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Introduction to Natural Flood Management (NFM) Techniques

So what is this 'NFM' anyway? When we looked at the information out there, we found that it was quite technical and detailed, so we decided to create our own guide, so that local people and landowners would be better able to understand NFM.

When the Town and Country Planning Association (www.tcpa.org.uk) heard about it, they said they would like to link to it from their forthcoming guide to Planning for Flood Risk - which should be very good (national) publicity for WWSTF :)

You can find the guide on the homepage of the website, link above.

WWSTF Technical Group

In August, we will be having the first (Zoom) meeting of the 'Technical Group' - a group of experts which includes the flood risk agencies (Yorkshire Water, EA and ERYC), East Yorkshire Rivers Trust, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, University of Hull, Woodland charities and a number of local people with specific experience or expertise. We will be working together to consider NFM opportunities which have the potential, in the longer-term, to change the behaviour of watercourses and surface/ground water during and after storms. This could include:

- a strategic overview of NFM opportunities, capacity and effectiveness;
- soil management and improvement, and tree and hedgerow cover;
- weather / river flow / river level / water quality monitoring and data aggregation using cost-effective sensors and, ideally, citizen science.

On this last point, if you live near a river or stream and might be interested in hosting a monitor, please **get in touch**.



The Group will also be looking at particular locations where localised NFM interventions could result in improvements to flooding issues. These are potentially 'quick wins' (in the big scheme of things!) and would, ideally, be fairly well-spread across the catchment, so that each parish sees local benefits and examples of NFM principles at work. There are currently ideas in the pipeline for Newbald, North Cave, South Cave and Ellerker.

If you would like to know more, or think that you have anything to contribute to the group, please **get in touch**.

Appreciated!

We asked our very helpful flood risk engineer colleague at ERYC to invite a member of Highways England to the Technical Group meeting. This is part of what he wrote to them:

“Our aim is as a group we work in partnership to come up with the most effective solutions which will equally benefit all those involved, drawing together a vast array of knowledge and experience both local and professional to better understand what we are dealing with.”

What a great endorsement for the Partnership! The team at ERYC also produced the excellent “Riparian Responsibility” guide on the following pages, so please have a look - it may well apply to you.

As we know from recent events, flooding is not **if**, it is **when**. As ever, we need local people to get involved, so please - **do get in touch!**