



**North York Moors
National Park**

Nature Recovery

What is Nature Recovery?



Nature Recovery builds on traditional conservation by enabling more natural processes so that nature can recolonise and reestablish a more natural balance. This may include lending a helping hand by reintroducing species or enhancing existing habitats.

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Lawton Review 2010

We need to make our network of sites bigger, better, and more joined up.

This means:

- Protecting what we have while improving its quality with better management
- Increasing the size of wildlife sites
- Enhancing connection by creating new wildlife corridors or stepping stones
- Creating new sites
- Reducing pressure on wildlife by improving the wider environment including through buffering wildlife sites

Moving away from the idea of wildlife contained in isolated reserves and towards whole landscapes that are vibrant, wildlife-rich, and ecologically functioning.

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Nature Recovery Network (NRN)

Nature recovery is about how we restore habitats, protect wildlife and combat climate change through collective action. It is a hands-on and community/partnership approach.

- enhance sites designated for nature conservation and other wildlife-rich places - newly created and restored wildlife-rich habitats, corridors and stepping-stones will help wildlife populations to grow and move
- improve the landscape's resilience to climate change, providing natural solutions to reduce carbon and manage flood risk, and sustaining vital ecosystems such as improved soil, clean water and clean air
- reinforce the natural, geological and cultural diversity of our landscapes, and protect our historic natural environment
- enable us to enjoy and connect with nature where we live, work and play - benefiting our health and wellbeing

What is Nature Recovery?

- Restoring natural processes
- Naturally functioning rivers
- Natural flood management
- Environmental land management
- Regenerative farming
- Tree planting
- Species reintroduction
- Improved soil health
- Peat restoration
- and much more.....



Environment Act 2021

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Environmental improvement plan (EIP) to significantly improve the Natural Environment

5 Year Environment Plan –1st one published 2018
new plan every 5 years

30 X 30 - The UK Government has pledged to protect at least 30% of land and sea for nature by 2030



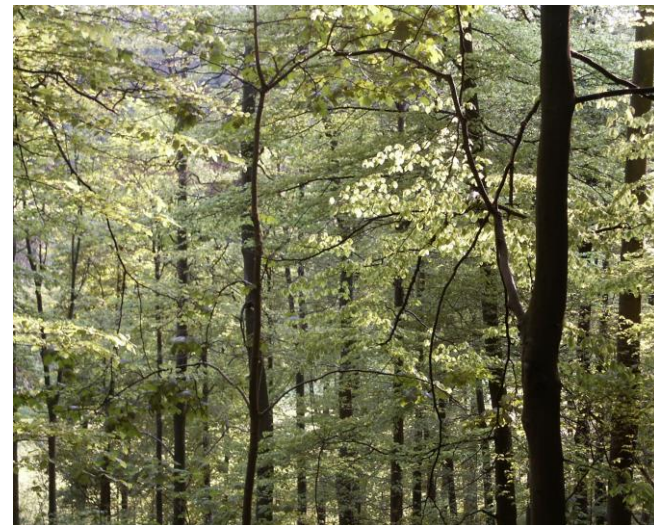
Environmental Improvement Plan

- Sets out the actions we must take to help us restore nature, tackle environmental pollution, and increase the prosperity of our country
- Environment Act statutory targets – short term and long term (2042)
- Interim targets (2030)
- Commitments for 75% of terrestrial and freshwater sites in favourable condition by 2042
- Annual reporting to Parliament and OEP – targets currently being determined



