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Stirling Alliance partners welcome the commencement of drilling in City of Stirling study area

The start of a drilling program, to inform the design of an 'Urban Stream' in the City Centre marks a key milestone in the long term redevelopment of the area.

The program consisting of 38 bores is being conducted by GHD, a leading international environmental consulting company.

The drilling program includes 29 monitoring bores and 9 soil bores, with monitoring stations placed in the Osborne Park main drain to measure flow rates and water quality in the drain.

Initial sampling in the 2011 winter period has shown that the water in this drain is generally good quality.

City of Stirling Mayor, David Boothman said investigating ways to use this water course as the basis of an 'urban stream' running through the City Centre was an important achievement.

"The 'urban stream' is a unique aspect of our plans for the Stirling City Centre and will become a focal point of the area."

"The Stirling Alliance partnership is committed to delivering an iconic City Centre that will become Perth's second CBD,"

Western Australian Planning Commission Chairman, Gary Prattley said the collaborative nature of the Stirling Alliance was the key to the successful redevelopment of the Stirling City Centre.

"The Stirling Alliance brings together State and local government with the private sector and the community,"

City of Stirling Chief Executive Officer, Stuart Jardine said the sampling and analyses taken from the bores will enable the development of a water model for the city centre.

"The innovative 'urban stream' will be a feature of the Stirling City Centre, which will be at the forefront of water conservation.

"This investigation work is an important part of making the vision a reality,"

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