



I believe leveraging both the Lusk Vision 2030 project & the proposed Fingal Forest Tree Strategy there's a real opportunity to foster local community pride & build engagement to address the core objectives of the proposed strategy:

1. Annual Net Increase in Tree Canopy Cover
2. Achieve a Thriving, Diverse and Sustainable Tree Population
3. Maximise the Benefits of Trees as a Valuable Asset and Resource
4. Create a Strong Sense of Ownership with Residents, Communities & Stakeholders

Submission recommendations:

- Use the public land in Balleally to seed test a small community sustainability nursery project
- Engage with Lusk Community Council to highlight to the community & establish level of interest in the project i.e. volunteers
- The site or a portion of it could be used as a tree nursery to directly address the counties biodiversity challenges
- Significant potential for public / private funding i.e. Woodland Creation on Public Land Scheme / The Woodland Environmental Fund
- If successful long term potential for a scaled nursery supplying the whole of Fingal
- Potential educational resource / tourist attraction for the future coastal cycle route