

CaBA and Regional Flood and Coastal Committees (RFCCs)

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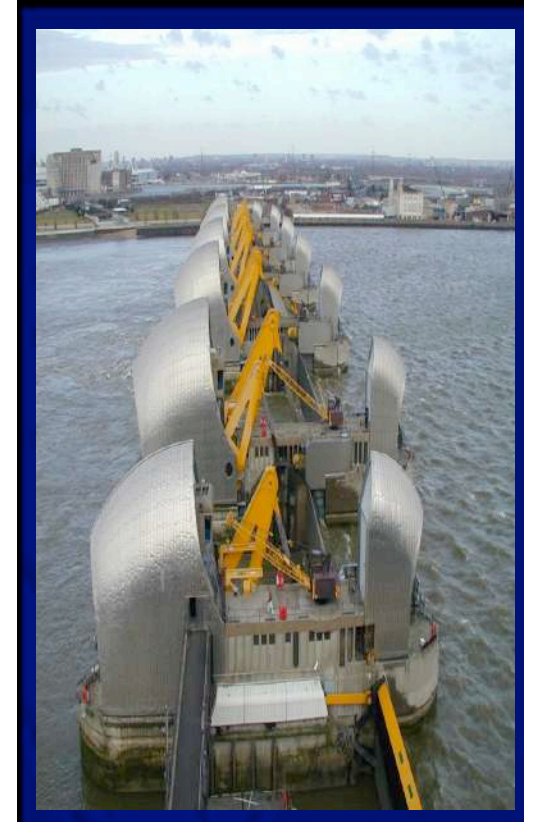
Thames RFCC Conservation Member,
Chair, NFM Sub Group

Thames catchment



Thames RFCC - activities

- **Plans** – scrutinise and approve flood risk management plans of EA, LAs and Thames Water (known as the Risk Management Authorities)
- **Projects** – approve the design and budget of all FRM projects by RMAs, from a SUDS to a new Thames Barrier
- **Programme** – approve which projects go into the Thames FRM 'Six Year Programme' 2015-2021
- **Finance** – approve Six Year Programme budget of £350m DEFRA grant, £100m LA Levy, £50m partner funds = **£500m**

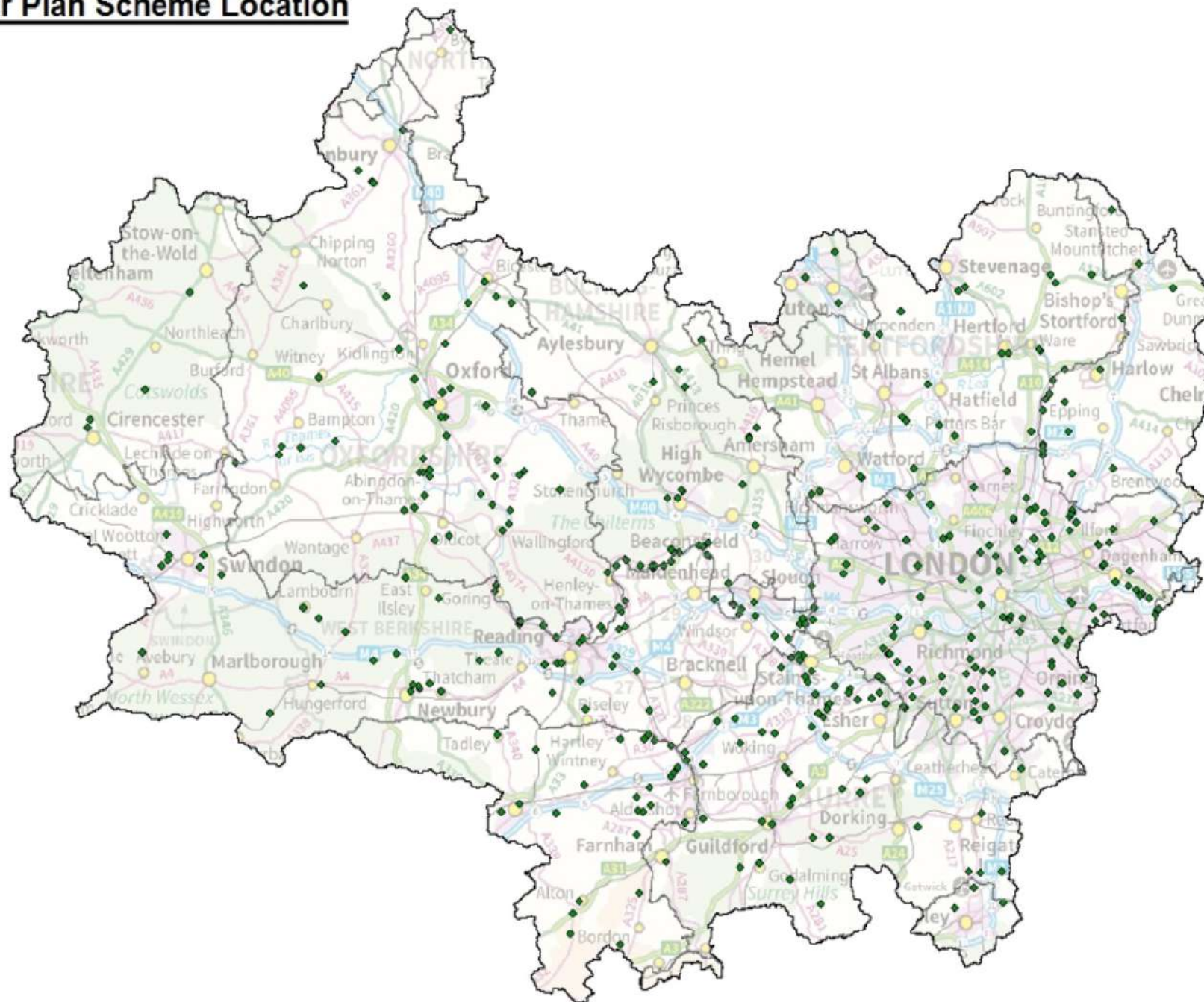


Thames RFCC structure

- Chairperson appointed by DEFRA
- Local Authorities (LAs) represented by 13 elected members (Councillors)
- 11 independent 'expert' members, including a Conservation Member
- Meet four times year with sub-committees in between



