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District Six : Place-People

Unearthing that which brings communities together
22 September 2020

Making progress possible. **Together.**

Global Sustainability Goals



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(Wo)man & Nature



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De-forestation is a man-made devastation of nature!



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In nature we do it through...

a) **Burning**



b) **Clear Cutting**



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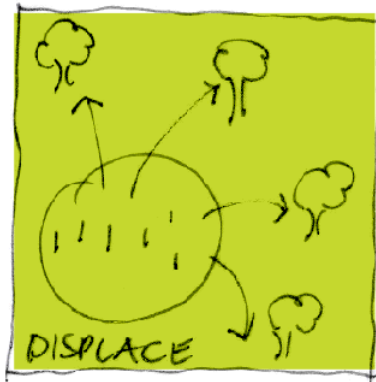
- Climate change
- Soil erosion
- Fewer crops
- Flooding
- Increased Greenhouse gases



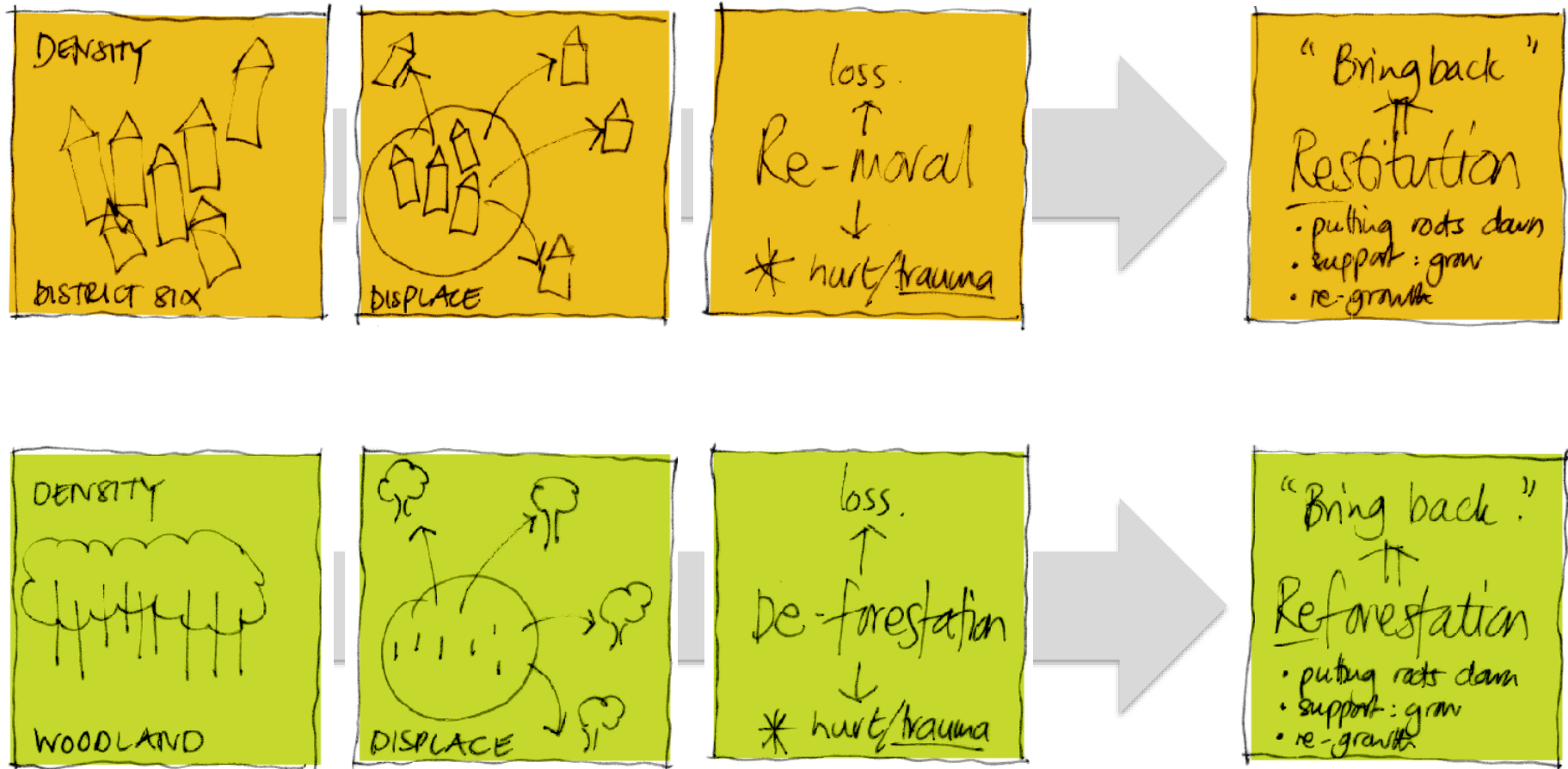
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“...an ecological **TRAUMA** that has no precedent in nature except for a major volcanic eruption...”

