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Abstract

This research report examines how different acts of spatial practice and place-making inform an understanding of public space within Johannesburg. The history of spatial inequality that has defined the city has meant a legacy of exclusionary practices within contested sites, presenting issues to their management and accessibility. The recent attempt to develop and maintain the trail network within the Braamfontein Spruit by the private-public partnership Jozi Trails highlights this. While the organisation brings in crucial funding to maintain the site for public use, this promotes an understanding of the site as being for predominantly middle-class users. Thus, the trails contrast with broader informal networks of 'desire lines' that operate within the site. The intention is to unpack how public space is conceived and to argue for the necessity of thinking of urban public space as being part of a commons that is open to all residents.

Keywords: Public space; Johannesburg; commons.

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List of Abbreviations and Acronyms

API — Application Programming Interface

COCCOS — Co-ordinating Committee for Community Open Space

COVID-19 — Coronavirus disease of 2019

CRA — CraigPark Residents Association

IDP —Integrated Development Plan

JCPZ — Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo

JMOSS — Johannesburg Metropolitan Open Space System

JRA — Johannesburg Roads Agency

JUMA — Johannesburg Mountain Biking Adventure

PRABOA — Parkhurst Village Residents' and Business Owners' Association

REEA — Rand Epileptic Employment Agency

SDF — Spatial Development Framework

SOAP — School of Architecture and Planning (University of the Witwatersrand)

SPLUMA — Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act

Chapter 1 - Introduction

The spatial dynamics of the city of Johannesburg, South Africa, are marked by the legacy of segregation and urban planning policies informed by a policy of apartheid. Even as the country shifted towards the development of more democratic institutions, the ways in which people engage with public open spaces within the city are still shaped by restrictive processes through privatisation and securitisation. There exists a contrast between the formal designation of what constitutes official public space, and the ways in which people develop their own spatial practices, a range of personal associations, interactions, and appropriations. These social processes often exist in tension with the official management of public space, a tension that derives from the formal vision for open space that is often used in informal ways that challenge more 'organised' visions for the site.

This report is an examination of how public space is conceived, and how recent attempts to develop and formalise sites within Johannesburg shape the ways in which people use and understand them. The Braamfontein Spruit has been the focus of investment from the city municipality to be developed into a major linear park, managed by Jozi Trails, a private-public partnership that aims to develop the trail networks of the site and bring in new visitors. How these efforts to formalise the paths highlight a clear interest in developing the space for those who use it, yet the reality of public space is that there exists a much more complex range of interactions and uses, reflecting the unplanned nature of desire of those who use and move through urban spaces. The interest here is in unpacking how the idea of open public space within a city like Johannesburg is understood, and the conflicts, pressures and anxieties that complicate the understanding of what accessibility means for its residents.

Background

The Braamfontein Spruit is one of the longest streams in Johannesburg and is a tributary of the Jukskei River. It runs from the city centre through what is known as the northern suburbs, an area that is often portrayed as being a wealthier enclave shaped by low-density residential suburban homes (Mabin, 2014). The Spruit is popular amongst many residents as a recreational site for activities such as dog-walking and mountain biking but also serves as an important meeting place for church groups and pedestrians walking through the surrounding neighbourhoods. It is also where rough-sleepers and other urban homeless

reside, often people who are engaged in informal work in the area (Charlton, 2019). The site is an important part of the city's green spaces, the river forming a corridor that connects different parks with residential areas and which has been assigned as a 'Critical Biodiversity Area' for conservation purposes (Next Step Consulting, 2016). These more natural spaces contrast with the presence of crucial urban infrastructure, notably being a servitude for Eskom electricity pylons (Next Step Consulting, 2016).

Within this context, the site has been the focus of recent attempts by the city municipality to invest in the site and develop it into a public space for residents of Johannesburg. This has been led by the group Jozi Trails, which has focused on developing management systems for the site, in particular building on and maintaining the existing trail systems (Jozi Trails, 2021a). Crucially, this is a private-public partnership between Jozi Trails and Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo (*ibid*.). The aim is to develop the Braamfontein Spruit into a site that is accessible for all residents, promoting the notion that it is Johannesburg's 'best-kept secret' (*ibid*.). The intention is to promote the Braamfontein Spruit as a public space within the city and develop the identity of the site as a place for residents to visit and use. This, however, can be seen as representing only certain interests. An underlying concern of this report is examining how the formalisation of the site impacts how ideas of space and place are conceived and developed, especially in spaces that can be understood as contested or interstitial.

