

Project Update: April 2017

This project continues on the work of the Rufford Small Grant with the following main objectives:

- To advocate for City Park to continue to exist for the benefit, enjoyment and learning of urban residents and visitors.
- To further develop people's active pursuit and experience of nature.
- To further grow the number of friends that support the cause to save City Park.

Protection of Land

(a) We have continued to wait on the National Lands Commission on the matters of the hedge maze. We appealed to have the maze officially reverted back to the park. We also await word regarding a decision on a parcel of City Park that requires a fresh hearing to determine its status. These two pieces are the last of 14 pieces of land that were in danger of being hived off from the park and as such we really look forward to the hearing to take place soon.

(b) We wrote to the county last month regarding the rogue felling of trees in the city for the placing of billboards. This happened when City Park become victim to the same felling, which took place one night. It was not immediately apparent what had happened — who and why had felled some woodland trees at City Park? Relevant departments at City Hall all denied granting permission. It took a while to determine and understand the situation and we were then able to write to the Governor of the Nairobi City County to protest this practice and to appeal for greater protections for City Park. The billboard has been removed.

Pollinator Garden

My efforts the last 5 months have focused on the pollinator garden, working out the upkeep, deciding on more butterfly plants and preparing supporting materials. We have worked out an arrangement, in which, besides the normal park oversight, the garden is receiving the maintenance it requires from a gardener each week. We have also prepared, printed and placed plant labels. New display boards on pollination and its importance have also been erected and a large welcome sign, of about a 1 sq., designed and put in place.

The new plants for butterflies feeding and breeding have been decided with the help of entomologists working in research and with the museum. To raise awareness about the garden and butterfly house we have designed and made ready for print a card flyer that will be a great help in getting information out about the garden.

In this regard, we are very pleased to also have a map designed and ready for print that shows the main features of the park, including the woodlands, river and gardens.

Nature walks

We have increased the monthly Nature walks and they are now held twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. To support the walks I've created a flyer that we've been using online. It will also be printed for handing out widely.

Nature Walk

with the Friends of City Park
at City Park

Limuru Road, Nairobi, main entry opposite the Aga Khan Hospital, and next to the Hawkers Market

First & third Saturday of each month
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Meet at the main car park by the red kiosk

Guided nature walks in City Park.
Bring a hat, comfortable walking shoes, and binoculars if possible.



- Sat. 4 & 18 February
- Sat. 4 & 18 March
- Sat. 1 & 15 April
- Sat. 6 & 20 May
- Sat. 3 & 17 June



Give a donation to the Friends and help save City Park and give nature a home in the city: MPESA 100300 | friendsofcitypark.org

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