



MEDIA FACTSHEET

Shaping a vibrant and sustainable home

As a small city-state without a hinterland, we must optimise the use of our limited land. By carefully stewarding our land and taking a long-term perspective to land-use planning, our plans for Singapore have progressively been realised over many decades.

Today, we continue to plan ahead to balance the diverse and evolving needs of our generation and those of the future. This is especially critical as our land pressures become increasingly acute and trade-offs become harder to navigate. Through our plans, diverse housing options, modern workplaces and green recreation spaces are sensitively interwoven to form vibrant neighbourhoods for residents, businesses and the community.

To ensure that Singapore remains a vibrant and sustainable home for future generations of Singaporeans to achieve their aspirations and thrive, we will need creative and innovative strategies and solutions to make good use of our limited land. This includes redeveloping brownfield sites, utilising underground spaces and co-locating multiple uses within a single space.

About the Draft Master Plan 2025

In the Long-Term Plan Review (LTPR) that concluded in 2022, strategies for long-term land use over the next 50 years and beyond were developed in collaboration with Singaporeans and stakeholders. Looking ahead, the ongoing Draft Master Plan 2025 (DMP2025) aims to turn these long-term visions into detailed and actionable plans for implementation over the next 10 to 15 years.

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To make Singapore a liveable, inclusive, and endearing home, DMP2025 focuses on:

- Shaping a Happy and Healthy City with more inclusive homes and support for active lifestyles and ageing-in-place as well as connected and accessible spaces. URA is working on a **Recreation Master Plan** where residents from all walks of life can experience a multitude of leisure opportunities across our island that promote active and healthy lifestyles as well as well-being.
- Enabling Sustainable Growth with a vibrant economy that creates opportunities for all.
- Strengthening Urban Resilience by leveraging creative solutions to optimise land and to combat climate change.
- Stewarding Nature and Heritage by enhancing our natural capital and shaping a home that we cherish.

URA has planned a series of engagement activities to reach out to a wide spectrum of stakeholders, including youths, interest groups, local communities, professionals, academics and industry partners. In addition to exhibitions, there will also be focus group discussions, public ideas competitions, and so on.

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Recreation Master Plan

Recreation is key to quality living

Recreation is intimately connected with the quality of life and well-being of residents in cities around the world. No one enjoys living in a city that is all work but no play. Our physical spaces are closely related to both our mental and physical well-being. Additionally, with mental health as a key priority on the national agenda, and with insights gleaned from the COVID-19 experience, our physical infrastructure can certainly play a crucial role in livening up our urban environment, keeping us active and improving our mental, physical and social well-being.

For this reason, even as we develop our built environment, planning for recreation, play and leisure has become an integral consideration for Singapore's urban planning vision and strategies over the years. Despite the challenge of balancing our diverse needs in land-scarce Singapore, URA and partner agencies have planned for a wide variety of recreational choices island-wide that are creatively integrated into our urban environment, be it in the form of parks, public spaces or attractions.

For example, as part of Master Plan 2008, URA unveiled an island-wide Leisure Plan which showcased a host of diverse recreational options for people of all ages to enjoy – from vibrant and exciting activities to quiet retreats. The plan set the foundation for a 150 km Round Island Route, which is now part of the overall 360 km planned network of recreational routes all over the island, comprising park connectors and trails. The Leisure Plan also mapped out enhancements and improved accessibility to Sungei Buloh and Southern Ridges, which have since been completed. Today, these spaces are popular with Singaporeans and well-visited especially on weekends.

In Master Plan 2019, we featured plans for key recreational corridors at the regional level such as the Rail Corridor, Kallang River and Greater Rustic Coast. These recreational corridors link areas of heritage, biodiversity and recreation, allowing Singaporeans to experience varied settings along the way.

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Many Singaporeans contributed their aspirations on the future of play in Singapore at the recently concluded LTPR in 2022. Aside from having more recreational options closer to home, Singaporeans also shared a desire for more diverse and accessible recreational opportunities, beyond more traditional forms of physical exercise and enjoying the outdoors.

Supporting play wherever we can

To address Singaporeans' feedback and aspirations for more varied play opportunities, URA and partner agencies are working on a Recreation Master Plan as part of DMP2025, to support a multitude of recreational options island-wide at the local, regional and national levels.

The Recreation Master Plan will focus on three areas:

i) An Island of Green, Blue and Fun

There is opportunity to curate a variety of recreational nodes and trails island-wide that cater to new aspirations, needs and experiences. As part of DMP2025, we will study plans to further activate our green and blue spaces, and to ensure recreational options are well-connected, such as via cycling and pedestrian paths as well as park connectors.

ii) Everyday Play-ces

To address Singaporeans' aspirations for more recreational spaces closer to homes, we will develop plans to weave play into our everyday spaces. This includes enhancing the way we plan, design and programme play spaces with sports, arts, wellness and heritage in mind as well as creatively incorporating multi-functional uses to optimise limited spaces.

iii) Involving Community in Play

The community plays a key role in shaping recreational spaces that are inclusive for residents of all ages and abilities. To this end, we will plan for avenues that allow communities to come together to create play spaces that are well-loved and used by all in the community.

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Shaping a Happy and Healthy City together

URA and agencies will soon embark on a series of public engagement to solicit ideas and feedback for the Recreation Master Plan. Between April and July 2024, there will be a sequence of roving exhibitions at seven locations across the island to seek public views on selected projects and proposals for recreation in their neighbourhoods and across Singapore. The public's feedback will be taken into account as URA and partner agencies draw up the details of the Recreation Master Plan which will be presented at the DMP2025 public exhibition in 2H2025. More details will be provided when ready.

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