

Act to Adapt

The Poldens

Supporting communities across Somerset to adapt to climate change through a series of collaborative events



Shaping a plan for your community

Share your ideas for how the Poldens can adapt to Climate Change!

What is Adaptation?

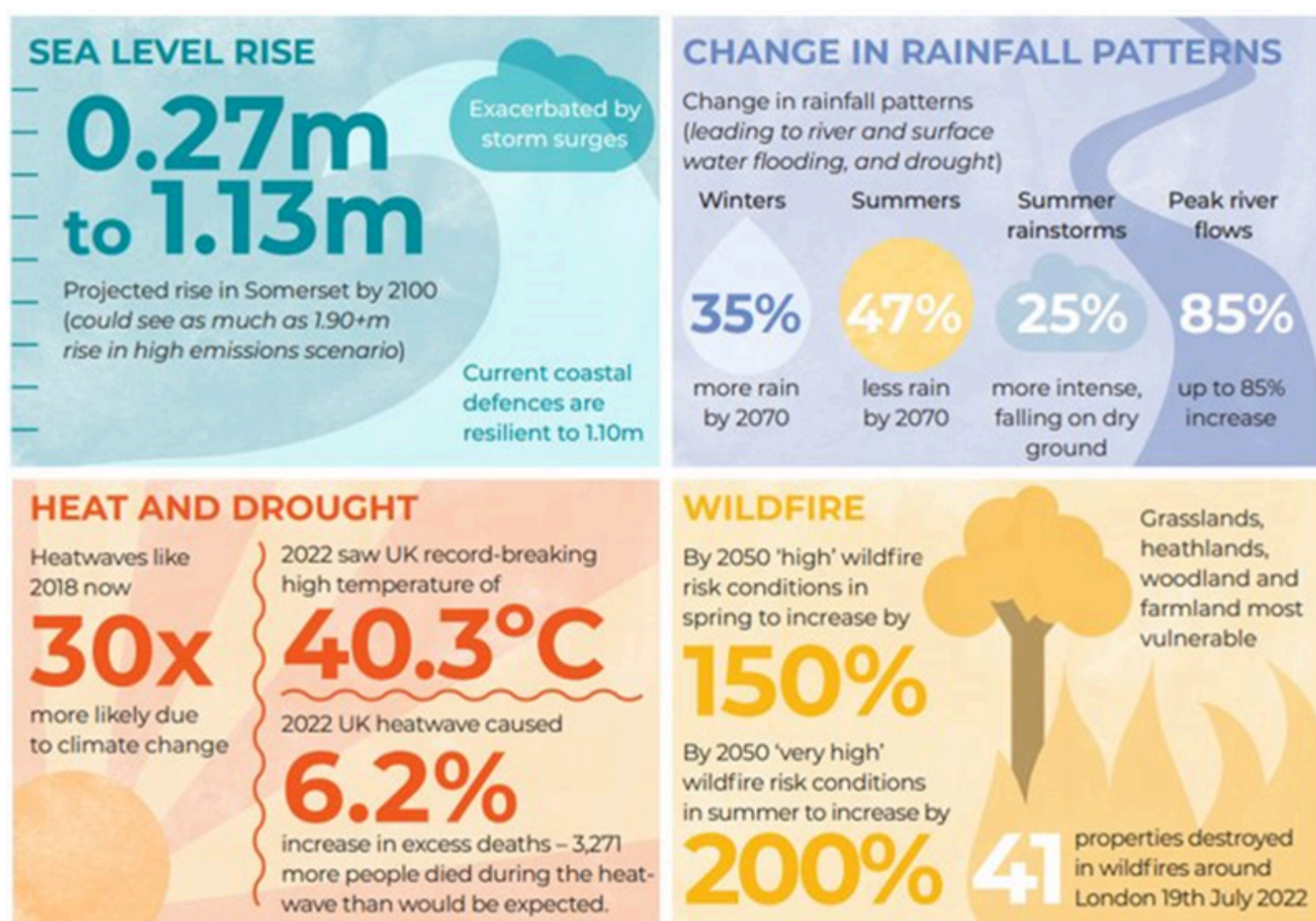
Adjusting to the current impacts of climate change or planning for those that are projected.



