

# The Black River Pathway



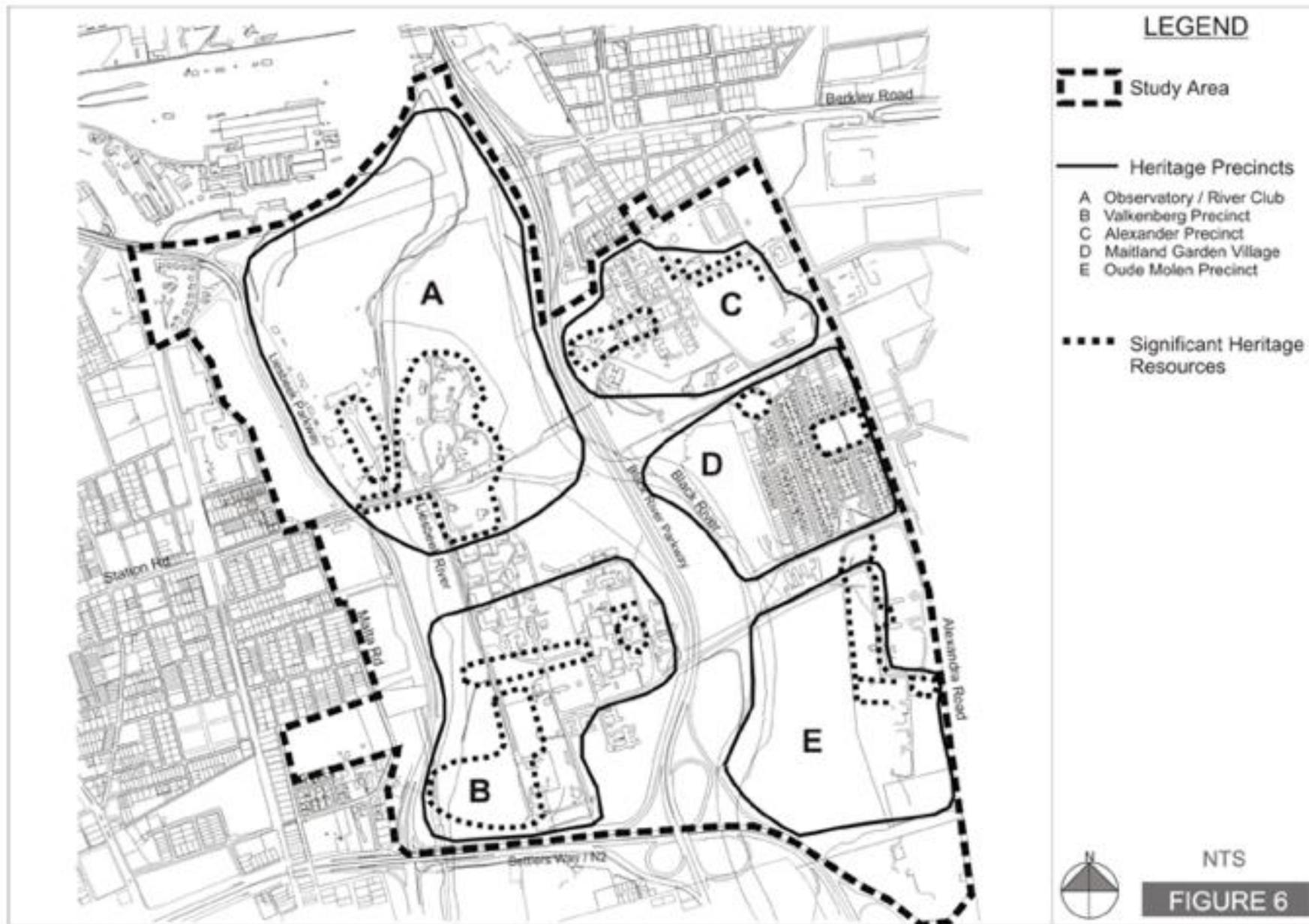
**RIVER RESTORATION AND COMMUNITY  
REVITALIZATION THROUGH  
SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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TWO RIVERS URBAN PARK SDF AND PHASE 1 MANAGEMENT PLAN:  
SIGNIFICANT HERITAGE RESOURCES



