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Wetlands Restoration at Whakaora Te Ahuriri



We met at Neills Road near Tai Tapu where the rail trail path goes alongside the river. Brad Smith from ECAN talked to us about the original wetlands being drained to make farmland and now the project to restore it back to wetland. Over the last few years, they have done an incredible amount of planting, both in the water and on the banks and nearby land. Native trees like ribbonwood, totara and matai are flourishing on the ex- farmland. There is a channel taking water from the river, through into a lagoon before it is directed back into the river. Hopefully the Maoris will soon be able to take food from here again.

