

REQUEST TO LANDSCAPE AND MAINTAIN IN PRIVATE OPEN SPACE AREA

(landscaped gardens maintained by the HOA excluded)

An owner may request to landscape and maintain a section of a private open space area at his/her own cost. Additional landscaping will only be permitted in areas outside the village perimeter which have been informally landscaped.

The following is required for the HOA to consider this request. All documentation must be submitted to the Environmental Manager:

- Detailed planting plans must be submitted on a drawing. Plans must also indicate erf boundaries and existing vegetation.
- An irrigation plan must be submitted. Should the HOA have a water source available in the area, the applicant may apply to make use of this source.
- The nature of landscaping must be in keeping with the natural areas on the Estate, as per the requirements of the Environmental Management System and Ecological Management Plan.

The planting plan will be considered by the Estate appointed landscaping architect and changes may be made to the plan and the species to be planted. The final implementation must be in keeping with the final approved plan, as approved by the landscape architect.

In certain circumstances the plant placements will be done by the landscape architect employed by the Estate.

Plant species may only be indigenous and/or endemic. The list with permitted plants is available on the website.

Should the area under application be near a water body, the HOA may demarcate areas that may not be planted by the applicant. The SMA Trust has been rehabilitating the riverbanks and this planting may not be affected.

Whether landscaping will be permitted or not will be entirely at the discretion of the HOA and owners will be obliged to accept that such permission will be granted in certain cases and not in others.

Surrounding neighbours must be informed of the approved application.

No manmade structures such as garden furniture, braais, fences or barriers, outdoor lights or artwork/decorations will be allowed in these areas other than those placed there by the HOA.

An agreement for the implementation and management of the additional landscaping must be entered into.

All other owners will have access to the area with no restrictions other than those already imposed by the estate rules.

Work must be completed within 1 month of approval.