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1 INTRODUCTION

NCC Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd (NCC) was appointed as the service provider for the cleaning and greening services within the Muizenberg Improvement District (MID), with the mandate to provide a cleaning and maintenance/gardening service team tasked with the following responsibilities over a one-year period:

- To ensure that pavements, streets and fences in the MID area are kept clean and free from litter and weeds;
- To ensure that threats to public health and safety are reported to the MID office; and
- To ensure that various formal and informal green areas are properly maintained, regularly watered and kept free from weeds and litter.

2 OPERATIONAL AREAS

The MID has been divided into 4 operational areas (Figure 1). These areas can be ranked according to their priorities, the latter which has been determined based on the following criteria:

- The volume of people that visit the area on a daily basis;
- Areas where litter build up is rapid and needs constant attention;
- Tourist hot spots;
- Public infrastructure and venues;
- Number of planted areas and gardens; and potential areas where criminal activities could take place.

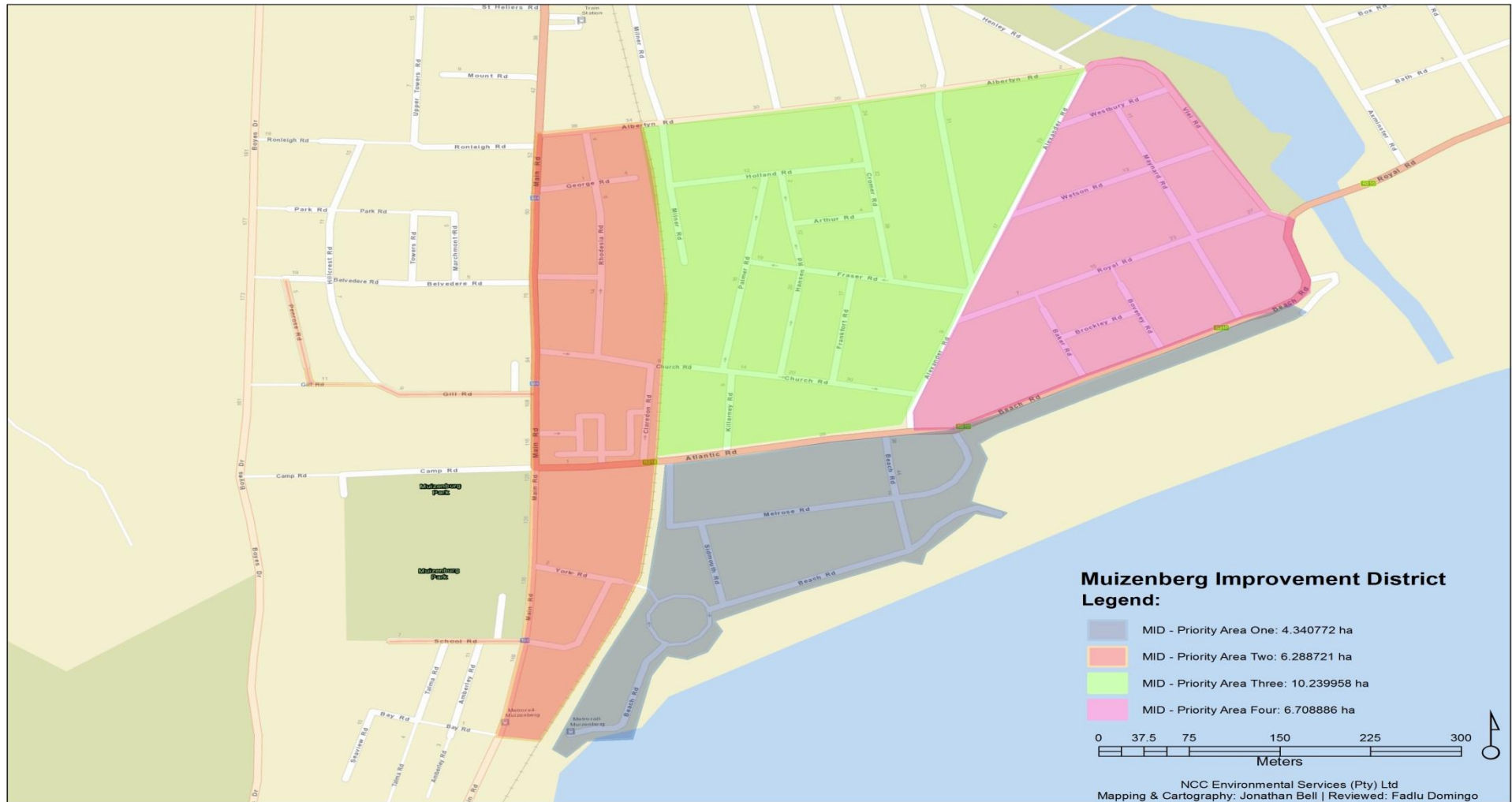


Figure 1: Operational Areas of the MID

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2.1 Priority Area One

South Easterly winds continue to blow through the area contributing to the high volumes of sand found on the walkways and in the guttering systems. The team managed to monitor and maintain the area as per the operational plan. High volumes of litter were removed from the walkway between Clarendon Road and Surfers Corner. Vagrants living on Atlantic Road are also contributing to the high volume of waste found in the area.



