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Modern design parks in Soweto
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INTRODUCTION

- Liu (2012) defines a park as a place that is available to the public to visit, appreciate, rest, take part in popular science, outdoor fitness activities, recreation and sport with the perfect facilities.
- Parks are now as they have always been, a mirror of our societies. Parks occupy a special place in the culture of the society and are a good record of the beliefs and customs of the time in which they were established.
- According to Johannesburg city parks (2010:6), the health of a city in terms of social and economic standing can be measured by the quality of its parks, recreational facilities, zoos and environmental policies.



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➔ INTRODUCTION

- In South Africa and the rest of the world, this marks an era that is dominated by an intense focus on energy conservation, land protection, sustainability, climate change and most importantly community building.
- This is an era of diverse communities and demographic groups who may have not been traditional park users before.
- The core drive behind the concept of modern parks is to respond to these changing challenges by creating meaningful, healthy, welcoming and durable parks which will last well into the future.





WHAT IS A MODERN DESIGN PARK ?



A park that follows these CORE design aspects:

- Understanding what is really needed before a project starts
- Reuse and Recycle wherever possible and practical
- Identifying and respecting the limits of acceptable change
- Design and build for multiple uses by creating flexible spaces (Educational, Entertainment, etc.)
- Build in climate change scenarios and embrace green design
- Aspire to a sustainable park system



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EVIDENCE THAT EXISTS - BEFORE



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EVIDENCE THAT EXISTS- AFTER



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PROBLEM STATEMENT



- There is also little or no evidence on the social impact of modern urban parks in Soweto, in the quest to improve the quality of lives in the communities of Soweto. This research finds it necessary to investigate the impact of modern urban parks as an integral part of the communities of Soweto.



RESEARCH QUESTION



- How does the design, style, and involvement of City of Johannesburg in the modern urban parks in Soweto impact on their communities, and how is it effecting the green industry and addressing the needs of the community?



OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY



- to determine the user's perception on the recreational and social quality of the parks in the Soweto communities,
- to determine according to professional landscape designers, if the parks meet the green industry's standards,
- to determine the impact the urban modern parks have on the green industry,
- to determine the level of involvement from city of Johannesburg municipality in the establishment of modern urban parks in the communities of Soweto.



HYPOTHESIS



- Hypothesis 1 - modern urban parks have a positive impact on the green industry because they are well planned, designed and constructed to meet the industry standards.
- Hypothesis 2 – The perception of the communities of Soweto on the modern urban parks is that they have a positive impact in adding social and recreational value which improves the quality of life.
- Hypothesis 3 – The City of Johannesburg municipality is an important stakeholder in the establishments of modern urban parks in Soweto.



STUDY AREA



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METHODS

Both qualitative and quantitative methods of research will be used in this study under the following contexts:

- Users - Members of the community who use the parks will be interviewed with a structured questionnaire. Every response will be analysed individually, generalisation and conclusions will not be made to be able to gather a true reflection of the respondents.
- Municipality - Verbal interviews will be conducted with the officials of the Johannesburg City Parks department to get an insight on all processes that are involved for a project of this nature to take place.
- Green Industry – The green industry develops the designs of the parks, produces plants used in the parks and supplies play equipment for the parks. It is therefore important to understand the relation that these parks have with the industry.



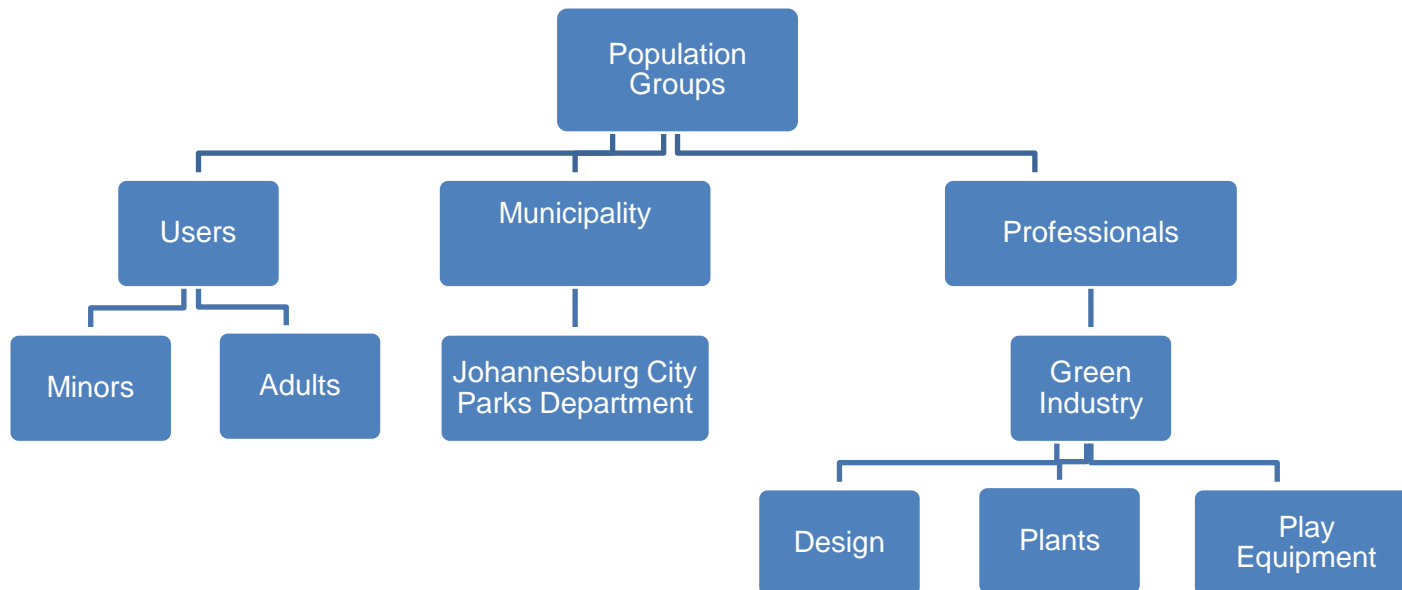
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POPULATION GROUP





CONCLUSION



What will parks tell future generations about who we are and what we believe is important?

For the role that parks play in our communities, they deserve informed scrutiny of critics and scientific research

“He who can take advise is sometimes better than He who can give it” Anonymous



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