6 Year Plan Scheme Location



DEFRA £15m NFM fund 2018 - 2021

- 14 projects funded in Thames region
- 3 catchment scale projects
- 11 community scale projects
- **£5m** total spend in Thames on NFM from DEFRA grants, RFCC LA Levy and other partners = 1% total



Thames RFCC and NFM

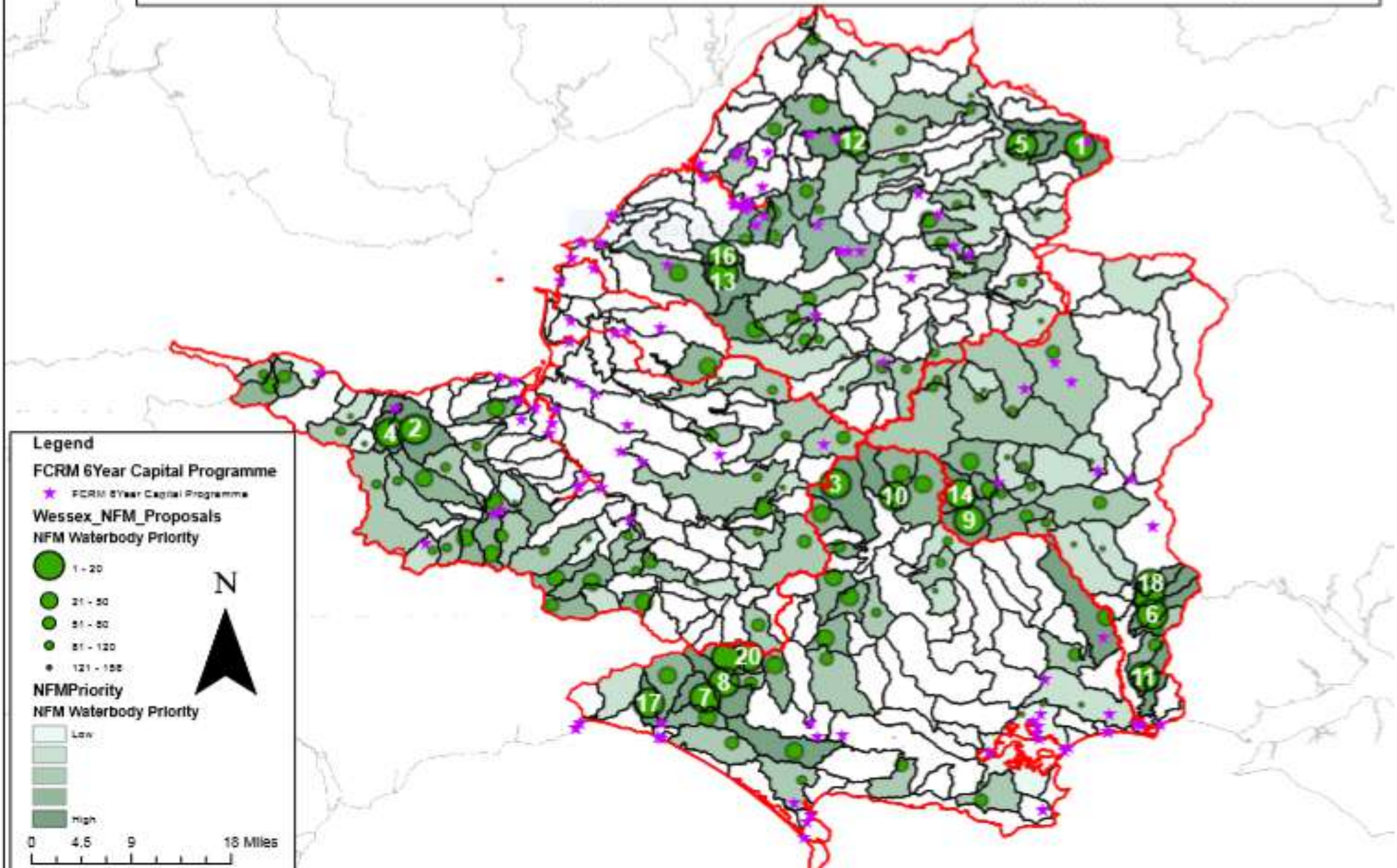
- NFM Sub Group – to develop this area of work, with EA, LAs, Thames Water, NGOs etc
- Evenlode NFM Demonstration Catchment in Oxfordshire - £230k (matched by DEFRA & others)
- ‘Sharing Learning Report’ -
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Opportunity: mapping NFM priority areas

- Thames RFCC fund a 'NFM Mapping Officer' based in EA from 2019
- This officer will develop a 'NFM Potential Areas' map for the region
- Then we will fund a 'NFM Development Officer'
- This officer will promote the Potential Areas Map to EA Area Offices, LAs, Thames Water and others, to get more NFM projects started

Wessex Natural Flood Management Priority and FCRM 6 yr Capital Programme



Thanks for your attention

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