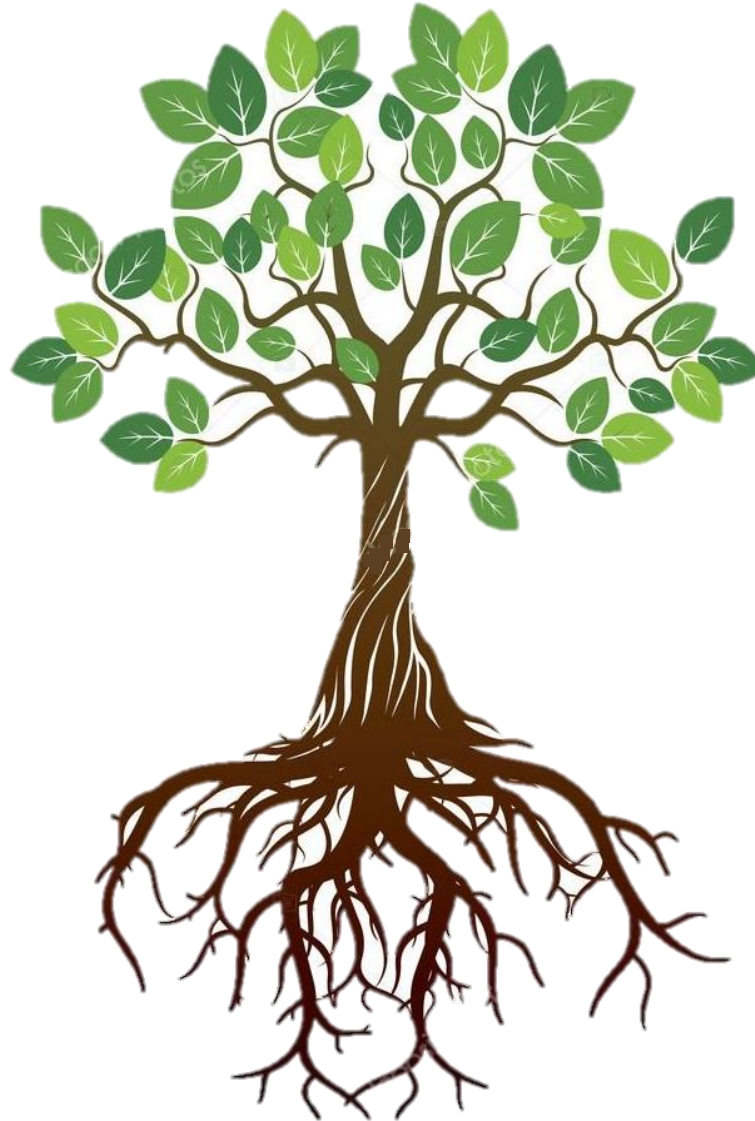
Woodland forceful de-forestation



District Six Forced Removals



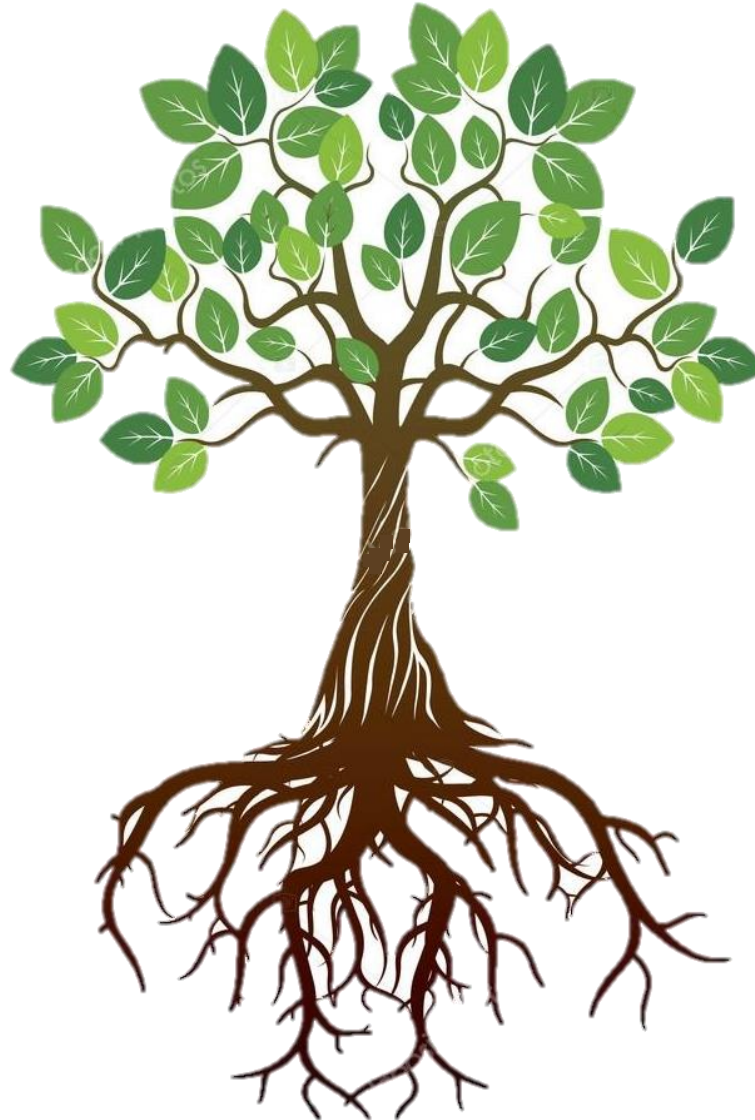
