



A pioneering cross sector collaboration, formed in 2020



Together we are working to:

- Build a **northern partnership for nature** – more than 35 organisations and businesses are now involved, and the number is growing.
- Attract **significant new public and private investment into large scale nature recovery**, with benefits for the economy, green jobs, resilience to climate change and quality of life in the north.
- Embed **nature and its benefits into policy** in the North of England



Why nature recovery for the North of England?



The North has:

- 88% of England’s peatlands
- 70% of natural grasslands
- 49% of all water courses
- 4 National Parks
- 7 National Landscapes



Research for the National Trust² found that a **14% increase in accessible urban green space** in the North would create **£9.5 billion in recreation and health benefits** over 60 years.



A study¹ of West & North Yorkshire found that **enhancing natural capital** in these two authorities alone would support **an additional GVA of £2.3 billion plus £2.2 billion** in avoided risk and new opportunity.



Degraded peat releases 4.4 million tonnes of CO₂ each year.

Northern England has **only 7.6% woodland cover** - the England average is 13%.

1. Royle D et al. 2020. *York, North Yorkshire & West Yorkshire Natural Capital Study* Final Report, York & North Yorkshire LEP & West Yorkshire Combined Authority May 2020
 2. Eftec, 2023. *Economic Valuation of the North’s Urban Green Spaces*. Technical Report.

What is Nature North doing?

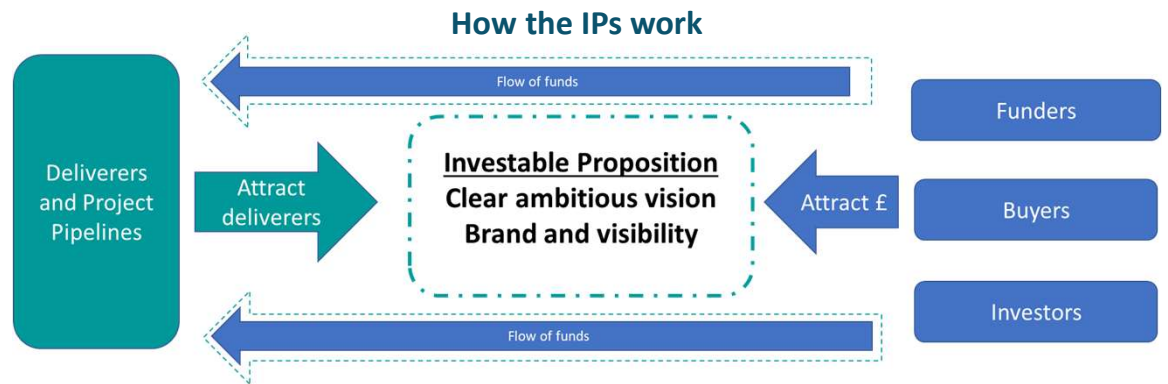
Investable Propositions

Existing IPs:

- Great North Bog: 7000 km² of peatland restoration
- Northern Forest: establishing 50 million trees

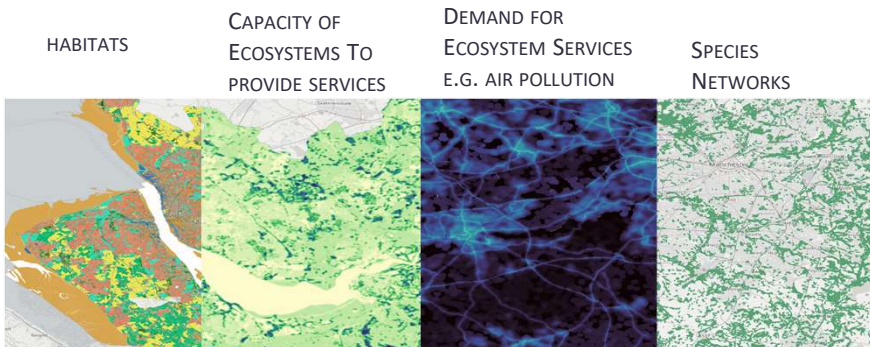
Developing IPs:

- Green Northern Connections
- Rivers Nature North
- Northern Coasts & Estuaries
- Urban Nature North
- Resilient Farming North



- Co-designed with nature recovery deliverers and investors.
- Aggregating projects into a large-scale offer to attract significant new investment.

A natural capital spatial dataset for Northern England



Opportunity mapping and Ecosystem services uplift assessment.

A Strategic Investment Plan for Nature Recovery in the North of England (for launch in March 2025)

Evidence-based assessment of the **benefits of large-scale nature recovery for places and people in the North.** A northern scale plan for investment. Increasing the priority of nature in policy and decision making.



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