Problem Statement

Interstitial sites such as the Braamfontein Spruit are unique sites within cities, often pointing to how informal use shapes an understanding of a site. A notable case of this is the paths that form as 'desire lines' reflecting commuting patterns that indicate how people use and move through certain spaces. This is especially important, given the ways in which movement within the city can be controlled and monitored such as through the development of gated communities. With private-public partnerships such as Jozi Trails, there is an intention to formalise the paths and provide security and maintenance. This serves to create the identity of the site, framing how the site is understood, and who it is for. While formalisation can bring important features for users this can present issues to what can be understood as the commoning potential of the site. The idea that public spaces can exist as commons, open to all residents, underscores an ideal of thinking about the use

and accessibility of urban public places. The reality though is that the city municipality is under pressure to fund the development of these sites, resulting in systems and practices that might impact their use for those who might be seen as undesirable.

Aims

With regard to this topic, this report has two aims. The first is to develop a strong theoretical lens for thinking about concepts related to how people engage and use public space. This will be informed by academic literature around concepts related to spatial practice and social commoning. With this framework, the second aim will be an examination of the Braamfontein Spruit (also referred to as the Spruit), exploring the impact that processes of formalisation have had on the site. This will focus on the area of the Spruit that runs through the suburbs of Parkhurst, Craighall Park, Blairgowrie, and Delta Park. This area was part of the first phase of development by Jozi Trails, and so highlights the complex ways in which the formal management of the site interacts with its day-to-day use. Drawing on comments from users and management, this will examine how people use and relate to the space in their personal capacity.

Informing this study is an interest in the ways in which ideas of space are conceptualised. Public space is something that is essential to cities both in terms of offering green spaces and enabling opportunities for different people to engage with one another. Cities in South Africa are marked by a long history of segregation that has impacted the shape of the built environment. While there shift towards a more democratic state in the 1990s has created an opening up in some ways, cities like Johannesburg are still marked by systems and structures of demarcation and enclosure, often protecting wealth and privilege (Murray, 2008). The need to make space open for all thus serves a crucial role in creating a more just and inclusive city. By employing the concept of public space as commons, what is being interrogated is how the ways in which spaces are used and managed contribute to a shared experience, informing the idea of a site as a place for the people of that city.

Research Questions

The research questions for this report are as follows:

Main Question

- With regards to the Braamfontein Spruit, in what ways does the formalisation of the trails impact the spatial practices and perceptions of the site?

Sub-questions

- What does the presence of 'desire lines' say about the spatial practices of an area?
- In what ways do the presence and use of paths reflect practices of 'common-making'?
- How do the processes of formalisation of open public spaces impact the territorialisation and place-making of those spaces?
- What do the objectives of Jozi Trails say about perceptions of the site?

Outline of Report

The following is an overview of the following chapters. Chapter 2 is the literature review, which examines the range of theories and writers that inform the conceptual framework of this report. The is an overview of the concepts of space and place, and how social processes of place-making such as spatial practices enable the creation of socially significant places. Chapter 3 highlights the research methods, which detail the qualitative approaches used in gathering and interrogating information relevant to the report. The key to this is to draw attention to the three methods used: interviews, site observation, and an analysis of documents and social media. This chapter highlights the ways this information was gathered, as well as the limitations and issues encountered that affected the subsequent fieldwork. Chapter 4 provides a contextual overview of the site, highlighting the geographic and natural features of the site, and the historical context of the Braamfontein Spruit as a public space in Johannesburg. This will also draw attention to the socio-economic context of the area the Spruit is located, exploring the different types of communities that are involved in the site and the types of organisations involved in managing it. Chapter 5 is a breakdown of the fieldwork conducted, exploring the connections between the different sources, such as social media posts, interviews with experts, and the observations conducted during actual site visits. Chapter 6 will explore how the conceptual framework developed in the literature review informs the information gathered from the fieldwork, using it to analyse how theoretical concepts such as spatial practice and common-making are found within the activities of the site. Chapter 7 is the conclusion, providing a summary of each chapter, and further discussion on the limitations of the research conducted and potential points for further investigation.