Adaptation can seek to limit or avoid harm, or explore beneficial opportunities.



Why do we need to Adapt?



The process



Talk

A workshop to bring local people together to talk about areas at risk from climate change impacts and potential solutions to adapt.

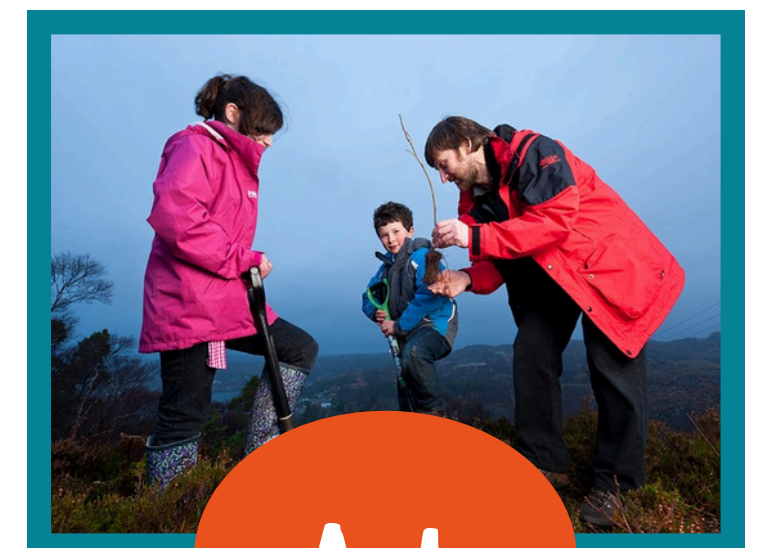
This is a community-wide effort – every voice and idea is valuable to feed into a climate adaptation plan.



Shape

Through online and in-person opportunities, residents will get a chance to provide feedback and suggest other actions to be included in the climate adaptation plan.

This will ensure the plan is shaped by local voices and knowledge.



Act

The climate adaptation plan will be launched with an event, bringing residents together to act and implement as many adaptations as possible!

The plan will:

- Guide future action
- Help to track progress
- Offer advice

This will ensure adaptations provide the greatest benefit to the community.



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Team Wilder

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1 - Improving and increasing green spaces

Actions

- 1.1 - Protect and enhance existing green spaces
- 1.2 - Launch community tree-planting initiatives
- 1.3 - Promote sustainable gardening practices
- 1.4 - Collaborate with local farms for sustainable land use
- 1.5 - Implement urban greening projects



