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City of Cape Town Community Gardening Project-showcasing a working partnership with communities

WORLD URBAN PARKS/IERM CONGRESS

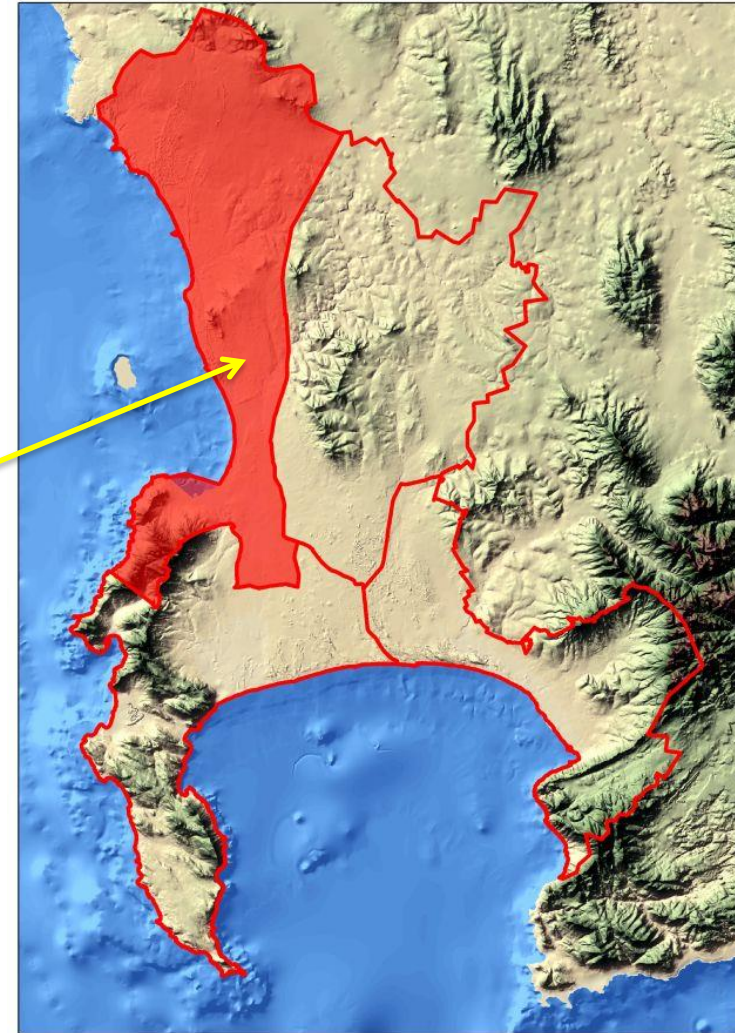
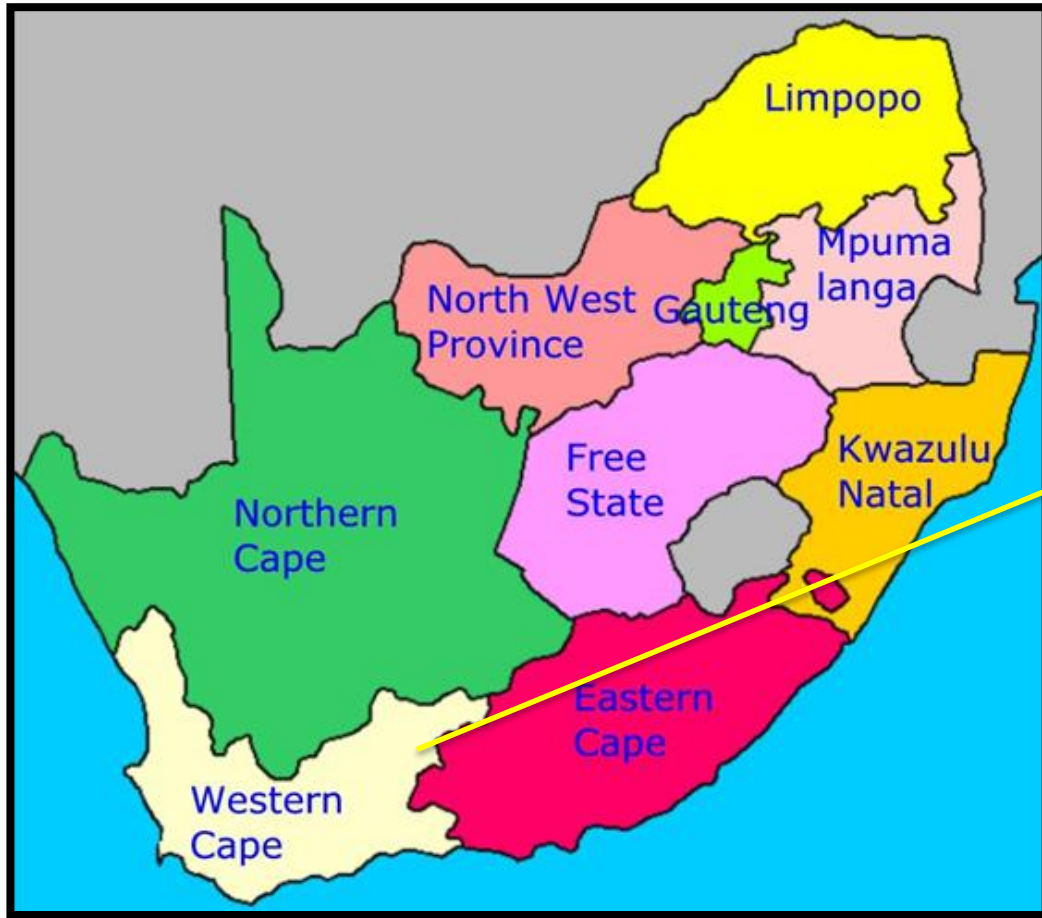
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LOCALITY CONTEXT



