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Thank you for your email dated 16 October 2024 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to public tree removal and planting records. Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

**Records of public tree removals between January 1st, 2022, and October 16th, 2024, including:**

Locations of trees removed	Species of trees (if available)	Reasons for removal (e.g., disease, development, safety concerns)
Foxton pathway (Piriharakeke Walkway)	Pine Trees (approximately 200)	Infrastructure development related to adjacent Waste Transfer Station
Foxton	2 x Acacia 3 x Cabbage Trees 1 x Plane Tree 3 Pine Trees 1 x Gum Tree 1 x Kowhai Tree 1 x unknown (species not recorded)	Safety Concerns (dead, diseased, dying or dangerous)
Foxton Beach	13 x Pine Trees 1 x Acacia 2 x Cabbage Trees 1 x Pittosporum 1 x unknown (species not recorded)	Safety Concerns (dead, diseased, dying or dangerous)
Hokio Beach	4 x Pine Trees 1 x Macrocarpa 1 x Cabbage Tree 2 x unknown (species not recorded)	Safety Concerns (dead, diseased, dying or dangerous)
Levin	2 x Banksias 1 x Pepper 1 x Kowhai 5 x Cherry Trees 2 x Silver Birch	Safety Concerns (dead, diseased, dying or dangerous)

	<p>4 x Lemonwoods          1 x Connifer Trees          1 x Privet          2 x Pine Trees          13 Cabbage Trees          1 Prumus          2 x Poplar          43 x unknown (species not recorded)</p>	
Manakau	<p>1 x unknown (species not recorded)</p>	Safety Concerns (dead, diseased, dying or dangerous)
Mangahao	<p>1 x Pittosporum</p>	Safety Concerns (dead, diseased, dying or dangerous)
Ohau	<p>2 x Ash Trees          1 x Macrocarpa          1 x Birch          4 x unknown (species not recorded)</p>	Safety Concerns (dead, diseased, dying or dangerous)
Shannon	<p>1 x Elm Tree          3 x Cabbage Trees          3 x Silver Birch          2 x Privet          1 x Gum Tree          1 x Kowhai          2 x Pine Trees          1 x Macrocarpa          1 x Willow          1 x Camelia          2 x Maire          17 x unknown (species not recorded)</p>	Safety Concerns (dead, diseased, dying or dangerous)
Tokomaru	<p>1 x Cabbage Tree          4 x unknown (species not recorded)</p>	Safety Concerns (dead, diseased, dying or dangerous)
Waikawa Beach	<p>1 x Macrocarpa          2 x Banksia          3 x unknown (species not recorded)</p>	Safety Concerns (dead, diseased, dying or dangerous)
Waitarere Beach	<p>4 x Macrocarpa          2 x Banksia          1 x Caro          1 x Pohuakawa          2 x Pine Trees          4 x unknown (species not recorded)</p>	Safety Concerns (dead, diseased, dying or dangerous)

**Records of public tree plantings for the same time period**

The following are records of public tree plantings for the same time period. However, please note that this is only capturing data that Horowhenua District Council (the Council) has recorded, and excludes plantings which have not been documented. The plantings include:

Locations of trees planted	Species planted	Any associated planning or urban greening strategies for these plantings
Shannon – Graham Street	300 Trees (mixture of Kanuka, Manuka, Kahikatea, and Rimu)	Fits into a strategy to provide riparian planting at this stream, improving habitat for native aquatic life, as well as improving water quality.
Shannon – Te Maire Reserve land	500 trees (mixture of Kanuka, Manuka, Kahikatea, and Rimu)	Ecological regeneration of this area, including providing a riparian margin and shade for a wetland space within this reserve.
Foxton pathway (Piriharakeke Walkway)	10 x Alectryon excelsus 15 x Dodonea viscosa 15 x Dodonea v. Purpurea  10 x Knightia excelsa  40 x Kunzea ericoides  20 x Leptospermum scoparium 10 x Myoporum laetum  30 x Pittosporum crassifolium 30 x Pittosporum eugenoides 30 x Pittosporum tenuifolium 5 x Plagianthus regius  10 x Sophora microphylla 650 x Leptospermum scoparium (Manuka) 50 x tenax 50 x cookianum	Ecological regeneration of land cleared of exotic pine trees (as noted above).
Ohau Gravels Reserve	500 x Cordyline australis	Ecological regeneration of reserve space cleared of plant pest species.

**Any reports or assessments related to urban tree management or the overall strategy for public tree planting and removal within your jurisdiction from January 2017.**

Council has an existing Open Space Strategy, which at a high level provides guidance, in particular for ecological networks across the district, as well as open spaces along the river corridors. The Council's

intention is to develop an overall Tree Policy over the next 12 months, and will incorporate changes to its processes to capture information about its trees on Council land as part of this policy development.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Brent Harvey (Group Manager Community Experience and Services) on [brenth@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:brenth@horowhenua.govt.nz), or [LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz).

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