

The role of municipalities in urban greening: perceptions of urban residents in Eastern Cape towns

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SETTING THE SCENE...



OBJECTIVES OF STUDY

- **Perceived role of municipalities in urban greening**
- **Residents' preferences and perceptions on street trees**
- **Residents' willingness to participate/volunteer**

STUDY AREA

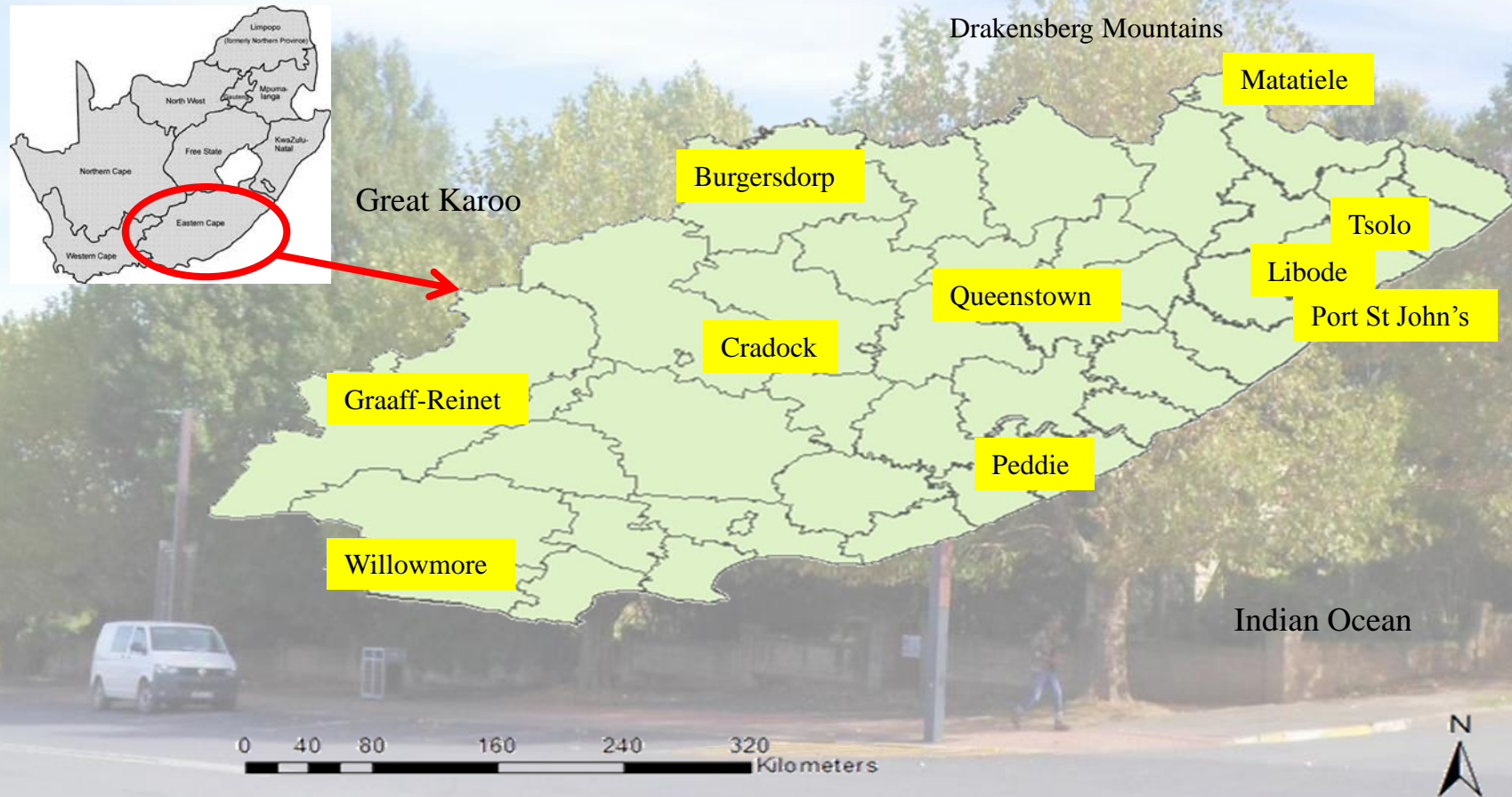


Figure 1: Eastern Cape map highlighting sample towns

METHODS

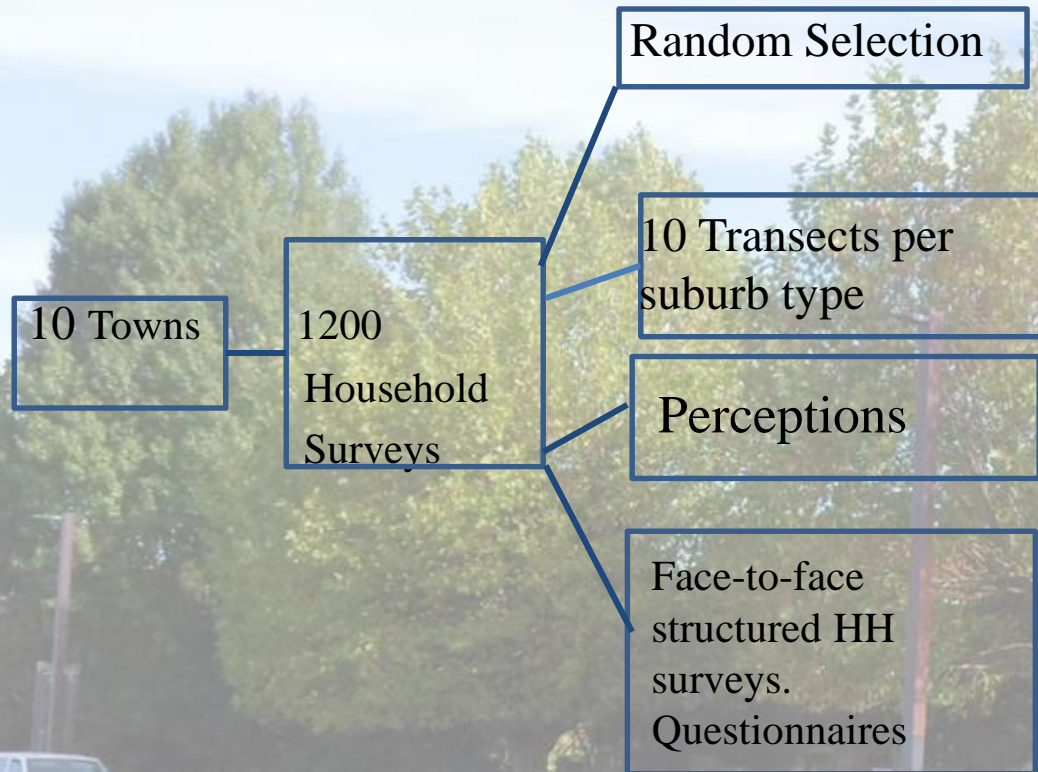


Figure 2: Methods used to collect data

KEY FINDING 1: PREFERENCES FOR TREES

Table 1: Respondents' preference for the position of planted trees

Presence of trees in yard	Preference for position of planted trees (% respondents)			
	Both	Garden	Street	Nowhere
Trees in yard (n=896)	59.8	30.7	7.9	1.6
No trees in yard (n=304)	41.1	25.7	27.0	6.3
Totals	55.1	29.4	12.8	2.8

KEY FINDING 1: TREES & QUALITY OF LIFE

Table 2: Respondents' perception on importance of street trees for quality of life in towns/urban areas

Suburb	Trees and quality of life in towns (%)				
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Affluent	73.5	21.5	2.3	2.0	0.8
RDP	70.8	23.5	1.5	3.3	1.0
Township	76.0	17.0	2.8	2.8	1.5

