

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DURBAN METROPOLITAN OPEN SPACE SYSTEM (D'MOSS)**

Public Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 26(5) of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act No. 16 of 2013) read with Schedule 1 of the KwaZulu-Natal Planning and Development Act, 2008 (Act No. 6 of 2008), of an amendment of the 2016 adopted Durban Metropolitan Open Space System (D'MOSS) Layer Map which forms part of all eThekweni Land Use Schemes and areas which fall outside such land use schemes.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2016 eThekweni Municipality adopted D'MOSS as part of all of its Land Use Schemes while retaining it as a policy outside the Scheme areas. The Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department now intends to amend the Map by

- (a) including further identified critical biodiversity areas;
- (b) amending areas where changes have resulted from Environmental Authorisations for development granted by the Provincial Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environment Affairs;
- (c) removing areas where natural areas have been transformed; and
- (iv) including important wetlands previously not included.

Through spatial and land use planning legislation, D'MOSS and associated land use management provisions contribute to a sustainable metropolitan area through the identification of environmentally sensitive areas which will require further assessment as part of any application for potential development within such areas. The D'MOSS layer is not a land use zone but, as layer it is legally enforceable. It must be emphasized that the proposed amendment only relates to properties where the D'MOSS Layer has been changed and is not related to those properties unaffected by the proposed amendment to the D'MOSS Layer. In this regard, affected property owners will be notified directly through the postal service.

### **PUBLIC MEETINGS:**

As part of the public notice process and as provided for under Item 15(2) of Schedule 1 of the KwaZulu-Natal Planning and Development Act, 2008 (Act No 6 of 2008), Public Meetings to present the proposal will be held at the venues and on the dates indicated below.

<b>REGION</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
NORTH	Mountview Hall, 27 Oleander Road, Mountview, Verulam	28 August 2017	For all venues, the times are 17h30 for 18h00 with the meeting ending at 19h00.
OUTER WEST	Kloof Town Hall, 1 Imzwilili Road (off Village Road), Kloof	30 August 2017	
SOUTH	Amanzimtoti Civic Hall, Cnr Huchinson & Riverside Roads, Amanzimtoti	31 August 2017	

### **ACCESS TO THE PROPOSAL:**

A copy of the proposal and its accompanying documents will be open for inspection by interested members of the public from **18 August 2017 until 2 October 2017** between the hours of 08h00 and 15h30 Mondays to Fridays (excluding Public Holidays) at the offices of the Environmental Planning & Climate Protection Department, Room 200, Second Floor, 166 K.E. Masinga (Old Fort) Road, Durban. Interested and affected parties are urged to study these documents prior to the submission of any written comments. The proposal may also be viewed between the hours of 08h00 and 12h30 Mondays to Fridays (excluding Public Holidays) at the following Land Use Management Regional Offices:

**OUTER WEST REGION:** Sizakala Centre, Land Use Management Counter, 22-24 Delamore Road, Hillcrest.

**INNER WEST REGION:** Sizakala Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Pinetown Civic Centre, 60 Kings Road, Pinetown.

**CENTRAL REGION:** Information Centre, Ground Floor, 166 KE Masinga (Old Fort) Road, Durban.

**SOUTH REGION:** Municipal Offices, 9-11 Gracedale Avenue, Kingsburgh.

**NORTH REGION:** Sizakala Centre, 327 Umhlanga Rocks Drive, Umhlanga Rocks.

Details of the proposal may also be viewed on the Municipality's website. [www.durban.gov.za/dmoss tp amendments](http://www.durban.gov.za/dmoss_tp_amendments) Interested and affected parties are urged to study these documents prior to the submission of any written comments.

**SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS:**

Members of the public are invited to lodge written comments with Regional Co-Ordinator: Biodiversity Planning Branch, Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department, Room 200, Second Floor, 166 KE Masinga (Old Fort) Road, Durban by hand, OR per registered post to PO Box 680, Durban, 4000, OR by fax on 031 311 7134, or by e-mail to [gerald.clarke@durban.gov.za](mailto:gerald.clarke@durban.gov.za) by not later than **2 October 2017**. Should you choose to use e-mail / telefax as your elected method of correspondence, you **must** confirm in writing that it is your formally elected email address / telefax number to receive all future correspondence pertaining to this proposal. Should you fail to lodge or forward comments by **2 October 2017**, you will be disqualified from further participating in the process.

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