# Community and Sponsor Relationship

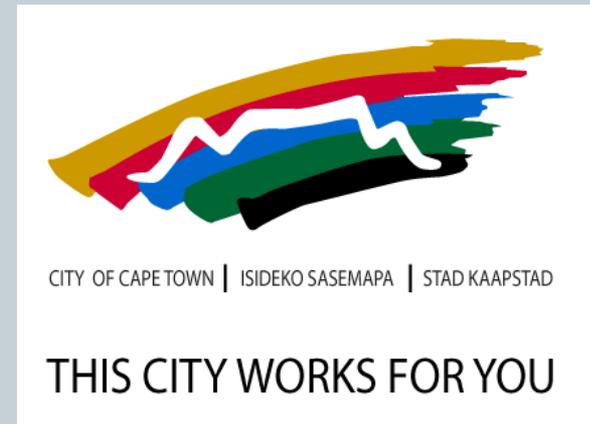
## Community projects reflect common goals

- **MGV**
  - Community Gardens
  - Green Light Project
- **OMEV**
  - Food Garden Village



## Environmental & Heritage Management

- Interest in heritage
- Long-term ecological restoration

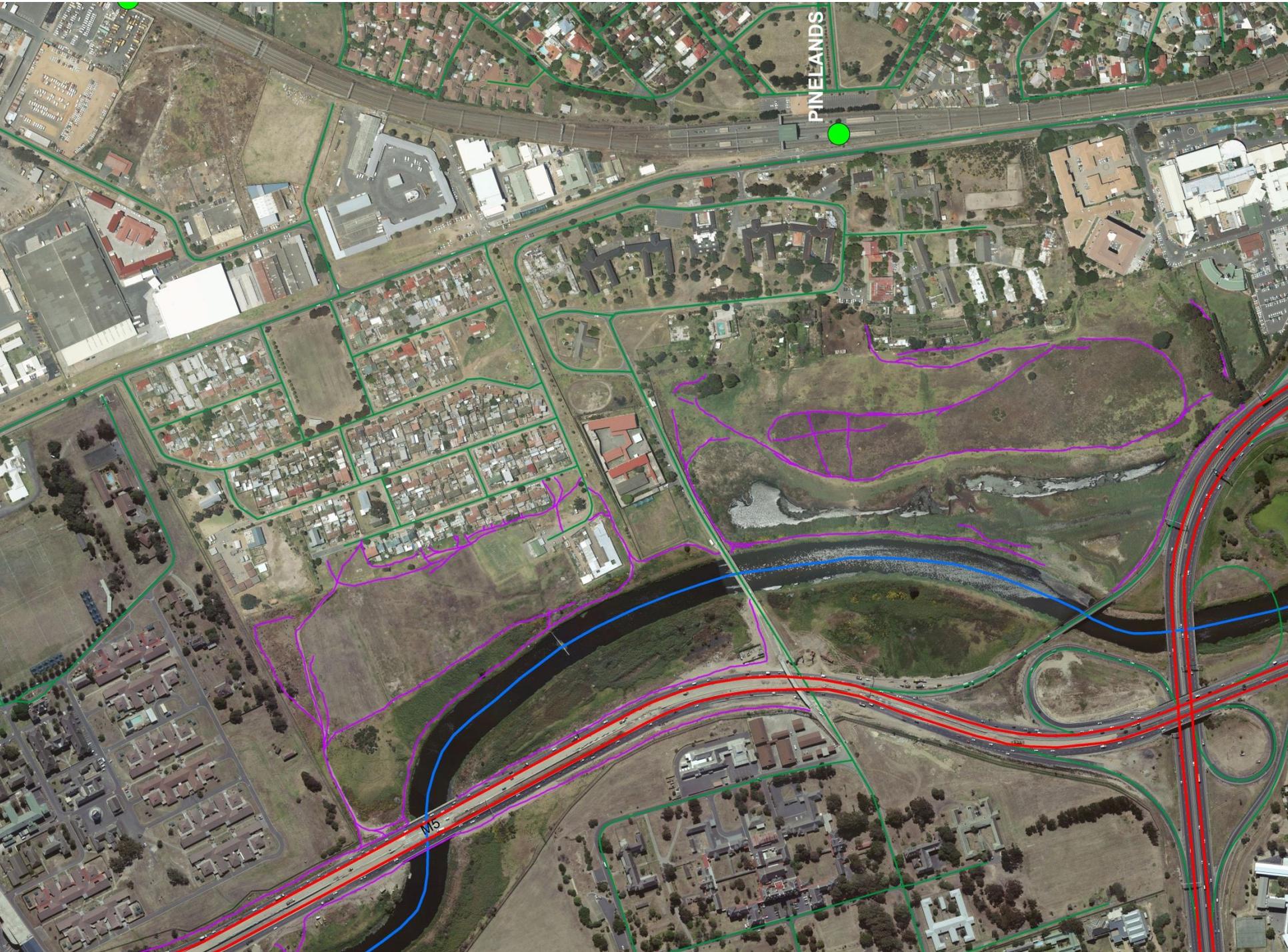


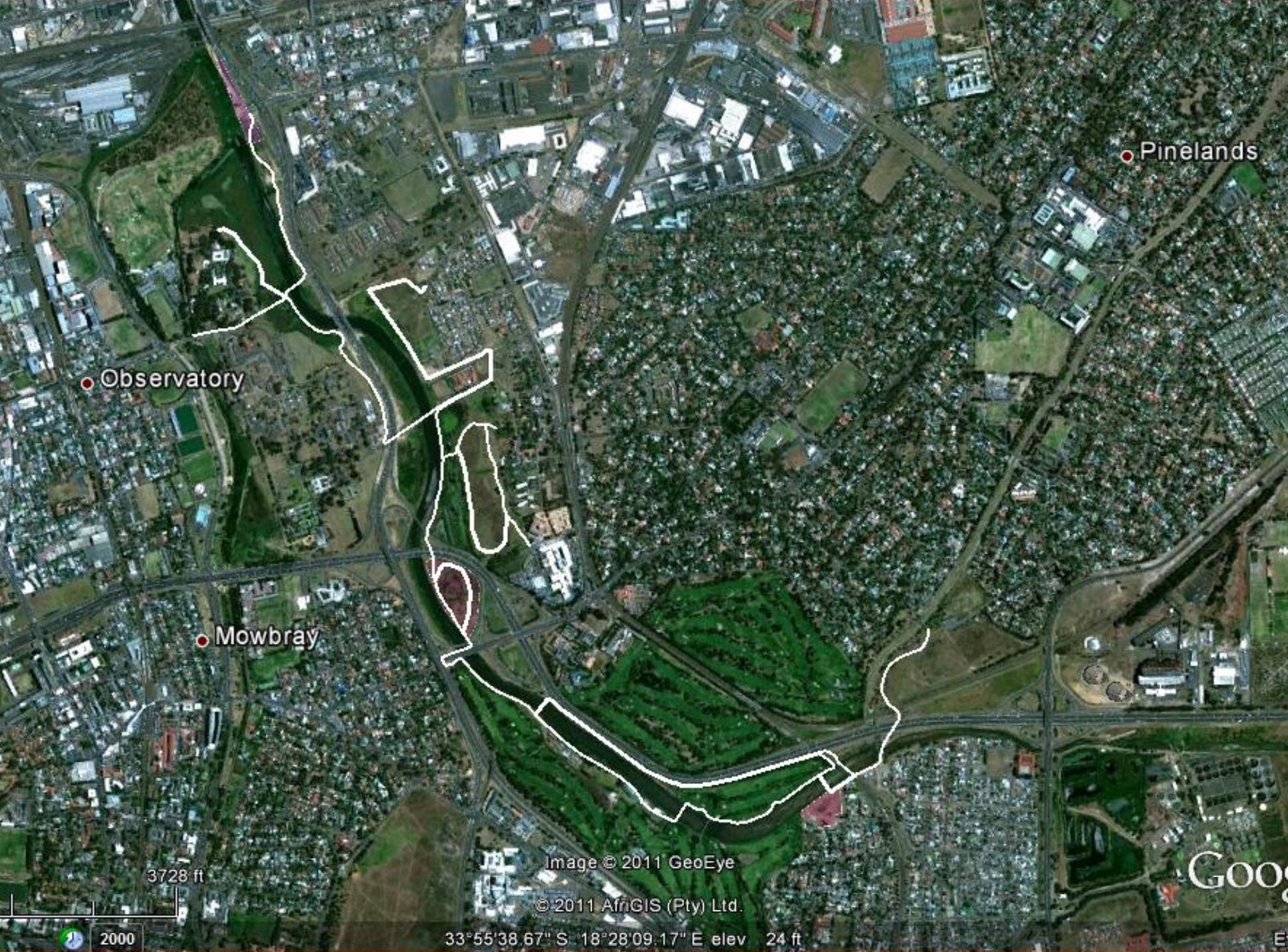
# Where do we fit in?



