



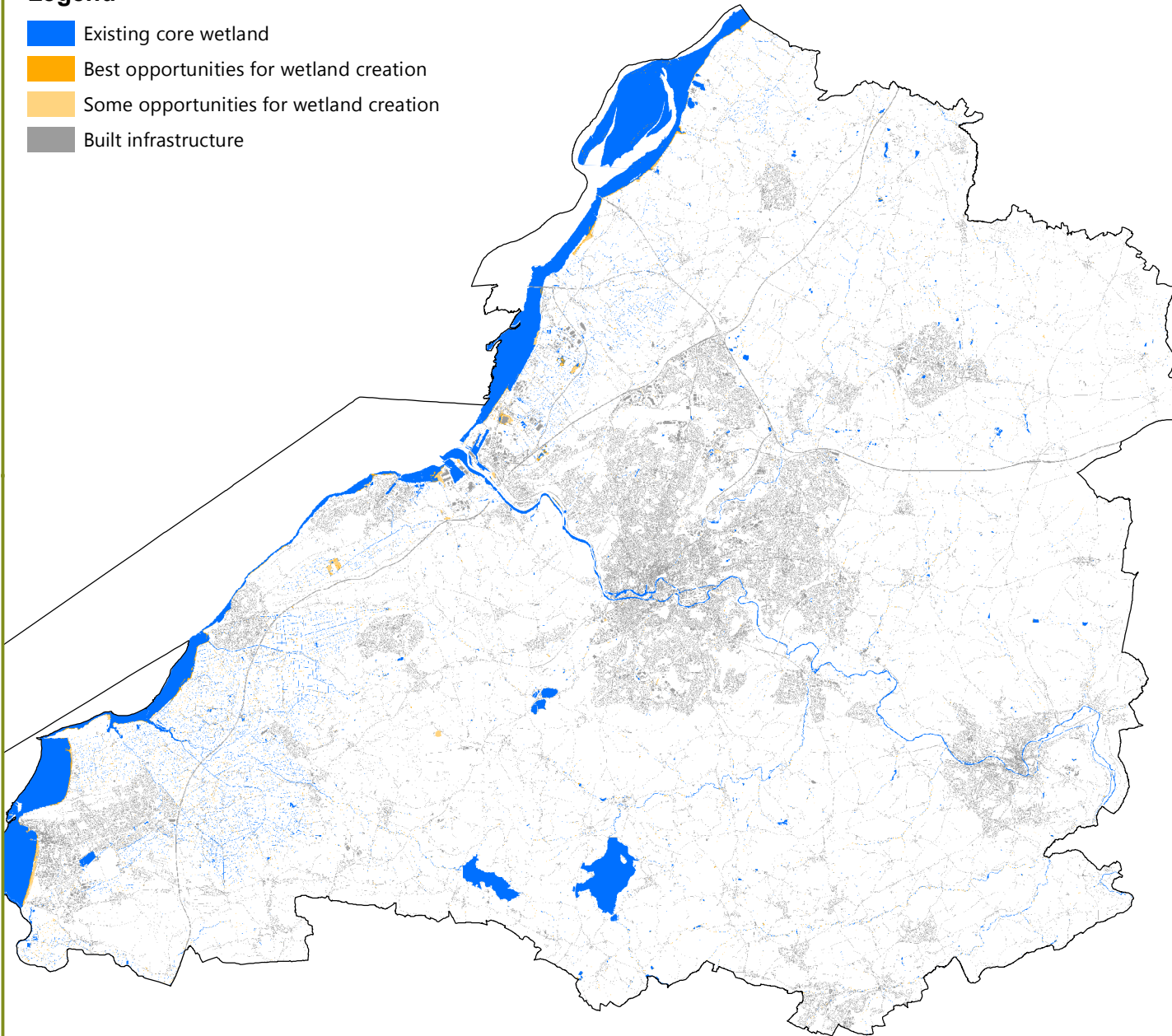


# Ecosystem Map #6: Opportunity Map - Wetland

## Opportunities to strengthen the Wetland Network

### Legend

-  Existing core wetland
-  Best opportunities for wetland creation
-  Some opportunities for wetland creation
-  Built infrastructure



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### ECOSYSTEM SERVICE ASSESSMENT

#### Opportunities to strengthen the Wetland Network

This map shows where the best opportunities exist for wetland creation.

#### What does the map show?

Wetlands can only be created where the conditions and hydrology are correct. By combining land drainage route modelling, proximity to core wetland habitats and network information, it is possible to determine where wetlands could be effectively created.

#### Why is this ecosystem important?

Wetlands provide a number of vital ecosystem services, enhancing the wetland network will help improve resilience to future pressures, such as climate change, flooding and water quality issues. Wetlands also provide an important habitat for wildlife, especially birds who use them over winter.

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