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LAND **ACQUISITION ASSESSMENT · WAITANGIRUA FARM, BELMONT**

In this assessment, we have identified 10 Key Areas of interest based primarily on the land's geography. An assessment of their priority for purchase follows:

Area of Interest	Features/Values to be Protected	Acquisition Options	Priority for Purchase
Cannons Creek	Takapu Road and Cannons Creek Bush covenants - lowland tawa/kohekohe forest remnant. Only remaining part of Cannons Creek catchment not in public ownership. Main park access to Porirua. Used by walkers, trampers, cyclists, runners and orienteers. Potential for greater use – cyclists/horses restricted at present. Likely to be supported by Friends of Park Tangata Whenua and Maara Roa	Existing Conservation Coventants Existing Walkway Easement	I **Recommend purchase of area**
Hill Road	Hill Road Bush covenants - regenerating mahoe and native scrub. Solifluction deposits and block fields at Hill Road. Leads to core of regional park WW2 magazines and Old Coach Road. Used by walkers, trampers, cyclists, runners, horse riders and orienteers.	Existing Conservation Covenants. Significant natural features recognised in the District Plan Existing Walkway Easements.	1 **Recommend purchase of area.**
Stratton Street	Regenerating native scrub in upper Korokoro Stream catchment. Peneplain remnants and block fields on Round Knob hill top. Old Coach Road (1850's link Belmont – Pauatahanui), early settler homestead sites. Used by walkers, trampers, cyclists, runners, horse riders and orienteers.	Significant natural features recognised in the District Plan. Old Coach Road is part-formed paper road.	1 **Recommend purchase of area.**

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Bunkers	Open hill tops above 250 contour, landscape views. Peneplain remnants and block fields on hill tops. Maori routes, Old Coach Road (1850's link Belmont – Pauatahanui), early settler homestead sites, WW2 magazines 1942. Used by walkers, trampers, cyclists, runners, horse riders and orienteers.	Significant natural features recognised in the District Plan. Heritage features recognised in the district plan and HPT Old Coach Road is part-formed paper road.	**1** **Recommend purchase of area.**
Round Knob Valley	Open hill tops above 250 contour, landscape views. Regenerating native scrub in Duck Creek tributary to Pauatahanui Inlet. Peneplain remnants and block fields on Round Knob hill top. Limited walkway access at present.	Significant natural features recognised in the District Plan.	**2** **Recommend purchase of area or additional access strips**
Round Knob North Valley	Open hill tops above 250 contour, landscape views. Regenerating native scrub in Duck Creek tributary to Pauatahanui Inlet. Block fields on ITA hill top. No walkway access at present.	Significant natural features recognised in the District Plan.	**2** **Recommend purchase of area or additional access strips**
Belmont Road	Open hill tops above 250 contour, landscape views. Peneplain remnants on hill tops. Maori routes, Old Coach Road (1850's link Belmont – Pauatahanui. Limited walkway access at present. Used by walkers, trampers, cyclists, runners and orienteers.	Significant natural features recognised in the District Plan. Old Coach Road is part-formed paper road. Significant natural features recognised in the District Plan.	**2** **Recommend purchase of area or additional access strips**

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Whitby	(Open hill tops below 250 contour, landscape back-drop to residential area. No walkway access at present.	Landscape features recognised in PCC District Plan	1 **Recommend purchase of access strips.** 3 **Recommend purchase of area**
Waitangirua	Open hill tops below 250 contour, landscape back-drop to residential area. No walkway access at present.	Landscape features recongnised in PCC District Plan	1 **Recommend purchase of access strips.** 3 **Recommend purchase of area**
Ranui	Open hill tops above 250 contour, landscape back-drop to residential area. No walkway access at present.	Landscape features recognised in PCC District Plan	1 **Recommend purchase of access strips.** 3 **Recommend purchase of area**