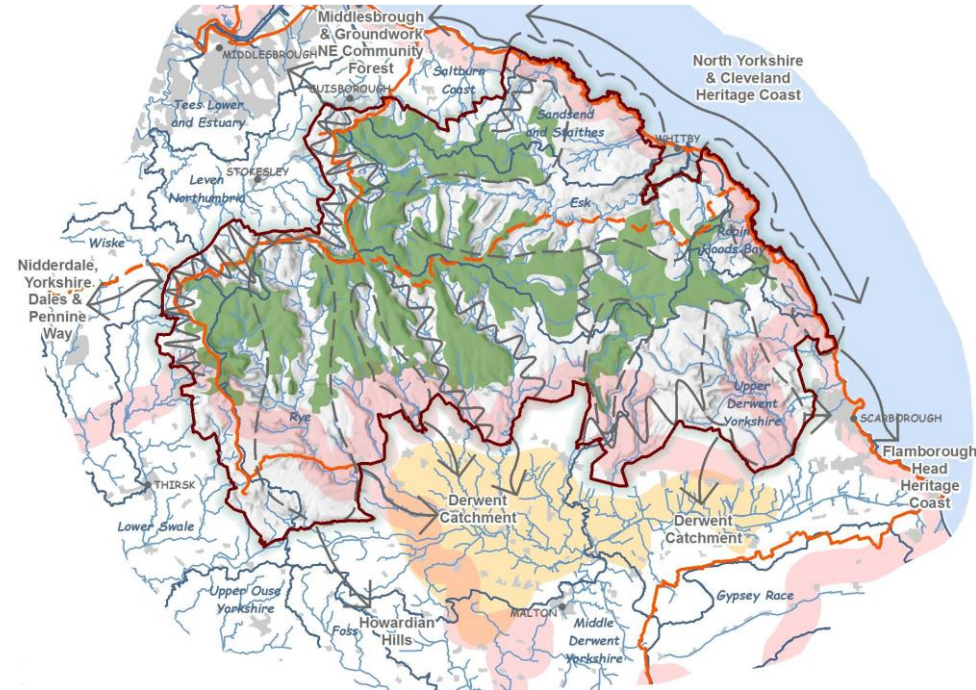
Example National Targets

- By the end of 2030 – halt in species decline
 - All SSSI's to have an up to date condition assessment by 2028
 - Restore or create an additional 140,000ha of habitat outside of protected sites by 2028
 - 50% of SSSI's on track to achieve favourable status by 2028
- Increase total tree and woodland cover from 14.5% land cover to 16.5% by 2050
 - Additional 34,000ha tree / woodland cover by 2028 (0.26%)
- 70% designated features in Marine Protected Areas (MPA's) in favourable condition by 2042
 - 48% by 2028



Short term Plan

- Focus on:
- Thriving Plants and Animals
 - Protect 30% of land by 2030
 - Roll out Environment Act commitments e.g. BNG, LNRS, species conservation strategies
 - 19 new nature recovery projects and 25 new National Nature Reserves by 2027
 - Deliver nature via farming schemes including a new round of Landscape Recovery



Building a Nature Recovery Network

- Restoration of habitats in National Parks and AONB's
 - Outcomes Framework for monitoring progress
 - Management Plan guidance
 - Increase FiPL by 50% for 23/24
- Raise £500 million from private finance
- Catchment plans for water
- £750m for Nature for Climate – peat and trees
- Production of Land Use Framework
- Everyone should live within 15 minutes of green space
- Species Recovery



Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

- Local Nature Recovery Strategies will be a powerful new tool that will help the public, private and voluntary sectors work more effectively together for nature's recovery and enable collective effort to be focussed where it will have most benefit.
 - Emphasis on collaboration and partnerships
 - NPAs are 'Supporting Authorities' - support 'Responsible Authorities' to produce
- LNRS are a system of spatial strategies for nature and environmental improvement required by law under the Environment Act. Each strategy must:
 - agree priorities for nature's recovery
 - map the most valuable existing areas for nature
 - map specific proposals for creating or improving habitat for nature and wider environmental goals



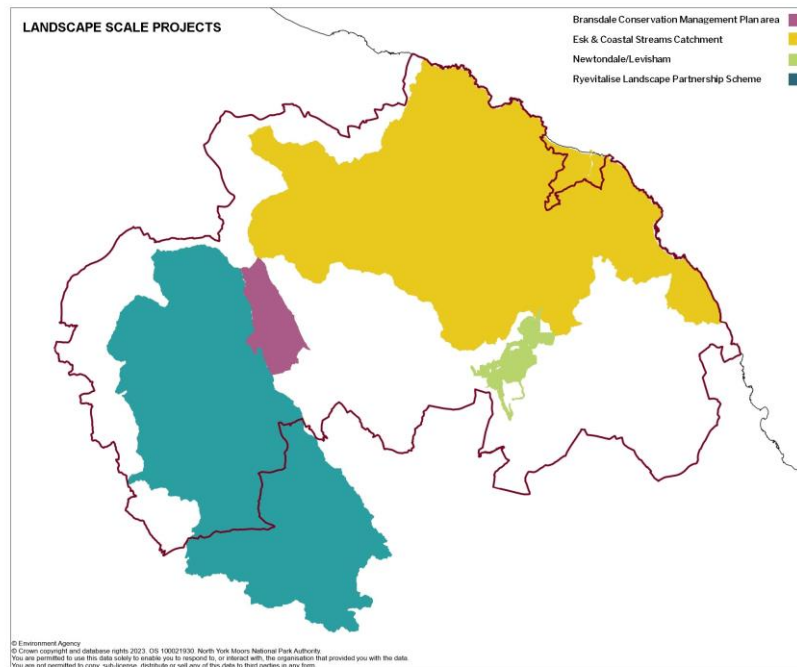
Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

