STATUS OF RECLAMATION OF RECYCLABLE WASTE IN THE FREE STATE PROVINCE



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Introduction

THE POLOKWANE DECLARATION ON
WASTE MANAGEMENT
POLOKWANE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE, SOUTH
AFRICA
26-28 SEPTEMBER 2001

PREAMBLE

- ➤ WE THE REPRESENTATIVES of government at national, provincial and local level, civil society and business community,
- PARTICIPATING in the first National Waste Summit, hosted by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism and held in Polokwane, September 26-28, 2001,
- RECOGNISING that Waste Management is a priority for all South Africans, and the need for urgent action to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste in order to protect the environment;
- FURTHER RECOGNISING that we can achieve the vision and the goal contained in this declaration, namely,

VISION



To implement a waste management system which contributes to sustainable development and a measurable improvement in the quality of life, by harnessing the energy and commitment of all South Africans for the effective reduction of waste.



Stabilize waste generation and reduce the waste disposal by 50% by 2012 and develop a plan for ZERO WASTE by 2022.



- Informal Reclaimers (Waste Pickers)
- Part Time Reclaimers (Municipal Workers)
- Formal reclaimers (MRF's)
- Buy-back Centres

Reclaiming in the Free State

On all the landfill sites in the Free State there are people (Waste Pickers) doing reclaiming of recyclable materials.

Larger towns and cities – Street Pickers.

Buy-back Centres in all larger towns & cities.

Buy-back & Reclaim Centre initiated by DETEA - formalising

Sorting at Source initiated by DETEA and Urban Conservancies



Waste Pickers

- Waste pickers are usually from the poorest who cannot find a job.
- They collect recyclable materials and sell it to a Buy-back centre and create an income for themselves. (job creation)
- There are health risks as well as security risks involved.
- Dependant on the amount of recyclables and the buyers of their recyclables.
- In smaller towns there are not many Buyback centres and therefore the Waste Pickers are given very low prices. Prejudicial

Vaalpark (Sasolburg) Reclaim & Buy-back Centre

Focus on 3000 households and a business centre in Vaalpark, each household provided with 2 "wheely" bins.

14 street pickers will collect recyclables from a Utilize part of the Vaalpark Garden Drop-off facility

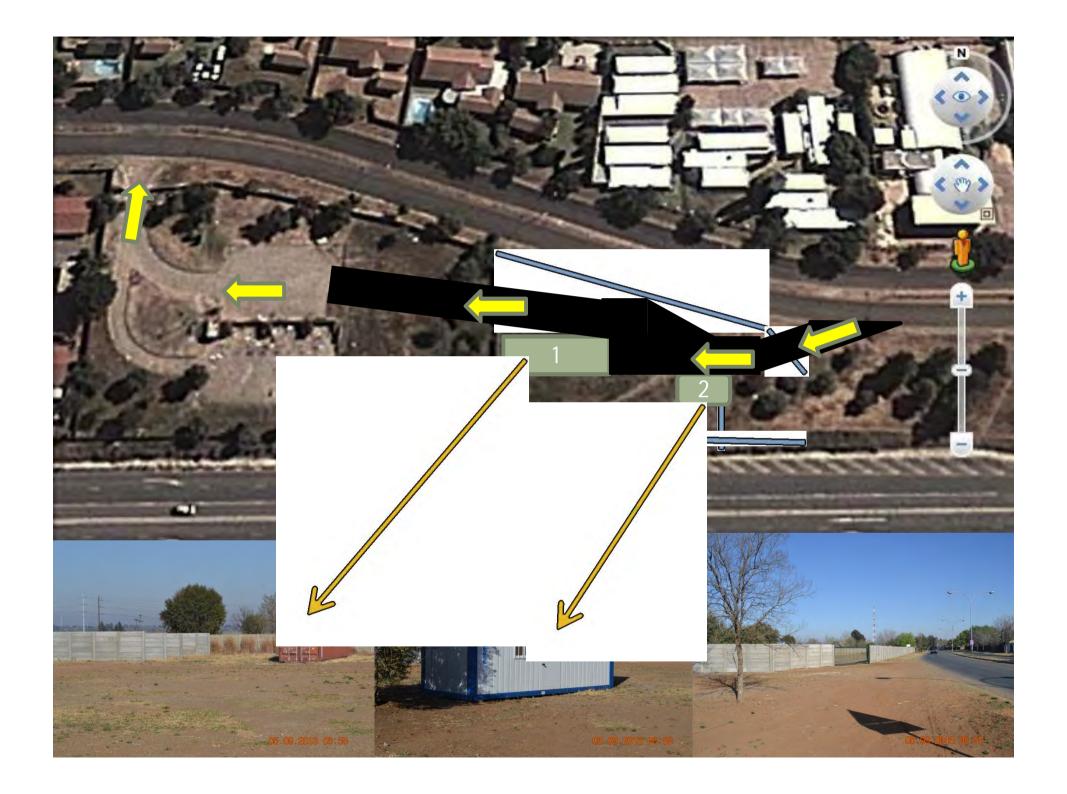
1 X 12 meter container placed to store equipment

