



ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

REGIONAL PLAN SUMMARY ANGLIAN REGION 1996/7

MAKING A DIFFERENCE THAT LASTS

" 1995 was the last year of separate operation of our three predecessors; HMIP, WRA and the NRA. My thanks go to all employees for maintaining an effective service delivery at a time of change.

The establishment of the Environment Agency on 1 April creates many opportunities to protect and enhance the environment as a whole through the integration of expertise and joint working. As the strongest Environment Agency in Europe, we will foster partnership and maintain open and readily accessible communications with our customers. The First Step Shop will be

important in portraying a friendly and professional Agency face whilst our internal culture develops through people development, team work and shared environmental goals. In this way we shall make our contribution to sustainable development"

GRAINGER DAVIES
Regional General Manager

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS: 1996/7

The following are representative of projects from each Operational Area:-

- Lincshire - Place a further 4 million tonnes of beach nourishment material, working northwards from Ingoldmells.
- Lower Nene - Liaise with abstractors and moderate demand to achieve an equitable allocation of water resources in the catchment.
- Cambourne New Settlement - Ensure that flood defence, drainage and pollution prevention requirements are incorporated in the final design/ construction stages of the new village settlement.
- Tollesbury Creek Oysterages - Monitor water quality following improvements to an adjacent Anglian Water sewage treatment works and identify investment at other works if proved necessary.



Photo: Lincshire Project

TOP 5 TARGETS FOR EACH AREA: 1996/7

NORTHERN

- A** Continue collaborative project and restore a further 1.5km of shallow reed margin in Barton Clay Pit, adjacent to the R Humber.
- B** Monitor water quality and ensure that Holbeach River achieves its River Ecosystem target following the commissioning of a new effluent treatment plant serving a food processing company.
- C** Place a further 4 million tonnes of beach recharge material for the comprehensive Lincshire Beach Nourishment project.
- D** Liaise with abstractors and moderate demand to achieve an equitable allocation of water resources in the Lower Nene Catchment.
- E** Undertake an intensive monitoring programme adjacent to Helpston Landfill Site and take necessary measures to contain any contaminated groundwater releases.

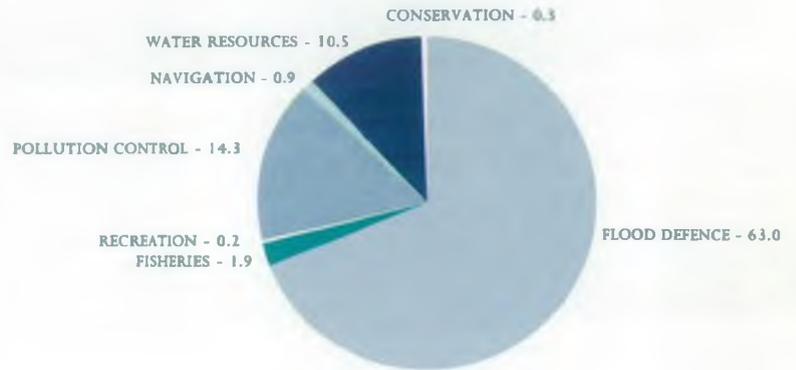
CENTRAL

- F** Undertake a collaborative Willow Tree management project alongside the River Great Ouse in the vicinity of Huntingdon.
- G** Ely Ouse Erosion Protection Scheme - Year 1 (of 3) high priority works to reinstate the integrity of flood defences along selected river reaches and enhance the local environment.
- H** Prepare a Memorandum of Understanding with relevant partners to ensure an effective response to potential oil pollution incidents in the tidal River Great Ouse and in the Wash.
- J** Ensure that detailed flood defence, drainage and pollution prevention requirements are incorporated in the final design and construction stages of the Cambourne new settlement.
- K** Identify River Lark 'in river needs' and flow regimes necessary to maintain habitat diversity and support salmonid communities.

