

# LOCAL SUPPORT FOR GISBORNE FARMERS

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This one-page list of resources highlights environmental advice, grants and other support available free to farmers, primarily through your Regional Council. Accessing this information can help you implement environmental practices on your farm.

## Aerial Photos/Maps

Gisborne District Council will supply aerial photos to farmers who request them where they are an integral part of achieving sustainable land use. At this stage they are free.

Talk to one of the soil conservation staff on (06) 8672049 for more information.

## Grants

The Gisborne District Council has grants available in their Natural Heritage Fund. This is approximately \$30k/year total and has a biodiversity focus. There are criteria for the management of areas that have been developed with support from this fund. For further information go to

[www.gdc.govt.nz/natural-heritage-fund/](http://www.gdc.govt.nz/natural-heritage-fund/)

## Soil Erosion - Overlay 3A

Gisborne District Council has identified land across the district that is the most prone to soil erosion. The East Coast Forestry Project administered by the Ministry of Primary Industries offers grants to establish effective tree cover on these areas. For further information go to

[www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry/funding-programmes/east-coast-forestry-project](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry/funding-programmes/east-coast-forestry-project)

## Support

The Gisborne District Council has soil conservation staff whose focus is on erosion control. You can contact them for information on (06) 8672049

## Resources

### Sustainable Hill Country Project

[www.gdc.govt.nz/sustainable-hill-country-project/](http://www.gdc.govt.nz/sustainable-hill-country-project/)

### Soil fact sheets

[www.gdc.govt.nz/soils-of-poverty-bay-flats/](http://www.gdc.govt.nz/soils-of-poverty-bay-flats/)

### Land Management Resources

[www.hbrc.govt.nz/Services/Environment/Environment%20Topics/Pages/land-management.aspx](http://www.hbrc.govt.nz/Services/Environment/Environment%20Topics/Pages/land-management.aspx)

### The importance of riparian management fact-sheet

[www.hbrc.govt.nz/HBRC-Documents/HBRC%20Document%20Library/The%20importance%20riparian.pdf](http://www.hbrc.govt.nz/HBRC-Documents/HBRC%20Document%20Library/The%20importance%20riparian.pdf)

**PESTWEB** Free tool to assist NZ farmers in decision-making regarding weed and pest ID, biology, impact and management.

[www.pestweb.co.nz](http://www.pestweb.co.nz)

## Contact

For advice or more information you can contact Gisborne District Council on 06 867 2049 and ask to speak to Soil Conservation.

[www.gdc.govt.nz](http://www.gdc.govt.nz)