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# **EVOLVING KNOWLEDGE LANDSCAPES:** Reviving from ghost town to ecological campus, fostering alternative knowledge production in the City of Tshwane

The UNISA Sunnyside Ghost Town, an abandoned teaching college near Pretoria Central, faces socio-economic challenges. The project aims to turn it into a landscape-based polytechnic institution, promoting knowledge decolonization and environmental stewardship in Tshwane. The design includes rituals and nature-based interfaces for active and passive learning. Active engagement involves hands-on experiences like gardening and ecological restoration, fostering practical knowledge. Passive awareness encourages understanding through observation reflection, and connection to the natural world. The project addresses socio-economic issues, especially for women, offering vocational training and supporting small enterprises. Urban planning principles ensure an inclusive, safe, and accessible environment. Local communities actively contribute, making the landscape a canvas for expressing diversity. The initiative envisions landscape-based classrooms, workspaces, and ecological education. Traditional ecological and local knowledge drive socio-economic and ecological sustainability, fostering innovative land management. The goal is to benefit on-site residents and encourage active campus participation.











ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE

NEW FORM OF HERITAGE

SKILLS CONTEXT FOR DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPING

INTELLECTUAL KNOWLEDGE



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## THEORY

repreneurs to harness aspring ictices, innovative solutions, and ical principles to create and grow ronmentally-conscious businesses

## **COURSES AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING**





USER PROFILE RELATIONSHIP MODEL







LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

### SOCIO-ECONOMIC

Medium density

High density

Sub-TOD

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CORRIDORS

## SITE ANALYSIS





Vulnerable people: At risk youth

### STAKEHOLDERS

Client o UNISA o City of Tshwane o Botanical Gardens

Secondary o UNISA o City of Tshwane o LINKS o Cotton on Foundation

Tertiary o Department of Water and Forestry o Department of Public Works o SAHRA (South African Heritage Resource



WOMEN SA Women have higher unemployment rates and higher levels of poverty

# DEVELOPMENT GOALS City of Tshwane development plan aims to achieve the following (City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality 2020, 43):

-Youth SkillS development programs Job centres should be established throughout the City -Development of green and brownfield (Pretoria inner city)







## INTERPRETATION OF COT DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

ROLE

Landowners (UNISA), capital investment. Promoting and integrating IK into the tertiary education system.

Public interfaces connecting to the larger green infrastructure network. Public participation with regards to National Estate.

Community engagement facilitators



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## **URBAN FRAMEWORK**

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

Train platform

Research facility

Institutiona Commercial

Clinic

Main pedestrian movement

Secondary pedestrian movemen









Modularity



PAVING STRATEGY

Small channels in courtyard



Rebar balustrade

MATERIAL PALETTE

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Work space



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Fileter strips fountain Submersible Water Pump. 75w, 3500 L/H, Max Height 3m.



Wetland boardwalk













## FOCUS AREA SYSTEMS





Forage gardens











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	Course aggregate paving, Aggregate; 30-50mm crush recycled brick
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)	Pennisetum clandestinum Kikuyu grass
	2000x4000x70mm in-situ cast concrete block walkway, 50- 100 mm brick pieces placed face down, sourced from building rubble
$\overline{)}$	50mm gravel in gravel fix polymer pockets
D	220 x 108.5 x 50mm Red clay brick paving, basket weave pattern, Satin finish
•)	Saligna decking, CCA treated
	Orchid with 30-70mm wood chips from trees on site
D	300mm x 450mm Red/ brown clay brick seating wall
2	Rest space with entrance and

BE	Bioswale Emergent planting
VG	Ornamental veld grass mix
SM	Shade mix
WL	Wetland mix
FG	Forage gardens
KL	Kikuyu lawn
WE	Wetland Emergent

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milkplum (Eng.)

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Sweet thorn (Eng.)