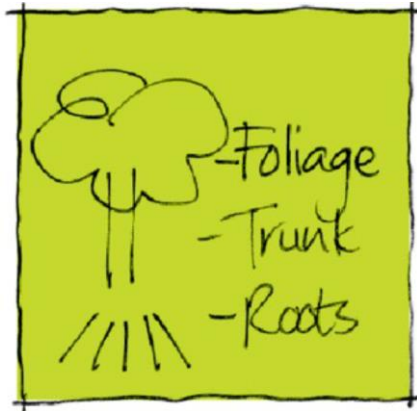
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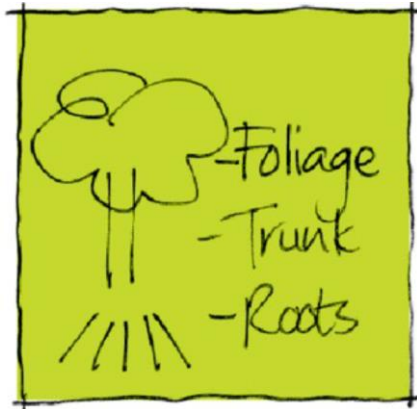
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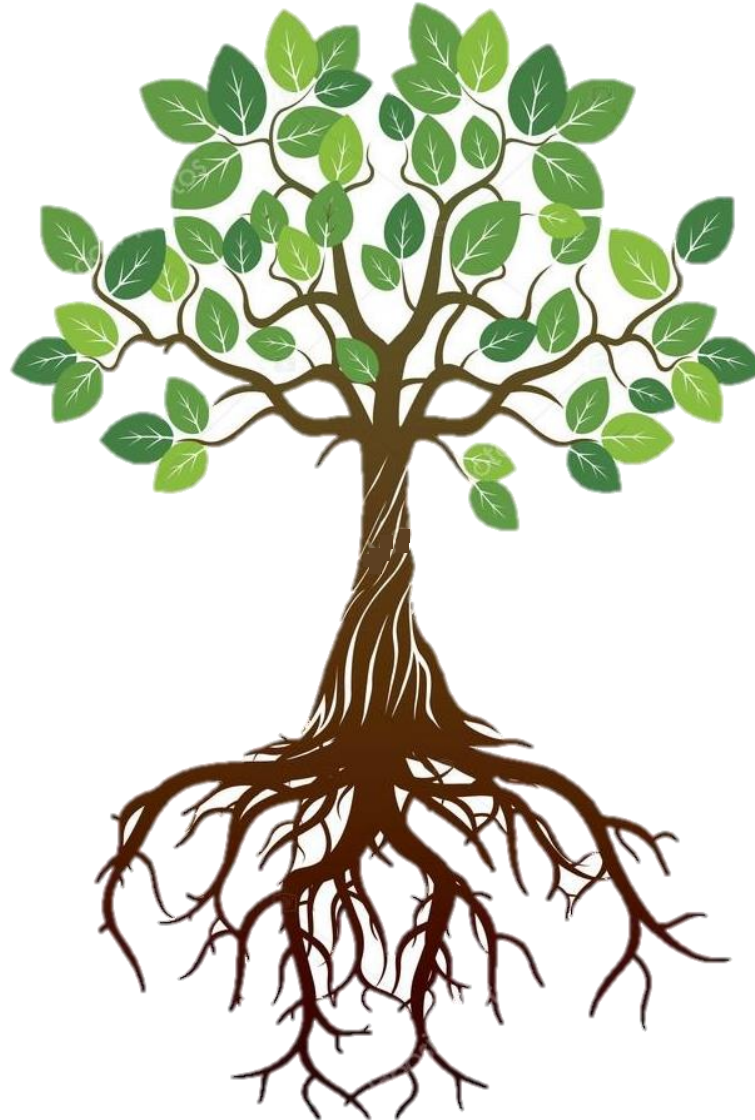
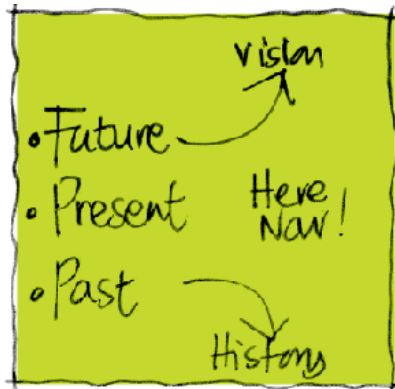


