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Joburg to partner with private sector in new R1 billion green deal for city parks

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The City of Johannesburg has announced a new project to enter into ‘large-scale, innovative and fully funded’ private-sector partnerships to boost the city’s public parks.

The multi-year initiative will help make the metropole’s parks safer and more environmentally friendly and forms part of a R1 billion green campaign, said the city’s mayoral committee member for community development Ronald Harris.

“No longer is the dependency solely with the government to mitigate climate change. Joburg needs an alliance with the private sector to offset our carbon footprint, to create a liveable city,” he said.

Harris said the power of ‘greening’ to address environmental and socio-economic challenges and the



In partnership with the Johannesburg Parks Alliance, Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo will present fully funded projects that will contribute towards the safe and sustainable green public open spaces, he said.

These projects will be monitored and evaluated as they are being implemented over the next 12 months, allowing for them to be viable use cases that can be replicated in other communities across the length and breadth of the City of Johannesburg.

“This ground-breaking initiative during World Environment Month offers the city an incredible opportunity to reimagine the city’s green public open spaces,” said Harris.

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