1 X 6 meter containers placed as office

5 X "cells" for temporary storage

Major Stakeholders

- ree State DETEA.
- Jational DEA
- Vetsimaholo Local Municipality.
- Rejuvenation of Sasolburg
- RAG (Recycling Action Group)
- Vaste Plan
- 4 Street Pickers
- LO



Trolleys & Bins

Trolleys

"Wheely" bins





Management of the Vaalpark Site

- Jonthly meetings with Stakeholders
- Jonthly training sessions
- treet Pickers will be managing the site according a ontract through the Metsimaholo Local Municipality.
- Vork according a mutual understanding of the nanagement.
- Ceep records of all recyclables entering and leaving the ite. (Effective Access Control)
- Reporting
- Recyclable material need to be removed on a weekly asis.
- Idhere to the Waste Management Act!

Advisory meetings!



Iraining

- Business training
- Recycling training
- Trolley and equipment maintenance

Conflict management





- This project took part in a competition by the International Labour Organisation(ILO) and won R250 000.00
- A total of 30 reclaiming satellites (cages) will be placed at strategic places with his "owner" of which PETCO sponsored 10 cages and a mobile baling machine.











Sorting at source Fichardtpark Bloemfontein

Awareness Brochure







BAGS SPONSORED

The sponsored bags will be delivered for free to homes in Fichardt Park.

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The next free bag will be delivered on 17 October.

Thank you to our sponsors!!





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environmental affairs
FREE STATE PROVINCE



We encourage residents to buy their own clear bags at Saverite and Pick n Pay.

Cost: $\pm R35-00$ for 20 bags

(Cost per bag for the next 20 weeks = R1.75)

Residents who cannot afford to buy bags, are welcome to fetch **ONE** bag per week at the **FNA** office, 6 Altona Crescent (at the church hall)

Recycling in FP

Enquiries: Jenny Vorster — 079 2255 090



BE PART OF SAVING OUR WORLD FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

How does the recycling project work?

- Fill up your clear bag with recyclable (clean and dry) products until it is full before it is placed out on a Thursday.
- Rat Race Waste will place out and remove recycling stations every Thursday.
- Rat Race Waste and the street pickers will take the clear bags to the recycling stations.
- From the recycling stations the street pickers will be transported with the clear bags to Rat Race Waste company.
- Clear bags can only be replaced when sponsored; therefore residents are encouraged to also buy their own bags.

RECYCLING STATIONS

- 1. Du Plooy Crescent
- 2. Bolt park
- 3. Conforth park
- 4. Post Office park
- 5. Raath park
- 6. Strydom park
- 7. Van Iddeking Drive
- 8. Van Soelen park

The recycling plan of the FNA was approved by Mangaung Metro Municipality.



Launch of the Sorting at source project in Fichardtpark





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treet Pickers in action









Hennenman Reclaiming on Landfill Site





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Clarens Urban Conservancy initiative





 With the Mangaung Metro and the recycling industry training was given to waste pickers in the Metro



Waste minimisation actions at churches

Anglican Church Ladybrand

NG Church Fichardtkruin







Wat word herwin?

- drinkglase, Pyrex bakke, glasruite en gloeilampe nie)
- Papier (wit of gekleurd, maar nie glanspapier nie), karton, koerante en gekleurde
- Plastieksakke en –bottels, harde plastiek (bv. stukkende tuinstoele of speelgoed) en blikkies
- Alles moet skoon en wees.
- Géén huis- of tuinafval afgelewer word nie.

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Challenges

- To many beneficiaries
- To little recyclable material
- Distance to buyers
- Prices of recyclable materials
- Lack of commitment
- Mistrust
- Political interference (local councillor's demand that their family or friend be part of a project).
- Crime
- Vandalism
- Legislation



Establishing reclaim/BBC without any

feasibility studies!







Research?





Conclusion

- Reclaiming & Recycling are job creators!
- It is time that the polluter pays for his waste(shopping bags)
- Subsidising recycling?
- Align waste legislation. (definition of waste & waste licensing)
- Reclaiming & Recycling awareness
- Sorting at source
- Need to invest in composting actions

Thank you!