

**Chairman's Report**  
**Inaugural AGM**  
**13 April 2010**

Klipriviersberg Conservancy

**Klipriviersberg Conservancy**  
**Protecting, Promoting and Enhancing**  
**Our Natural Assets for**  
**Sustainable Urban Living**

**Purpose of the Presentation**

- What makes our area unique & special?
- Why establish the Klipriviersberg Conservancy?
- History
- 2009: Development of Management Framework
- 2010: Implementation & Delivery
- 2010: Challenges & Opportunities
- Acknowledgements & Appreciation
- Closing Observation

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**What makes our area unique & special?**

- Beautiful & unique Klipriviersberg ridges
- Klipriviersberg Nature Reserve
- Klipriver & wetlands
- Fauna & flora
- Grasslands & open spaces
- Valuable biodiversity & 'Red Data' species
- Archaeological & cultural history
- Density of tourism, recreation & sporting activities
- Centrality & accessibility
- Environmental, economic & social value

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**Klipriviersberg Conservancy - Core Area**

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**Ecological & Environmental Features**

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**Tourism, Sporting & Recreation Activities**

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## Why establish Klipriviersberg Conservancy?

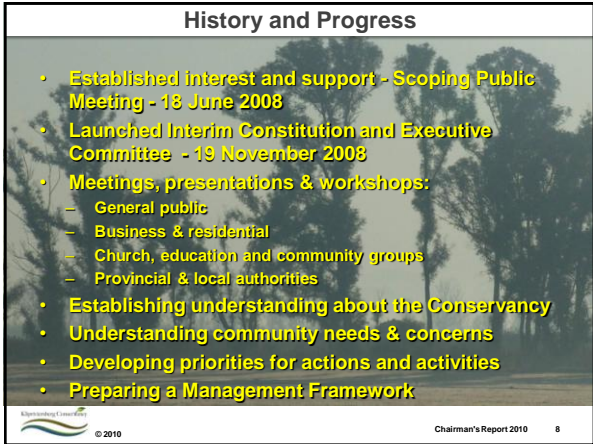


**Need agreed development approach & philosophy**

- Protect Klipriviersberg Nature Reserve
- Promote protect & enhance natural biodiversity & environmental value
- Co-operative integrated management to protect environment yet realise social & economic development
- Guide tourism, recreational, cultural, educational development
- Promote conservation through collaboration
- Promote sustainable urban living

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## History and Progress



- Established interest and support - Scoping Public Meeting - 13 June 2008
- Launched Interim Constitution and Executive Committee - 19 November 2008
- Meetings, presentations & workshops:
  - General public
  - Business & residential
  - Church, education and community groups
  - Provincial & local authorities
- Establishing understanding about the Conservancy
- Understanding community needs & concerns
- Developing priorities for actions and activities
- Preparing a Management Framework

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## History and Progress



- Additional activities:
  - Recruiting members & establishing databases
  - Addressing administrative & financial issues
  - Trying to find funding and sponsorship
  - Initiating & building relations - landowners, developers & authorities
  - Reviewing & commenting: development & environmental policies, plans, proposals and applications
  - Finding out more about the provincial and national conservancy structures and organisations and other conservancies in Gauteng and nationally
  - Raising awareness through events, newsletters and publicity in newspaper articles and in radio interviews
  - Establishing a website and links to popular social networks on the Internet

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## Management Framework

### Strategic priorities and activities

#### Conservation through Collaboration

**Aims & Objectives:**

- Protect, promote and enhance the biodiversity of the area and to retain its natural beauty
- Encourage landowners, residents and all other stakeholders in the area to be environmentally aware and to embrace the practice and principles of sustainability and sustainable urban living
- Assist and cooperate with local, provincial and national government regarding biodiversity, sustainability, management of natural resources, sustainable social and economic development and job creation within the area

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## Management Framework

### Strategic priorities and activities

#### Conservation through Collaboration

**Aims & Objectives:**

- Raise awareness in the community of the environmental, social and economic opportunities of the area based on the value of its natural environmental resources
- Guide and encourage suitable and appropriate social and economic development that supports sustainability, attracts tourism and furthers job creation
- Establish a mutually beneficial relationship between property development and conservation
- Assist in preserving heritage, archaeological and historical sites within the area
- Liaise and cooperate with a wider network of similar conservation areas and organisations for mutual growth and development

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## Management Framework

### Strategic priorities and activities

<p><b>Catalyse Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote sustainable urban living for residential &amp; industrial</li> <li>Involve schools</li> <li>Support cleanup campaigns</li> <li>Encourage greening</li> <li>Support Bylaws</li> <li>Implement carbon credits programme</li> </ul> <p><b>Share Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build distribution channels</li> <li>Establish website</li> <li>Erect billboards &amp; signs</li> <li>Give presentations</li> <li>Establish brand</li> <li>Distribute Newsletters</li> <li>Schedule specialist talks</li> <li>Use media</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grow Membership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Run events programme</li> <li>Establish relationships with similar organisations</li> <li>Build business loyalty programmes</li> <li>Establish International twinning partners</li> <li>Develop interest groups</li> </ul> <p><b>Coordinate, Protect &amp; Rehabilitate Biodiversity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiate Biodiversity Stewardship Program</li> <li>Prepare landowner programmes</li> <li>Develop Environmental Management Framework</li> <li><b>Focus Areas: rivers &amp; streams, wetlands, hills &amp; kopjes, historical sites, grasslands, agricultural areas</b></li> </ul>
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## Management Framework Strategic priorities and activities

Integrate Urban Development	Secure Resources
Manage and guide development	Finance & sponsorships
Build authority relationships	Resources
Engage developers	Events
Address illegal uses	Carbon credits
Influence future roads	Recycling
Inform policy	Establish Brand
Support Bylaws	Website, signs, stationery
Establish Enviro Centre	Integrate Business development
Build collection of historical anecdotes	Promote economic growth
Establish Library	Support special stakeholders
	Land owners adjacent to KNR
	Major landowners

## 2010: Implementation & delivery

- **Establish committees and project teams:**
  - Administration and finance
  - Membership and constitution
  - Resource generation
  - PR and publicity (including newsletter & websites)
  - Stakeholder management
  - Authorities liaison
  - Event coordination

## 2010: Implementation & delivery

- **Establish committees and project teams:**
  - Sustainable urban living
  - Environmental resource centre
  - Historical records
  - Schools river monitoring
  - Alien vegetation
  - Development integration
  - Major landowners
  - Branding and marketing.

## 2010: Challenges & Opportunities

- **Resources and sponsorship**
  - Currently low cash resources
  - Dependent on support and goodwill
  - Need to actively find sponsors and donors
  - Seek registration as:
    - Non-Profit Organisation
    - Public Benefit Organisation
  - Recognition and exposure for sponsors and donors
  - Member donations and monthly contributions

## 2010: Challenges & Opportunities

- **Establishing project teams**
  - Leadership of an Executive Committee member
  - Develop projects in terms of Management Framework priorities
  - Encourage people to volunteer
    - Specialist skills
    - Passion and willingness to become involved
  - Establish partnerships with existing projects and agencies

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**THIS**  
**Congestion**  
**Poor services**  
**Over densified**  
**Lack of facilities**  
**Devoid of nature**  
**Loss of open space**

....or....



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## Closing Observation



**THIS**  
**Promoted value**  
**Protected areas**  
**Balanced growth**  
**Supporting services**  
**Managed development**  
**Enhanced open spaces**

**Conservation through Collaboration**



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