NATURE'S VALLEY
CONSERVANCY / ULONDOLOZO / BEWAREA

# What is a conservancy?

A CONSERVANCY is a formal structure, that supports and encourages landowners to cooperatively, manage their natural resources, be they in agricultural, industrial or in our case, urban settings.

It is established through a voluntary agreement between two or more landowners, with others joining as they see value.

Objectives are achieved by co-operation and commitment to the conservation of the environment.

Conservancies are registered with provincial conservation authorities who offer support and guidance, in our case Cape Nature.

# Why the need for a conservancy?

GROWING PRESSURE ON THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Development in the surrounding areas and demand for property in Natures Valley has grown significantly.

Without a concerted effort around the consideration of our daily impact, the nature in Natures Valley, is in dangerof being compromised.

Of great concern is the 'unseen' human influence on insects, birds,frogs and so many other smaller creatures and plants.

| The pressures | The negative environmental impact |
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| More People | Increased waste, litter, and pollution, poaching and fishing pressure |
| Larger houses with bigger footprints and hard landscaping | Fewer natural areas for wildlife, light pollution |
| More Fences | Restricted movement of wildlife |
| More Dogs | More dog disturbance and hunting |
| More Cats | More birds and reptiles killed |
| More Cars | More road kills |
| More Formal gardens | Fewer natural areas for wildlife, the introduction of alien plant species |

# What are the benefits of a conservancy?

Common purpose in bringing the community together

Achieving collective community action and participation.



- Easy access to information, guidelines and expertise.
- Engagement with other conservancies for sharing and learning.
- Conservation status of the open spaces is enhanced
- Wildlife traversing and using the valley increases
- Support and guidance from Cape Nature
- Like-minded property owners are attracted
- Property values increase

Your experience of this Eden is passed onto your children and grandchildren

# What will the conservancy achieve?

Objective 1. A unique urban area that is an ecologically functioning component of the Garden Route National Park.
Objective 2: A mobilised, proactive conservancy membership that individually and collectively participates in the development of a healthy resilient environment.
Objective 3. A powerful unified voice in opposition to inappropriate development or practices.
Objective 4. Enhanced protection and management of the open space areas in Natures Valley.
Objective 5. Respect for homeowners' rights and independence.
Objective 6. Support for the NVRA/SRA, Bitou Municipality, SANParks and other authority organisations.
Objective 7. A culture of support learning and sharing with neighbouring and other like-minded- communities.

# What is your role as a homeowner?

- Become an urban conservancy member (Call or email the UC manager for more information.
- Follow the Green Living Guidelines (Summarised in this booklet and available in more detail on the website) Insert website address and QR code)
- Encourage guests, tenants, family members and visitors to follow the Green Living Guidelines.
- Get involved in or lead an urban conservancy project.
- Offer your skills and expertise. Anything and everything is useful, from carpentry, building, photography, art, drawing, social media skills, zoology, birding, marketing, gardening, engineering, conservation, botany…….you name it, we can use it.
- Support the urban conservancy financially, choose a project that really interests you to fund. (contact Giorgio for a list of projects)
- Pop in at the NVT office, meet Giorgio, have a cup of coffee and climb on board.