Figure 2: Sand Build-up and maintenance on Beach Road.

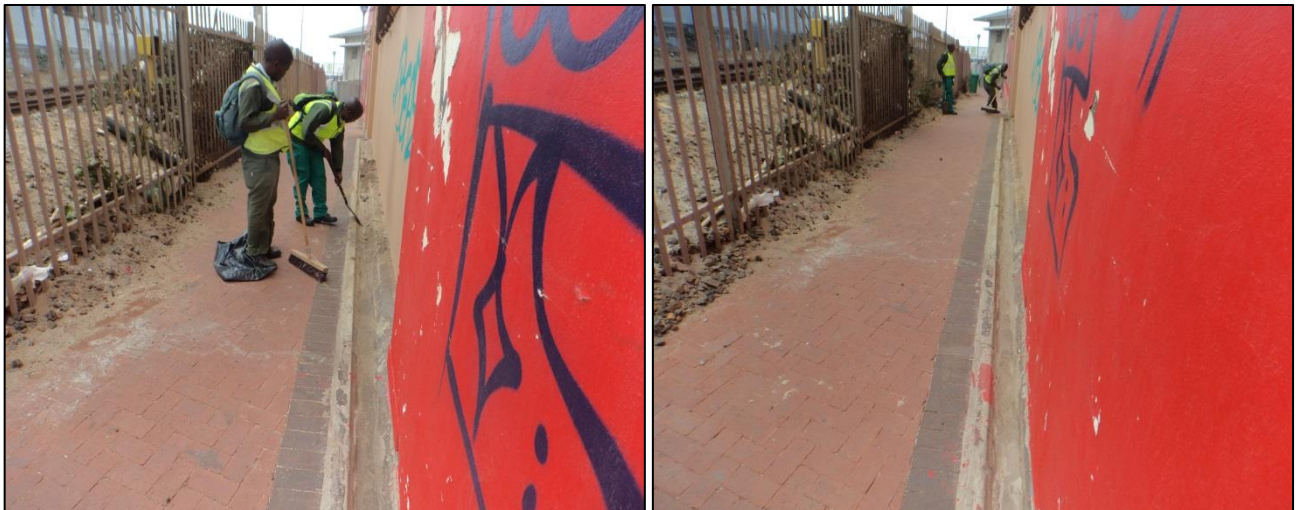


Figure 3: Servicing of guttering systems on walkway between Melrose Road and Surfers Corner.

2.2 Priority Area Two

Bin pickers and incorrect waste management by residents and shop owners contributes to the high volume of waste found within the area. No new challenges were reported during this month. Refuse collection days remain a challenge, during this time, the team works to contain scattered waste and bins which are filled beyond capacity. Items placed next to bins are bagged by the team and placed in designated collection areas. Large items remain a challenge and often remain on site after collection days.



Figure 4: Pruning of vegetation behind the Checkers complex.



Figure 4: Servicing of guttering system at York Road parking area.

2.3 Priority Area Three

This area has been maintained according to the operational plan. Church Road is one of the most challenging areas within the MID to maintain and keep free from litter. As such, the team monitors the area on a daily bases and services the area accordingly. Refuse collection days seems to be the most challenging to manage, excess waste spills over into the area adjacent to the electricity transformer which is also a hotspot for dumping.



Figure 5: Servicing of guttering system at Milner Road.



Figure 6: Waste left on site on Church Road after refuse collection.



Figure 4: Pruning of vegetation on Milner Road.

2.4 Priority Area Four

The area didn't experience any major challenges during this month. Work has continued without any major issues in priority area four. Ongoing weeding and gardening has been taking place throughout the area. This is focussed on reducing the seed load and hence regrowth of weeds. Due to the constant South Easter blowing through the area, the team is monitoring sand build-up.

CONCLUSION

The cleaning team managed to remove 1 700 black bags of waste and sand from the MID area during February 2017. The NCC team is striving to continually improve on the techniques and strategy being implemented to keep the MID clean and litter-free. Sand build-up due to the ever present south easterly wind has been the most challenging factor to manage as it has an impact on the daily operational activities on the team. To date the cleaning team has managed to make a significant impact on the visual appeal of the MID area. The guttering systems are constantly maintained to ensure they operate efficiently.

We look forward to working with the MID to strengthen this partnership and improve the quality of our services in future.

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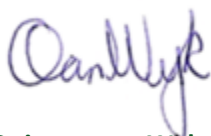
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