- Biodiversity net gain (BNG) is an approach to development, and/or land management, that aims to leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than it was beforehand
- Any development requiring planning permission (with some exceptions) will be required to demonstrate BNG using the Biodiversity Metric.
- Compensatory actions can be carried out onsite or offsite – likely to be demand for BNG delivery sites.
- NPAs own projects not exempt! If planning a new project, get in touch with Elspeth or Zara to discuss if BNG likely to be required.



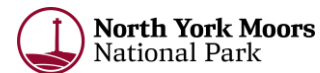
Delivering Nature Recovery

- Landscape scale projects – bigger better more joined up
- Multiple partners and stakeholders – we can't do this alone
- We're already delivering
 - Ryevitalise Landscape Partnership
 - Esk and Coastal Streams Catchment Partnership
 - Bransdale Conservation Management Plan
 - Newtondale Landscape Project



The North York Moors National Park

Our 2022-2027 Management Plan Outcomes



Outcome

01

A resilient landscape at the forefront of addressing climate change and nature recovery.



Outcome

02

A nature rich, more biodiverse landscape.



Outcome

03

A landscape rich in heritage and highly valued for its sense of remoteness and tranquillity.



Outcome

04

A place that lifts the nation's health and wellbeing.



Outcome

05

A place that supports a diverse and innovative low carbon economy.



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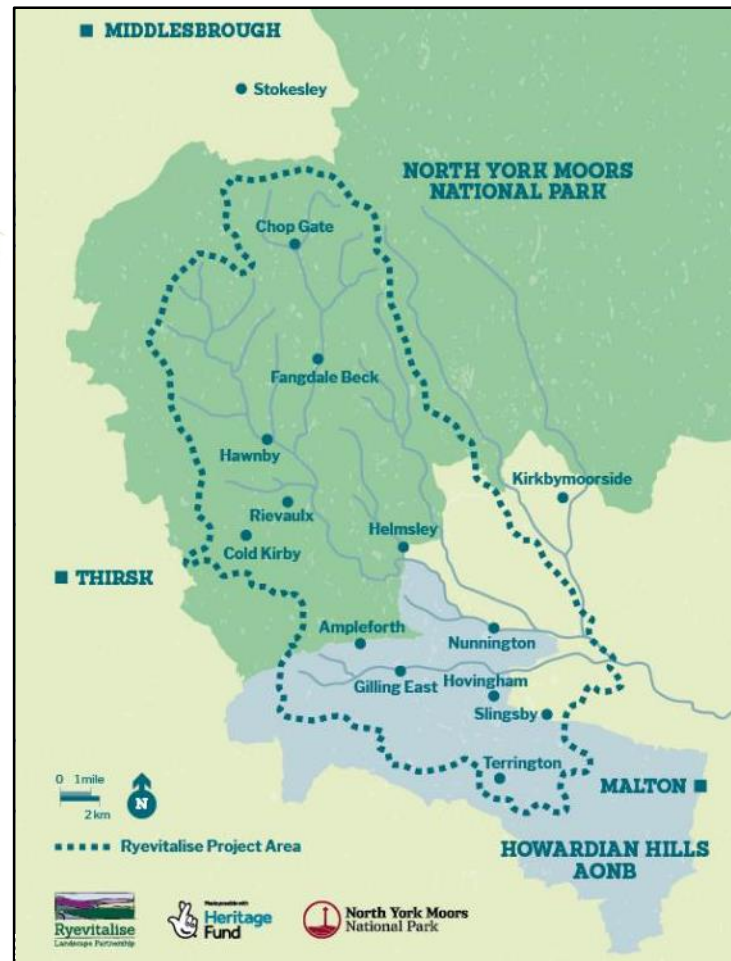
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A place of great beauty where local communities thrive.

Ryevitalise Landscape Partnership

Working together

- £3.4million
- 15 partners
- Delivery phase 2019 – 2025
- Conserve, enhance and restore
 - Water Quality and the Environment
 - A More Natural River
 - Reconnecting People



Partnership working today

It's already a strong relationship...

- Existing river, climate and nature recovery expertise
- Strong community focus
- Landscape scale nature recovery – it's already happening!

