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# Aspirations

## SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GROWTH

Identified as a community growth area, the Gartloch Gartcosh region will potentially undergo major development in the coming years. An integrated Green Network will create links between new and existing communities and provide residents with employment and volunteering opportunities as well as community facilities. The quality of the local environment will be vital to the region's sustainability and to the maintenance of a high quality of life for residents.

## WETLAND PARK

The Gartloch Gartcosh Green Network Strategic Delivery Partnership has been established to develop the concept of a wetland park and progress its delivery. In order to realise the proposed park's potential and secure its future, the group will be responsible for identifying the scope, scale, designation and potential mechanisms required to create and maintain this resource.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

As well as conserving existing habitats, the Green Network will strive to improve connections between areas of wetland, woodland and grassland. Environmental projects, such as the enhancement of wetland features, will also bring about improvements to the landscape which will help limit the visual impact of the new built environment.

## PUBLIC ACCESS AND HEALTH

To ensure the success of the area as a local and regional amenity, accessibility is vital. Improvements to pathways, bridle trails and cycle routes, supported by a programme of activities, better signs and improved visitor facilities, will encourage recreational use within and beyond the area.

## JOBS

Management of the wetland park and associated infrastructure will create opportunities for training, volunteering and business development. The Green Network will also seek opportunities to encourage the growth of social enterprises.

## EDUCATION AND ENJOYMENT

Visitor facilities will be developed to promote the area's ecological and cultural heritage and to provide information on future development plans. Education programmes will be designed to encourage schools and other groups to visit the area.

## NEXT STEPS

The Gartloch Gartcosh Green Network Strategic Delivery Partnership will drive forward proposals for an integrated network in the area. The partnership will look at ways in which to create and maintain the region's Green Network, and will also be responsible for progressing the delivery of a sustainable Wetland Park.

## PARTNERS

GCV Green Network Partnership; Glasgow City Council; North Lanarkshire Council; Scottish Government Housing and Regeneration Directorate; Scottish Natural Heritage; Forestry Commission Scotland; Glasgow East Regeneration Agency.



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