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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.

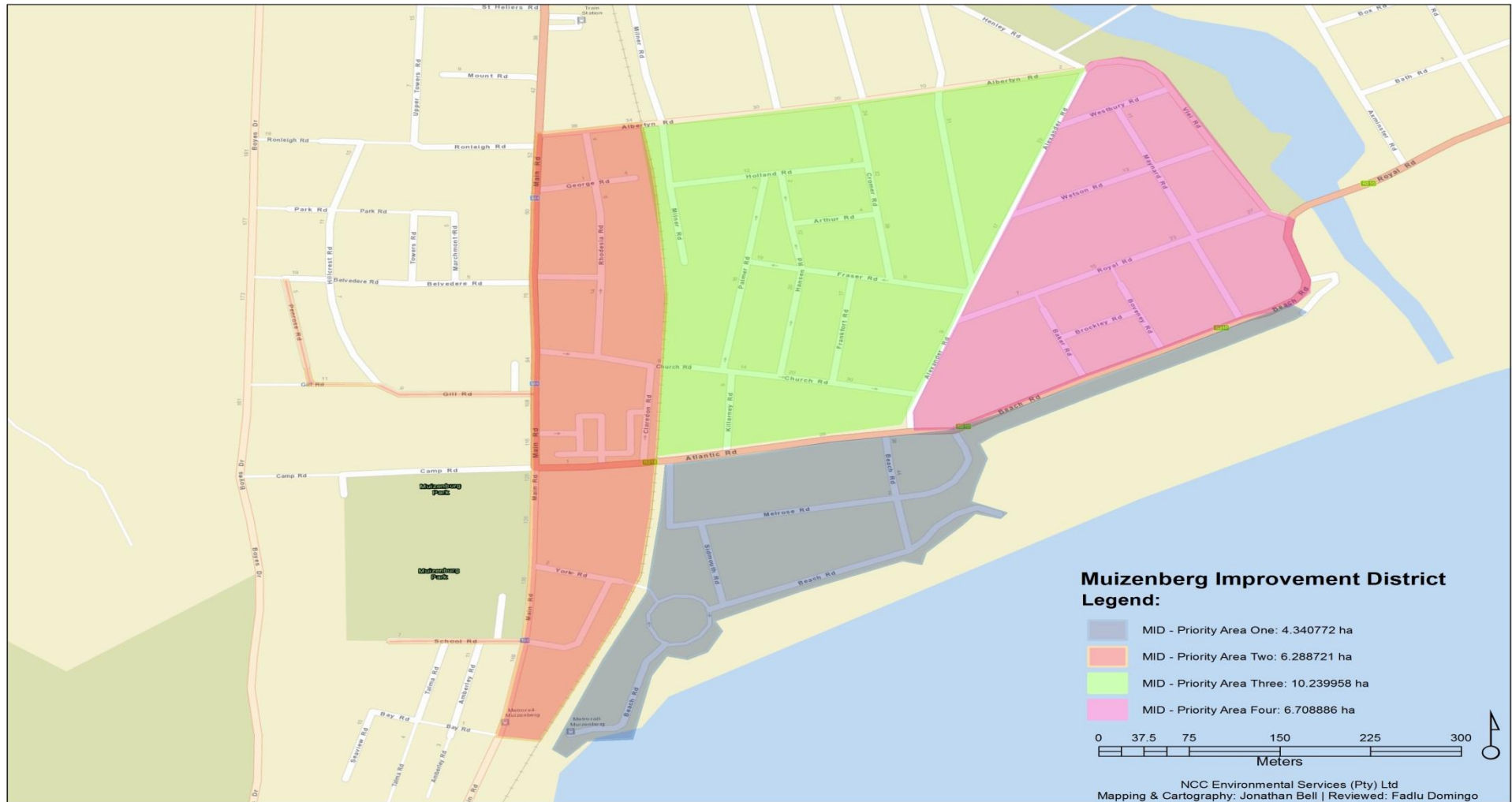


Figure 1: Operational Areas of the MID

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2.1 Priority Area One

The area has been monitored and maintained according to the operational plan. The walkway between Atlantic and York Roads have produced a large amount of waste. The team has also removed a large amount of litter from behind the railway fence. Vagrants living in the area are using this walkway as a lavatory therefore the area is monitored by the team on a regular basis. The cleaning team conducted maintenance on the Surfers Corner Circle by pruning vegetation, removing weeds and litter.



Figure 2: Maintenance of Surfer's Corner Circle.



Figure 3: Removing litter on Atlantic Road.

2.2 Priority Area Two

The focus areas identified include; Main Road, the railway crossing on Albertyn Road, the subway on Church Street, Rhodesia Road, York Road and the railway crossings at False Bay College and Muizenberg Station. Illegal dumping and incorrect waste management remains a challenge in this area. No major challenges have been reported in this area during this month.

