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Kingston is proud to be home to one of Melbourne's valuable 'Green Wedges' – one of 12 protected segments of land that, collectively, form a ring around our urban city, set aside by the State Government for non-urban use to help combat climate change, ensure food security and improve liveability.

Kingston's Green Wedge provides:

- Environmental value – open space and conservation zones that protect and enhance biodiversity
- Health and wellbeing benefits – exercise, recreation and outdoor activities
- Farming and agriculture opportunities – protecting the food bowls of Melbourne
- Tourism opportunities – aiding economic development

## OUR CHAIN OF PARKS

A key feature of Kingston's Green Wedge will be the Chain of Parks – a project that will see more than 300 hectares of land transformed into linked open spaces for the community to enjoy.

The Chain of Parks will span from Karkarook Park in Heatherton through to Braeside Park.

The project will see the end of the waste industry in our community, with former landfills in Kingston's Green Wedge being transformed into contemporary parks and beautiful open spaces, as set out in the Chain of Parks Masterplan.

It has taken decades of effort working alongside community groups to make the Chain of Parks project possible. Kingston City Council and the Victorian State Government have purchased hundreds of hectares of land to make the vision a reality. The long-awaited project is now underway.

# THE JOURNEY SO FAR...

## ● 1900-1970

- Kingston's resource-rich sandbelt is mined

## ● 1960s

- Victorian Government creates Melbourne's Green Wedge

## ● 1970s

- Large holes left from mining are used for landfill sites, with over 30 sites in Kingston
- The Chain of Parks vision is created

## ● 1989

- Victorian Government opens Braeside Park

## ● 1994

- The Chain of Parks concept is formalised in Melbourne Parks and Waterways' *Sandbelt Open Space Project Development Plan* May 1994

## ● 1995

- Spring Road Landfill in Dingley Village is closed
- Victorian Government opens Karkarook Park in Heatherton

## ● 2004

- Elder Street South Landfill in Clarinda is closed

## ● 2012

- Kingston develops its first *Green Wedge Management Plan* April 2012

## ● 2013

- Henry Street Landfill in Heatherton is closed

## ● 2015

- Kingston Council and the Victorian Planning Minister introduce special planning protection (the Green Wedge A Zone C143 Amendment) to outlaw any new landfills opening

## ● 2016

- Regional Landfill and Deals Road Landfill in Clayton South are closed
- Kingston Council opens new park Spring Road Reserve at the rehabilitated former landfill site

## ● 2018

- Victorian government commits \$25 million to purchase land for the Chain of Parks 'Sandbelt Parklands'

## ● 2019

- Victory Road Landfill in Clayton South and Enviromix Composting in Dingley Village are closed

## ● 2020

- *Kingston's Green Wedge Management Plan* review begins
- Kingston Council endorses a Chain of Parks Masterplan March 2020

## ● 2022

- Kingston Council opens new park Elder Street South Reserve in Clarinda at the rehabilitated former landfill site
- Victorian government acquires 83 hectares of land in Heatherton and Clayton South for the Chain of Parks

