Auckland Regional Plan: Coastal - Henderson Creek

Schedule 3 Coastal protection areas

CPA 55 a-d (Sheets 26 to 29) (within ASCV 30)

Te Atatu - Henderson Creek

This is an area of saltmarsh, mangroves, shellbanks, and estuarine and harbour intertidal banks forming a complex habitat for a variety of animal and plant communities. The intertidal area to the east of the Te Atatu Peninsula (55a) is a major wading bird feeding ground. Nearby extensive clean high-tidal sandflats and a prominent shellbank (55b) offer a high tide roost for some of these wading birds and a variety of coastal birds, as do a series of small shellbanks off the north end of the Te Atatu Peninsula (55c). The latter are considered to be a major roosting area for waders in the Waitemata Harbour and are also a breeding ground used by a range of coastal and wading birds, including a number of threatened species.

Large and significant areas of saline vegetation grow in the shelter of these shellbanks. At Te Atatu East (55b) the extensive shell barriers protect high level mangroves with a healthy sedge, rush and glasswort saltmarsh on the shore fringe. At Te Atatu North (55c) there is a large area in which there is either pure mangrove swamp or bare sand flat. Saline vegetation also grows in the shelter of Henderson Creek. Here the edges of the creek are lined with mature mangroves which grow in association with areas of saltmarsh at the mouth of the creek and sedges and eelgrass further up the creek. In one place (55d) there is an important gradation between saline vegetation in the intertidal area and native towai forest on the slopes above.

On part of the coast at Te Atatu North (55c) are found remnants of swamp and estuarine vegetation of Pleistocene age now exposed at intertidal levels. The site is considered to be a regionally important geological site.

Schedule 7: Coastal Marine Area Boundaries

165	Henderson Creek	R11 562 800	R11 562 799
166	Paremuka Stream	R11 546 816	Northern end of Woodside Road R11 546 816
167	Huruhuru/Swanson Stream	R11 545 817	Seaward side of footbridge across stm R11 545 817
168	Rarawaru Creek	R11 554 833	R11 554 833
169	Taikata Creek (Kopupaka Stream)	R11 564 843	R11 564 843
170	Lawson's Creek	R11 559 851	R11 559 851
171	Waipareira Stream	R11 568 864	R11 568 864
172	Romeo Stream	R11 568 866	R11 568 866