Chapter 2 - Literature Review

This chapter will explore how the concepts of space and place are understood, examining how social processes of place-making inform these terms. This deals first with an examination of how space and place are understood in relation to one another, and how certain urban planning processes inform the creation of certain spaces within cities. This follows with an exploration of the role of interstitial spaces within urban areas, and the role that the unplanned or contested spaces have within cities. The interest here is in the role social-spatial practices and place-making have in developing urban places. This will focus on the distinction between formalising processes and the more informal practices such as the creation of 'desire lines'. This builds into an analysis of the role of territorialisation that occurs within public spaces, and how the pluralistic nature of these sites informs the development of spatial commons. This chapter will then examine how public space has been developed within the context of Johannesburg, exploring the different policies that shape how places are used and understood by the public.

Space, Place and the In-between

Space and place exist as common-sense terms that at some level indicate something similar. Yet the distinction between the two highlights crucial processes of power, planning, and relational connections. Broadly speaking this is the distinction between the physical landscape of space and the associated meanings and relationships of a place. As Tuan (2011: 17) argues, there is a process of interconnection at play between the two terms, where place is an abstract type of object that gives space a 'geometric personality'. This points to a crucial social element that informs how people relate to the environment they inhabit. Massey (2005) raises similar arguments to this, identifying the *place* as 'collections' of stories and relationships, whereas the concept of *space* is where these interconnections exist. Crucially, Massey argues for an understanding of both space and place that develops within a context of plural meanings and interactions (*ibid*.). This underscores two important points. The first is that *place* as a concept, though tied to particular histories and local identity, should be understood as being informed by complex and contested meanings (*ibid*. 1994). Second, the concept of *space* is likewise always 'under construction' and is not something static or inert, but part of a process informed by heterogeneous interactions and meanings that coexist alongside one another (*ibid*. 2005).

That the conceptualisation of space is not inert points to the ways in which it is influenced by certain projections that can either shape or unshape space. This is especially true in urban contexts, as argued by Franck and Stevens (2006), who highlight the contrast between 'tight' and 'loose' space. The distinction here is between spaces informed by function or planned use, compared to the more open-ended appropriations that develop from unintended uses. For Franck and Stevens (*ibid*.), while public spaces might feature planned features that inform supposed ways these sites are used, this can often contrast with how people might appropriate and use public spaces for their own ends. In the planned environments of cities there exists what Bremner (2010a: 74) describes as the 'tight fit between the hardware of space and what goes on or imagined in it'. Looseness, on the other hand, can develop through 'non-productive forces', often reflecting self-reflection and social interaction (Franck & Stevens, 2006).

These processes of tightening and loosening relate to the conceptual framework that informs Lefebvre's (1991: 33) examination of the production of space, in particular, the distinction between 'representations of space' and 'representational space'. The first is connected to 'relations of production' and the imposition of order that occurs *(ibid*.: 33). Representational space, on the other hand, is informed by 'complex symbolisms' that reflect the often 'clandestine' uses and occupations of spaces (*ibid*.: 33). Thus, there exists a contrast between the planned spaces of a city and the more informal ways it is interacted with. Similarly, de Certeau (1984: 92) argues that there exists a visionary process in the planning of the city, where the 'desire to see' it manifests before the actual reality of life on its streets, and the daily navigations of urban space often challenge this more rigid perspective of the city. *Tight* and *loose*, *representations of* and *representational*, all point to a development of space that is influenced by planned structures and the day-to-day use of them. These are also processes that are in tension with one another.

Another crucial aspect to consider is the ways in which spaces develop outside of this process of planning. The development of interstitial spaces within cities highlights the complex ways in which the planned environment of cities conflicts with the reality of spaces, creating sites that exist outside, or in-between, the formal vision of the city. The expansive nature of urbanisation means that there exist sites that are often outside of formal classification, operating at the 'interstice of proximity' between spaces that are recognised

and managed, linking up fragmentary spaces (Phelps & Silva, 2018: 1210). They argue for framing these sites as 'urban interstices', reflecting the contrasting planned and unplanned nature of sites that can be considered 'underdeveloped' (*ibid*.: 1209). The existing interstices of transition and proximity point to different ways in which the scale of urbanisation impacts the creation of relational space that connects different parts of the urban landscape (*ibid*.). This can relate to the areas that Franck and Stevens (2006) call 'leftover spaces', seemingly public spaces that exist on the fringes of sites that are informed by the ways people interact and move through them.