KEY FINDING 2: PERCEIVED RESPONSIBILITY TO PLANT & MAINTAIN

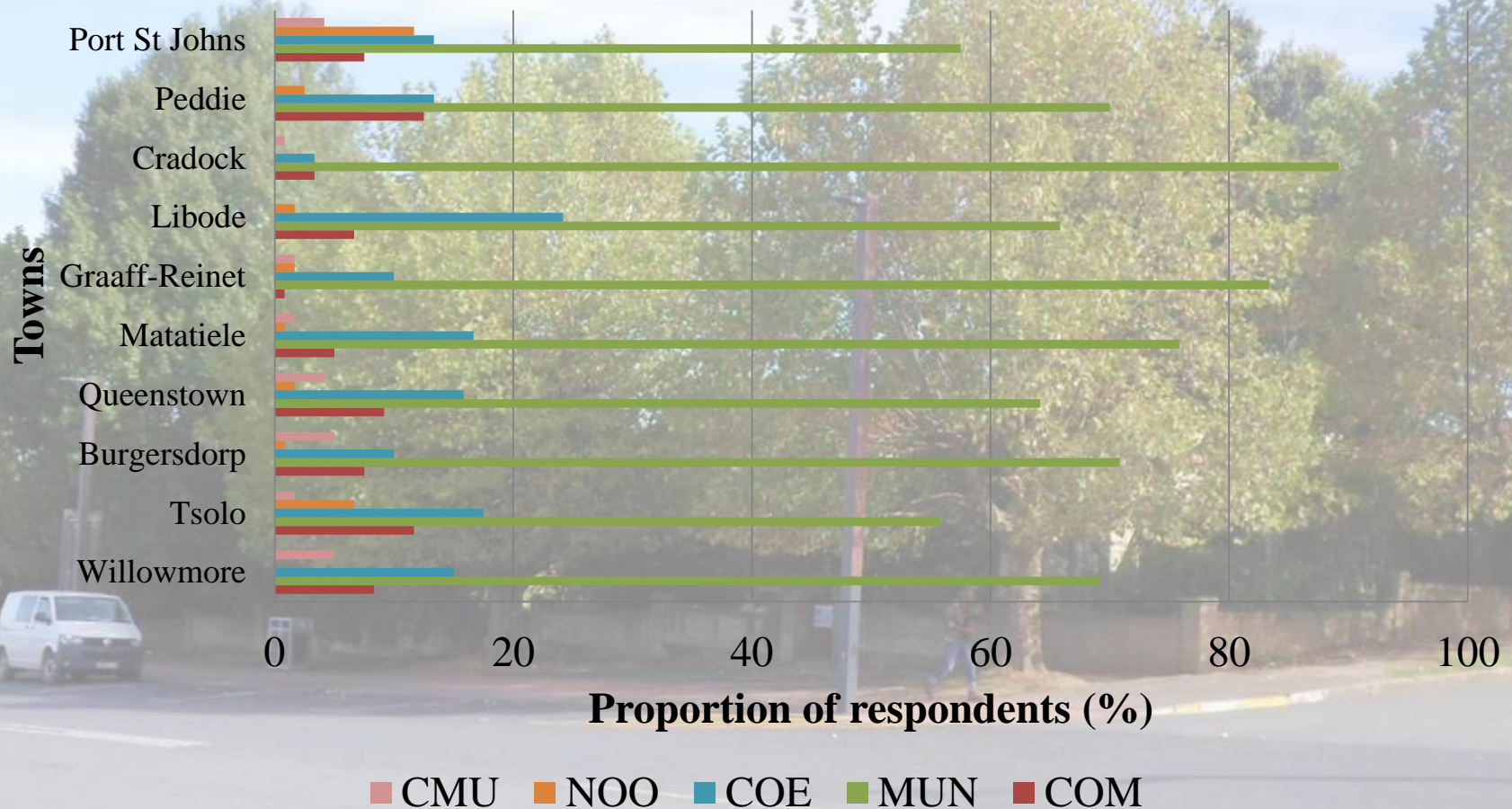


Figure 4: Most common stakeholders perceived to be responsible for street tree planting and maintenance

