



Friends of Groenkloof Nature Reserve

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Dear resident

Klapperkop game fencing and gatehouse project November 2005 – August 2006

Friends of Groenkloof Nature Reserve (FGNR) was established in 2002 with the mission to support the conservation and rehabilitation of Groenkloof Nature Reserve, Klapperkop Hill and the surrounding green areas, and promote the conservation and sustainable utilisation, including low impact recreational activities, of the area.

Our main objective for 2005-2006: The conversion of Klapperkop Hill to a nature reserve, to fence the area in with 2,4m game fence, to build two gatehouses, to re-establish plants and wildlife, and facilitate hiking and cycling trails and other low impact recreational activities.

For more information and maps see also our brochure or www.naturefriends.org.za/klapperkop

Budgeted capital expenses for phase 1:

R800 000, for 8,3km of game fence, 2 guardhouses (with booms and cattle/game grid), 1 pedestrian gate, extra gates for mountain bikers and establishment of cycling and hiking trails.

From this R800 000, already R620 000 has been deposited, pledged or completed (including contributions from residents in the surrounding communities and large contributions by the Nature Conservation Dept of the City of Tshwane and Waterkloof Golf Estate).

R180 000 still needs to be received to make this project possible.

We therefore request residents in the suburbs surrounding the proposed Klapperkop Nature Reserve, as well as the mountain biking and hiking fraternities, to contribute financially.

Your contribution will turn Klapperkop back to its original natural state, and create a valuable asset for current and future generations.

Some other benefits for the community:

- The opportunity to walk, hike, jog, cycle, mountain bike, view game in a nature reserve, and enjoy the views over the city from a nature reserve – all within walking distance from your home.
- Safe environment
- Property appreciation
- View on nature reserve from suburbs
- Care, preserve, utilise and enhance our natural and cultural resources.

Steering Committee 2005-2006: Dr Clive Napier (Chairman), Robrecht Tryhou (Secretary), Riaan Eksteen (Treasurer), Charlie Verster, Mark Ashfield, Neil Fourie, DeWet Louw, Sarel Ackerman, Dr Zeno Apostolides and various subcommittees.

Affiliated with The SA Wildlife Society (Wessa). NPO 000-716. Registered with SARS as a public benefit organisation.
Memorandum of Understanding with the City Council of Tshwane signed October 2002

Process and timeline of project:

Phase 1

November 2005 – Aug 2006

-City Council to fence the first approx 2,5km. (most has been completed in April 2006)
-Funds received from the surrounding community and other donors will be placed into attorneys' trust account. As soon as the funds received / pledged (incl Council work completed) amount to R800 000, the rest of phase 1 will commence and should be completed by Oct 2006. We request receipt of funds as soon as possible as receipt of funding impacts on the commencement date of the project.

Phase 2

2006-2007

Rehabilitation of habitat, especially on the southern slopes (mostly to be funded by Waterkloof Golf Estate, Dept of Water Affairs and the Nature Conservation Dept of the City Council.

Preparation for conversion to a nature reserve. Application for game permits.

Building of traffic calming humps on Johann Rissik Drive in the reserve area

Introduction of wildlife.

Contributions from residents in surrounding suburbs:

To make the development possible, a substantial portion of the funds required would of necessity come from residents in the suburbs surrounding the proposed reserve.

Waterkloof 101, Herbert Baker street, western phase of Waterkloof Golf estate (Monument Golf) and Plough avenue will have the largest benefit from the nature reserve. Other surrounding areas like Groenkloof and Waterkloof Ridge will however also benefit substantially by changing a problem area (e.g crime and grime) to an asset for the area (nature reserve, walks, cycle, game and nature view, less crime in the surrounding area, higher property values, etc).

A contribution of R2000-10 000, or more if desired, per household for these areas is requested to make the development financially possible.

This is a ONCE-OFF request. Thereafter the Nature Conservation Dept of Tshwane City Council will take over all future expenses of maintenance and management, as per existing reserves like Groenkloof Nature Reserve and Rietvlei Nature Reserve.

Funds left from phase 1 (fence and gatehouses) will be used for phase 2 (rehabilitation of plants, grassland and trees on Klapperkop). Although nature itself and the Wattle Removal Program of the Dept of Water Affairs will in time rehabilitate the slopes, this is a slow process. Extra funds from the community can speed up this process substantially (especially for the grazing for game).

The relative small once off contribution of R2000- 10 000, will provide the many benefits as mentioned on the previous page, and also further improve the lifestyle, serenity and safety of your suburb, home and family and increase the value of your property.

I would like to contribute as follow to the Klapperkop game fencing project:

Donation / sponsoring:

- R 2,000
 R 5,000
 R 10,000
 Other amount _____
 Other contribution _____

Advertising:

Amount: _____
Business name: _____
Position and type of advertising board: _____

I will deposit the above mentioned amount before 30 June 2006 (change date if necessary) in one of the following accounts:

1. Friends of Groenkloof Nature Reserve. Account no: 620 4620 4830 First National Bank Brooklyn. Branch no 251345. **Reference: Int and your surname**
2. The trust account of Weavind & Weavind Attorneys. Weavind & Weavind. Account no: 1604 067 896 Nedbank Pretoria 160445. **Reference: F4451 Int and your surname.**
(For option 2: note that attorney trust accounts require FICA identification – please fax a copy of your ID and municipal account to 088 012 460 1568.)

Please fax this form to 088 012 460 1568

As soon as the funds received are at least R800 000, the fencing and gatehouse project will commence. If the full R800 000 has not been received or pledged within reasonable time the project cannot commence. In the event that this may occur, the donors will be notified and their donation will be fully reimbursed.

Payments to the contractors will only be done on satisfactory completion of work, to the satisfaction of FGNR and the Nature Conservation Dept of Tshwane City Council. The date of completion of the fencing and gatehouse project is expected to be 3 months from date of commencement.

If there are any funds left from the fencing project these funds will be used for the rehabilitation of plants, grassland and trees on Klapperkop.

A formal receipt of the amount received will be provided. An invoice will be provided on request. An audited income and detailed expense statement will be provided on completion of the project to all donors.

I have read the above letter and hereby pledge the amount as indicated above.

Name and surname: _____

Postal address: _____

Tel no: _____ Fax no: _____

Cell no: _____ Email: _____

Comments: _____

Signature

Date