

Datasets considered in the preparation of the Worcestershire LNRS

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Dataset Name	Dataset Description	Data Source	Limitations / Constraints on use	Status within LNRS
OS Field Boundaries	OS Baselayers	Ordnance Survey PSGA	© Crown copyright and database rights 2025 Ordnance Survey AC0000809204	Displayed in Local Habitat Map
OS Land Cover	OS Baselayers	Ordnance Survey PSGA	© Crown copyright and database rights 2025 Ordnance Survey AC0000809204	Displayed in Local Habitat Map
OS MasterMap	OS Baselayers	Ordnance Survey PSGA	© Crown copyright and database rights 2025 Ordnance Survey AC0000809204	Displayed in Local Habitat Map
Aerial photography (visible)	High spatial resolution enables delineation of habitat structural details, e.g. crop rows, hedgerows, canopy morphology. This compliments information provided by the high spectral resolution but lower spatial resolution Sentinel-2 data used in habitat inventory and	Getmapping Plc and Bluesky International Limited 2025	© Getmapping Plc and Bluesky International Limited 2025	Displayed in Local Habitat Map

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	spatial opportunity modelling.			
Aerial photography (infrared)	As above, however, with the addition of including high-resolution infrared data, which provides information on vegetation health and is useful in identifying different habitat types.	Getmapping Plc and Bluesky International Limited 2025	© Getmapping Plc and Bluesky International Limited 2025	Derived product(s) displayed.
Sentinel-1 radar imagery (four scenes, one to cover each seasons)	Used in habitat inventory preparation and in subsequent habitat opportunity modelling. Provides information on surface roughness, which can correspond with vegetation heterogeneity. Time-series data of this nature provides information about seasonal growth and for example crop management cycles.	Sentinel 1 and Sentinel 2 data (external access) Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) images from the European Space Agency's (ESA) Sentinel-1 satellites. Sentinel-1 wide swath Ground Range Detected (GRD) imagery has been included for the same data capture periods as the Sentinel-2 multispectral imagery	Open Government Licence . There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the licence identified.	Derived product(s) displayed.
Sentinel-2 multispectral imagery (four scenes, one to cover each season)	Used in habitat inventory preparation and in subsequent habitat opportunity modelling. Multispectral imagery provides more information about the character of different habitat types. For	Sentinel 1 and Sentinel 2 data (external access) Level-2A multispectral imagery from ESA's Sentinel-2 satellites resampled to 10m spatial resolution	Open Government Licence . There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the licence identified.	Derived product(s) displayed.

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	example, the spectral signature of a bare crop field will appear different to the same crop field when it is in early season crop growth and later season crop growth. As a timeseries, this signature helps to distinguish that such character is typical of crop fields but is different for example to the characteristic spectral signature from an acid grassland			
2m Digital Surface Model (DSM) data produced by photogrammetry	Used in habitat inventory preparation and subsequent habitat opportunity modelling. Provides information about the landscape character, its geometry, elevation and aspect, which all influence habitat formation	Ordnance Survey and Environment Agency (select LiDAR datasets)	Environment Agency © Contains public sector information licensed under the Open Government License v3.0	Derived product(s) displayed.
OS VectorMap District data	OS Basemap data, also used in opportunity and evidence-base analysis . Used in combination with OS datasets for road, rail,	Ordnance Survey	Contains OS data © Crown copyright and database right 2025	Displayed in Local Habitat Map

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	surface water and urban areas.			
ONS Administrative Boundaries – Wards (December 2021).	Administrative ONS census areas. Used for assessing tree-canopy cover.	https://geoportal.statistics.gov.uk/Wards 2021	Office for National Statistics licensed under the Open Government Licence v.3.0 OS data © Crown copyright and database right 2025.	Displayed in StoryMap
British Geological Survey (BGS) 1:50 000-meter scale Superficial Deposits	BGS data used in habitat inventory preparation and subsequently, derived data has been used to inform habitat opportunity modelling.	British Geological Society	This data is delivered under the terms of the Open Government Licence , subject to the following acknowledgement accompanying the reproduced BGS materials: ‘Contains British Geological Survey materials © UKRI [2021]’	Derived product(s) displayed.
British Geological Survey(BGS) 1:50 000-meter scale Bedrock Geology	Data was rasterised at 10m x 10m grid resolution to inform habitat modelling.	British Geological Society	This data is delivered under the terms of the Open Government Licence , subject to the following acknowledgement accompanying the reproduced BGS materials: ‘Contains British Geological Survey materials © UKRI [2021]’	Derived product(s) displayed.
Worcestershire Landscape Character Assessment	Landscape Description Units (LDUs: tree cover character, land use and historic settlement) and Landscape Character Parcels (LCPs: higher resolution soil data). Provides historical and physical data to inform habitat and opportunity modelling.	Worcestershire County Council	Through the UK Government INSPIRE Directive, the Landscape Character Assessment LDU and LCP data for Worcestershire is available online as a web service (WMS/WFS) for GIS desktop applications https://gis.worcestershire.gov.uk/arcgis/services/INSPIRE_WMS/MapServer/WFSServer	Derived product(s) displayed.