The broad-ranging ways in which urban space manifests draws attention to an inherent multiplicity in how meaning and values are assigned and negotiated within them. The concept of heterotopia provides a valuable way of exploring this. The idea of heterotopia is articulated by Stavrides (2006: 177) as being 'places where differences meet'. This builds on arguments made by Foucault (1986), who frames heterotopia as being sites where multiple spaces can exist in juxtaposition with one another. The complexities of thinking about space here point to the conceptualisation of sites where difference and otherness can be recognised (Stavrides, 2006). This further develops a framing of space that crucially needs to be understood as open to multiple experiences and potential, though not necessarily uncontested. Massey (2005) articulates an understanding of a place in a very localised, closed way. This is not to say that the thinking locally is inherently either reactionary or liberating, but that there needs to be a crucial balance in how this particularity might be approached. The framing of space and related practices of place-making need to be understood as open processes.

Thinking of certain spaces in this relational context points to the framing of certain sites that exist within the contexts of boundaries and borders. These sites thus reflect both the logic of demarcation that exists within cities, but also present opportunities for contact and connection. As de Certeau (1984: 127) argues, this is the 'paradox of the frontier', where the in-between nature of a site offers up the chance for overlapping social practices to come together. Similarly, Stavrides argues that this liminality within border spaces creates the opportunity for 'a common world-in-making' (Stavrides, 2015: 12). Thus, even within contexts of a tightening of space, such as through processes of securitisation (such as the development of gated communities), there exist the potential in these spaces to offer

opportunities for connection and shared experience. The looseness of interstitial spaces thus serves as a way of unpacking the way supposedly underdeveloped public spaces are used, and the role of social practices that might occur within such places.

Spatial Practice and Place-making

In thinking of the multiple ways in which meanings occur within space, or that a sense of loosening happens, it becomes important to understand the spatial practices that inform how these different processes of space and place develop. de Certeau, (1984) explores this term, drawing on the ways in which urban residents, through their everyday actions, form a collection of individual paths and stories which develop an understanding of space. Crucially, this exists outside of the conceptualisation of the city as a totality, the vision of the city-space as a unified whole (de Certeau, 1984). Through what is described as the 'long poem of walking', people deploy certain everyday tactics that resist this totalising framing of the city and instead develop the more ambiguous and multi-layered meanings within urban space *(ibid*.: 101).

Henri Lefebvre (2000) examines a similar understanding of the nature of urban life. Crucially, he argues for an understanding of the city as the 'supreme *oeuvre*', a site of dialectical relationships between the lived experience of the city and its formal, institutional articulation (*ibid*.: 20). This framing of the city as an *oeuvre* frames city-space as something that is always in process, similar to a creative work that develops through urban residents' personal negotiation of the environment they live in. It is an engagement with the 'plasticity of space' that creates what he understands as the right to inhabit a city, that is to engage with the urban experience in a meaningful way (*ibid*.: 79). This underscores his argument for the development of a right to the city that is grounded within forms of participation and appropriation, where the engagement with space as *oeuvre* is focused on resisting a capitalist spatial logic that develops the city as a site of exchange value only. The idea of spatial practice can thus inform his notion of the production of space, connecting to the previously mentioned notions of representations of space and representational space. Here spatial practice relates to the idea of how space is perceived by those who navigate it, informed by the ways spaces are planned and subsequently appropriated (*ibid.*). For Lefebvre (*ibid.*: 38), 'the spatial practice of a society is revealed through the deciphering of its space'.

The processes of spatial practices inform the sense of place-making that occurs as people engage with the spaces they use in their day-to-day life. This builds on the earlier point of the different ways in which urban space manifests, between tight and loose space and the idea of space as being informed by social interactions, from the personal to more complex socio-economic developments. How space is tightened can be the imposition of neoliberal, market-orientated solutions. As argued by Harvey (2012: 30), there exists a 'polarisation in the distribution of wealth' which impacts the spatial structure of cities. This leads to the enclosure and enclaving urban space, where places and borders are tightly controlled. The impact this has on the built environment can be further compounded by other existing processes of segregation and exclusion which manifest in cities such as Johannesburg, where the lasting legacy of apartheid spatial planning and more contemporary processes of securitisation and enclaving have resulted in an attempt to create a more exclusive and controlled urban environment (Murray, 2008).