- Develop communities' and sponsor's pathway visions
- Catalyse working relationships between stakeholders
- Explore heritage opportunities







Pinelands

Observatory

Mowbray

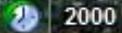
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33°55'38.67" S 18°28'09.17" E elev 24 ft

Google



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PINELANDS

2011 WPI  
Pathway Proposal

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Pathway Proposal

M5

N2

M5

# Heritage



- Possible recognition as heritage zone
  - Unique building structure
  - Rich history
    - ✦ Agriculture
    - ✦ Garden Competition
- Our focus
  - Agriculture
  - Walking tours



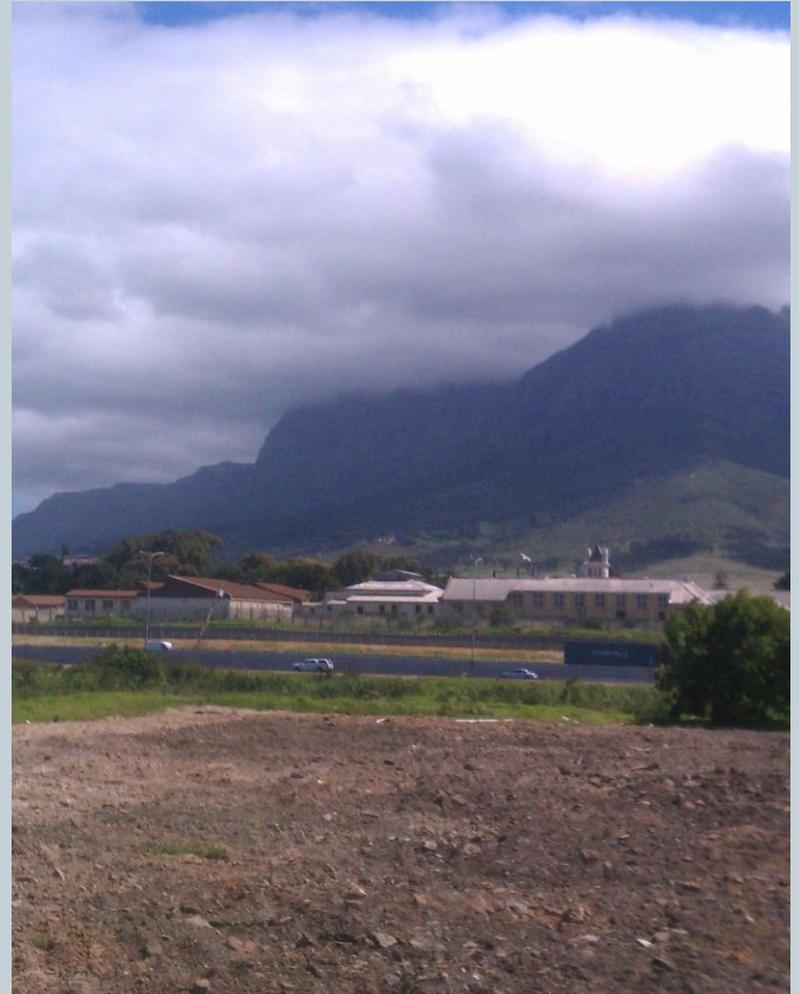
# Agriculture



- **Goals**
  - Skill development
  - Business planning
  - Integrate into pathway
  - Highlight heritage
- **Agricultural Models**
  - Community supported agriculture
  - Community gardens
  - Vegetable box scheme