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HadUK-Grid climate data	Used in habitat inventory preparation and subsequent habitat opportunity modelling. 20-year seasonal and annual climate variables from the Met Office HadUK-Grid gridded land surface climate observation datasets with 1kmX1km resolution, including Air temperature (min, max, mean), Precipitation, Sunshine duration, Relative humidity, Vapour pressure, Ground frost (days), Snow lying (days).	Dataset Collection Record: HadUK-Grid gridded and regional average climate observations for the UK	Freely available for use under the Open Government Licence	Derived product(s) displayed.
Normalised Differential Vegetation Index (NDVI)	Used in habitat inventory preparation and subsequent habitat opportunity modelling. The NDVI is used to distinguish areas of vegetation.	Contains modified Copernicus Sentinel-2 data (2023), processed by Worcestershire County Council.	Refer to Sentinel-2 limitations/constraints	Derived product(s) displayed.
Normalised Differential Wetness Index (NDWI)	Used in habitat inventory preparation and subsequent habitat opportunity modelling. The NDWI distinguishes wetter surface areas from drier surface areas.	Contains modified Copernicus Sentinel-2 data (2023), processed by Worcestershire County Council	Refer to Sentinel-2 limitations/constraints	Derived product(s) displayed

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Normalised Differential Moisture Index (NDMI)	Used in habitat inventory preparation and subsequent habitat opportunity modelling. This NDMI correlates with the moisture content of vegetation.	Contains modified Copernicus Sentinel-2 data (2023), processed by Worcestershire County Council	Refer to Sentinel-2 limitations/constraints	Derived product(s) displayed.
The Crop Map of England (CROME) Midlands	Initially used in habitat inventory preparation and subsequently incorporated into opportunity mapping. The CROME data provides information specifically helping to identify different crop types and to distinguish arable land, which may vary significantly in appearance across the year, from permanent habitats.	Crop Map of England (CROME) - 2016 – Midlands. Downloaded from: https://data.gov.uk/dataset/crop-map-of-england-crome-2016-midlands	© Rural Payments Agency copyright and/or database right 2023. All rights reserved. Open Government Licence . There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the licence identified.	Derived product(s) displayed.
Important Invertebrate Areas (IIAs)	Important Invertebrate Areas (IIAs) are places that are home to nationally or internationally significant invertebrate populations and their habitats. Dataset used for the identification, evaluation and modelling of opportunity areas for priority invertebrates.	Important Invertebrate Areas - Buglife	Licensed by Buglife under Creative Commons Attribution CC-BY4.0, allowing for free use and sharing with attribution	Derived product(s) displayed.

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Worcestershire Ancient Woodland Catalogue	A local catalogue of long-established and ancient woodland as compiled by county recorders. Integrated into the county habitat inventory to identify Irreplaceable Habitats and opportunity areas for habitat creation/restoration.	Data compiled by John Day and the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust c.1980-1989 and curated by the Worcestershire Biological Record Centre.	Non-exhaustive dataset. WWT data shared with the Worcestershire Local Sites Partnership.	Displayed in Local Habitat Map
Worcestershire Ancient Tree Inventory	A local catalogue of recorded ancient trees, integrated into the Local Habitat Maps Irreplaceable Habitats dataset.	Worcestershire Biological Record Centre	Data reproduced with the permission of Worcestershire Biological Records Centre for use for LNRS purposes only. The data is subject to the conditions of their Data Release Terms and Conditions Agreement. Contact records@wbrc.org.uk for further information.	Displayed in Local Habitat Map only. Data not available under OGL and must not be downloaded
Ancient Tree Inventory	Ancient tree inventory of the UK and Ireland showing verified ancient and veteran trees.	Ancient Tree Inventory (ATI) Woodland Trust Data	Data reproduced with the permission of The Woodland Trust for use for LNRS purposes only. The data is subject to the conditions of their non-commercial licence. For any other uses contact ancienttreeinventory@woodlandtrust.org.uk	Displayed in Local Habitat Map only. Data not available under OGL and must not be downloaded
Ancient Woodland – Revised (England) – Completed Counties	The inventory identifies ancient woodland sites in England. Used to identify Irreplaceable Habitats and to underpin opportunity modelling.	Ancient Woodland (England) - Overview and Ancient Woodland - Revised (England) - Completed Counties - Overview	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government Licence.	Displayed in Local Habitat Map

