Within the broader Greening Durban 2010 programme, the uMngeni River estuary was adopted as a precinct for focused investment in eco-system enhancement due to its biodiversity and neglected infrastructure. The Green Hub is located at the uMngeni River estuary and was initiated through a collaboration between the Parks Department and the Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department. It is designed to accommodate eco-tourism bookings, birding and nature tours, river rangers with canoes and bicycles, children’s theatre, and new public ablutions.

The building’s success is that it merges with the surrounding park and engages its users. It showcases environmentally-friendly sustainable architecture through its unifying roof elements which harvest rainwater, through the generation of its own power via photovoltaic panels and the use of occupancy sensors and LED light fittings. The building is designed for natural ventilation with whirly bird roof ventilators and fenestration design. Its office furniture is manufactured from alien red gum trees.