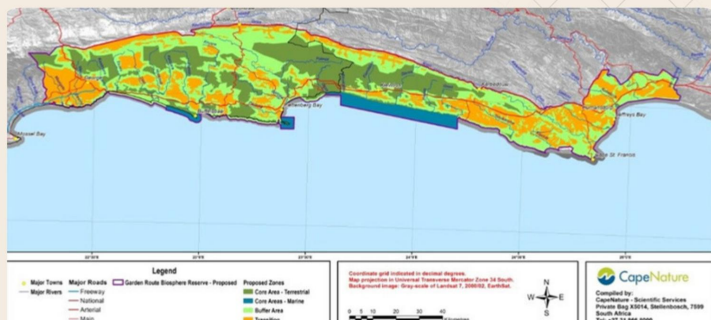


ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS

Join a community group, combine resources & expertise to address environmental challenges and promote sustainability.



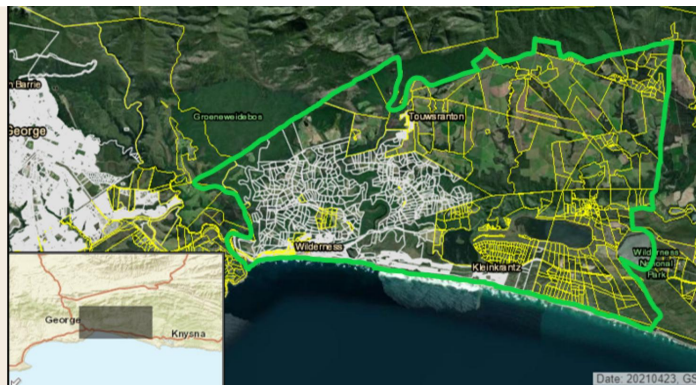
Garden Route Biosphere Reserve

The GRBR covers an area of approximately 700,000 hectares and aims to be a model site for sustainable relationships between people and nature.

The Biosphere Reserve objectives specifically include:

- Conservation of genetic resources, species, and ecosystems;
- Scientific research and monitoring; and
- Promoting sustainable development in communities of the surrounding region.

Contact: www.gardenroutebiosphere.org.za or email: admin@gardenroutebiosphere.org.za



WALEAF

Wilderness & Lakes Environmental Action Forum

An environmental "watchdog" comprising a group of local residents taking action towards ensuring the highest environmental and conservation outcomes in respect of all development and building activity occurring in the Greater Wilderness Area

ROLE

To get the best environmental and conservation outcome with respect to all development in the area by promoting adherence to environmental regulations and town planning laws that govern all properties.

To assist and educate property owners in building and environmental compliance.

OBJECTIVES

To act as a watch-dog over matters concerning all aspects of the environment in the Greater Wilderness Area.

To curtail unsustainable development and activities that threaten the sense of place and natural beauty of the Greater Wilderness Area.

The IMPORTANCE of Our Work

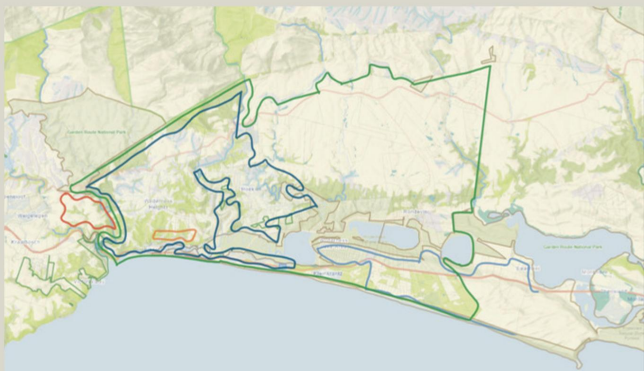
To address the devastating effects on our natural environment and wildlife resulting from:

- Impenetrable fencing
- Light and noise pollution
- Destruction of pristine canopied forests and natural vegetation
- Destruction of the endangered fynbos biome
- Removal of protected indigenous trees
- Loss of regional biodiversity

FUNCTION

To monitor activities in the Greater Wilderness region by commenting on land use applications, OSCAE applications, and any illegal BUILDING activities posing a threat to the natural environment and in contravention of the town planning by-law that are brought to our attention.

Contact: www.waleaf.org.za or email: waleaf@langvlei.co.za



Join Your Local Conservancy

What is a conservancy?

A conservancy is a voluntary agreement between landowners to cooperate towards the conservation of the environment on their combined properties.

There are three conservancies within the greater Wilderness area

Touws River Conservancy

Aims to conserve the natural assets of the Greater Wilderness Area, in partnership with all its people, for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future.

Constantia Kloof Conservancy

Established to protect the area encompassed by the Constantia Kloof development and promote environmental awareness among the residents and visitors of Wilderness.

Paradise Ridge Conservancy

Actively encourages the property owners in Paradise Ridge to manage their land in a way that conserves and nurtures the natural fauna and flora of the area.

Each of the Conservancies can easily be found on Facebook for local information and current events



WESSA

Wildlife & Environment Society of South Africa

WESSA Eden is the Garden Route branch of this national environmental organisation who aim to implement high impact environmental and conservation projects which promote public participation in caring for the earth. Sign up to their monthly newsletter for local events.

www.wessa.org.za



Precious Tree Project

A local non-profit primarily focused on the assisted regeneration of the natural forest biome in wildlife corridors and riverine areas by planting out bio-mimicked forest patches, comprising local indigenous forest trees between Wilderness and Sedgefield. You can join their volunteer tree-planting events.

www.precioustreeproject.org.za



Save Wild

An educational platform that aims to provide information that will both encourage residents to preserve the wild in Wilderness and also enable them to hold authorities to account to implement existing by-laws, rules, and the Local Spatial Development Framework.

www.savewild.co.za