EASTERN

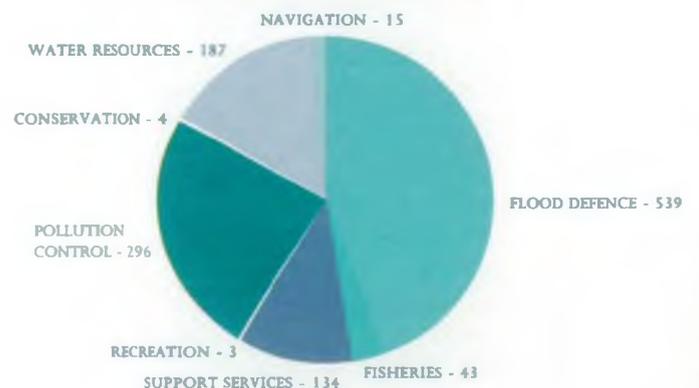
- L** Broadland Flood Alleviation Scheme - undertake erosion protection works in the flood compartments of South Breydon and Burgh Norton.

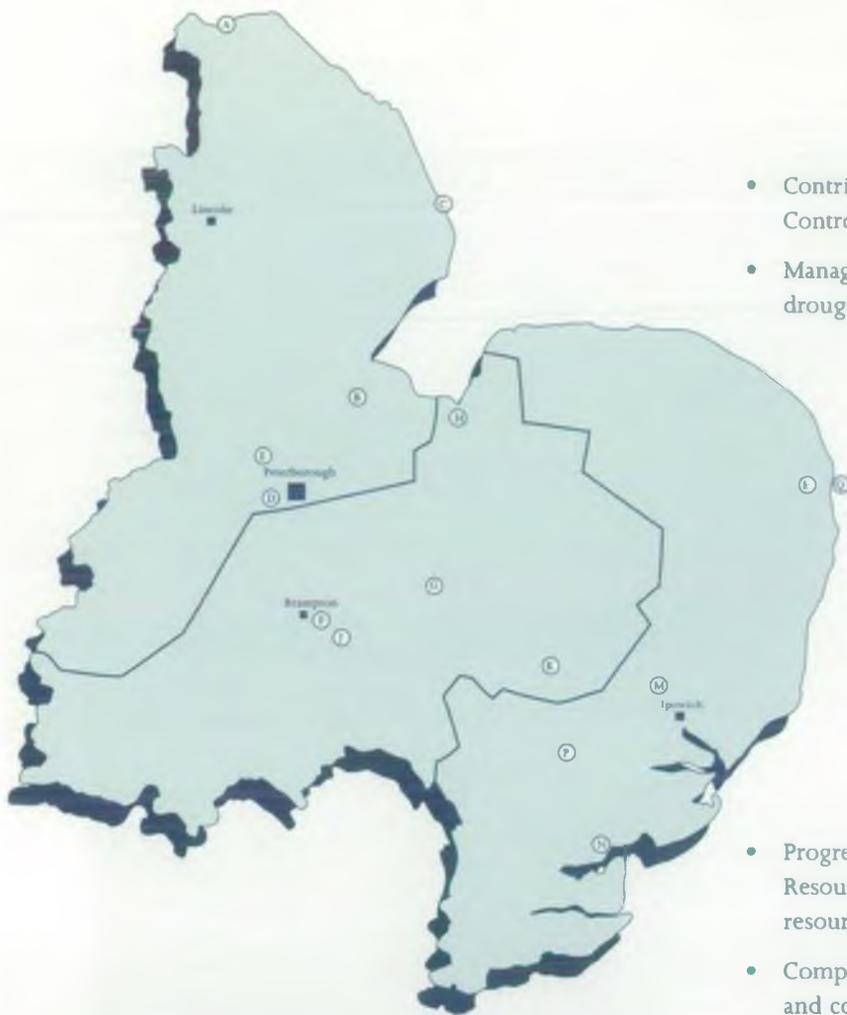
TOTAL REGIONAL EXPENDITURE 1996/7 (£91.1M)



- M** Licence Earl Stonham river support borehole and identify alternative sources to replace existing surface water abstractions in support of the River Deben Alleviation of Low Flow scheme.
- N** Monitor water quality in Tollesbury Creek Oysterages following recent improvements to an adjacent Anglian Water Services STW and propose improvements to two further STWs if proved necessary.
- p** Undertake a collaborative project to restore the Cornard Mere SSSI (R Stour Valley) by the provision of a supplementary water supply and habitat management works.
- Q** Enforce the East Coast Fishery, Net Limitation Order to prevent over fishing and preserve stocks of sea trout.

TOTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEES 1996/7 (1221 full time equivalents)





OTHER REGIONAL PRIORITIES FOR THE ANGLIAN REGION IN 1996/7

- Develop an 'open' customer liaison culture, via Area 'First Step Shops'.
- Establish new flood warning system and implement procedures from September 1996.
- Enhance working relationships with Local Authorities.
- Increased commitment to Local Environment Agency Plans, incorporating air and land pollution issues.
- Promote initiatives on Waste Minimisation & Sustainable Development.
- Monitor Water Companies investment to maintain/improve water quality and continue planning for AMP3.
- Continue pollution prevention visits to high risk sites and provide a prompt response to emergency pollution incidents.
- Implement a consistent Regional approach to Waste Regulation licensing standards and procedures.
- Regulate industry by a programme of inspections of their industrial processes and operations.
- Contribute to National Integrated Pollution Control/Radioactive Substances Policy
- Manage multifunctional aspects of the developing drought situation.
- Progress strategic issues contained in the Water Resources Strategy, including additional water resources for Essex.
- Complete the construction of abstraction boreholes and commence monitoring at 51 wetland sites.
- Further reduce the overall age profile of Abstraction licences in hand.
- Deliver the Flood Defence Capital Programme, including the continuation of the Lincshire Recharge Project; Happisburgh to Winterton works and Broadland erosion protection measures.
- Manage and develop the Shoreline Management National Advisory Centre and the Coastal/Estuary R&D programme.
- Implement Flood Defence Standards of Service: Phase 2.
- Prepare action plan for the transfer of responsibility of Enforcement Authority Powers under the 1975 Reservoir Act.
- Implement and ensure effectiveness of the Regional Fisheries Strategy.
- Produce a Regional Policy Guidelines Manual for Recreation.
- Further promote partnership working (collaborative funding of recreation and conservation projects) and review availability of lottery funding.
- Further identify implications of Habitats Directive on the Agency's activities in/adjacent to Special Protection Areas and Special Areas of Conservation.
- Implement the National Boat Safety Scheme from January 1997.

KEY STATISTICS

Area -	27,000 Sq.km
Population -	5.7 million
Area of Land below Sea Level -	4,700 Sq.km
Length of Tidal, Estuary and Sea Defences -	1,507 km
Length of Fluvial Main River -	5,844 km
Designated Bathing Waters -	34
Number of Discharge Consents 1995/96 -	20,100
Category 1 & 2 Pollution Incidents 1995/96 -	320
Licensed Waste Facilities -	913
Registered Waste Carriers -	10,233
Waste Generated & Disposed of in the Region -	25.6 million tonnes
Nuclear Sites -	3
Industrial Processes Regulated -	2,000
Sites using Radioactive Materials -	1,400
Average Rainfall -	595mm
Abstraction / Impoundment Licences -	10,600
Abstraction Licence Inspections 1995/96 -	4,178
Length of Classified (Surveyed) Fisheries -	3,500km
Length of Navigable Rivers -	471km
Navigation licences issued 1995/96 -	5,900
Planning Applications Processed 1995/96 -	11,955

FURTHER INFORMATION

For information about this leaflet contact: Business Planning, Environment Agency - Anglian Region, Kingfisher House, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, PE2 5ZR; Telephone 01733 371811.

Further details about the Environment Agency as a whole will be contained in the National Corporate Plan. This will be published by: Corporate Planning, Environment Agency - Head Office, Rio House, Waterside Drive, Aztec West, Almondsbury, Bristol BS12 4UD; Telephone: 01454 624400.

EMERGENCY SERVICE

IF YOU spot an environmental problem call the Environment Agency's free 24-hour emergency hotline on

0800 80 70 60.

This could be :

- damage or danger to the natural environment
- pollution
- poaching
- risks to wildlife
- fish in distress
- illegal dumping
- illegal dumping of hazardous waste
- flooding

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