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National Forest Inventory (England)	The National Forest Inventory (NFI) woodland map covers all forest and woodland area over 0.5 hectare with a minimum of 20% canopy cover, or the potential to achieve it, and a minimum width of 20 metres. This includes new planting, clearfell, windblow and restock. Used to identify Irreplaceable Habitats and to underpin opportunity modelling.	National Forest Inventory England 2021 - Overview	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government Licence. Any maps produced using this data should contain the following Forestry Commission acknowledgement: " <i>Contains, or is based on, information supplied by the Forestry Commission. © Crown copyright and database right 2025 Ordnance Survey [AC0000814847]</i> ".	Displayed in Local Habitat Map
Local Nature Reserves (England)	Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) are a statutory designation made under Section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 by principal local authorities.	Local Nature Reserves (England) - Overview	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government Licence - https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/	Displayed in Local Habitat Map
Sites of Special Scientific Interest (England)	A Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is the land notified as an SSSI under the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981).	Sites of Special Scientific Interest (England) - Overview	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government Licence - https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/	Displayed in Local Habitat Map
RAMSAR sites (England)	A Ramsar site is the land listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the Convention on	Ramsar (England) - Overview	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government	Displayed in Local Habitat Map


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	Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (the Ramsar Convention) 1973.		Licence - https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/	
Special Areas of Conservation (England)	A Special Area of Conservation (SAC) is the land designated under Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora.	Special Areas of Conservation (England) - Overview	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government Licence - https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/	Displayed in Local Habitat Map
National Nature Reserves (England)	A National Nature Reserve (NNR) is the land declared under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 or Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981).	National Nature Reserves (England) - Overview	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government Licence - https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/	Displayed in Local Habitat Map
Special Protection Areas (England)	A Special Protection Area (SPA) is the land classified under Directive 79/409 on the Conservation of Wild Birds. SPAs are strictly protected sites classified in accordance with Article 4 of the EC Birds Directive, which came into force in April 1979.	Special Protection Areas (England) - Overview	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government Licence - https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/	Displayed in Local Habitat Map
Worcestershire Local Wildlife Sites	Non-statutory sites of biodiversity conservation value designated by the	Worcestershire Local Sites Partnership. Dataset curated by Worcestershire Biological	For further information contact Worcestershire Biological Record Centre	Displayed in Local Habitat Map


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	Worcestershire Local Sites Partnership. Forming a key component of 'Other Sites of Particular Importance to Biodiversity'.	Record Centre, Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Wildlife Trust.		
Worcestershire Local Geological Sites	Non-statutory sites of geological conservation value designated by the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust. Forming a key component of 'Other Sites of Particular Importance to Biodiversity'.	Worcestershire Local Sites Partnership. Dataset curated by Worcestershire Biological Record Centre on behalf of Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust.	For further information contact Worcestershire Biological Record Centre	Displayed in Local Habitat Map
Worcestershire Grassland Inventory Sites	Non-statutory sites of biodiversity conservation value designated by the Worcestershire Local Sites Partnership. Forming a key component of 'Other Sites of Particular Importance to Biodiversity'.	Worcestershire Local Sites Partnership. WWT fieldwork undertaken between 1996-200 and dataset subsequently digitised and curated by WBRC on behalf of the Worcestershire Local Sites Partnership.	For further information contact Worcestershire Biological Record Centre	Displayed in Local Habitat Map
Worcestershire Roadside Verge Nature Reserves	Non-statutory sites of biodiversity conservation value designated by the Worcestershire Local Sites Partnership. Forming a key component of 'Other Sites of Particular Importance to Biodiversity'.	Worcestershire Biological Records Centre	For further information contact Worcestershire Biological Record Centre	Displayed in Local Habitat Map

