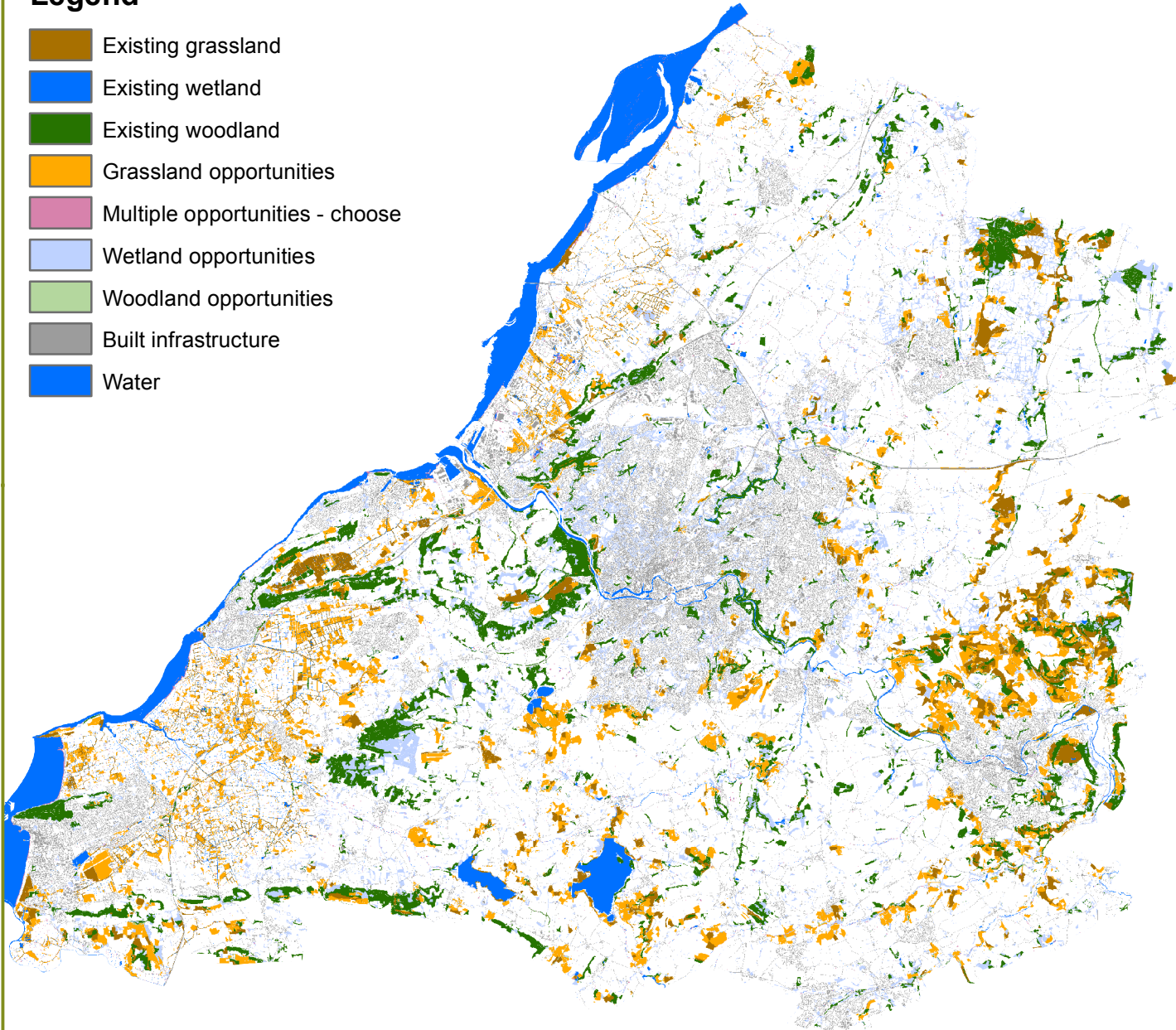


Ecosystem Map #8: Opportunity Map - Combined Ecological Network

Opportunities to strengthen Ecological Networks in the West of England

Legend

- Existing grassland
- Existing wetland
- Existing woodland
- Grassland opportunities
- Multiple opportunities - choose
- Wetland opportunities
- Woodland opportunities
- Built infrastructure
- Water



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Opportunities - Combined Ecological Network

It is possible to combine the opportunity layers and show where the 'best' opportunities exist for habitat creation. This map shows the existing 'core' networks.

What does the map show?

The map shows the 'core' areas of the woodland, grassland and wetland network and where the best opportunities exist to further strengthen these networks across the West of England. The wetland, woodland, and grassland opportunity layers have been combined to show opportunity locations for each habitat, as well as where there are multiple opportunities.

Why are these ecosystems important?

Habitat creation will be most effective if it is within an existing network and if the conditions are right. The data also considered proximity to designated and protected sites, where action nearby would contribute to achieving favourable status through increased buffering. Re-establishment will be more effective in these areas, further increasing the habitats ability to deliver multiple ecosystem services.

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