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COMMUNITY GARDENS DEFINED

A parcel of public open space operated by the community (with the assistance of the municipality), where the site is used for:

- ❖ Horticultural enjoyment by its members through allotment or shared plots; &
- ❖ Demonstration gardening or where other environmental activities are undertaken to bring together people from diverse backgrounds & different abilities, ages & cultures.



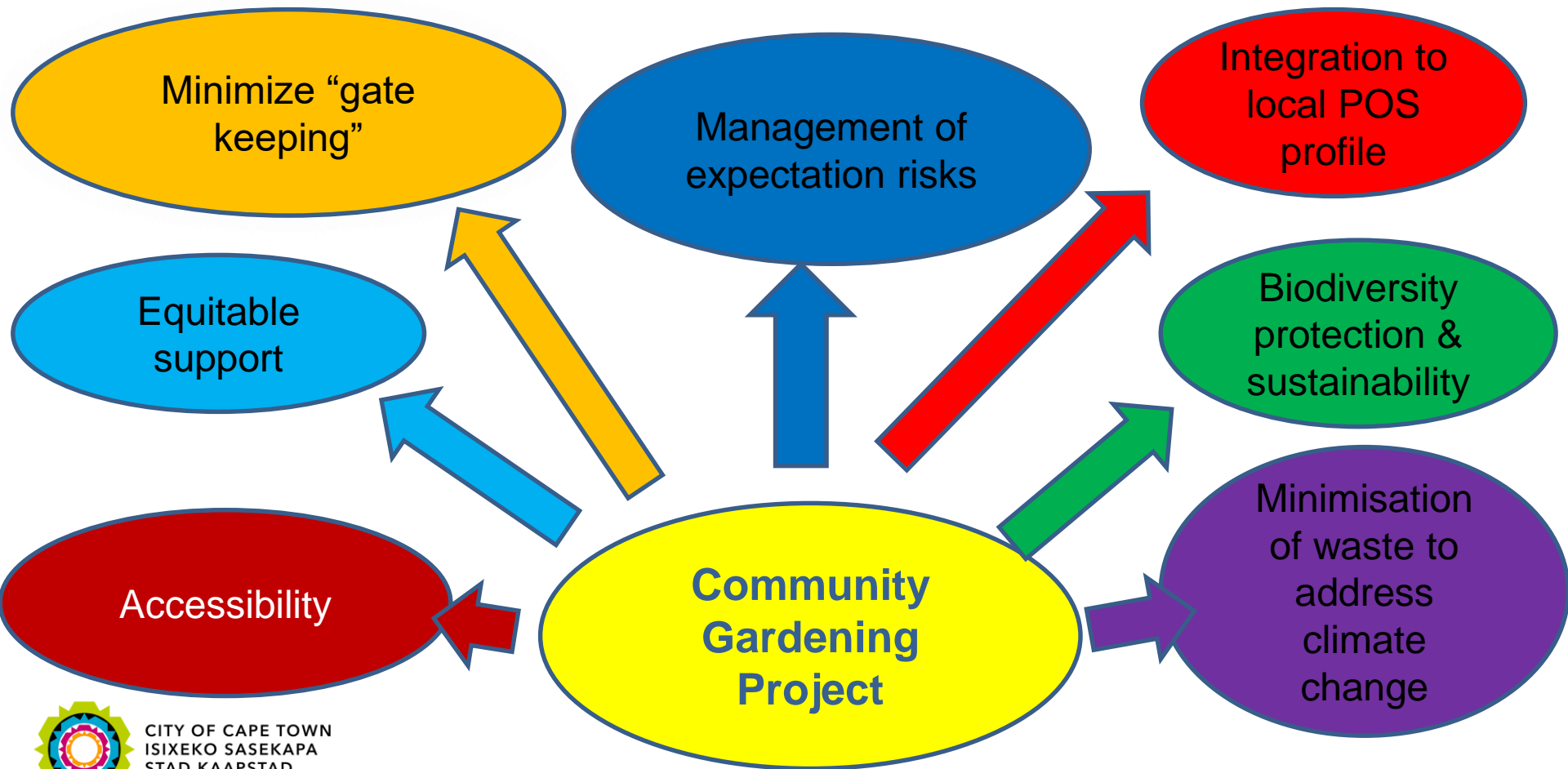
BACKGROUND-Why Community Gardens?

