

The Black River Pathway



**RIVER RESTORATION THROUGH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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Project Scope



- **Working in specific communities**
 - Maitland Garden Village
 - Oude Molen Eco Village
 - Alexandra Hospital
- **Proposal**
 - Heritage
 - Agriculture
 - Pathway
 - Benefits and detriments

The Black River



- **Many challenges**
 - Industrial pollution
 - Bacteria
 - Flooding
 - Community isolation
 - Water hyacinth

Working with Maitland Garden Village



- **Assets**
 - Community involvement
 - ✦ Green Light Project
 - Rich history
 - Potential for development
- **Gardening Club**



Job Creation through the Pathway



- **Urban agriculture**

- Skill development
- Business model
- Community supported agriculture
- Community gardens
 - ✦ Help centre
- Vegetable box scheme

- **Tourism**

- Ecotourism
- Heritage area
 - ✦ Agricultural history
 - ✦ Social history
- Walking tours
- Community assets

Where do we fit in?



- Connecting stakeholders
- Distinct vision for pathway
- Proposal
- Connection between MGVS and City



Moving Forward

- Working with known stakeholders
- Building new relationships
 - Potential funding
- Using desire lines to create vision