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wild pear (Eng) 200L

Wild plum (Eng)

African holly (E

Vachellia galpini

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Monkey thorn (Eng 200L

Combretum krauss

200L

Forest bush willow (Eng)

Forest bush willow (Eng) 200L

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### Soft landscape legend

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GL Grassland low growing FP Feature plants
WM Wet medow ES Emergent shallo ED Emergent deep OW Open water
OW Shade mix

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WETLAND BOARD WALK

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## LONGITUDINAL SECTION WETLAND BOARDWALK

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# LONGITUDINAL SECTION GREENHOUSE AND NURSERY

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& NURSURY SECTION SCALE 1:75 XP

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# LONGITUDINAL SECTIONOUTDOOR WORK ROOM

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## DETAIL OF CONNECTION BETWEEN BIOSWALE, OVERFLOW AND RAINGARDEN

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DETAIL OF WALL COPIMG TO ANIMATE WATER FEATURE

# WATER GARDEN SECTION SCALE 1:75 XP

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High Grassland Mix - Naturalistic edge

Boat grass

Annual Three-awn

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EN ENDANGERED

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDG

ASPECTS

Low Grassland Mix Feature Plants

Heart -seed love grass

rat's tail dropseed, rat's tail grass, grass, tough dropseed (Eng.); fyn saadgras(Afri.); matshiki (isiZulu)

Wire grass

Silver finger grass

USES

wellness

JEWELERY

S DYES

WEAVING

SOAP/ WASHING 

Aloe zebrina

star flower, yellow star (Eng.); sterbi geelsterretije, gifbol (Afr.); moli khar lotsane (S Sotho); inkomfe, inkomfe (Zulu), inongwe, ilabatheka, ixhalan ikhubalo lezithunzela (Xhosa) zebra leaf aloe, spotted aloe (Eng.) Use: Dye; roots; yellow for plant fibres(Harvesting roots does not kill aloe) Medicinal and cosmetic; leaves; skin treatment and healing

Use: Medicinal; bulb; anti-inflan immune booster Cosmetic; bulb; skincare () ()

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tilt-head aloe (Eng.); spaansaalwyn, slaphoringaalwyn (Afr.); ikhala (Xhosa) Use: Dye; roots; pink for wool and fibre

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mountain aloe, flat-flowered aloe (Eng.); beroalwvn (Afr.); inhlaba, umhlaba (Zulu) broad-leaved hypoxis (Eng.); iLabatheka (Zulu Use: Cosmetic: leaves; skin, hair Medicinal: leaves; burns and antic

Use: Cosmetic; bulb; skincare

Aloe pretoriensis

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Hypoxis obtusa

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african wild potato (Eng.)

Use: Building: floor polish (local tribe in Kwazulu Natal)

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Pretoria aloe (Eng.); Pretoria aalwyn (Afr.) Use: Medicinal; leaves;stomach ailments Cosmetic; leaves; skin treatment Use: Cosmetic sunscreen

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Cussonia transvaalensis Pretoria aloe (Eng.); Pretoria aalwyn (Afr.)

Use: Medicinal; leaves; stomach ailments Cosmetic; leaves; skin treatment 80 89

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Ground cover Mix

GC Mix 1

Bulbine abyssinica

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Bulbine frutescens

Use: Cosmetic; leaves; salves

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Ililepis laureola

Ox eye daisy (Eng.)

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GC Mix 2

Use: Medicinal and cosmetic; roots; antibacterial creams and salves

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stalked bulbine, snake flower, cat's tail, burn jelly plant (Eng.); balsem kopieva, geelkatstert (Afr )

creams and

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bushy bulbine (Eng.); geelkatstert, wildekopieva (Afr.); ibhucu (Zulu); intelez (Xhosa); moetsa-mollo (Sotho)

Use: Cosmetic; leaves; shampoos, creams and salves

Creepers

Soap bush (Eng.)

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Use: Leaves, soaps and shampoos

Cape smilax, African asparagus smi baby smilax, bridal creeper, bridal w creeper (Eng.); bre[]blaarkiimop, kr

Use: Flower; perfume

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Wild Grape کې کې (۲) کې

> Jas*minum multipartitum* Starry wild Jasmine. Use: Usually used to make tessd abd fragrant baths.

