

£8m funding brings nature to Scotland's cities

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From weirs and wetlands, to urban nature reserves, to natural play areas and parks, the search is on for 10 projects that help nature bloom in the most disadvantaged areas of Scotland's towns and cities.

The call comes as Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) today announces a further Â£8m funding, in the latest phase of its ambitious Green Infrastructure Fund.

The Fund - SNH's largest to date for improving the urban environment in Scotland's towns and cities – is being delivered in two phases. The first is due to complete in 2019, and will deliver 7 major capital infrastructure projects and 12 community engagement projects, including:

- Transformation of a derelict golf course in South Lanarkshire into a new urban park
- Outdoor recreational space in the Middlefield community in Aberdeen, with weirs and wetlands helping reduce the town's flood risk
- Creation of a Local Nature Reserve and new water management scheme around the Forth & Clyde Canal in Glasgow, opening up surrounding vacant and derelict sites for regeneration.

SNH announced today it is inviting bids for a share in a further Â£8m funding from up to 10 major projects. It is expected the successful projects will support some of Scotland's more deprived urban communities to make best use of their local environment, help tackle the effects of climate change, attract business and boost job opportunities.

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