Making changes: a city perspective

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Some interesting facts about our city
What’s the problem?
Impact of flooding
What are we doing at the moment?
Making changes
Evington Brook Spinney Hills Park

before
LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL
SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
PART 1 REPORT
MAY 2012

CORE STRATEGY
adopted
July 2014

GREEN SPACE SPD
Adopted April 2011

Supplemental Planning Docur

Climate Change
Adopted January 2011

Sustainable Drainage Guide

DO YOU KNOW YOUR FLOOD RISK?

CONTACTS
Useful numbers and agencies
Leicester City Council 0116 454 4545
Leicestershire County Council 0116 232 1323
Environment Agency 0117 950 5050
SEPA 0114 311 5111
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Do you know your flood risk?

Policies
Applegate

City centre

before

after
Humberstone Gate West

before
Archdeacon Street
before

Jubilee Square
>2500 properties at flood risk from the River Soar

>3000 properties at flood risk from smaller watercourses and surface water

Average Annual Damages £5 million
Abbey Meadows; work to a ditch that led to ...
Use the quote
Natural flood management
Leicester hailed as model for future flood schemes

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Environment Secretary Andrea Leadsom has announced a competition to encourage natural flood defence projects around the country to apply for a share of £1 million.

The competition, which was launched during Mrs Leadsom’s visit last Thursday to Leicester’s new flood defence scheme, will look to discover projects and better encourage those that plan to use landscape features such as ponds, bank, meanders, channels and trees to store, drain or slow flood water in its initial project construction.

Mrs Leadsom, pictured, described Leicester, one of the most diverse cities in the UK, “a fantastic example of how natural and concrete, engineered defences can together provide communities with the best possible flood protection. Not only are 1,200 Leicester properties better protected thanks to new natural flood management measures, it is good to see how local wildlife has also greatly benefited.” The government has committed to investing £71 million towards Leicester’s three-part flood defence scheme by 2021.

Details of the competition and how to apply are available via www.catchmentbasedapproach.org
before

Mill Lane
Warning! Sharks!

Okay, there aren’t really any sharks, but this pond is not for swimming or fishing or anything else.

It’s part of an innovative system that collects rainwater and helps to prevent flooding in the area.

Please stay safe and stay out of the water.

ASDA
What do we want to do next
Highway adjacent to soft areas

Good edge restraint allowing for water to reach soft land
Making change incrementally at all scales
Working together
Disconnected downpipe

Happy parks officer

Rain garden

Enthused children

be happy