KEY FINDING 3: PERCEPTIONS ON PROVISION OF TREES

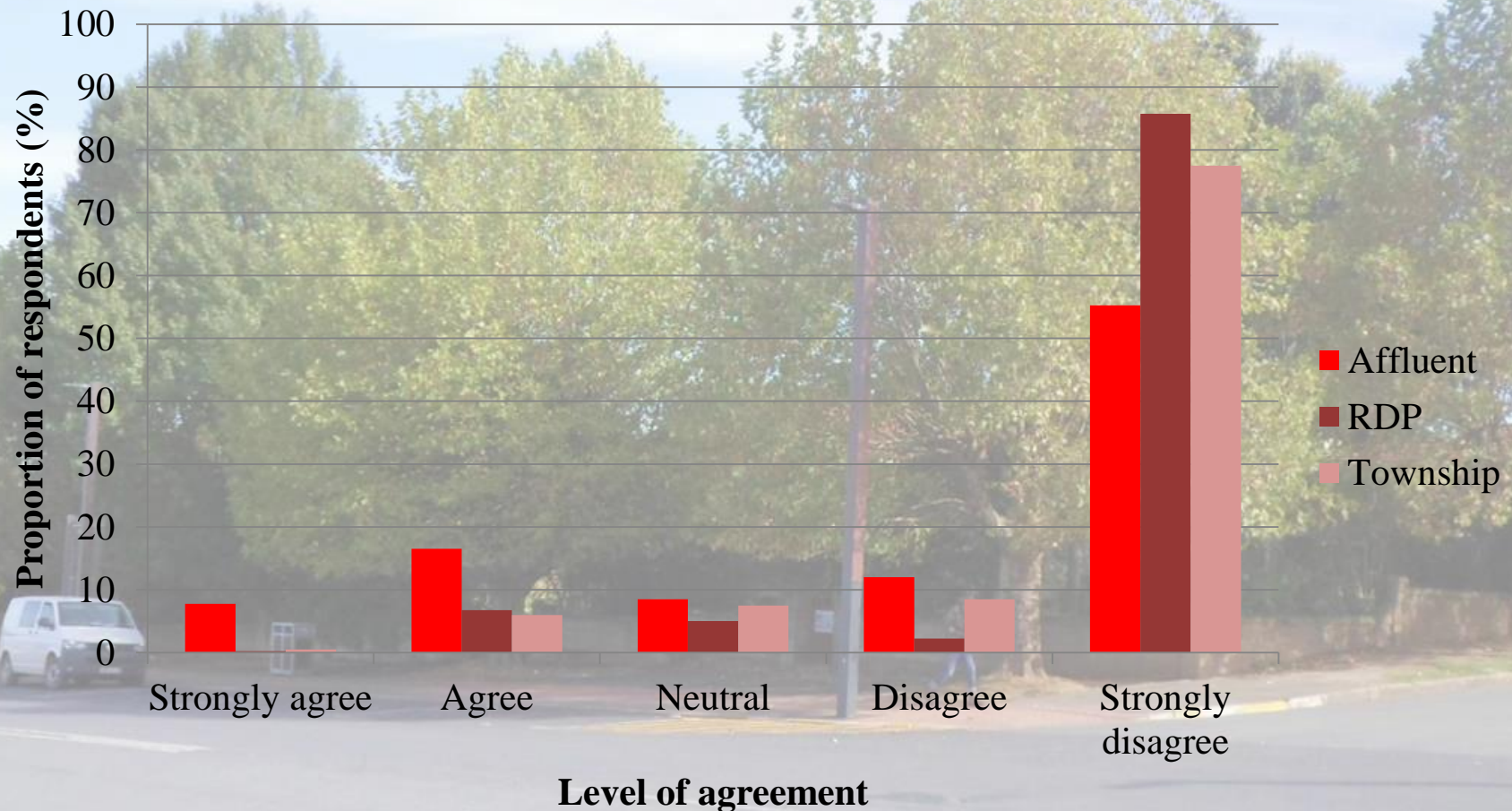


Figure 5: Perceptions on municipality's progress in providing street trees

KEY FINDING 3: PERCEPTIONS ON MAINTENANCE OF TREES

