

# COME JOIN US!!! on the PAWs Project Mural - 7 May 2022, 10am to 12pm

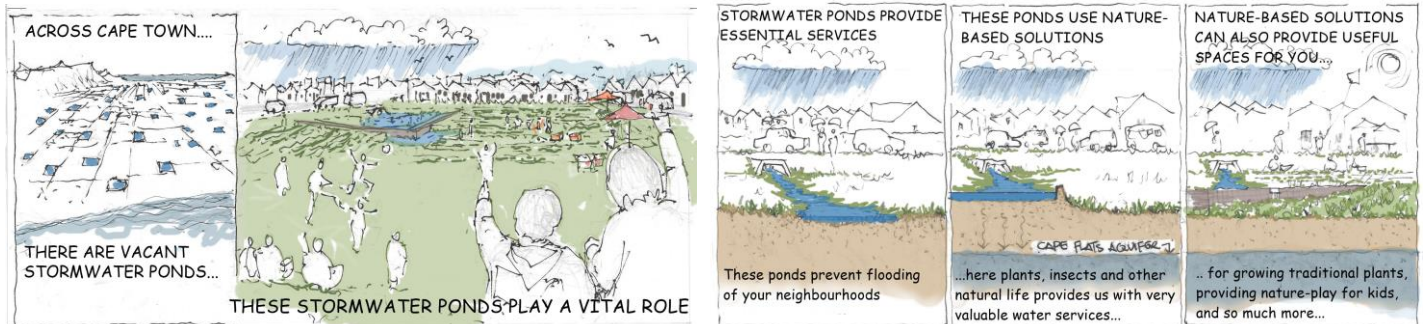


## WHAT IS GOING ON?

The team of researchers from the PaWS project are preparing to facilitate the development of a mural at the detention pond in your neighbourhood. We have started with a base coat on some of the wall panels to attract input and interest. Now, we ask you to join us in visioning what this mural might look like . . .

## WHAT IS THE PaWS PROJECT?

This is a research study that aims to consider *Pathways to water resilient South African cities*. UCT researchers are working with colleagues from the University of Copenhagen, with the aim of identifying opportunities for integrating nature-based solutions (NBS) into the urban water cycle to support a transition towards water resilience in South African cities. Nature-based solutions, like stormwater retention ponds, can provide options for managing excess rainfall, but can also be useful spaces to local residents. The purpose of this study is to find ways to make South African cities more water resilient.



This study is being conducted through the Future Water research institute at UCT and the University of Copenhagen. The aim of this part of the study is to develop a mural/wall painting that can explain this work and the importance of stormwater, as well as highlight the biodiversity here. It is part of a larger research project in this area (ongoing since 2020) that explores how best to use nature-based solutions in stormwater management, and how the people living nearest to these solutions understand and are impacted by them.

## THE MURAL PROCESS?

We are planning a workshop to develop the mural. On 29 March we spent the day seeking permission from the residents whose walls we hoped to paint, and began laying the mural foundation colour on the walls. We are looking to create a mural that explains what we have done in the stormwater pond space, but also the biodiversity and benefits of the pond highlighting things like the birds and reptiles. **We are looking for local residents to get involved in the next steps, starting with a workshop at the site on 7 May when we invite you to join us to begin to imagine and design the mural.** This workshop will lead to drafts and plans that we will circulate in May for residents to provide feedback; these plans will then be submitted to the City of Cape Town (during May) for their permit process. We hope to paint the mural in early June (date tbc, and weather dependant).

**Please contact us if you are interested in being part of the design or painting process:**

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**We look forward to seeing you on 7 May from 10am to 12pm at the pond site!!!**

**WHO CAN ANSWER MY QUESTIONS?** The study researchers are from the *University of Cape Town Future Water research institute*. You can talk to the researchers about any questions, concerns, or complaints you have about this project. If you wish to ask questions about the project or if you wish to voice any problems or concerns you may have about this research, please call UCT's Future Water Institute, A/Prof. Kirsty Carden at 021 650 5317 or email [kirsty.carden@uct.ac.za](mailto:kirsty.carden@uct.ac.za).