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Countryside Stewardship Scheme Options (England)	Countryside Stewardship Scheme 2016 Management Options - geographic extent and location of all land under management within the Countryside Stewardship Agri-Environment Scheme. Used to inform habitat mapping and opportunity modelling.	Countryside Stewardship Scheme 2016 Management Options (England) - Overview	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government Licence - https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3	Derived product(s) displayed.
Environmental Stewardship Scheme Agreements (England)	Environmental Stewardship Scheme (England) agreement polygons. Used to inform habitat mapping and opportunity modelling.	Environmental Stewardship Scheme Agreements (England) - Overview	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government Licence - https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3	Derived product(s) displayed.
Historic Parks and Gardens (Worcestershire)	Historic England and MHCLG dataset. Used to identify sites of importance biodiversity and landscape capable of contributing towards nature's recover, including historic wood pasture and parklands.	Historic parks and gardens Dataset Planning Data	© Historic England 2025. Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2025. The Historic England GIS Data contained in this material was obtained on [date]. The most publicly available up to date Historic England GIS Data can be obtained from HistoricEngland.org.uk.	Derived product(s) displayed
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (England)	National Landscapes (formerly AONB's) are designated areas where protection is afforded to protect and manage the areas for visitors and local residents. Dataset used to	Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (England) - Overview	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government Licence - https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3	Displayed in Local Habitat Map

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	ensure cross-boundary cohesion with neighbouring National Landscape's Nature Recovery Plans.			
Open Mosaic Habitat (England)	Verified sites of Open Mosaic Habitat. Used to inform habitat mapping and priority habitat opportunity modelling.	Open Mosaic Habitat (Draft) - Overview Open Government Licence v3.0	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government Licence - https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/	Derived product(s) displayed.
Wood Pasture and Parkland (England)	Provisional wood-pasture and parkland inventory created during the Natural England Wood-pasture and Parkland Inventory update. Wood pastures and parkland are the products of historic land management systems and designed landscapes, and represent a vegetation structure rather than a particular plant community. Dataset used to inform habitat mapping and priority habitat opportunity modelling. Dataset contributes to inventory of Irreplaceable Habitats and Areas of Particular Importance to Biodiversity.	Wood Pasture and Parkland (England) - Overview Open Government Licence v3.0	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government Licence - https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/	Displayed in Local Habitat Map

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Priority Habitat Inventory (England)	A spatial dataset that maps priority habitats identified in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan and listed as being of principal importance for the purpose of conserving or enhancing biodiversity, under Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006). Used both to inform the county habitat inventory, predictive habitat modelling using machine-led analysis and in opportunity mapping of measures to create/restore priority habitats.	Priority Habitats Inventory (England) - Overview	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government Licence - https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/ .	Derived product(s) displayed.
Statutory Main River Map	Environment Agency Statutory Main River Map. Published: 2023/01/11. Dataset used in habitat mapping and opportunity modelling.	Statutory Main River Map - Overview	Statutory Main River Map dataset is usable under the Open Government Licence version 3	Derived product(s) displayed.
Priority River Habitat - Rivers (England)	Consists of rivers and streams that exhibit a high degree of naturalness. Dataset used in habitat mapping and opportunity modelling.	Priority River Habitat - Rivers (England) - Overview	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government Licence - https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/	Derived product(s) displayed.

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Summarised Botanical Value Map 2022 (England)	The Summarised Botanical Value Map 2022 (England) is a map identifying areas likely to be rich in high quality habitat based on BSBI vascular plant records. This dataset is used to inform habitat and priority species opportunity modelling.	Summarised Botanical Value Map 2022 (England) - Overview	There are no public access constraints to this data. Use of this data is subject to the Open Government Licence - https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/	Derived product(s) displayed.
SDGSAT-1 light pollution data	SDGSAT-1 data is particularly valuable for studying light pollution, as it provides high-resolution nighttime light images that can be used to map and analyse the spatial distribution of artificial light. The dataset is used to identify sources of light pollution in the built environment and their interaction with areas of importance for nature's recovery. It's also used to identify light sources rich in short-wavelength and blue light spectra and intrinsic 'dark corridors' within the built environment.	<p>SDGSAT-1 OPEN SCIENCE PROGRAM</p> <p>The research findings are a component of the SDGSAT-1 Open Science Program, which is conducted by the International Research Center of Big Data for Sustainable Development Goals (CBAS). The data utilized in this study is sourced from SDGSAT-1 and provided by CBAS.</p>  <p>Data analysis: We've worked collaboratively with Dr Samuel Morrell and John Shannon at the Environment and Sustainability Institute, and</p>	Logos and data attributions must be displayed in the data source column and within the LHM	Derived product(s) displayed.

