

GIS in the management of public open spaces in Polokwane

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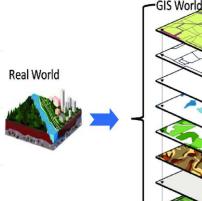


NATURALLY PROGRESSIVE



# Geographic Information System (GIS)

- Designed capture
- Storing, Updating
- Manipulating
- Analysing
- Displaying spatially reference data



 People – play a significant role by operating the system and the data that goes into the system

# Definition

- The National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, November 1995
- Any vegetated area (green areas) within an urban environment such as: parks, nature reserves, private and public gardens, golf courses and other sports and recreational grounds, cultivated land, derelict and underdeveloped land and even roadsides, rail verges and transmission lines servitude's as well as an open hard3-surface area such as: Shopping malls, plazas and other paved and concrete areas.
- Natural open spaces in urban areas are referred as GREEN or SOFT spaces and are considered to be in a natural state and includes Ridges, Water Courses and Sports
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## Passive & Active OS

- Passive open spaces includes conservation areas, riverine, parks, natural areas, and metropolitan open spaces system
- Due to rapid urbanization the passive open spaces are fast diminishing e.g. ERF 1340 between Grobler and Thabo Mbeki street
- Bull frog colony on portion 10 of krugersburg now Bendor Ext 126 residential township
- Sterk Park Proposed Botanical Gardens on Portion 9 of Krugersburg now Polokwane Ext 136

## Active OS

- These include market squares and sports venues such as playing fields, sports centres and stadiums
- Such are in abundance supply in your hard care urban environment e.g.
- Peter Mokaba Stadium/s
- Westenburg stadium
- Nirvana Sports complex
- Ladana sports fields
- Seshego stadium

# Public Open Spaces (POS)

- In the context of South Africa is one that is characterised by rapid Urbanization and spatial inequalities due to known historical facts *i.e.* Apartheid spatial development settings
- Townships are sterile and severely lacking in POS and recreational facilities
- Generally there is an imbalance in the provision of POS especially for active recreation in the townships and informal settlement areas as compared to hard urban spaces
- In the case of Polokwane Municipality the hard urban area and formal residential zones are well provided and well managed POS
- The provision of POS in surrounding townships are usually the leftover spaces that are not suitable for development or recreational purposes

## POS

Most POS are either been invaded or have deteriorated to littered useless wastelands

# **Greening Program**



# Seshego-E



#### Peter Mokaba



### Peter Mokaba Stadium



## SUID/MARKET



#### Greenside



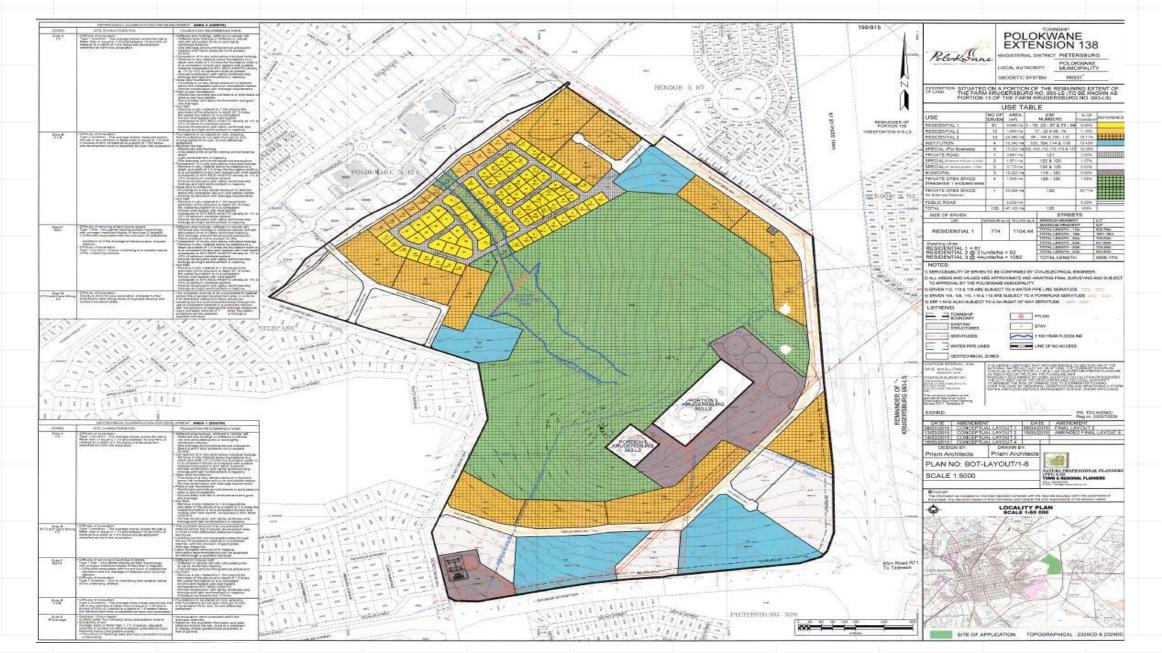
# **Greenside Mortality**



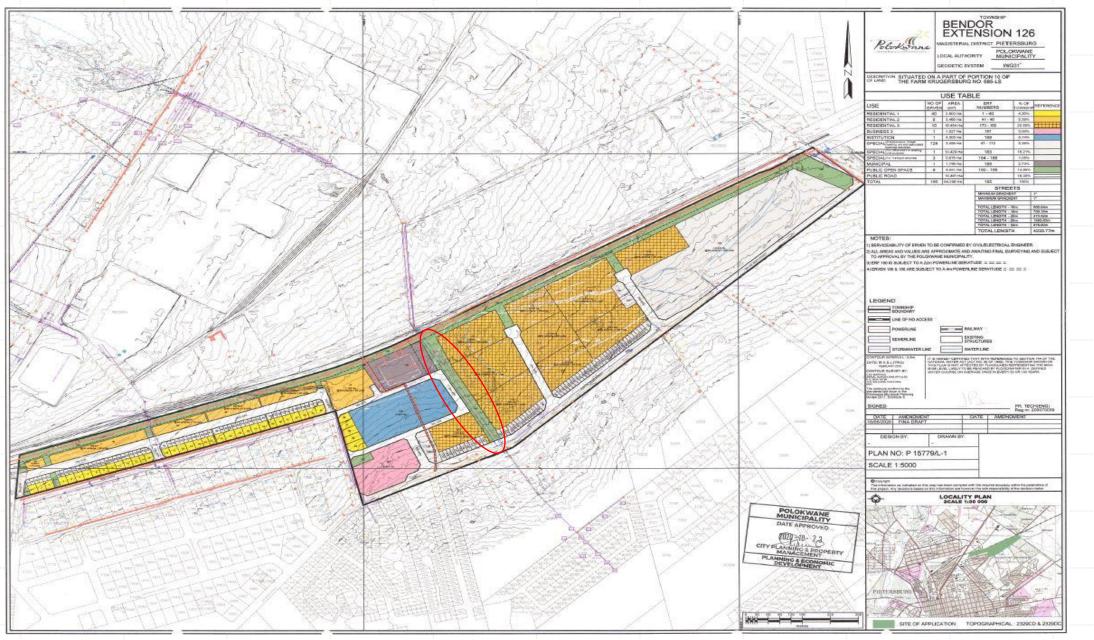
## SESHEGO-E MORTALITY



#### **DEVELOPMENT IMPACT ON OPEN SPACES**



#### **BENDOR EXT 136**



#### PLANT SPECIES



#### CEMETRY MANAGEMENT



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