



Neighbourhood food gardens burgeon in local communities

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The City of Cape Town supports community-based sustainability initiatives aimed at improving access to local resources. In Subcouncil 19, the Neighbourhood Farm (NHF) initiative led by Justin Bonello aims to improve food security through the establishment of local food gardens.

Working with Alderman Felicity Purchase and local schools, the NHF initiative has overseen the creation of several food gardens in Ocean View, Kommetjie and Fish Hoek. Produce from the gardens is sold via market days.

In celebration of Mandela Day, a new rain garden was established outside the Subcouncil 19 offices. A selection of indigenous plants, herbs and fruit trees were planted and the garden will serve to beautify the space. In attendance at the opening were local residents, members of the Rotary Club as well as Subcouncil 19 representatives.



‘The City of Cape Town embraces the principles of sustainability which are embodied by the Neighbourhood Farm initiative as they are addressing concerns around food security and nutrition for children in our local school communities.

‘Subcouncil 19 values its partnership with Neighbourhood Farms which also brings opportunities for skills development and employment. In addition, it give Council the opportunity to see how it can incorporate sustainability methods such as rain harvesting and utilising stormwater run-off.

‘We would like to commend Justin Bonello for his vision and his team for their dedication to the project and the upliftment of the local communities,’ said Councillor Aimee Kuhl.

All of the food gardens have been installed at no cost to residents, in partnership with NHF and Subcouncil 19.

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