Greening Strategy

- ❖ Urban Forestry Management
- ❖ **Beautification-focus on horticulture, landscaping and garden development.**
- ❖ Maintenance Management
- ❖ Global Warming & Climate Change
- ❖ Biodiversity and Nature Sensitive Areas
- ❖ Flagship facilities
- ❖ Tree Nursery Facility Management

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES



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Selection criteria

- ❖ Land availability
- ❖ Neighbors are supportive
- ❖ Community groups showing interest and commitment
- ❖ Current use of the facility



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IMPLEMENTATION continued...

Conditions

- ❖ Assessment by project team
- ❖ Signing of a Community Garden Agreement
- ❖ Adhere to conditions of agreement
- ❖ Observe City bylaws
- ❖ Accessibility



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City Parks support

- ❖ Awareness raising & promotion
- ❖ Professional information & guidance
- ❖ Land allocation
- ❖ Site preparation
- ❖ Facilitate in-kind support & set-up capability
- ❖ Ensure public consultation & participation



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Co-operative Community Garden Agreement between the City Parks Department and

Name: Ms. Johanna Stadler

In terms of Portion of Erf No 31687

Rosendal dam, Bellville

The aim of this agreement is to establish the working relationship between the abovementioned parties which will result in an improvement to the local park and open space environment which can be maintained in a sustainable manner for use by the whole community.

In terms of this agreement the signatories accept the roles and responsibilities as stipulated.

1. City of Cape Town Parks Department, represented by Mr Altus de Wet, Area Manager for undertake to do the following:-

List of Activities	Frequency of activities
Offer use of the land free of charge	Ongoing
Use City Water supply to irrigate the area	Ongoing
Construction and maintenance of footpaths	Ongoing
Maintenance of Park Lights	Ongoing
Maintenance of Play equipment and park furniture	Ongoing
Grass cutting	9x per annum
Litter bin cleaning	Weekly
Tree trimming	Annual
Control of weeds on turfgrass	Annual

2. The Community of the abovementioned Park, represented by Ms. Johanna Stadler undertake to do the following:-

List of Activities	Frequency of activities
Reporting of damages and problems	As and when needed
Supply of some plant material	Ongoing
Irrigation of all plants using CoCT water supply	Weekly
Weed control by hand	Weekly
Protect indigenous vegetation	Ongoing