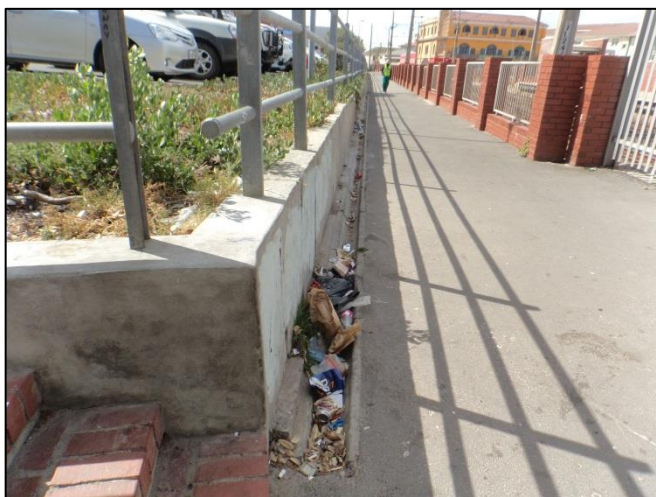


Figure 4: Servicing of guttering system at York Road parking area.



Figure 5: Maintenance of parking area behind the Checkers complex.



Figure 6: Servicing of guttering system on Main Road and Belvedere Road.

2.3 Priority Area Three

Refuse collection days on Church Road have been especially challenging as the majority of bins are broken, missing their lids, filled beyond capacity or are sifted through by passing vagrants. This makes it challenging for the team to contain waste in the area. As such, the team has to visit challenging areas frequently on refuse collection days in an attempt to contain waste from being scattered throughout the area. This is time consuming and impacts on the effectiveness of the team to deliver on the operational plan. The area adjacent to the electricity transformer remains a hotspot for dumping.



Figure 5: Servicing of guttering system on Albertyn Road.



Figure 6: Cleaning team containing waste on Palmer Road and church Road on refuse collection day.

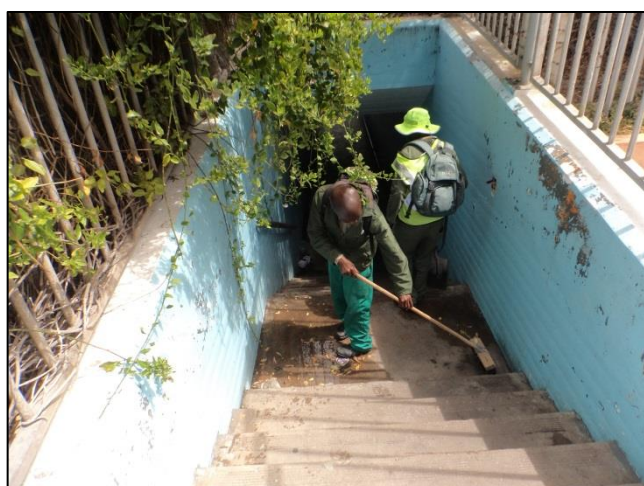


Figure 4: Servicing of subway on Church Street.

2.4 Priority Area Four

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.

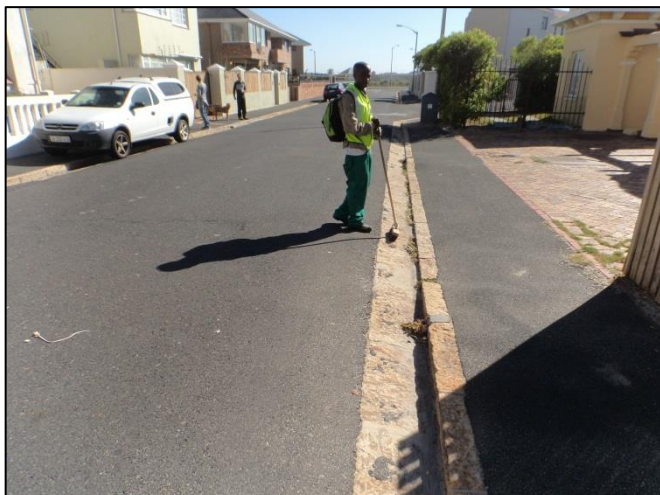


Figure 7: Servicing of guttering system on Alexander Road.



Figure 7: Servicing of guttering system on Vlei Road.

CONCLUSION

The cleaning team managed to remove 1 200 black bags of waste and sand from the MID area during March 2017. The NCC team is striving to continually improve on the techniques and strategy being implemented to keep the MID clean and litter-free.

The team has reported a decrease in sand build-up in the area. 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. Due to the change in season, the team will make a concerted effort to maintain drains and guttering systems to avoid flooding in the coming months.

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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