

PUBLIC NOTICE

UMGENI ECOTOURISM/GREEN RESOURCE CENTRE

Open Participatory Planning Workshop: Monday 9 June 2008

As part of the eThekweni 2010 Greening Programme, the eThekweni Municipality's Economic Development Unit is conducting a feasibility study for an

Ecotourism/Green Resource Centre at the Umgeni estuary. A range of activities and facilities are proposed for local residents and tourists at the site. These include:

- An information and activity hub / ecotourism gateway for all nature-based tourism activities in the Greater Durban Area and the Green Precinct of the 2010 stadium.
- A booking centre and base for local tourism activities and facilities, local tour guides and Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife
- Facility for green / environmental conferences for 40-80 people
- Environmental library / demonstration centre promoting and providing infor-

mation on pertinent environmental issues, green technologies and design.

Construction as a 'green building' to showcase environmental best practice.

A commercial component that attracts people to the centre on an ongoing basis (e.g. restaurant/coffee shop overlooking the estuary, craft sales etc.) A participatory planning workshop is being held for interested and affected people on Monday 9 June, between 9 am and 1 pm at the Beachwood Mangroves (Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife centre), at the Umgeni river mouth. Attendance is free of charge. Space is limited at this venue, so please confirm your attendance by Wednesday 6 June 2008 and we will email you directions. If you are unable to attend but would still like to participate, please email Andrew Rylance at umgeni.ecohub@gmail.com and a questionnaire will be sent to you.

We look forward to meeting you!