



## Case Study

### Beam Parklands

Location: Essex

Size:	<b>53 hectares</b>
Client:	<b>Environment Agency &amp; Local Authority</b>
the Land Trust's Role:	<b>Project management</b>
From:	<b>Flood structure</b>
To:	<b>Multi-use open space</b>

**The Land Trust led the transformation of a flood prevention area into an award winning, multi-use community space.**

**We did this by securing £1.5m ERDF funding to improve the flood storage area and £1.9m from the Homes and Communities Agency for an endowment to maintain it in perpetuity.**

The Land Trust now has long term ownership of the Parklands, ensuring that it provides significant community benefit, helping to regenerate a deprived area.

The flood storage area, previously owned by the Environment Agency was below the minimum standard, putting surrounding properties at risk and the surrounding areas, owned by London Borough of Barking and Dagenham was low quality public space, which attracted anti-social behaviour.

The Land Trust enabled the owners to recognise that with additional work the space could vastly improve, and following its success in securing funding from a variety of sources, has been able to enhance the space and protect it long term as a community asset.

This released the land from the owners, taking away the associated liabilities, has ensured the park is an asset for the local community and contributed to the economic uplift of the wider area.

The park is maintained locally by the Council on behalf of the Land Trust to continue the success of the park and bring communities together.



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