



**Lilongwe Ecological Corridor
Initiative (LECI), Lilongwe - Malawi**

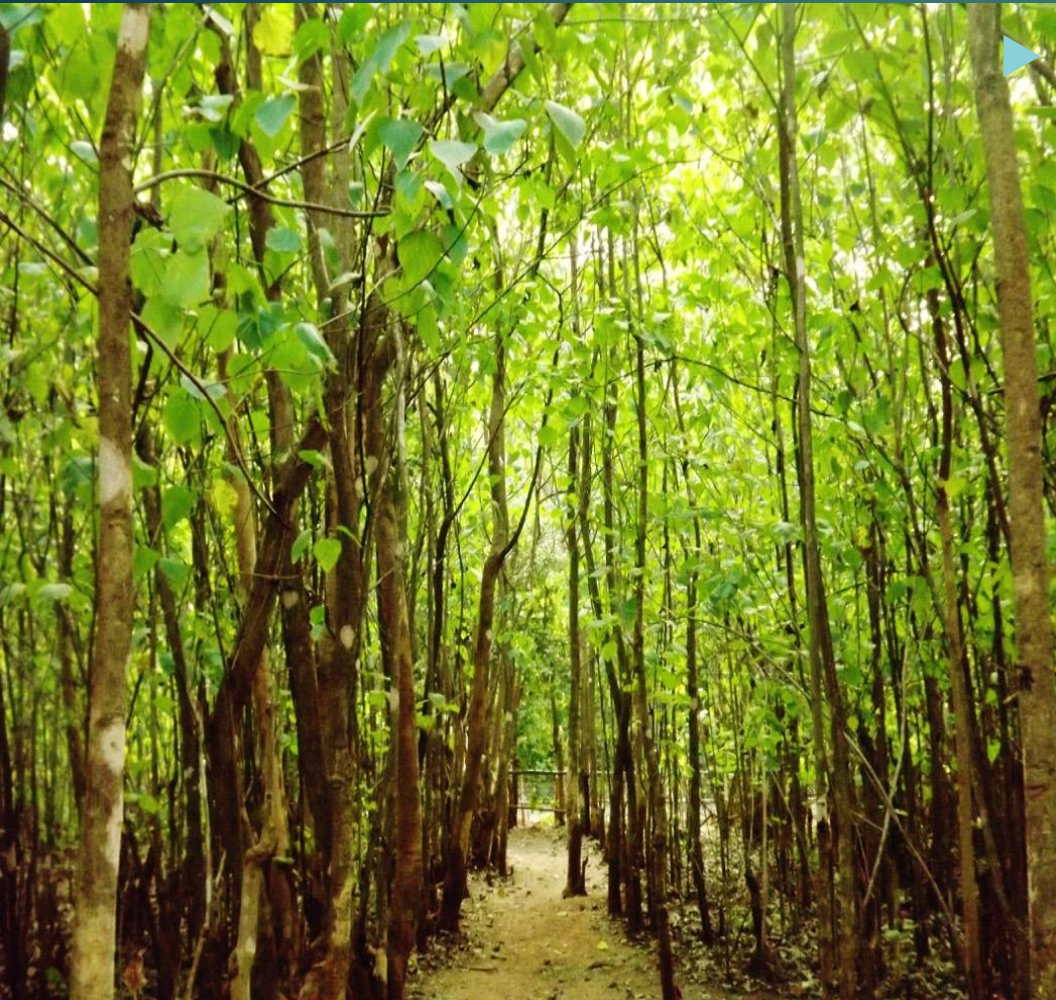


What is the LECI?

- ▶ A multipartner Initiative designed to harness the urban natural assets of the City of Lilongwe for biodiversity conservation, tourism, public recreation, environmental education and awareness for urban sustainability.
- ▶ A component of a broader framework for the transformation of the City of Lilongwe to a more livable City – clean, green and prosperous.
- ▶ Initiative rests on the integration of a number of the City's key ecological systems.



Lilongwe Nature Sanctuary



▶ 400-hectare reserve in the heart of the capital, Lilongwe, which is the city's most prominent natural green space and a critical part of Lilongwe's unique natural history and increasingly fragile biodiversity.



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LEGEND

-  Main River
-  River Buffer Zone
-  Botanical Gardens
-  Lilongwe Nature Sanctuary



LECI development strategy



ANIMAL WELFARE



Goal:

Increase animal welfare standards by improving the animal clinic, enclosures, quarantine and orphan care facilities.



EDUCATION



Goal:

Turn LECI into a gold-standard educational facility to inspire Malawi's next generation of conservationists.



VISITOR EXPERIENCE



Goal:

Ensure LECI is Lilongwe's premier destination for recreation, education and engagement with nature.



SUSTAINABILITY



Goal:

Establish LECI as a beacon of environmental sustainability in Malawi.

Environmental Education zone



LECI transforming Lilongwe: City Riverine Park





Benefits of LECI for urban biodiversity

- Reduce urban 'heat island' effect, offset city's emissions

- Habitat for wildlife and nature

- Ecosystem services e.g. cleaner air, disease control, soil quality

- Protect Lilongwe's freshwater resources

- Resilience to floods: reduce peak discharges

- Support a 'green' economy: jobs through tourism and recreation



Thank you