# Community Gardens



# Walking tours

- Highlight heritage features
- Employ community members
- Bring revenue to local businesses
- Stimulate interest in river

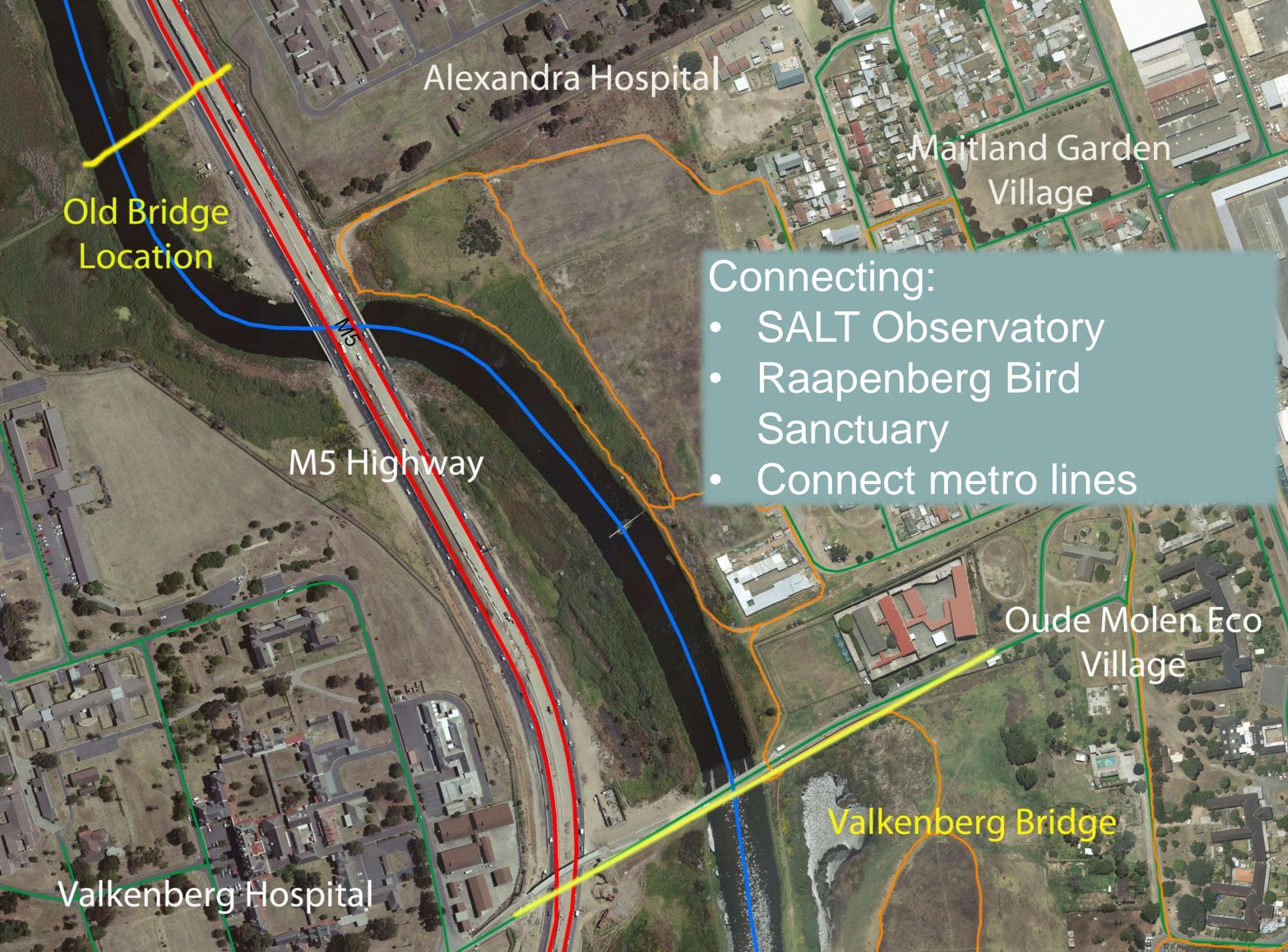


# Interpretive Signage



- Aid walking tours
- Themes for interpretive signage:
  - Historical significance
    - ✦ Agriculture
    - ✦ Community
    - ✦ Buildings
  - Plant species
  - Food gardens





