

DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR ASSET DEVELOPMENT ON AUCKLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL PARK LAND • SEPTEMBER 2010





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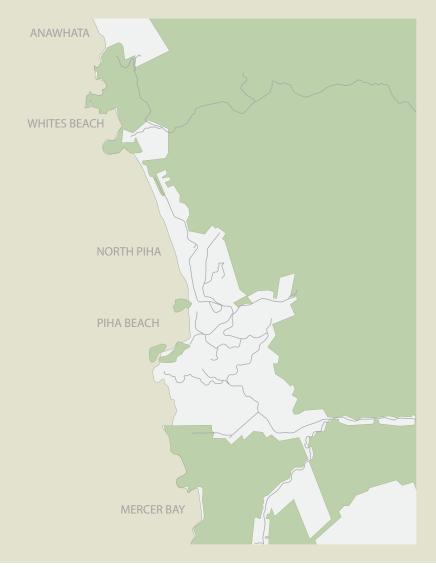
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After the successful implementation of the Muriwai Deisgn Guidelines (2009) the value of design guidelines for Regional Parks has become increasingly apparent. Piha is one of Auckland's most famous west coast black sand beaches and is a popular surfing destination. The steep vegetated Waitakere Ranges behind the beach provide for many walking and tramping tracks, breathtaking vistas, rocky outcrops, streams and waterfalls. This spectacular park landscape wraps itself around the Piha village, a coastal community of bach owners and residents that make the most of the relaxed and easy-going lifestyle.

Design guidelines are commonly adopted to facilitate change, so that any new development will complement the natural environment. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide information to assist decision makers, adjacent property owners, developers and contractors during project development. The Piha Area Design Guidelines will provide visual examples to encourage appropriate design proposals and offer ideas for positive design solutions. The scope of area covered by the Piha Area design Guidelines is identified on the map below:







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