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Can you dig it? River wall restoration rocks!

Stage one of the Nedlands foreshore river wall restoration is complete – a limestone rock revetment wall and landscaping now stretches from the Sunset Foreshore on Iris Avenue to the Tawarri Function Centre.

The \$1.2 million restoration project by the City of Nedlands and Department of Parks and Wildlife began in January to prevent subsidence that commonly occurs near waterways.

Revetment walls provide a protective covering on embankments of earth, designed to maintain slopes or protect them from erosion.

In 2015, the City of Nedlands investigated options for the restoration that considered the longevity and aesthetics, impacts on the parkland and its natural environment and relevant costs.

Consultation was undertaken with the community to canvas their thoughts and a report presented to the council.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said the revetment option was chosen because of its low cost, low maintenance and low environmental impact.

“The rock revetment option has been used successfully in various locations along the Swan River, particularly in South Perth and the Old Swan Brewery site,” he said.

“Over time, the rocks will change colour from the current white-creamy limestone colour to a dark greenish-black colour, consistent with the environment of the Swan River.

“If you have a look now, you will see the first layer of rocks around the waterline have already darkened.

“The rocks will eventually be peppered with marine and plant life, both above and below the waterline.

“In years to come, it will look essentially the same as today but with more plant and animal life.”

Stage two of the restoration project will focus on repairs to the worst sections of the river wall from the Tawarri Reception Centre to the Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club groyne with planning to coincide with the construction of the All Abilities Play Space at Beaton Park.

“We want to protect and enhance the river foreshore for future generations, making it a true asset for the City of Nedlands,” Mayor Hipkins said.

For more information. visit yourvoice.nedlands.wa.gov.au.

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About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of more than 21,000 lives in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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