

24 RULES FOR ESPLANADE RESERVES AND STRIPS

Activity Table

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24.1	Activity	All Zones
	To reduce or waive the width of an esplanade reserve or strip below the requirements outlined in rules 24.2 and 24.3	D

Key **D** Discretionary activity

Esplanade Reserves

24.2 When any land being subdivided adjoins any of the following rivers or streams, an esplanade reserve shall be set aside according to the provisions of the following table and Part 77 of the Act:

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River/stream	Width of esplanade reserve
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hutt River • Whakatiki River from its junction with the Hutt River to 1km upstream from the junction of the Whakatiki River and Wainui Stream • Akatarawa River West for that part of the river passing through Wellington Regional Council land • Pakuratahi River for that part of the river passing through Wellington Regional Council land 	20m (both banks)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mangaroa River for that part of the river where sites are within 50m from the road on a walkable grade 	8m (minimum) (both banks)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mawaihakona Stream for that part of the river passing through the St Patrick's Estate Area where the adjoining land is reserve 	5-12m (both banks) with the width being determined having regard to the criteria set out in 24.4

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collins Creek from its intersection with the Mangaroa River to the Tunnel Gully Recreation Area 	<p>Varying width suitable for access purposes along one side of the creek for its full length, except along its lower reaches near Mangaroa Road where the environmental qualities of the bush clad gorge are significant, and an esplanade reserve shall be provided along both banks of the creek. The width shall be determined having regard to the criteria set out in 24.4</p>
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Esplanade Strips

24.3 When any land being subdivided adjoins any of the following rivers or streams, an esplanade strip shall be set aside according to the provisions of the following table and Part 77 of the Act:

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River/stream	Width of esplanade strip
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hulls Creek from its junction with the Hutt River to Field Street Cooleys Creek from its junction with the Mangaroa River to Mangaroa Valley Road Huia Stream from its junction with the Mangaroa River to Whitemans Valley Road Narrow Neck Stream from its junction with the Mangaroa River to Whitemans Valley Road 	<p>5-12m with the width being determined having regard to the criteria set out in 24.4</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Akatarawa River from its junction with the Hutt River to its entry into Wellington Regional Council land at the City boundary with Kapiti District Mangaroa River for that part of the river where sites are not easily accessible from existing roads, (i.e., more than 50m from the road or of a difficult grade), running from the junction of Mangaroa River with the Hutt River to Russells Road 	<p>Varying width (minimum of 5m or as otherwise determined by Council) to reflect the width of the river and having regard to the criteria set out in 24.4</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mawaihakona Stream for that part of the river passing through the Wellington Golf Club land extending from Trentham Memorial Park to Heretaunga Park, and also for that part of Mawaihakona Stream passing through the St Patrick's Estate Area, where the adjoining land is not a reserve 	<p>5-12m being a width suitable for access purposes having regard to the criteria set out in 24.4</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pakuratahi River for that part of its lower reaches not passing through Wellington Regional Council land 	<p>10-15m with the width being determined having regard to the criteria set out in 24.4</p>

24.4 In determining the width of esplanade reserves or strips where no definite figure is provided, the Council shall consider:

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- Ecological values, including the riparian vegetation, water quality, potential for erosion, the impact of flooding and the enhancement of aquatic and terrestrial habitat.
- The need for public access to and along the water body.
- The rights of property owners and the security of private property.
- The benefits and costs of the provision and maintenance of esplanade reserves and strips.
- Public health.
- The benefit to the local landscape.
- The width of any adjoining esplanade reserve or strip.
- The width of the river or stream concerned.

Matters for Consideration

24.5 Matters that may be relevant in the consideration of any resource consent may include the following:

Reduction or waiver of esplanade reserves and strips
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of alternative public access. • Other means of protecting water quality and conservation values. • Recreational values of the water body in question. • Information provided to support any proposal to waive or vary esplanade reserve requirements.