

Evaton Renewal Project

The ERP is a government project aimed at renewing and regenerating Evaton, to improve the quality of life of the entire Evaton community and all its citizens.

The priority areas of this project include:

- the development of infrastructure, such as the resurfacing of roads and building of pavements;
- the development of the local economy through job creation and Small, Micro and Medium Enterprise (SMME) projects, like grass-cutting and the setting up of vegetable gardens and agriculture projects; and
- social upliftment through the upgrading of dilapidated houses, and providing community halls and municipal offices with better facilities to service the community of Evaton.



The ERP's master plan consists of five main development precincts - West, East, Government and Sport, Heritage and Central, and the Overarching precinct. The precincts will become active economic areas offering services and facilities such as taxi ranks, a shopping centre, office complexes, mixed housing, a town square, sports facilities, an art school and municipal offices.



Department of Housing



Evaton Renewal Project Score Sheet

HOUSING

Housing Upgrades

The construction of new houses to replace current mud houses, and the rehabilitation of dilapidated houses. Currently, 25 houses are being built to replace mud houses, and a further 80 are targeted. A total of 500 upgraded houses will be completed during 2008/9.



Show Village

A show village is currently being built to show eight different examples of houses that will be made available to people, depending on their differing property rights ownership and income levels.

Temporary Relocation Village

The Temporary Relocation Village (TRV) sites were designed to accommodate temporary relocations for people giving up their land or being relocated from sold land. Two stands accommodating a total of 176 units have been purchased for this use, all planning work has been done, the site cleared and construction will start as soon as approval is given.

LAND RELEASE PROJECT

Private owners are encouraged to sell part or all of their stands for the building of additional homes. Sellers are given a number of different selling options, designed to suit their individual needs. Currently, 30 owners have sold their land, 10 of which have already been subdivided. It is expected that a further 250 stands will be purchased from owners by the end of 2009.



Municipal Owned Stands

177 municipal owned stands have been released for housing development. 11 have already been subdivided, and 9 houses are planned to be built on each stand, making a total of 1593 additional homes.

LAND RESTITUTION

This project ensures that stands which are restorable are confirmed and transferred to the rightful owner, and money paid out to the owner where the stands are not restorable. 170 stands have already been dealt with.

Roads & Storm Water Drainage

This involves the construction and rehabilitation of 9 roads. The design of the first 3 roads has been completed and construction is due to start shortly.

Urban Design & Precinct Development

The Evaton Renewal Project has been divided into precincts to help focus the development. These precincts are:

West: Most of the land is privately owned and the government is currently negotiating its purchase.

East: Planning work is currently ongoing and the first phase of construction (commercial buildings) is expected in the first quarter of 2009.

Government & Sports: Mafatsane local municipal offices are currently underway and will take a total of 16 months to complete. Discussions are underway for the next phase, including a police station and court.

Heritage & Culture: The Heritage route planning is currently under way.

Overarching: Currently, all urban design work has been completed for the entire Evaton precinct development.

LED PROJECTS

These projects help reduce unemployment and alleviate poverty. The following projects are underway

- Waste management: 45,000 240 litre dustbins will be rolled out in total, of which 13,000 have already been distributed. In addition, 4 waste management trucks have been delivered to the municipality to handle these new bins.
- Grass cutting project: An annual project that runs every winter and creates unemployment for about 140 unskilled people.
- Organic gardening: A number of sites have been established to grow both organic and hydroponic vegetables. This venture currently employs around 100 people.
- Brick-making plant: A site has been received from Emfuleni and zoning approved. Site preparation and clearing is underway and this project will employ 20 people.
- Future LED projects have been identified and will start in 2008 to employ a further 100 people.

EMPLOYMENT & SMME STATISTICS

Labour Desk/Business Desk	No.	Comment
Unemployed registered with the Labour Desk.	6,517	Registration is still continuing and being managed by the Labour Desk. Unskilled labour continues to be sourced from the Labour Desk.
Number of SMMEs registered with the Business Desk	1,077	A procurement road show was held in August and SMMEs were allowed to re-register.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE EVATON RENEWAL PROJECT?

The Evaton Renewal Project is for the benefit of all Evaton residents.

Schools and students

Does your school really need something important, like computers or gym equipment? Let the world know on the Evaton Renewal Project website's school's wish list at www.evatonrenewal.co.za, and who knows, you might get lucky!

Individuals looking for work?

Register at the Labour Desk.

To register on the Labour Desk you must be a resident of Evaton. Bring a copy of your CV and ID to the MIH Office at the Wilberforce Community College. For more information contact Sibongile Mbatha on 073 000 3480.

Companies looking for labour or contracts?

Register at our Business Desk and you'll find lots of local labour and even some contracts, too.

To register on the Business Desk you must be a resident of Evaton. Bring a copy of your company profile and company documents to the MIH office at the Wilberforce Community College. For more information contact Sibongile Mbatha on 073 000 3480.

For more information about the Evaton Renewal Project visit www.evatonrenewal.co.za or visit the Department of Housing Evaton Renewal Project offices at the Richard Robert Wright Seminary (at the corner of Bodea & Buffalo Roads) or call 083 601 7272. You can also visit the Evaton Development Forum (EDF) offices in Mafatsane or call them on 016 596 7086.