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### **COMMUNITY TO RECEIVE RESTORED BUSH CORRIDOR**

Property developers Cornish Group (Cornish) and Mirvac Homes (Mircac) have lodged a development application with Camden Council for the regeneration of a major bushland corridor in Spring Farm, and expect to receive development approval in August.

The regeneration program will cover 185 hectares of land and incorporates the planting of 60,000 native plants.

“As part of the regeneration program 24 kilometres of cycle and walk paths, football ovals, netball courts and several BBQ areas will also be built for the local community to enjoy,” said Mr Brett Cornish, Managing Director for Cornish Group.

“We have been working with several community groups for over 16 years to achieve an outcome that would significantly benefit the local community in Spring Farm. The end result will be a bush setting that the entire family can use to promote a healthy lifestyle.”

“This is a significant regeneration program for the Spring Farm area that will help create a protected series of ecological corridors, which link isolated vegetation communities between the Nepean River and William Howe Regional Park,” said project ecologist, Mr Michael Sheather-Reid of Conacher Travers.

“There will be major revegetation works to re-generate and link Elderslie Banksia Scrub Forest, Cumberland Plain Woodland and Sydney Coastal River-Flat Forest, all endangered ecological communities, within the corridor network. The program will securely conserve the local area of these communities resulting in a positive outcome.”

Greening Australia has been commissioned to develop the bushland rehabilitation plan, and collect seeds from the site. The company’s Richmond Production Nursery which specializes in native plant species will grow the plants for the vegetation program.

“A major noxious weed control, revegetation, direct seeding and bush regeneration program has been implemented in preparation for planting in April 2008,” said Mr Rowan Wood, River Recovery Program Manager for Greening Australia.

The land, owned by Cornish and Mirvac was formerly a chicken producing area.

“The Bushland Corridor works bring to fruition agreements made between Cornish Group, Mirvac Homes and Camden Council to protect and restore the most important areas of natural vegetation. This development would be a good outcome for Camden and for the Nepean River,” said Mr Carey McIntyre of Camden Council.



Cornish has recently received its first stage development approval in the company's residential project in Spring Farm for 1100 lots.

The company's Spring Farm project is the first major residential development to receive approval for this area which is located close to Camden town centre. Approximately 4,000 lots with an end value of \$1.5 billion are planned for the region.

This announcement follows plans by the NSW State Government to build new suburbs for 30,000 people in south-western Sydney over the next decade. The areas surrounding Camden, once a major agricultural district will be heavily populated within the next decade.

Spring Farm lots will be released to the market in October and range in size from 360 to 800m<sup>2</sup> with several enjoying district and mountain views. Prices start at \$195,000.

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