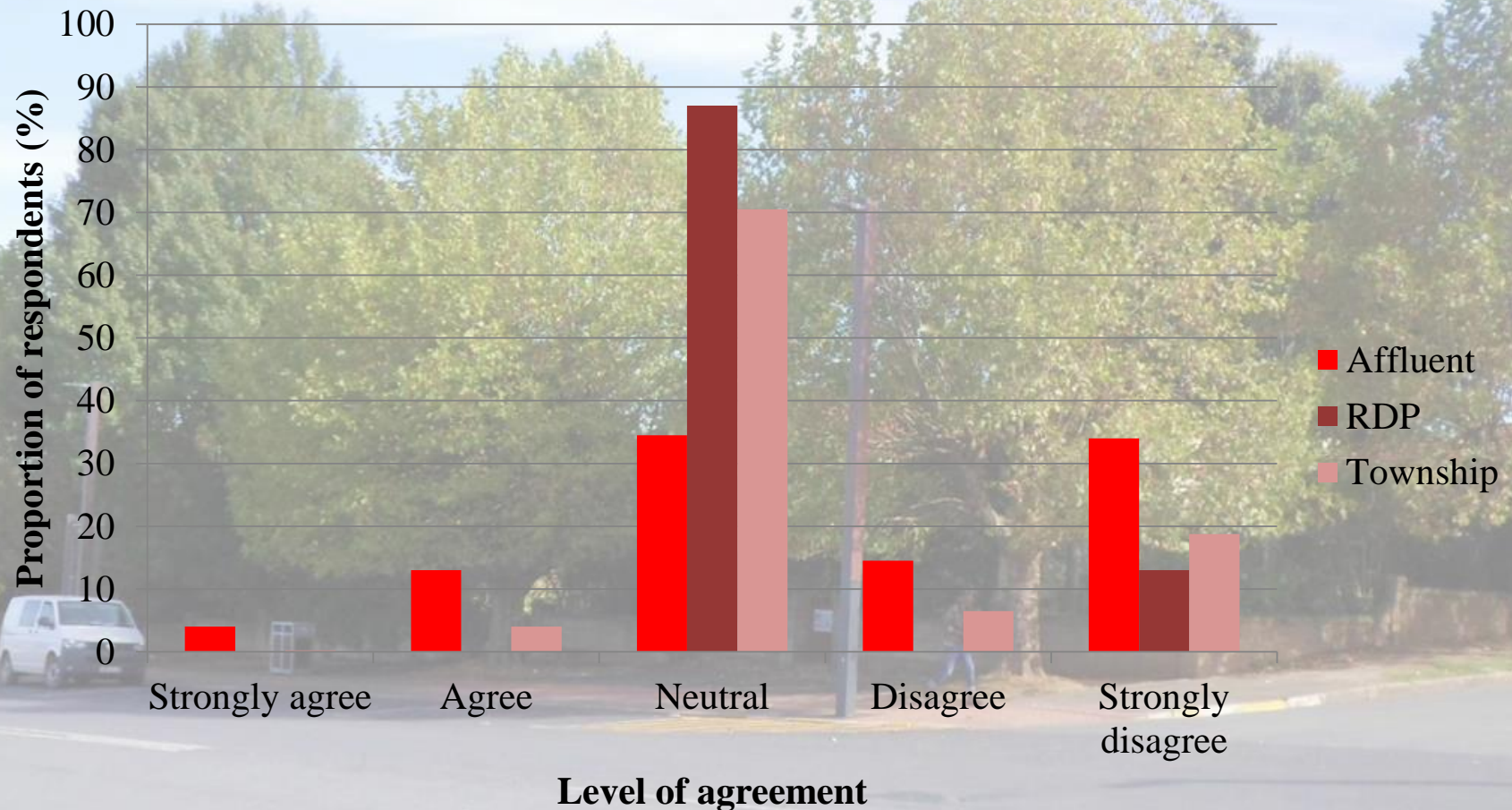


Figure 6: Perceptions on municipality's progress in maintaining street trees

KEY FINDING 4: SATISFACTION

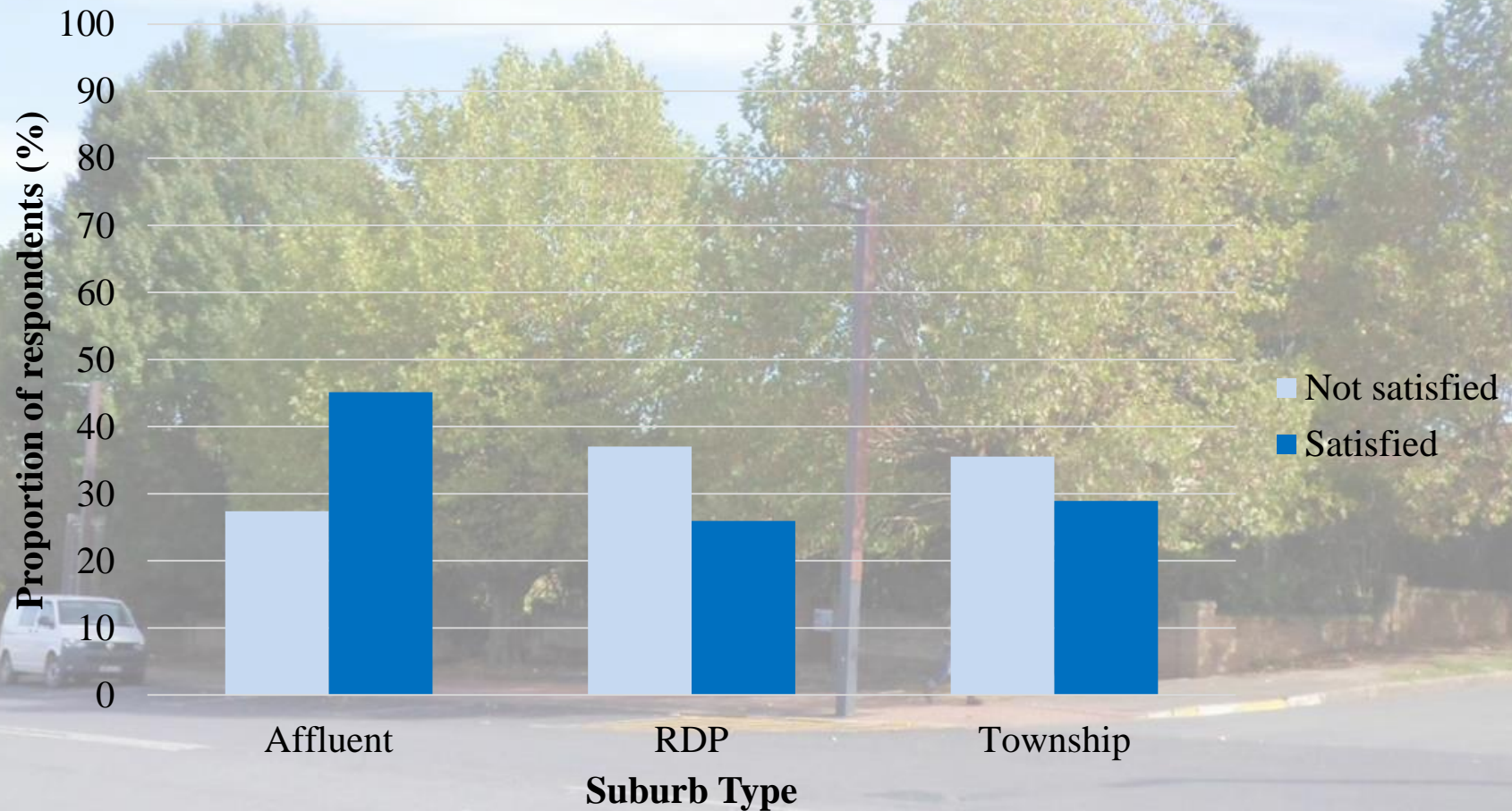