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Shade mix

Asparagus plumosi:

Salvia africana

Blue African sage (Eng.)

Asparagus Fern (Eng.)

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Helichrysum setosum Yellow everlasting (Eng.)

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Use: Medicinal and edible qualities. Leaves can be eaten raw as a vegetable.

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Use: Plant is mainly used for it's broad spectrum of medicinal uses. Fibres can be made from the leaves and can be used in crafts such as weaving

Shrubs

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small blue sourplum (Eng.); Kleinblousuurpruim (Afr.); ukolo umtunduluka-omncane, umkhol (Zul.) Use: Cosmetic; seeds; skin and hai Medicinal; leaves; fever Medicinal; seeds; wounds

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Croton gratissimus

bergboegoe, ilabele, ink isikhumampuphu, kora croton

Uses: essential oils Leaves medicinal

wild wormwood, Af wilde-als (Afr.); umt mhlonyane (isiZulu)

bergboegoe, ilabele, inkubathi, 'isikhumampuphu, korannaboegoe roton Tarchonanthus camphoratus L.F Uses: essential oils Leaves medicinal camphor bush (E), moologa (V), r (S.Sotho), igqeba emlimhlophe (Z wildekanferbos (A), mofathla (T) 

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Aloiampelos ciliaris climbing aloe (Eng.); rank-aalwyn (Afr.) Use: Medicinal and cosmetic; leaves; rashes pimples and dry skin; balms, salves and haircare

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Milianthus cosmosu crown hone -nie (Afr.) ower (Eng): kruidie-roer-m

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Gardenia thunbergia white gardenia, forest gardenia gardenia (Eng.), witkatjiepierin kannetjieboom (Afr.), umKhan umValasangweni, umKhwakhv

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river bushwillow (Eng.), riviery rooiblaar, rooiblad (Afr.), umbo weblandze, umblalavane (7ulu Uses; Seeds; Jewelery and f arrangements

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Bolusanthus speciosus tree wisteria; Vanwykshout (Afr.); mogaba (Northern Sotho); umHolo (Zulu)

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ushman's Poison (Eng); Boesman Afrikaans); inHlungunyembe (Zulu): Mungunyembe (Xhosa)

Use: Medicinal insect hites w

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Uses; Medicinal; leaves tea Ink; fruit

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SM Mix 1

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SM Mix 2

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Red Hot Poker Uses; Weaving Ø 🔇

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Red Hot Poker Uses; Weaving Ø 🔇

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Cooper's Aloe (Eng.); isiPutumane isiPhukutwane (isiZulu)

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### Saturated Meadow Mix Shallow emergent plant Mix

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river pumpkin, wild rhubarb (Eng.); rivierpampoen, wilde ramenas (Afr.); qobo (Sotho); iphuzi lomlambo, ighobo (Xhosa); ugobhe, ugobho (Zulu) Uses: Boots: Medicinal: menstral naine

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Giant pineapple lily Uses; medicinal; anti cut flower ۲

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bushveld sedge (Eng)

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limpo grass, limpograss, halt grass, Batavian quick grass, swamp couch grass,

### Shallow emergent plant Mix

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### Macrophyte plant Mix

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blue water lilly

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river crinum, river Iily, common vlei-Iily, Sabi crinum, Cape coast Iily (Eng.); rivierlelie, boslelie, Sabielelie (Afr.); intelezi (isiXhosa); umduze (isiZulu)

Use; Medicinal; Leaves; Bandages

Uses; leaves; Broom Medicinal; Leaves; energy

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Giant Water Parsnir

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Eel grass

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Water clover

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Small white water lily

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Comon Arium Lily Uses Edible qualities and can be used as for its water filtration qualities in filtration beds of bioswales and wetlands.

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dune slack rush, matting rush (Eng.); Incema (Zulu) Weaving; leaves

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