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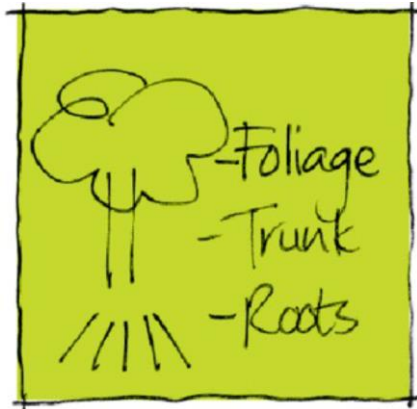
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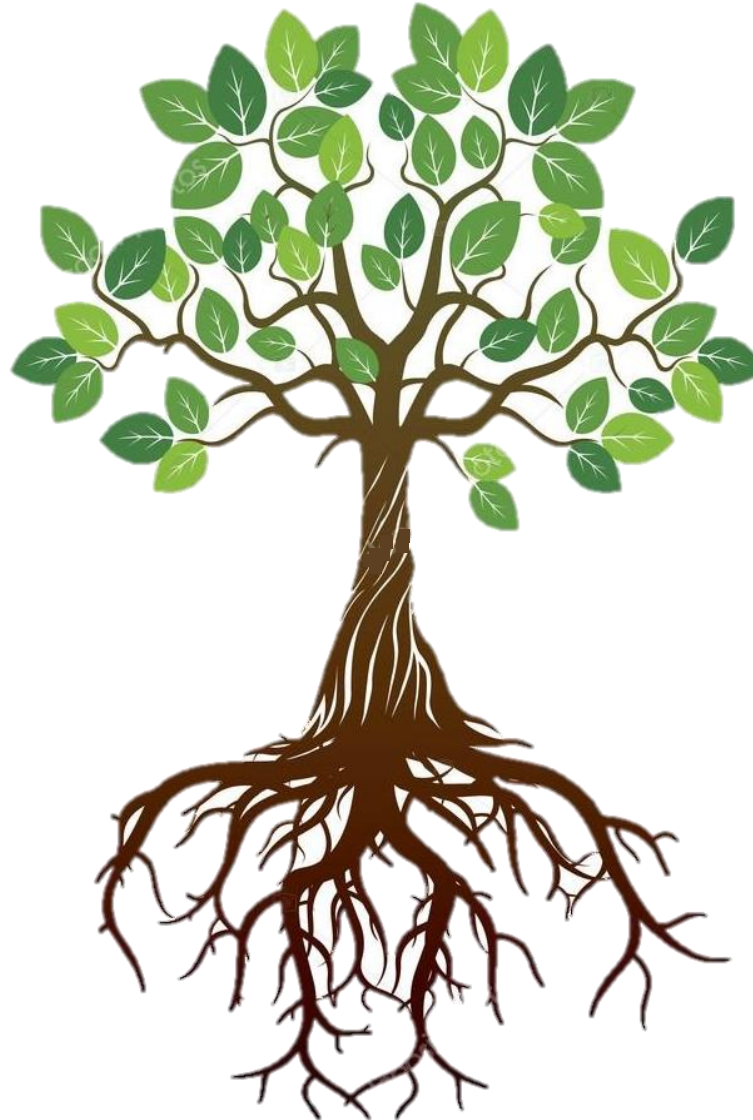
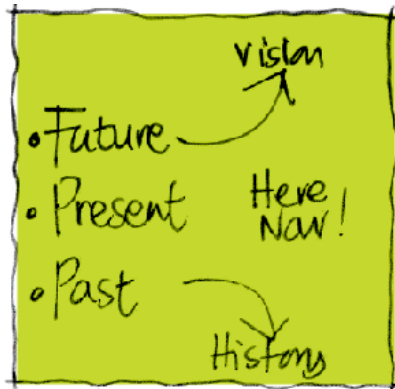
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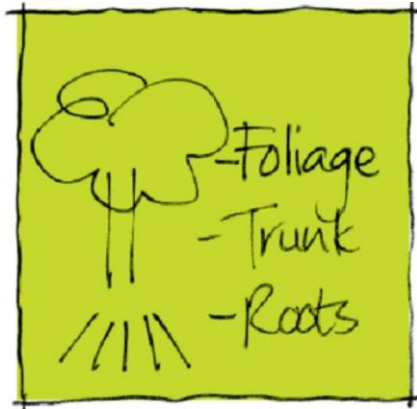
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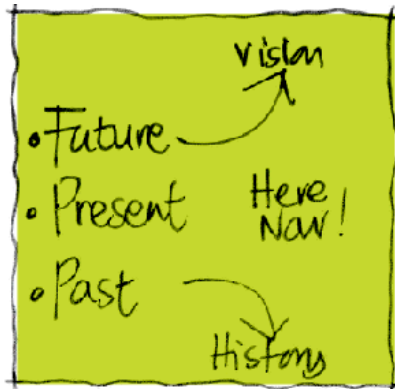
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Re-establishing a 'Sense of Community'