It is this development of fortified, fragmentary city spaces that obscures and hinders the relationships people have with the city they live in. As Bremner (2010a: 42) argues, there exists a unique relationship that people have between their daily experiences and the 'imaginary realities of urban space'. Her argument that city dwellers are 'like readers' points to the importance of highlighting the personal and experiential when thinking about what the city means (*ibid*.: 47). This crucially underscores an important aspect when thinking of the role of place-making in the context of public space; that there needs to be an understanding of the spatial practices employed by people to understand what might make a site meaningfully public. This would be counterpoised between the imagined total city, where the idea of public space is more formalised but also constrained by what might be understood as 'acceptable'.

In contrast with a formalised vision of the city, there exists a range of practices used by people who enact their own form of place-making within a site. The concept of the 'desire line' serves as a useful conceptual framework to understand these practices in appropriation. Desire lines or desire paths are a key part of informal path-making. Within the field of landscape architecture, these are understood as paths that slowly form as people make routes outside delineated paths, often reflecting more practical concerns of pedestrian use or simply offering quicker shortcuts (Nichols, 2014a). The development of

these paths indicates certain trends and habits that develop independently or outside of planning, reflecting in a sense the paths that people *want* to walk, instead of what has been offered to them. Nichols *(ibid*.: 653) argues for developing a theoretical framework that can 'connect the micro-level actions of individuals to the macro structures', as a way to make sense of these actions. She outlines several characteristics of social desire paths, which presents an important way of framing the analysis of such paths as they develop. This includes understanding that these pathways develop as a response to existing formal structures, that they are not explicitly acts of subversion but develop through unintended use of space, and that they reflect the behaviours and values of those who inadvertently create them (*ibid*.). Another crucial point she highlights is that they also put a strain on the existing structures, pointing to the importance of taking into account the role of desire paths in planning. Smith and Walters (2018) also raise the point that the development of such paths reflects and engagement with more constricting processes of defensive architecture, with people navigating spaces in ways that suit them. They argue for using the term as a way to examine how both hard and soft forms of control within public space are resisted, reflecting a tactic of spatial practice that develops as people engage with a space on their own terms (*ibid*.).

Public Territories and Urban Commons

Public space as a concept can thus be understood as being informed by tension between the planned idea of what public space is and the more personal appropriations that occur within these sites. Part of what informs this tension is the complexity of identifying who the public is. As Carmona (2010) argues, how the idea of the general public is defined is not always something coherent, given the inherently complex nature of society within urban contexts along socio-economic and cultural lines. The role of managing these spaces further complicates this, with the notion that poorly run public spaces lead to a tightening response through over-management, such as when private organisations take over from public municipalities to maintain and secure them (Carmona, 2010). This can occur through a range of methods of control, from 'hard' approaches such as the presence of private security and fencing to more passive 'soft' measures (*ibid*. 2010). This can impact how spaces are used. Mitchell (2003) highlights the changing use of the People's Park in Berkeley, USA, where the perception of the site as unmanaged (due to its use by homeless

people) resulted in the city exerting more control over the space. Another example is the creation of the High Line Park in New York, where a neglected elevated rail line was turned into a recreational space. The development and formalisation of the site is something that Loughran (2014) argues reflects a neoliberal appropriation of the urban public. The result is a site that is privately held but presents itself as being in the public domain, while managing the use of the site so that it caters to a more select group of users, such as tourists or those who have access to wealth.

This speaks to a process of territorialisation that is at play within public spaces, as different groups seek to appropriate these spaces. Kärrholm (2007: 441) argues that public spaces are informed by 'territorial strategies' employed by different groups and individuals and developed by the 'repetitive and consistent use of an area'. This can result in a stabilisation of connections through the development of regulations (both hard and soft), as well as conflicts as spaces become appropriated by dominant activities that override other uses (Kärrholm, 2007). Spaces invariably are at the centre of a range of different interests by those who use them. As cities grow, a site previously ignored by officials becomes appropriated and incorporated into the official city. This in turn impacts those users who were previously using the site to suit their own needs, often in ways that were not catered to.

