

Our stopbanks

Protecting our communities from future floods is an important part of creating a resilient Tairāwhiti. Our stopbanks are our first line of protection. Thanks to Government funding, this work will continue well into the future.

1 2024/25 ongoing

Te Karaka Flood Resilience Project
Hydraulic modelling, detailed design, consenting, implementation

2 2025/26 & 2027/28

Wi Pere to 1913 Matawai Road
6km of stopbanks to be upgraded

3 2025/26

Wi Pere Trust
Raising 2km of stopbanks

4 2021/22 & 2022/23

Wi Pere Trust mitigation measures
Completed December 2022

5 2024/25

Renner Road to 678 Lavenham Road (old chicken farm)
5.5km of stopbanks – expected to be completed May 2025

6 2024/25

Whakaahu Stream, both sides of river upstream of Lavenham Bridge
3km of stopbanks – expected to be completed by January 2025

7 2023/24

Matawhero Bridge to Lavenham Road Bridge, including north side of Whakaahu Stream, 1.7km upgraded upstream of the Whakaahu confluence with the Waipaoa River
10km of stopbanks – completed May 2024

8 2023/24

Opo Road to Matawhero Bridge (SH2)
1.5km of stopbanks – completed November 2023

9 2021/22

Whatatuna Stream to Opo Road
3.2km of stopbanks – completed January 2023

10 2022/23

Railway Bridge to Te Arai SH2 Bridge
5.5km of stopbanks – completed December 2022

11 2022/23

Railway Bridge to ocean
Completed January 2024

12 2021/22

Kaitaratahi Hill to Whitmore Road
3km of stopbanks – completed April 2022

13 2022/23 & 2023/24

Muhunga Stream
Floodgate construction – completed January 2024

14 2023/24

Cesar Road to Whitmore Road
1km and 1.8km of stopbanks – completed January 2024

15 2018/19 & 2019/20

Ford Road to Ferry/Ingram Roads
4km of stopbanks – completed October 2019

16 2021/22

359 Bushmere Road to Ferry/Ingram Roads
5.5km of stopbanks – completed February 2022

17 2020/21

Matawhero Bridge to 359 Bushmere Road
3km of stopbanks – completed June 2021

18 2020/21

Willows/Dunstan Roads intersection to Matawhero Bridge
4.1km of stopbanks – completed March 2021

19 2019/20

Railway Bridge to Willows/Dunstan Roads
2km of stopbanks – completed February 2020

20 2020/21

Rivermouth to Dunstan Road
2km of stopbanks – completed December 2020