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Re-establishing a 'Sense of Community'

#1

First step is to
re-establish
the **roots**



**Because True
community
= more than just
housing**



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Re-establishing a 'Sense of Community'

A sense of



happens in **Public Spaces**

Fun in Public Spaces – google images snapshot



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Music, food and sport bringing people together!



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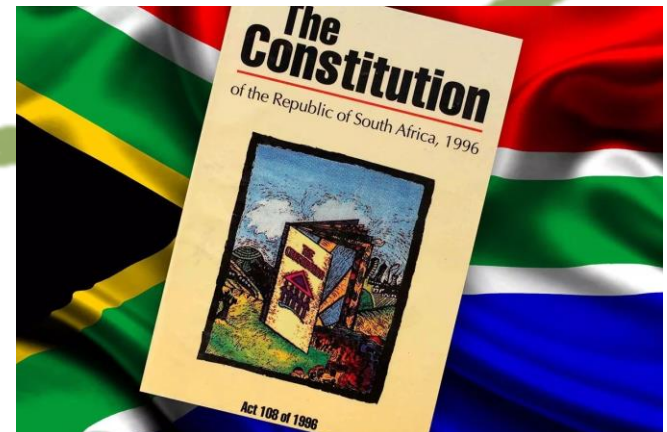
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Re-establishing a 'Sense of Community'

Chapter 7

Objects of local government

152. (1) The objects of local government are—
- (a) to provide democratic and accountable government for local communities;
 - (b) to ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner;
 - (c) to promote social and economic development;
 - (d) to promote a safe and healthy environment; and
 - (e) to encourage the involvement of communities and community organisations in the matters of local government.



Re-establishing a 'Sense of Community'

How can the City of Cape Town
fulfill its mandate in assisting the

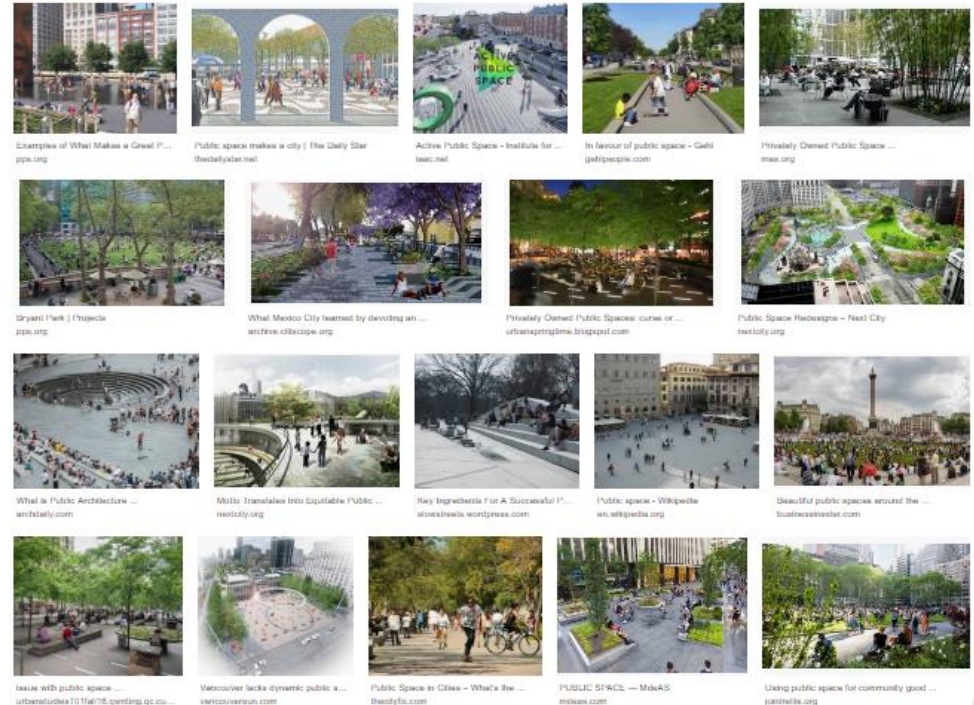


of District Six?