3. General Conditions

- This POS must be maintained to the satisfaction of the Area Manager, City Parks failing which this Department reserves the right to immediately cancel this agreement.
- All proposed designs and activities which the community wishes to undertake in relation to the Park or Open Space must be agreed to by City Parks before implementation.
- This agreement is valid for two years. However if a 3 month period passes and no Community activity occurs on the Park, then this agreement may be cancelled.
- This agreement shall be terminated in the event of either party giving the other not less than 1 month's written notice to that effect.
- This agreement does not derogate from Council any of the legal rights it presently enjoys in respect of the area concerned.
- City Parks reserves the right to remove any shrub or tree which, in its sole discretion, are regarded as a danger to surrounding properties.
- The community of Rosendal or it's representative, shall have no claim against Council for any expenses that may be incurred in carrying out the obligations under this agreement.
- Council shall not be liable for any loss or damage, however caused, to any equipment utilized in maintaining the area.
- No permanent structures may be erected.
- The general public shall have unrestricted access to the area at all time.
- Overnighting is not permitted.
- No fires are allowed in the area.
- The area shall not be utilized for the purpose of displaying advertising devices.
- Communication must take place between the parties at least once a month.
- Any items, tools or equipment provided by City Parks are on loan to the Community and may only be utilized on the Community Garden. These must be well looked after and remain the City of Cape Town's property. All tools and equipment must be signed for and if the agreement is ended by either party then all tools and equipment must be returned to City Parks. Tools and equipment will be checked occasionally as part of the Asset Check.



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PROFILING... On site Training



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Communities beautify city

Vacant public spaces are transformed into cherished gardens with flowers and greenery thanks to project

AMY SAUNDERS

THE city parks department, with the help of the Environmental Resource Centre of the University of the Western Cape (UWC), has put the task of beautifying open spaces within the city in the hands of community members.

This community gardens project was started about five years ago. It promotes horticulture, landscaping and gardening as recreational hobbies and professional activities for Cape Town residents.

UWC's resource centre now trains volunteers on aspects related to plant propagation and topics that include site preparation, soil preparation and general plant maintenance.

The city's mayo member for community services and special projects, Belinda Walker, said that so far the project has seen many previously vacant public open spaces transformed into cherished gardens, filled with flowers and greenery.

"There are about 60 community gardens with signed agreements being implemented by communities with the support of the city parks department. The city's role is to facilitate the development of the community gardens and to ensure that the plants used and the landscaping are both suitable and sustainable for the environment. Skills development is a big part of the programme and the city parks department is embarking on various training interventions to make sure that volunteers are both knowledgeable and well equipped to care for the gardens in a sustainable manner," Walker said.

The 35 volunteers are set to receive training on plant propagation at the UWC's Environmental Education Resource Centre. The first training session took place in April when volunteers from Mitchells Plain, Khayelitsha and Delft attended. Three training sessions are planned to take place before the end of June. Walker said further training, which includes tips on creative landscaping, will be provided on tree care at the city's Newlands Nursery and on indigenous plant care at the VOC vegetable garden in the company's garden.

"We are extremely proud and excited to partner with our communities to turn open spaces into welcoming and beautiful gardens. While we will do all we can to ensure the successful completion of each garden, we call upon our volunteers to ensure that they are well maintained for residents to enjoy as a shared space. The level of enthusiasm displayed by community members must be commended," Walker said.

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GREEN MISSION: Western Cape volunteers will receive training to help them start community gardens and maintain them (inset).

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Volunteers honoured for greening city parks

Gardeners lauded for the upkeep of their community's public spaces

WEEKEND ARGUS REPORTER

COMMUNITY gardeners received an official pat on their backs this week when the City Parks Department honoured green-fingered volunteers at a special ceremony.

Cape Town boasts more than 70 community gardens, each adding a uniquely beautiful space, according to the city's municipal committee member for community services and special projects, Belinda Walker.

The aim of the awards was to celebrate the effort that had gone into the upkeep of community gardens this year.

"The City's Community Gardens Project allows volunteer community members to beautify public spaces with assistance from the City Parks Department," Walker said.

City Park kicked things off with helping with the design and preparation of sites, along with the provision of basic tools and the necessary plants.

The winning gardens were:

- Overall winner: Doh Community Garden in Mowbray.
- Second: New Woodlands Community Garden in Mitchell's Plain.
- Third: Penberg Community Garden in Bishop Lavis.



BEST: The City of Cape Town honoured the Mother City's best community gardens and its Parks Department honoured the gardeners. There are more than 70 such gardens in Cape Town. Doh Community Garden, in Mowbray, was the overall winner.



BEAUTIFUL: New Woodlands Community Garden, Mitchell's Plain was the first runner-up.



MAJESTIC: Penberg Community Garden, Bishop Lavis came third.

