


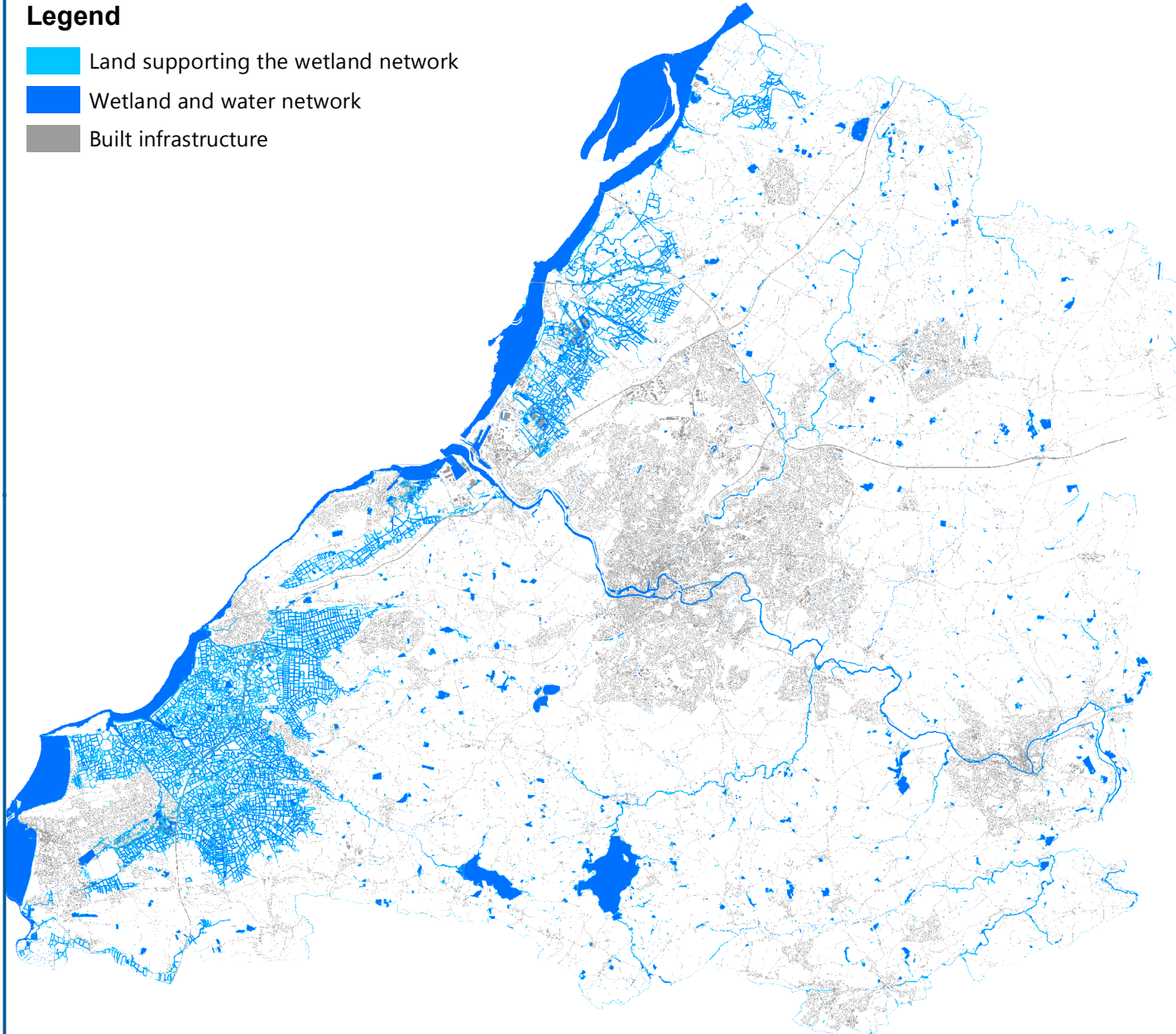


# Ecosystem Map #5: Wetland Network

## Wetlands in the West of England

### Legend

-  Land supporting the wetland network
-  Wetland and water network
-  Built infrastructure



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## ECOSYSTEM SERVICE ASSESSMENT

### The wetland network

This map shows the water and wetland network in the West of England. Wetlands are described as land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally.

### What does the map show?

The wetland and water system is shown in dark blue. This includes the extensive artificial ditch and rhyne system that lies adjacent to the Severn Estuary. The map also shows the land that supports this network is paler blue.

### Why is this ecosystem important?

Wetlands are an important habitat due to the range of ecosystem services they provide; they help purify water, control flooding, store carbon and help with shoreline stability. They are also home to a range of important aquatic plant and animal species.

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