

# CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT PLANS



Protecting and Enhancing the Water Environment  
in an integrated manner



**NRA**

*National Rivers Authority  
Anglian Region*

## Introduction

Anglian is the largest NRA Region covering an area of approximately 27,000 square kilometres from south Humberside to Thameside and from Great Yarmouth in the east to Northampton in the west. The region is responsible for maintaining 5,800 kms of main river (including 1,200kms of embanked water courses) and over 1,300 kms of tidal and sea defences. In addition it controls more than 960 kms of navigable rivers, nearly 4,700 kms of coarse fishing water, and monitors the quality of 33 designated bathing waters.

Although the Region is predominantly rural, it is predicted to attract the highest population growth (7%) in the next ten years.

One fifth of the Region lies protected below sea level, whilst the rainfall levels are the lowest in the country.

Many aspects of the NRA's work interact and conflicts of interest can arise. The most effective way of balancing all interests is through the preparation and implementation of Catchment Management Plans (CMP). CMP's are prime NRA documents which incorporate all other relevant planning initiatives/plans within the geographical boundaries of individual catchments.

## What is Catchment Management Planning?

Centred on major river systems and their tributaries (or 'Catchments'), the principle aim of Catchment Management Planning involves the NRA working with interested organisations and individuals in order to harmonise the many functional issues within a catchment. Following extensive consultations a five year plan of action is produced to realise the collective "vision" for the Catchment through targeting achievable enhancements. The NRA will use its authority to ensure rivers, lakes, coastal and underground waters are protected, and where possible improved, for the benefit of present and future users and to use its resources to:-

- Respond promptly to all reported pollution incidents and to emergencies due to flooding.
- Control pollution by working with dischargers to achieve improvements and monitor effluent compliance with standards.



- Maintain existing assets and invest in new ones to provide flood protection; manage and develop water resources and provide other multifunctional services.
- Monitor, survey and investigate the existing quality of controlled waters to determine short and long term changes and take remedial action as necessary.
- Determine, police, enforce and review conditions of water abstraction licences, discharge consents and flood defence consents.
- Develop fisheries; promote recreation, navigation and conservation.
- Influence planning authorities to control development through Town and County Planning legislation to protect wider environment issues.

Catchment Management Plans are produced in our Area Offices to ensure that all local issues are included. The first stage is to produce a Consultation Report that assesses the present uses and status of the water environment. The current status is compared with relevant standards or targets. Where the targets are not being met, shortfalls with options to resolve them are presented as Issues.

Then follows a period of public consultation (three months) centred on the

Consultation Report. Through this extensive consultation process the NRA gains the views of all those concerned with the water environment, including:-

- Local Authorities
  - Industry
  - Anglian Water plc
  - Other water companies
  - The Farming Community
  - Environmental Groups
  - Riverside Residents
  - MPs
  - Anglers
- and all those who use waters for recreation.

After the consultation period, the next stage is the production of a Final Plan for the catchment. This will include an action plan for improvements to the water environment. It will outline areas of work and investment proposed by the NRA and others, initially within a five year period. An annual review is undertaken thereafter, to monitor and report on progress.



## Proposed CMP Timetable

In the Anglian Region twenty individual catchment plans have been identified, together with an estuary plan (joint venture with other Regions).

The table shows when each Consultation period will start and when each Final Plan will be issued. However, as priorities change the timescale for completion of Catchment Management Plans may alter.

### Catchment

#### ANGLIAN CMPs:

	CONSULTATION STARTS	FINAL PLAN
CAM (C)	March 1992	April 1993
LOUTH COASTAL (N)	July 1992	August 1993
GIPPING/STOUR (E)	February 1993	January 1994
ELY OUSE (C)	March 1993	February 1994
LOWER NENE (N)	October 1993	July 1994
YARE (E)	January 1994	November 1994
BEDFORD OUSE (C)	April 1994	October 1994
UPPER NENE (N)	February 1994	August 1994
BLACKWATER (inc. Colne/Chelmer) (E)	October 1994	March 1995
GRIMSBY (N)	November 1994	May 1995
NORTH WEST NORFOLK (C)	February 1995	August 1995
LOWER WITHAM (N)	May 1995	November 1995
CROUCH/THAMESIDE (E)	July 1995	January 1996
ANCHOLME (N)	December 1995	June 1996
UPPER OUSE (C)	February 1996	August 1996
STIFFKEY/BURN/GLAVEN (E)	April 1996	October 1996
UPPER WITHAM (N)	July 1996	January 1997
OLD BEDFORD (C)	February 1997	August 1997
WELLAND (N)	March 1997	September 1997
ALDE/BLYTH/DEBEN (E)	April 1997	October 1997

C = Central Area    N = Northern Area    E = Eastern Area

#### ESTUARY PLAN (Joint venture with other Regions):

HUMBER ESTUARY (N)	July 1994	March 1995
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### Northern Area

- N1** HUMBER ESTUARY \*
- N2** GRIMSBY AREA
- N3** ANCHOLME
- N4** ELOITH COASTAL
- N5** UPPER WITHAM
- N6** LOWER WITHAM

- N7** WELLAND
- N8** LOWER NENE
- N9** UPPER NENE

\* Joint Plan with Severn Trent and Northumbria/Yorkshire Regions

### Central Area

- C1** NORTH WEST NORFOLK
- C2** OLD BEDFORD
- C3** BEDFORD OUSE
- C4** UPPER OUSE
- C5** CAM
- C6** ELY OUSE

### Eastern Area

- E1** STIFFKEY, BURN & GLAVEN
- E2** YARE
- E3** ALDE, BLYTH & DEBEN
- E4** GIPPING/STOUR
- E5** BLACKWATER (COLNE & CHELMER)
- E6** CROUCH/THAMESIDE



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