It is within this context that the concept of the urban commons will be examined. The idea of the commons deals with thinking of a publicly accessible pool of resources, whether it be goods or land (Parker & Schmidt, 2017). Hardin's (1968) well-known essay 'The Tragedy of the Commons' argues that the problem with commonly-owned land is that it leads to rapid degradation and exploitation by users, who act in their own self-interest. This view has been challenged in recent years. Harvey (2011: 104) argues that this view reflects the shortcomings of 'individualised property rights' in realising common interests. The term has been employed in more contemporary debates around thinking of how to manage urban space. This is in part because of the departure of investment and maintenance from the public sector, causing civic society to seek more collaborative forms of management, as argued by Parker and Schmidt (2017). Harvey (2011: 107) argues along a similar if more radical line, stating that in the face of collapsing regulatory frameworks through the predatory accumulation of wealth, what is needed is the socialisation of resources to create

a ‘new common of wealth for all’, resisting the enclosure and commodification of the commons by capital. With regards to thinking about public space within Johannesburg, this stands in sharp contrast with the rise of private and semi-private spaces that are presented as public which are in fact heavily regulated and closed off (Murray, 2008). The question is then what does the commoning of public space mean and how might it be applied?

The notion of public space as urban commons presents a more open-ended framing of what is meant by public space. This can be framed in one way as being informed as a civic practice, as argued by Brain (2019). Part of this is to challenge what he sees as the restrictions placed within public spaces on those who might be understood as undesirable, such as the homeless, which is framed as a way to protect what is understood as a shared resource (*ibid*.). This, though, reflects the risk of thinking of accessibility in a limited way. As Stavrides (2015) points out, there can exist a logic within commoning that is itself exclusive, closed off to only those within a certain group who are in a sense looking after their own common space. This can be seen in how public space was racially segregated in South Africa historically, but also in the ways in which certain public spaces might be controlled by residents’ associations or other groups. Thus, there needs to be important framing that grounds aspects of civic association and intersocial relationships (Brain, 2019). What is key here is to begin thinking of public space in a more open-ended way, one that appreciates the idea of multiple spatial practices. As Parker and Schmidt (2017) argue in relation to urban design, there needs to be an understanding of multiple publics so as to incorporate approaches of co-development and co-design into the creation of public spaces.

This underscores a framing of public space that is more open-ended, in a word ‘*loose’*. The process of ‘space-commoning’, as argued by Stavrides (2016: 139), thus serves as a way of creating shared spatial relations that allow for a more collective framing of public space. In particular, he argues for a focus on a more open-ended framing of the aspects of a community, with commoning being not just a sharing of space that has been designated for public use, but as informed by the spatial practices that allow for the ‘emancipatory potentialities of sharing’ (*ibid*.: 7). Thus, the creation of a community develops these acts of commoning, informed by the shared practices at play within spaces (*ibid.*) This highlights a crucial step in thinking about what public space means and the importance of embracing loose space to create better accessibility for all residents. This builds on the arguments

highlighted in the literature presented, pointing to the importance of framing the concept of space, especially within the context of public accessibility, as a heterotopia. This also grounds the ways in which certain spatial practices, such as desire lines, reflect the multi-layered use of space by people.

In thinking of how commoning is applied, different writers draw on certain case studies. Aernouts (2020) highlights how commoning practices have occurred within housing developments in the Netherlands, where the focus has been on 'empowering residents' to enable the development and continuation of the projects. Łapniewska (2017) explores something similar in Poland, highlighting how processes of co-production and participatory budgets can allow for better appreciation from local communities, though the potential for conflict between different groups can endanger the sustainability of common spaces. Parker and Schmidt (2017) examined public parks, highlighting the need for the designers of those spaces to include perspectives that appreciate the existence of multiple publics but also engage with public authorities to enable viable, sustainable approaches. The examples here highlight the importance to include a broad range of perspectives, but also the need to create models that are self-sustaining, using the authority of city management to develop and arbitrate amongst the range of users within these spaces so as to avoid subtle forms of exclusion. The idea of the common can thus be seen as existing at the complex intersection between the community of users and city management.

Public Space in Johannesburg

Following the end of apartheid, approaches to urban planning within South African cities underwent significant changes. The immediate shift away from planning focused on racial segregation and the focus on developing the capabilities of local government resulted in numerous legislative decisions that aimed to reconfigure how urban areas were conceived and developed. Legislative acts such as the Municipal Systems Act (Republic of South Africa, 2000) and Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, or SPLUMA, (Republic of South Africa, 2013) introduced key strategic tools for municipalities to employ in their development, such as Integrated Development Plans (IDP) and Spatial Development Frameworks (SDF). These outline the ways in which municipalities must develop and implement developmental goals, grounded by a focus on addressing spatial inequality. As Harrison, Todes and Watson (2007) point out, they serve as a way to develop both medium

and long-term planning objectives, and the requirement of IDPs to include spatial frameworks that strengthen the focus on the role space plays in city planning. These strategic tools are intended to be the method with which municipalities tackle the spatial inequalities of apartheid planning, though it has been hard to find evidence that they ultimately deal with the structural causes that still enable inequality (*ibid*.).

