

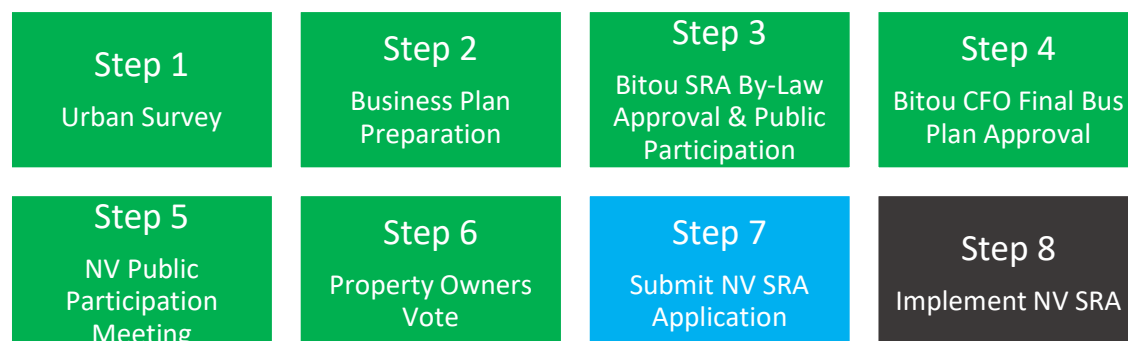
NVSRA Public Participation Meeting

On the 19th of December 2022 the NVSRA held a Public Participation Meeting (PPM – Step 5 of the SRA Application Process below) at the NGK Church Hall in Natures Valley to discuss the proposed formation of an SRA for Natures Valley. The meeting was facilitated by Dr Bianca Currie-Killick and was well attended in the Church Hall as well as via a Teams live streaming facility. The Chairman of the NVSRA Steering Committee, Rob Nichol, presented the proposed NVSRA Business Plan in a PowerPoint presentation and fielded a Q&A session through Dr Currie-Killick. This presentation was followed up the next day at the NVRA AGM with a repeat presentation and on behalf of the Steering Committee Q&A by James Martin.

Step 6 of the SRA Application Process (see below) is the vote on the proposed NVSRA Business Plan. Property owners were asked to complete and submit the consent forms provided with the proposed Business Plan. We are pleased to report that, to date 22nd February 2023), we have received 241 (61.3%) consent forms from property owners with 230 (58.5%) supporting the formation of the SRA and 11 (2.8%) against i.e. 94.4% of respondents voted for the establishment of the NVSRA*. This represents 58.5% support for the NVSRA from all property owners and provides the necessary consent for the Steering Committee to submit an application to Council for approval.

The NVSRA Steering Committee has also received approval from the Bitou CFO for submission of the NVSRA Business Plan Application (Step 7), which will then go through the Council vetting process before final and approval implementation (Step 8). As part of this approval process the Steering Committee will place an advertisement of the submission of the application in the local media and make a copy of the application and all supporting documentation available for public inspection at the offices of Bitou Municipality. Property owners may lodge formal written objections to the formation of the NVSRA with Bitou Municipality in writing before the 24th March 2023.

The step-by-step SRA Application Process



We are happy to report the following progress made to date: -

- ✓ **Step 1** – The urban perception survey has been completed - refer to Issue 2 of 4th April 2022
- ✓ **Step 2** – The draft business plan has been completed and key aspects of the plan such as geographical area, scope of services and indicative costs, have been discussed with the Municipality.
- ✓ **Step 3** – Bitou Municipal Council approved the SRA By-Law and SRA Policy and completed a 30-day public participation process in August. The SRA By-Law obtained final approval from Council on 31st October with publication in the Government Gazette to follow later in November.
- ✓ **Step 4** – Revised SRA Business Plan and budget was presented to the Bitou Municipality CFO for final approval in the early November.
- ✓ **Step 5** – Business Plan was sent to all NV property owners by email and presented on 19th December 2022 at a public participation meeting facilitated by Dr Bianca Currie.
- ✓ **Step 6** – Consent Forms were emailed to all NV property owners to respond to the implementation of the SRA proposal – December 2022/January 2023.
- **Step 7** – Submission of the SRA application to Council 22nd February 2023. This to be followed by a period of public comment and the establishment of financial administration arrangements with Bitou Municipality before final Council meeting regarding approval in March/April 2023.
- **Step 8** – Implementation of the NVSRA NPC (not for profit company) to manage the SRA on behalf of residents in March 2023. Details of company formation and structure will be available on the NVSRA website.

Update on Interim Funding for the Baboon Monitors

Income

Total funds received from the November appeal to 31st January 2023, including interest, is R234,648. This exceeded the target of R215,000. At 31 January 2023 there was cash on hand of R131,448 which should fund the project to 30 June 2023. Assuming that the additional SRA is levied on the July 2023 bills, the earliest that the SRA would receive funds from Bitou is likely to be in September 2023. This is because Bitou would only receive payment for the July bills in August. Then they must be reconciled and paid over in September. This means that additional funding will be required to cover the July, August and possible part of September. We shall have more clarity on this when we meet with the CFO and sign a financial agreement with Bitou.

Our sincere thanks to all the property owners who have contributed so generously to date. May we take this opportunity to encourage owners who have not yet contributed to please assist us in reaching our target.

Banking details for contributions: -

Account: Standard Bank Market Linked Business Savings Account

Account No 10154030161

Branch no 0510001

Account name - Natures Valley Ratepayers Association

Please put your ERF No, Name and "B" on the transfer details so we can identify payment for the baboon management plan. Please send a confirmation email to office@nvra.co.za

RA Nichol
Chairman, NVSRA Steering Committee
22nd February 2023