Alexandra Hospital

Maitland Garden Village

Old Bridge Location

M5 Highway

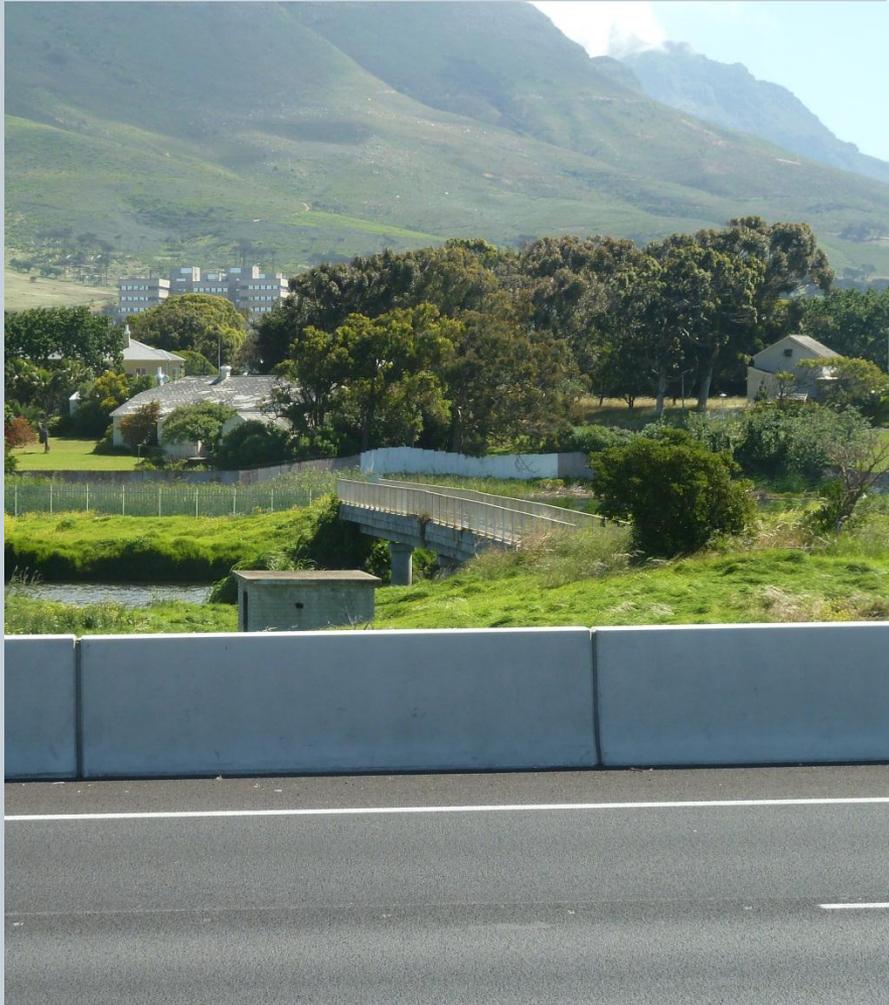
Connecting:  
• SALT Observatory  
• Raapenberg Bird Sanctuary  
• Connect metro lines

Oude Molen Eco Village

Valkenberg Bridge

Valkenberg Hospital

# Old Footbridge over M5



- Used by community members to cross M5 for:
  - Hospital access
  - Wetlands
  - Pool
  - Transportation access
- During M5 update bridge was not replaced
- People walk over M5

# Valkenberg Bridge



- Private auto bridge
- Restricted pedestrian access
- Best solution to pedestrian access over M5

# Connecting the Lines



# Moving Forward

- Working with known stakeholders
- Increasing stakeholder involvement
- Using footpaths to continue creating vision
- Agriculture business plan



# Questions?