Could the City support the process?

Support existing National Government's programme:

- ✓ Offer dedicated City team to formalize the Local Area Spatial Development Framework
- ✓ Offer expedited Development Management process
- ✓ Offer design support to existing planning teams



By focusing on
the **public realm**

1. = **Restore & Define** a sense of community through cultural support within public realm!
2. = **Connect** community through water, music and memories back into public spaces!
3. = **Support** where we can!

Local Spatial Development Process – approval/rework



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In this section, the framework has been divided into its key constituent strategies. These include subsections on landscape, land use and built form among others. Each is dealt with separately within the chapter but should be considered as part of a whole.

Are the Strategies in the DF still relevant?

- ➡ 4.1 Culture and Memory Strategy
- ➡ 4.2 Activities and Land Use Strategy
- ➡ 4.4 Landscape Strategy
- ➡ 4.5 Urban Form Strategy



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➔ 4.1 Culture and Memory Strategy



Memory projects run by the District Six Museum



- the identification and celebration of Public Places (of sites and buildings) that could be used to serve the memory of District Six. Such sites and buildings should be considered as a continuous and coherent system, and should include:
- existing places of worship/ religious institutions (Churches and Mosques);
- existing schools;
- Sites of previous (but now destroyed) places and buildings of cultural significance (churches, community halls, cinemas, markets, etc.) where the memory of their prior existence can be celebrated;
- New public spaces.
- the selection and preservation of sites of archaeological significance - sites which where possible could be incorporated into the overall public space system so that they may serve as a reminder of the layered history of District Six;
- the remaining historic street grid;
- the acknowledgment of Hanover Street as a historic mixed-use 'activity corridor' and public place, and,
- the establishment of a Memorial Park.

District Six Development Framework, 2012, p.36



- Public or community facilities are used to create focal points or nodes within the area to encourage a sense of community and identity. These are to be reinforced with small scale public squares to denote a more civic environment
- The potential of clustering specific and special uses within a particular area to help characterise one quarter or precinct from another is to be explored with the community
- Buildings should be designed to be flexible and adaptable to accommodate changes in use over time

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FIGURE 4.3: EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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➔ 4.4 Landscape Strategy

The landscapes referred to within the context of District Six evolved out of an understanding of the relationships between the natural systems, urban systems and cultural heritage systems particular to District Six. It is understood that the character of these landscapes will be informed by their location and the role they play within the context of the City and District Six.

Principles

Principles utilized in determining the landscape framework include.

1. Engagement and utilization of the natural resources in a positive and sustainable manner, namely:

- Exploring the potential opportunities for the use and engagement with the stream waters that are presently buried under the site.
- Develop systems within the site area for the detention of storm water so as to reduce its impact down stream.
- Motivate for the implementation of rain water storage systems on all roofed structures for reuse.

2. The re-integration of the District Six landscape and environment into the adjacent natural and made landscape contexts, namely:

