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8 Plastic Bag Dispensers Installed at Beach Access Points for Fisherman to Through Away Waste After Fishing

Following the successful installation of 12 plastic bag dispensers with instructive signage for dog owners to clean up after their pets on the uMhlanga promenade and servitudes, the uMhlanga Urban Improvement Precinct (UIP) together with the eThekweni Municipality have now installed 8 plastic bag dispensers for fishermen to dispose of bait and tackle waste at the entrances to the beaches where fishing is allowed.

With ongoing human and wildlife health issues related to fishermen leaving behind discarded hooks, line, used bait and litter on the rocks and beaches, as well as concern from members of the public expressed directly to the UIP, the precinct decided to help fishermen in uMhlanga take a positive step in looking after the area and working along the same lines as the bag dispensers for dog owners, have installed the bins along the promenade at the major fishing points.

“The UIP works regularly to ensure fishermen respect the municipal by laws and the environment and we work with Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife officers wherever possible to ensure enforcement of marine regulations. This work will continue but with the bag dispensers and new bins in place, we are confident that the fishermen, who for the most part respond positively to the request for compliance, will clean up after themselves and take pride in our beautiful beaches and rocky shores,” said UIP project manager Brain Wright.

The robust design of the plastic dispenser and stainless steel fittings will ensure they units last, with daily restocking of the bags and cleaning falling under the jurisdiction of the UIP.

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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 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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