CITY WATCH

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- Police: 10111
- General emergencies (fire, accidents, natural disasters and ambulances): 107 (landline) 021 486 7700 or 112 (mobile)
- Load shedding and electricity: 0800 133 085



GREEN FINGERS: Community gardeners were honoured at a ceremony.



FIRST: The overall winner was Mowbray. The gardeners honoured for this year's work were volunteers.



Petrus receives his recognition certificate from Alderman Belinda Walker and City Parks Director Chantal Michaels for his contribution to the Driftsands Community Garden.

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City of Cape Town Community Garden Programme IMPLEMENTATION-INTERGRATION...



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IMPLEMENTATION- CHALLENGES...

- ❖ Water Demand Management
- ❖ Demand for food gardens
- ❖ Resource & funding capacity
- ❖ Overlaps with other Departments
- ❖ Planning & design
- ❖ Time of impact – not immediate
- ❖ Demand for payment/jobs
- ❖ Volunteers & continuity of projects
- ❖ Opportunists

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BENEFITS...

- ❖ More visibility in Community Parks
- ❖ Increased utilization of POS
- ❖ Aesthetic value of POS
- ❖ Actively involved community members which assist in management of POS (ownership, reduction of vandalism, etc.).
- ❖ Opportunities to partner with private sector & NGO's.
- ❖ Integration with other City Departments.
- ❖ Accepted as part of **World Design Capital Projects 2014**

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IMPLEMENTATION- SUMMARY

- ❖ 6th year of the project
- ❖ 83 projects to date
- ❖ In situ training provided to gardeners
- ❖ Certification and field trips where possible
- ❖ Operational Budget allocation over – R2 000 000 since inception.
- ❖ R342 000 Capital Budget investment
- ❖ Individuals & Groups
- ❖ Increased demand/requests

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PROFILING... Sunflower CG



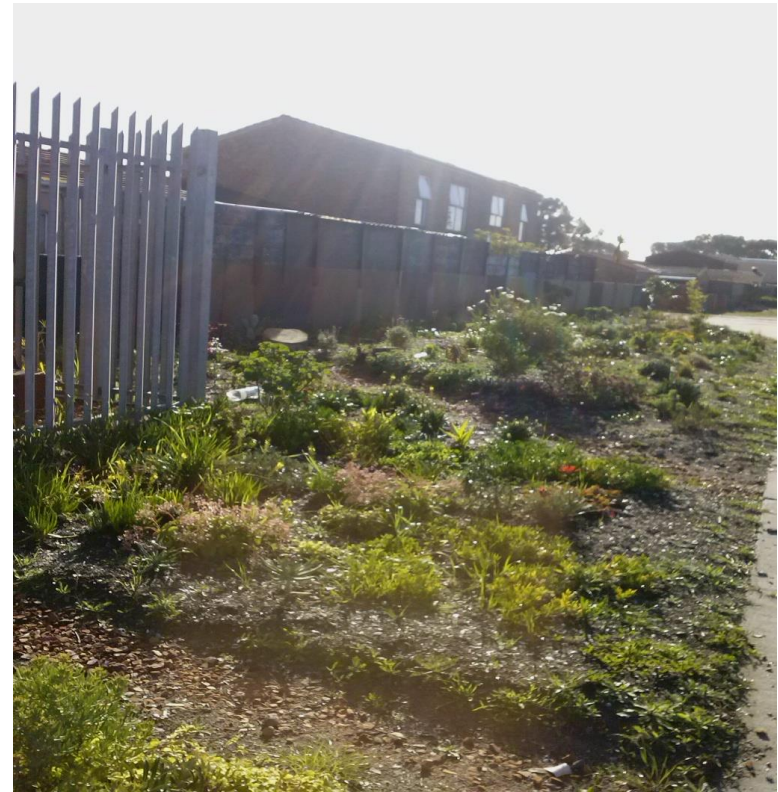
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PROFILING... Larkspur CG



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PROFILING... Agretjie



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PROFILING... Sampson Park - Atlantis



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FUTURE PLANS...

- City Parks School of Excellence
- Target- **Community Gardens participants**, EPWP, internal staff
- Training on propagation, soil preparation, general maintenance, landscaping, etc.
- Build partnerships
- Project monitoring



CONCLUSION

You cannot protect the environment unless you empower people, you inform them, and you help them understand that these resources are their own, that they must protect them.” Wangari Maathai



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Thank You

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