Figure 7: Residents' satisfaction with the number of trees on their streets

KEY FINDING 5: WILLINGNESS TO VOLUNTEER

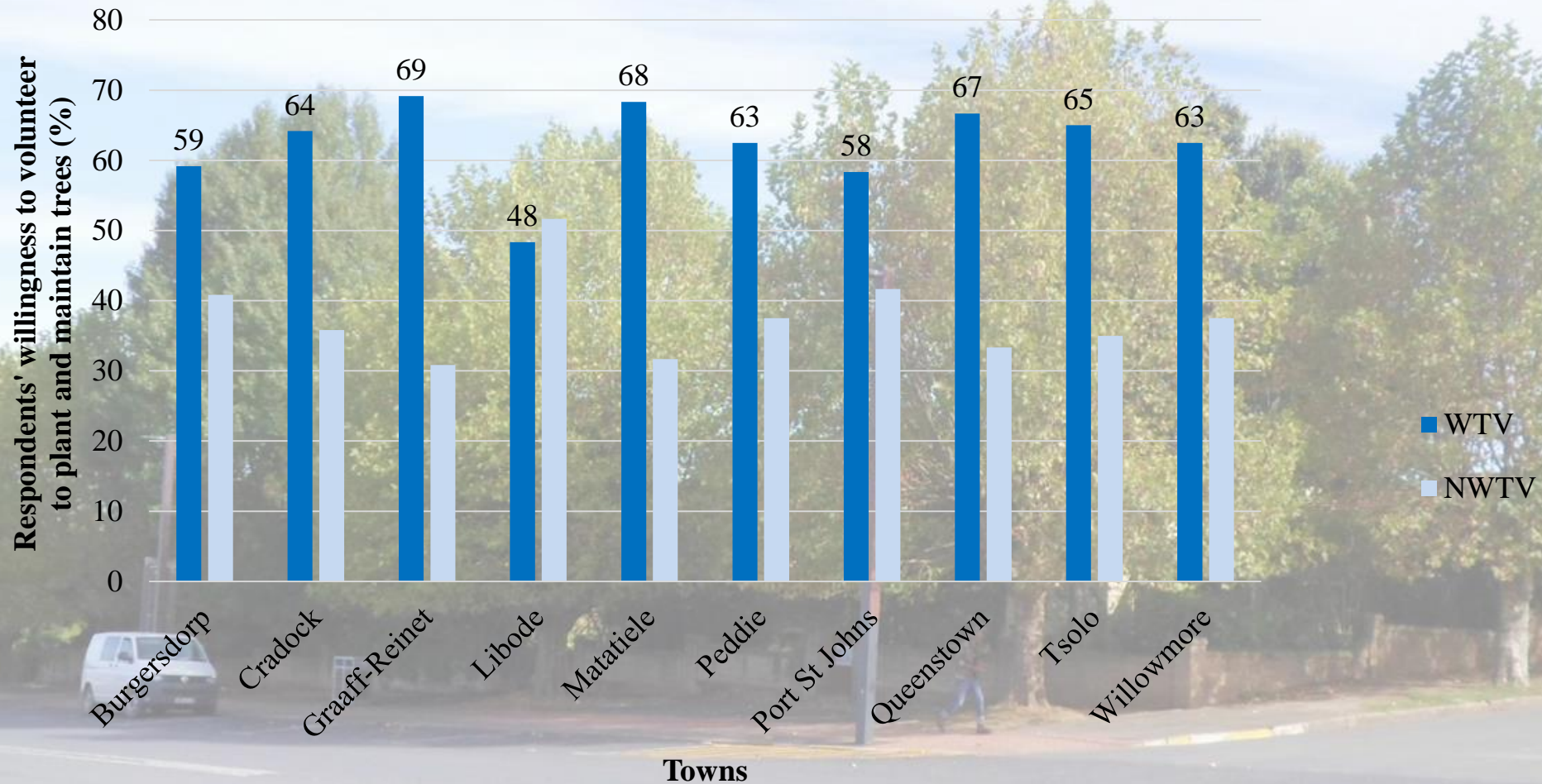


Figure 8: Residents' willingness to volunteer to plant and maintain trees on their streets

SUMMING UP

- Street trees are important
- More attention needed in RDP & township suburbs
- Municipalities need to do more
- Involve community members in urban greening

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