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Work begins on new Stirling City Centre study

Portfolio: Planning

- **Drilling begins on 'Urban Stream' concept for Stirling City Centre**
- **Structure Plan considers opportunities for Stirling's redevelopment**
- **State and local government, community and private collaboration**

A substantial drilling program has started to assist with the design of the 'Urban Stream' for the Stirling City Centre.

Planning Minister John Day said the program consisted of drilling bores to conduct soil analysis; and measure groundwater levels and water quality, and monitoring stations in the Osborne Park main drain to measure flow rates and water quality.

"The proposed new Stirling City Centre is a significant project for Western Australia that demonstrates the State Government's commitment to delivering the objectives of Directions 2031 and Beyond," Mr Day said.

"The plan is to create a cohesive, community-focused centre, that supports accessibility through improved transport infrastructure and prosperity through local economic development.

"It is intended to use this stream as the basis of an 'urban stream' through the city centre, and initial sampling in the 2011 winter period has shown that the water in this drain is generally good quality.

"Periodic sampling and analysis will be undertaken from bores, to enable the development of a water model for the city centre, and additional information will be collected on acid sulphate soil, enabling management strategies to be developed.

"This work will provide key information in water conservation and maximising water reuse, and providing an attractive water feature for the city centre."

The Minister said the project was the result of collaborative effort between State and local governments, the community and the private sector.

Fact File

- **The program consisting of 38 bores is being conducted by GHD, a leading international environmental consulting company**
- **The draft Stirling City Centre Structure Plan was released in July 2011**
- **The Stirling City Centre visual presentation is available:**
<http://www.stirlingcitycentre.com.au>

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