

TECHNICAL WORKSHOP TOUR 3.

uMhlatuze



The one lane Steel Bridge



Site 1: The Steel Bridge Project.

- This bridge is the connection point for the Richards Bay Water front but with only one single carriage way.
- A vehicle has to crawl at snail pace and only one vehicle allowed at a time

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- This poses serious functional, structural and operational challenge in view of modern efficient and effective road network and connectivity.
- There is a need for Master plan or detailed precinct plan to incorporate recreational, port, market, agric produce; crafts sales & tourism

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- The rehabilitation of the bridge is suggested to allow for dual carriage.
- The delegates also suggested the need to tap deeper the ecosystem based on detailed environmental planning strategies. Municipal officials are required to be trained on Coastal Planning and to bring the area to life.

Site 2: Enseleni Nature Reserve.

- It is suggested as an area for capital injection with collaboration with the Provincial Government in terms of proper management and planning.
- The group considers the site as a good example of biodiversity corridor and showcases the relevance of Environmental consideration in the Planning activities of the City.

Site 3: Empangeni CBD

- The CBD was seen by the delegates as an area that need functional town planning intervention as it relates to conflict uses and the unregulated traffics.
- The suggestion was for high density walk up development of office block in view of the lack of space.

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- The new taxi rank under construction was seen as a welcome development.
- The officials were commended for the cleanliness of the CBD and their plan to implement the Spatial Development Framework of 2013.

Picture of the CBD



Site 4: uMzingwenya Settlements Upgrade.

- The Land is owned and allocated by the Traditional Leaders and local landlords without environmental consideration as the site is located on flood line and over Eskom high tension cables.

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- The group were happy as Mr Mthoko Mhlongo explains that various interventions are being explored in terms of In situ Upgrade and Regularization of the settlements

Environmental Challenge facing the informal settlements