Benefits

Mitigates urban heat island effect

Provides shade and refuge

Improves water quality

Benefits health and wellbeing



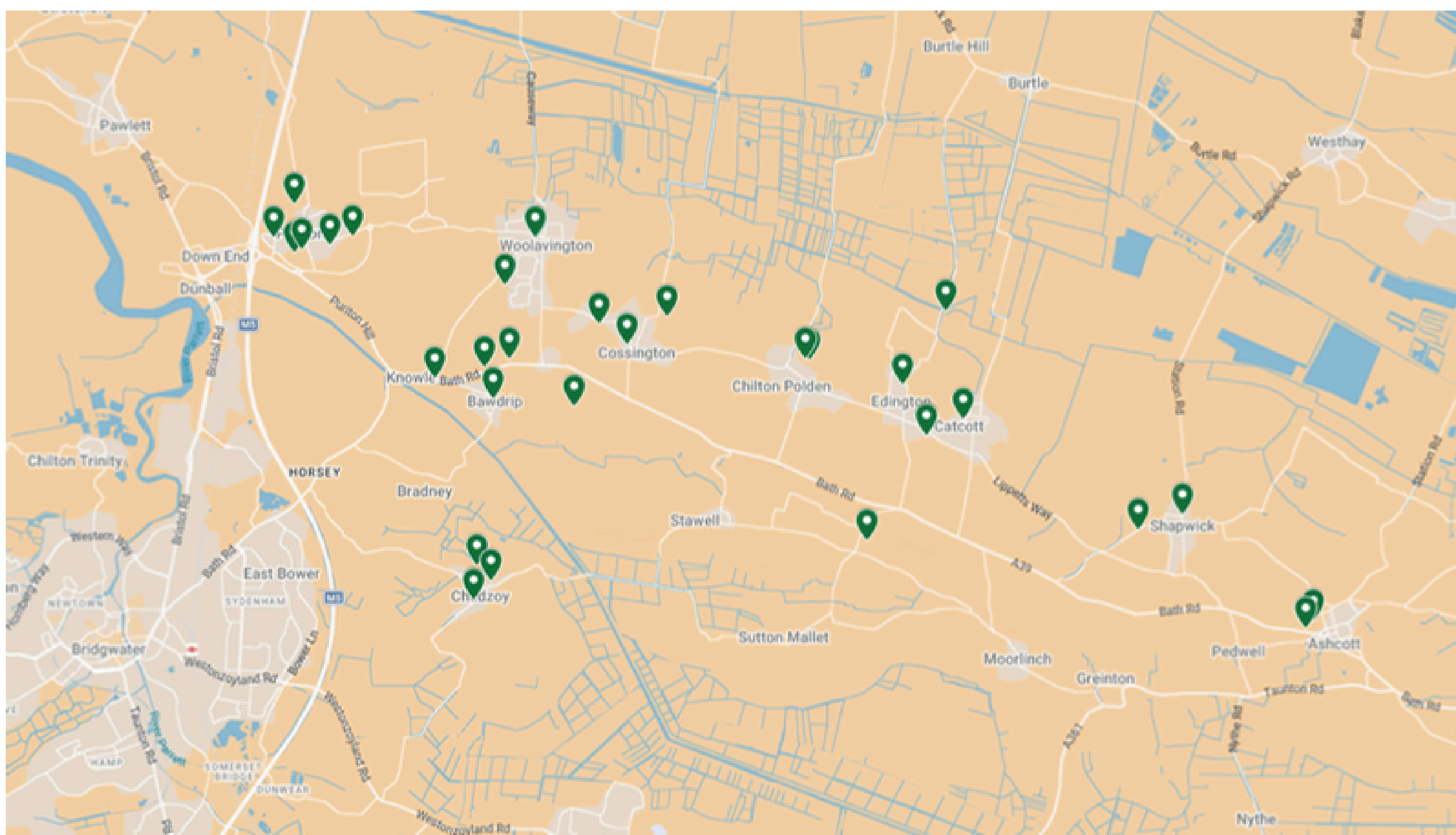
Captures and holds water above and below ground

