

Klip River Wetland Integrated Management Strategy Workshop

On behalf of the Klipriviersberg Conservancy, we would like to invite you to attend an initial scoping workshop for the preparation and development of an **Integrated Management Strategy Plan** for the Klip River Wetland area. We are looking for stakeholders who are interested in this area and have knowledge and experience in these matters to assist and guide this process. The details of the workshop are as follows:

Date: Thursday 21 July 2011
Time: 09:00 – 12:00
Venue: Indaba Auditorium, Rand Water Head Office
522 Impala Road, Glenvista, Johannesburg

BACKGROUND

The Klip River Wetland area, located to the South of Johannesburg, plays a vital role to this densely populated metropolitan region as it acts as a purifier of polluted water that enters the river from the urban-mining-industrial complex. However, the capability of this wetland to serve this crucial role has been compromised and faces a number of challenges. One of these major challenges is the reduction of water flowing through the wetland as a result of irrigation canals that have cut back and avulsed forming a continuous channel. Previous investigations have determined that the Klip River Wetland is in an advanced state of collapse.

Over recent months in various workshops and forums, the need to prepare and develop an **Integrated Management Strategy Plan** for the wetland area has been identified as an important contribution to the future of the wetland and its role and function in the broader Klip River Catchment Management Plan.

AIM	PROPOSED AGENDA
<p><i>To involve stakeholders in identifying factors to consider towards the planned management and rehabilitation of the Klip River Wetland area.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outline of the current status of the Klip River Wetland area and key challenges facing the management and rehabilitation process.• Identify ideas, concerns and suggestions to be considered regarding the planned management and rehabilitation of the Klip River Wetland area.• Establish and plan a way forward.

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Kindly RSVP by 18 July 2011 for catering purposes.

This invitation is to be sent to the following stakeholder groups and individuals. However, should you know of any other person or organisation who you feel may be able to contribute to this process, we would ask you to forward this e-mail on to them:

- Bird Life South Africa
- Eikenhof Node Residents
- Gauteng Wetland Forum
- International Water Management Institute Workshop attendees
- Johannesburg Canoe Club
- Klip River Catchment Forum
- Klipriviersberg Conservancy
- Klipriviersberg Nature Reserve Association
- Mondi Wetland Programme
- Rand Water
- SANBI Klip River Workshop
- Sojo Business Forum
- University of Johannesburg
- University of the Witwatersrand