

Extended Street Verge Policy

Responsible Division	Works and Infrastructure
Responsible Business Unit	Parks and Gardens
Responsible Officer	Manager Parks and Gardens
Affected Business Units	Parks and Gardens Engineering Works
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Purpose

This policy provides guidance on how residents can improve verge areas adjacent to land owned and / or managed by utility providers and State agencies.

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy —

verge means land within the road reserve that is between the boundary of private or public property and the back of existing kerb or edge of road surface.

Policy Statement

1. An owner or occupier of a property whose verge is adjacent to a verge in front of a property owned and / or managed by a utility provider or State agency can improve and / or maintain that verge subject to meeting the requirements of this Policy.
2. Residents are permitted to improve and / or maintain these verges in a similar way to that permitted in the existing local laws, policies and guidelines that are applicable to residential verges.
3. The improvement and maintenance of the verge must not impact on access to the property. Any modifications to access must be approved in writing by the property owner / manager.
4. Residents will be eligible for rebates, subsidies and programmes when offered by the City in regards to verge improvement initiatives and provision of native plants.

Related Legislation

- *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1995*
- *Environmental Protections Act 1986*
- *Thoroughfares Local Law 2020*
- *Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety - Guidelines for the management of vegetation near power lines.*

Related Documentation

- *Street Verges Policy*
- *Verge Greening Guidelines*
- *Garden Planting Guideline*
- *Tree Planting Guideline*
- *Urban Tree Planting and Maintenance Policy*
- *Crossovers Policy*

Document details

Relevant delegations	Nil.		
Risk evaluation	Low		
Strategic link	Theme:	Community	
	Goal C3:	Maximise the use of the City's facilities and parks by all sections of the community.	
	Theme:	Environment and Liveability	
	Goal E2:	Remain focused on greening the City's suburbs and streetscapes and increasing the tree canopy.	
	Goal E5:	Protect and enhance the City's natural environment and biodiversity, and encourage the community to participate in its protection	
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