Reduces stormwater runoff

Provides habitat for wildlife

Mitigates climate change

Locations





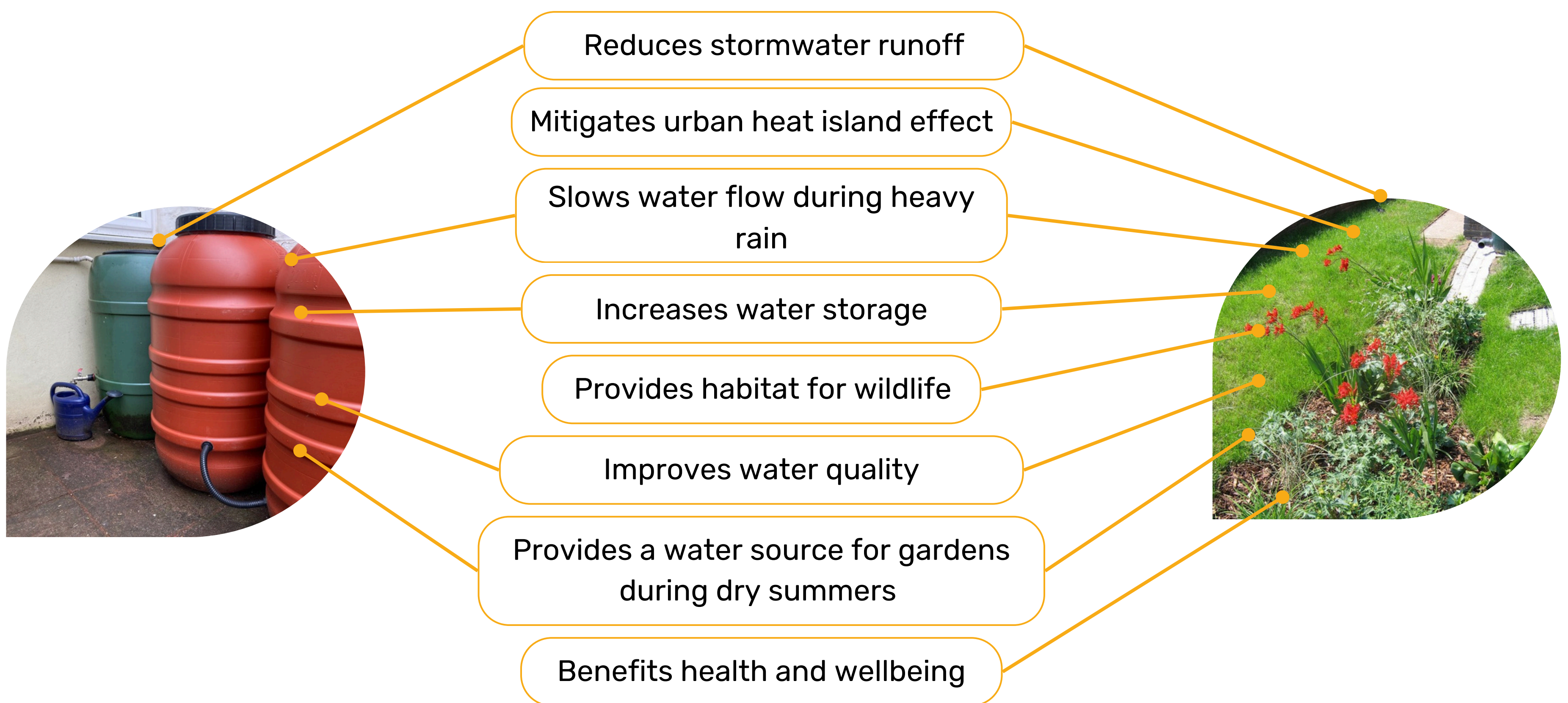
2 - Reducing flooding risks

Actions

- 2.1 - Develop upstream water management solutions
- 2.2 - Promote water retention solutions
- 2.3 - Implement natural flood management techniques
- 2.4 - Improve drainage infrastructure
- 2.5 - Encourage sustainable land management
- 2.6 - Enhance community flood resilience



Benefits



Possible projects

Here are some ideas for projects suggested by local residents:



"Install and Maintain SuDS
(Sustainable
Drainage Systems)"



"Slow the Water Flow,
e.g., Wiggly Rivers"



"Install Household
Water Butts"



"Collect Water in River
Catchments"



3 - Sharing knowledge and raising awareness

Actions

- 3.1 - Foster local knowledge-sharing**
- 3.2 - Utilise community spaces for information sharing**
- 3.3 - Engage local businesses and organisations**
- 3.4 - Partner with educational institutions**
- 3.5 - Utilise local events and shows**
- 3.6 - Enhance digital engagement**



Benefits

Raises climate awareness

Motivates sustainable actions

Supports green economy

Enables youth leadership

Builds community collaboration

Facilitates open dialogues

Supports sustainable living

Enables informed choices



Possible projects

Here are some ideas for projects suggested by local residents:



“Appoint an Environmental Warden in each Village”



“Promote Individuals to Monitor Wildlife (through the iNaturalist App)”



“Set Up Mini Climate Change Workshops at Villages & Schools”



“Organise a Communication System that explains what to do in the event of a Heatwave or Flooding”



4 - Local empowerment and community planning

Actions

- 4.1 - Strengthen parish council involvement
- 4.2 - Improve community communication systems
- 4.3 - Engage with local organisations
- 4.4 - Develop community emergency plans
- 4.5 - Create a network to support vulnerable individuals
- 4.6 - Enhance local environmental policies