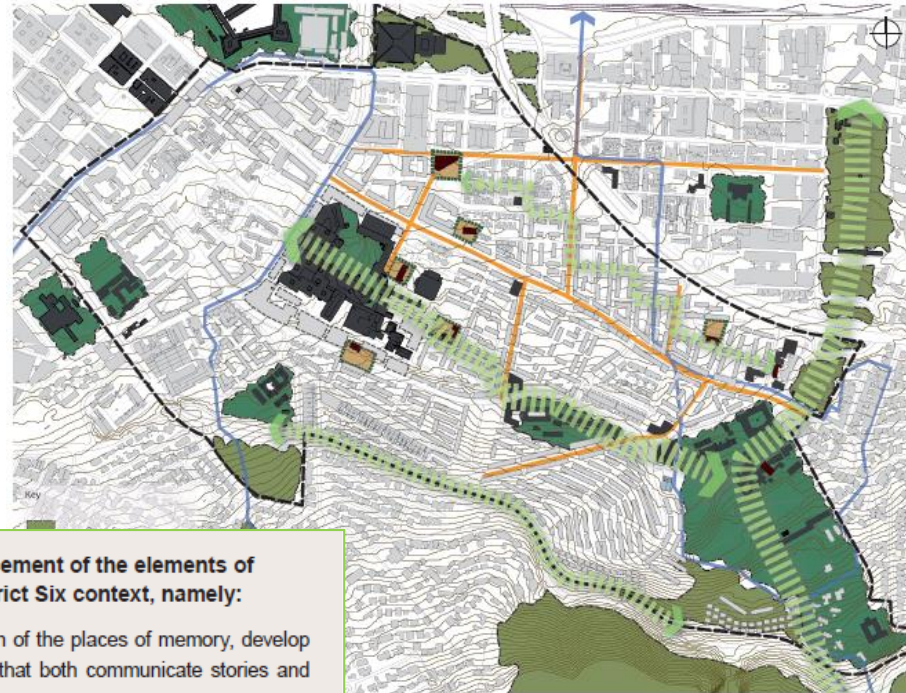
- Develop an open space network that links the Table Mountain Reserve through Trafalgar Park into District Six and the City.
- Linking to the adjacent residential areas of Lower Chapel Street, Walmer Estate and the East City by improving landscape and pedestrian connections.

3. Recognition and enhancement of the elements of memory within the District Six context, namely:

- Through the celebration of the places of memory, develop positive urban spaces that both communicate stories and enable new uses.

4. The development of landscape environments that ameliorate the climatic conditions and facilitate inhabitation:

- Developing the streetscapes with consideration to the sun and orientation.
- Developing open space systems and public courts with concerns for wind amelioration as an informant.
- Inclusion of a variety of landscape types, inclusive of streetscapes, parks, communal courts, private gardens and urban agriculture.
- Place emphasis on creating positive, comfortable pedestrian environments.



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➡ 4.5 Urban Form Strategy



District Six Development Framework, 2012, pg. 64

4.5 Urban Form Strategy

4.5.1 Public Structure

4.5.2 Indicative Framework Plan

4.5.3 Quarters and Character Areas

4.5.4 Vistas, Views and Landmarks

4.5.5 Urban Streets

4.5.6 Urban Blocks

4.5.7 Heights, Bulk and Massing

4.5.8 Housing Typologies

4.5.9 Residential Mix

4.5.10 Housing design guidelines

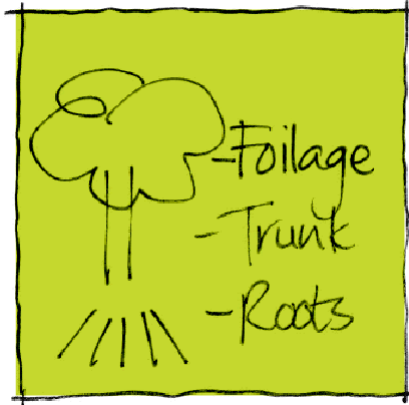
4.5.11 Sustainable building requirements

4.5.12 Tenure and ownership

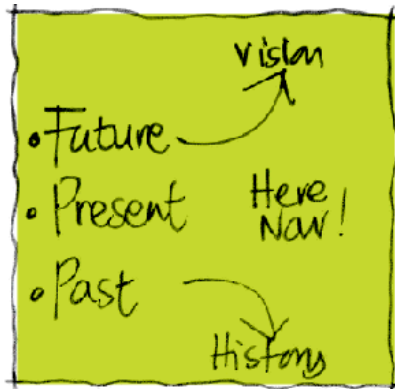
SDF and Housing program's focus

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HOW CAN YOU CELEBRATE ARBOR MONTH?



WE



CARE FOR THE TREES THAT WE
ALREADY HAVE



PLANT A TREE AND MAINTAIN IT
USING WATER-WISE METHODS



RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANT ROLE
TREES PLAY IN OUR LIVES

RECREATION AND PARKS



Connect to your community, earth and environment.



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Initial Public Realm Phase – overlooking the future



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Thank You

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