



Upper Medway IDB Launches New Natural Flood Management and Conservation Fund

We are pleased to announce the launch of our newly rebranded **Natural Flood Management (NFM) and Conservation Fund**, marking an exciting new chapter in our commitment to supporting environmental enhancement, flood resilience and sustainable land management across the Medway catchment.

Previously known as the *Resilience Fund*, the new name reflects our wider vision for supporting projects that harness the power of nature to reduce flood risk, improve water quality, enhance biodiversity and deliver lasting environmental benefits for local communities.

The fund has been developed to encourage innovative projects that deliver practical natural flood management measures and conservation outcomes. Through this funding, we hope to support landowners, community groups, environmental organisations and local partners in developing projects that strengthen and restore our catchments while providing wider benefits for people and wildlife.

Alongside the rebrand, we have introduced updated fund documentation and a streamlined Expression of Interest process, making it easier for prospective applicants to explore opportunities and engage with us at an early stage. New guidance and application materials are now available through our website.

The fund and its supporting grant arrangements have been reviewed and approved through our governance process, providing a clear framework for supporting future projects.

Oliver Pantrey, Clerk to the Upper Medway Internal Drainage Board, said:

"The Natural Flood Management and Conservation Fund represents an important step forward in how we support environmental improvement across our district. By broadening the scope of the fund, we want to encourage greater collaboration and help bring forward projects that deliver real benefits for flood resilience, nature recovery and local communities. Working with landowners, partners and environmental organisations, we hope to support practical solutions that make a lasting difference across our catchment." We are keen to work with a wide range of partners to identify and develop suitable projects and would encourage anyone with an interest in natural flood management, habitat creation, water quality improvements or wider conservation initiatives to get in touch and explore how we may be able to help.

For further information and details on how to submit an Expression of Interest, please visit our resilience page [HERE](#)

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