Benefits

Enhances community resilience

Supports economic growth

Reduces climate risks

Fosters stakeholder engagement



Amplifies advocacy efforts

Enables informed decisions

Promotes public health

Supports local innovation

Possible projects

Here are some ideas for projects suggested by local residents:



“Community Support for Younger Generations”



“Set Up a Community Climate Action/Resilience Group”

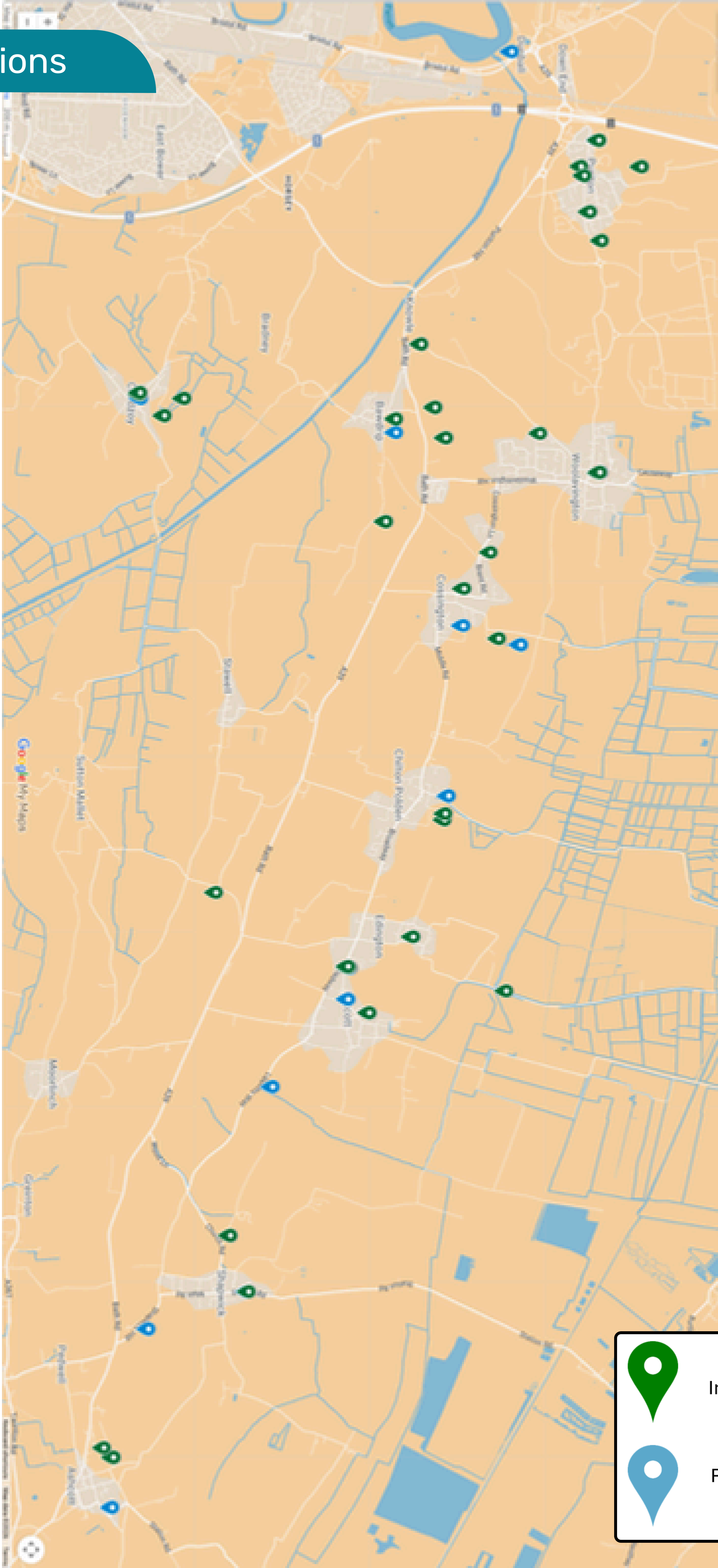


“More Feedback on Planning Applications”



“Increase Awareness of Vulnerable Individuals who may need Assistance in Heatwave or Flooding Events”

Locations



	Improving and Increasing Green Spaces
	Reducing Flood Risks