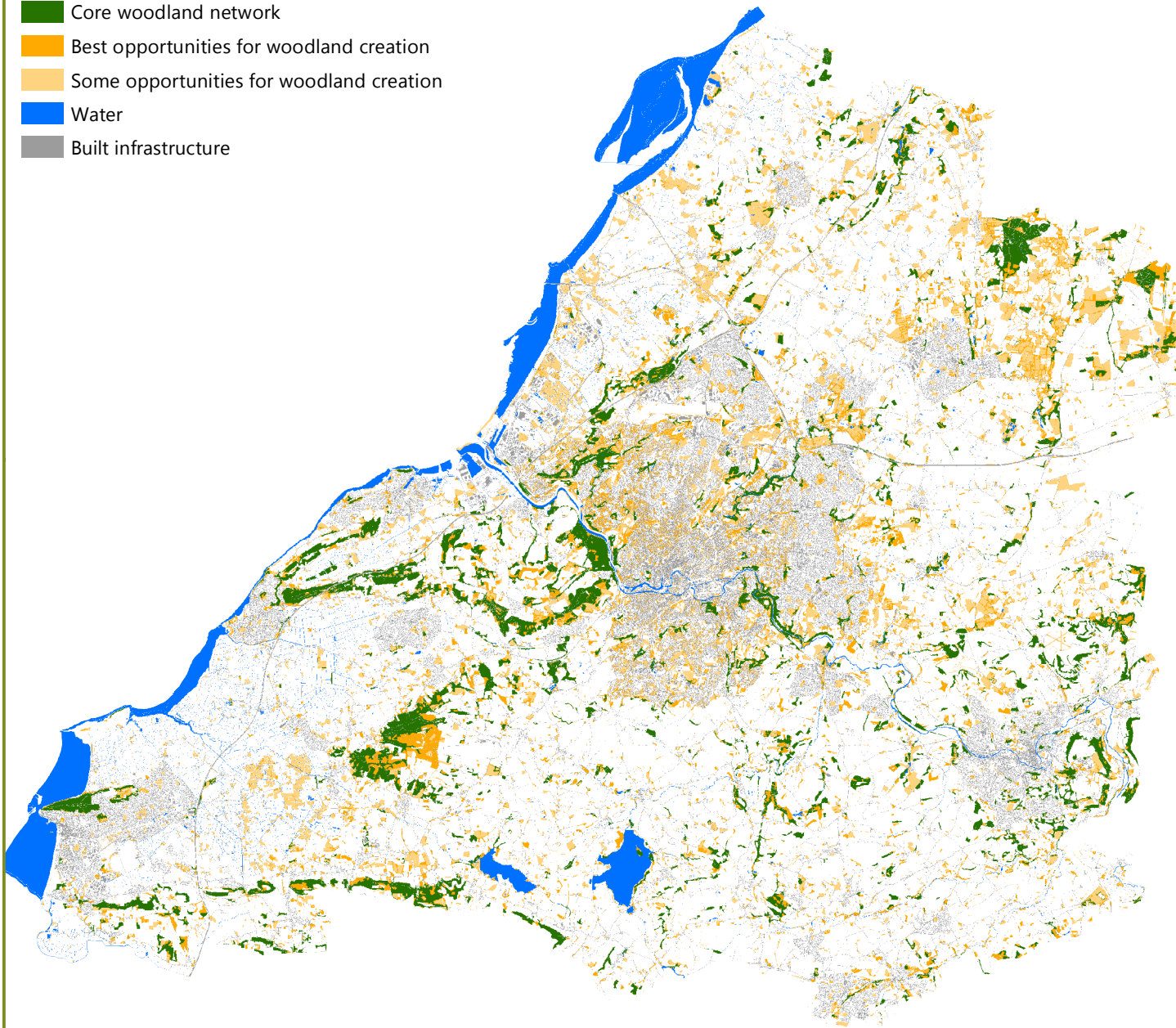


# Ecosystem Map #2: Opportunity Map - Woodland

## Opportunities to strengthen the woodland network

### Legend

- Core woodland network
- Best opportunities for woodland creation
- Some opportunities for woodland creation
- Water
- Built infrastructure



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### Opportunities - the woodland network

This opportunity map shows where the best opportunities for woodland creation are in order to expand and strengthen the woodland network.

### What does the map show?

The map shows the existing core woodland areas in dark green. It shows where the best opportunities are to create woodland within the network, and the opportunities outside of the network. Woodland creation will be most effective if the soil and habitat conditions are right. The areas with the greatest opportunity fall in close proximity to the existing networks, in particular areas that can help buffer and connect woodlands that have been designated for their ecological importance, and help reduce fragmentation. These are likely to establish far quicker than areas outside of the network.

### Why is this ecosystem important?

Creating a coherent woodland network will increase the resilience of services woodlands can provide such as; carbon storage, water storage, recreation and wildlife habitat. It will also ensure woodlands are resilient to future pressures such as climate change. Biodiversity and ecosystem benefits are higher where expansion helps strengthen habitat networks.

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