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		<p>Astrophysics Group in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, at the University of Exeter on this analysis. SM and JS were funded by Natural Environment Research Council grant no. NE/V000497/1 (PI: Prof. Kevin Gaston.</p> 		
Soilscapes National Soil Map of England – “NATMAPwetness”	Soil data © Cranfield University (NSRI) and for the Controller of HMSO 2024. Soils Data provided by the National Soil Resources Institute under License L0490/01323. Soil information at a 1:250,000 scale. Dataset helps informs habitat mapping and opportunity modelling based on variables including soil texture and drainage.	LandIS - Land Information System - National Soil Map - NATMAP Soilscapes	Mapping derived from soils data © Cranfield University (NSRI) and for the Controller of HMSO [2024]	Derived product(s) displayed.
Flood zones	Dataset includes Flood Zones showing the extent of land at present day risk of flooding from rivers. Dataset used to inform	Flood Map for Planning - Flood Zones - data.gov.uk , Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea) - Flood Zone 2 - data.gov.uk and Flood Map for Planning (Rivers	Open Government Licence	Derived product(s) displayed.

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	habitat mapping and also opportunity modelling of priority habitat and species opportunities within the floodplains.	and Sea) - Flood Zone 3 - data.gov.uk		
VIIRS DNB - VNP46A4 light pollution data	Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) provided by NASA's Black Marble programme provides global daily measurements of nocturnal visible and near-infrared (NIR) light. Dataset informs light pollution and opportunity modelling.	VIIRS/NPP Lunar BRDF-Adjusted Nighttime Lights Yearly L3 Global 15 arc second Linear Lat Lon Grid - LAADS DAAC VNP46A4 VIIRS/NPP Lunar BRDF-Adjusted Nighttime Lights data (2023) from NASA LP DAAC & Sentinel-2 NDVI from Copernicus (ESA), processed by Worcestershire County Council.	None.	Derived product(s) displayed.
Terrasullis - LIDAR tree canopy cover	County-coverage of tree canopy cover based on Environment Agency National LiDAR Programme. Dataset used to inform tree planting baselines and opportunity modelling	LiDAR Tree Canopy Cover in England – Terra Sulis Research CIC	LiDAR Tree Canopy Cover, 2024 as prepared by Terra Sulis Research CIC, Friends of the Earth with attribution to Environment Agency. Redistribution or display of the raw data is restricted.	Derived product(s) displayed.
GCER Nature Recovery Networks for Worcestershire	Habitat and species opportunity mapping, based on aggregated 'open', 'wooded', 'arable' and wetland' habitat typologies. Dataset has been used to inform further rounds of opportunity	Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records	None.	Derived product(s) displayed.

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	modelling incorporating datasets listed here to spatially refine targeting to those sites considered most suitable for intervention delivery and identified as being within the highest level of priority for implementation.			
Spatial prioritisation of catchments suitable for using Natural Flood Management	Target catchments identified by Worcestershire County Council for deployment of Natural Flood Management interventions.	Spatial prioritisation of catchments suitable for using Natural Flood Management – Environment Agency and Worcestershire County Council Natural Flood Management Worcestershire County Council	Open Government Licence v3.0	Displayed in StoryMap
Worcestershire's Local Green Spaces	South Worcestershire Green Spaces including Urban Biodiversity Corridors and adopted natural green spaces within Wyre Forest District Council subject to conservation management by the Countryside Team.	Periscope® v10.7.62 and Wyre Forest District Council, Wychavon and Malvern Hills District Councils and Worcester City Council.	TBC	Derived product(s) displayed.
Principle Protected Species	Historic spatial biological records of the fauna and flora in Worcestershire. Used to inform the	Worcestershire Biological Records Centre	For further information contact Worcestershire Biological Record Centre	Derived product(s) displayed in

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	targeting of species-themed measures.			Local Habitat Map
Lost Ponds	AI-driven analysis of historic mapping resulting in a dataset indicating lost or 'ghost' ponds within the landscape.	ArchAI Lost Landscapes ArchAI	© ArchAI Ltd 2025. Lost Ponds dataset (25-inch 2nd ed.)	Used to target mapping of suggested Potential Measures
Working with Natural Processes Riparian Woodland Potential	Data provides the best estimate of locations where tree planting may be possible on smaller floodplains close to flow pathways, and effective to attenuate flooding.	Environment Agency	Open Government Licence © Environment Agency copyright and/or database right 2015. All rights reserved.	Displayed in StoryMap