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The UIP Installs Bag Dispensers For Dog Owners to Clean Up After Their Pets

After a process of design, testing and municipal approval, 12 plastic bag dispensers with instructive signage for dog owners to clean up after their pets have been installed on the uMhlanga promenade and servitudes by the UIP.

Working with the eThekweni Municipality to find a solution for this growing problem, these dispensers will hopefully put an end to the unhygienic and unsightly dog faeces left on the promenade, grass areas and beaches by a minority of irresponsible dog owners.

The robust design of plastic dispenser and stainless steel fittings will be restocked daily by the UIP and all municipal bins on the promenade will be cleaned twice daily.

“This is a serious health issue, because the water on the promenade and grass areas flows onto the beaches and into the sea carrying e-coli and other pathogens with it, and burying it has the same consequences. For our children and adults using the beaches and sea this poses a significant health hazard, no different to that of human faeces. Furthermore it is unsightly and detracts from the experience of the promenade and beach which so many enjoy on a daily basis.” said UIP project manager Brain Wright.

The UIP is calling on the public, specifically dog owners to self-regulate and use the facilities provided and ensure dogs are on a leash when on the promenade and the beach. “The reality is that if there is no compliance and the status quo remains, we run the risk of the municipality banning all dogs from the promenade and the beaches and this is not what we want for our community,” concluded Wright.

The next phase of this project are dispensers for fisherman to use for bait and tackle waste.

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Note On The uMhlanga UIP

The uMhlanga Urban Improvement Precincts (UIPs) were established by the uMhlanga property owners to retain existing investment in uMhlanga; stimulate new investment; create economic opportunity; improve safety and quality of life, and respond to the challenge of environmental sustainability.

In terms of structure, there are two UIPs or Special Ratings Areas (SRA) as they are official termed by the municipality namely, The uMhlanga Promenade UIP established in March 2003 and the The Village UIP, established in July 2008. These UIPs, collectively known as the

uMhlanga UIP represent 29 large erven. In addition to the two UIPs, there are a further two Associate Managed Areas namely the Southern Promenade Properties (SPP) – established 2004 and the Northern Promenade Properties (NPP) – established 2010. These areas represent approximately 42 large erven.

The UIP partners with the eThekweni Municipality to ensure that this key node delivers an exceptional experience of public space. The UIP management team is constantly responding to the ever evolving needs of uMhlanga, whether it be service levels or special projects.

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