The focus on spatial planning thus informs how public space is understood. Indeed, the definitions provided in SPLUMA serve as a basis for how public space can be understood officially by city authorities. The two notable ones here are 'open space', which is open land reserved for the use of a community 'irrespective of the ownership', and 'public place', which covers all publicly used open or enclosed places such as parks or roads where ownership is overseen by the municipal council for the general public (Republic of South Africa, 2013: 12). These definitions are further developed by municipalities, such as through different SDFs. Within Johannesburg, the 2003 Spatial Development Framework (City of Johannesburg, 2003) developed the Johannesburg Metropolitan Open Space System (JMOSS), which established more specific definitions of how open space was understood by the municipality. The focus of JMOSS was to develop an 'inter-connected and managed network of open space' within the city, supporting social, economic and environmental interactions (*ibid*.: 31). The Spatial Development Framework 2040 (City of Johannesburg: Department of Development Planning, 2016), similarly draws attention to the role of public spaces and their role in playing a transformative part in reshaping the inequality within the city. The focus here is on improving access to open public open spaces for residents (at a level of around 15-20% within a neighbourhood) and improving the 'connectivity' within these space to increase the mobility within the public realm (*ibid*.).

These policies also outline an approach to the management of greenfield spaces within the city. JMOSS aimed to categorise different types of open space within the city and integrate them along with certain groupings. Key to this is the primary open spaces, which cover existing ecological open spaces such as nature reserves, water bodies, and nature trails *(ibid*.). This is followed by secondary open spaces, which either overlap with primary open spaces or cover sites such as parks and heritage sites (*ibid*.). JMOSS aims to provide clear development guidelines for these sites, incorporating sustainable developmental models that prioritise environmental concerns over immediate development (*ibid*.). JMOSS was

further expanded by the publication of JMOSS II which builds on the previous systems with a greater emphasis on the environmental impact of how these systems work, building towards the creation of a more 'sustainable urban form' *(ibid*.: 13). Within the context of this framework, the management of public spaces by the city is undertaken primarily by Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo (JCPZ), known also as 'City Parks', an organisation whose mandate is from the city's Department of Environment and Infrastructure Services (Schäffler et al., 2013: 60). This broadly covers a range of open spaces and public sites, including cemeteries, the city zoo and the maintenance of all street and park trees, with its vision statement being a 'Joburg that is environmentally sustainable and liveable' (Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo, n.d.). Underlying all of this is the attempt to re-configure the city and promote an idea of it that is accessible to those who live in it.

While the above-mentioned might frame official policy, there still exists plenty of barriers to the idea of the open city that has been proposed. The city has been the focus of processes of mostly private-led attempts of securitisation, notably through the development of road enclosures and gating within the city's suburbs (Dirsuweit & Wafer, 2016). According to Dirsuweit and Wafer (2016), the anxiety from the perceived threat of crime and invasion has led to processes enclosure throughout the city, restricting the way people, especially pedestrians, navigate urban space. For public places, this has seen a shift in how these spaces are viewed and used. Landman (2019) argues that the changes within public space following the end of apartheid have changed perceptions of them, with the idea that previously well-maintained but racially exclusive parks have now been degraded, being seen as unsafe. This, for her, has led to a range of practices that impact how people use these sites, notably with the implementation of hard and soft boundaries within spaces, including fencing and private security (*ibid*.). This leads to an 'enclosed urbanism' that seeks to address the issues around maintenance, safety and cleanliness of these spaces *(ibid*.). Another way of portraying it is the development of what Murray (2008: 25) calls 'siege architecture' which enforces disciplinary tools to cleanse these spaces of unwanted elements, notably the urban poor.

This presents a challenge for city management in attempting to develop and maintain public spaces. As Marais (2016) argues, with regards to the attempts to manage the safety of public spaces such as Joubert Park in Johannesburg, the city has enabled the use of rules

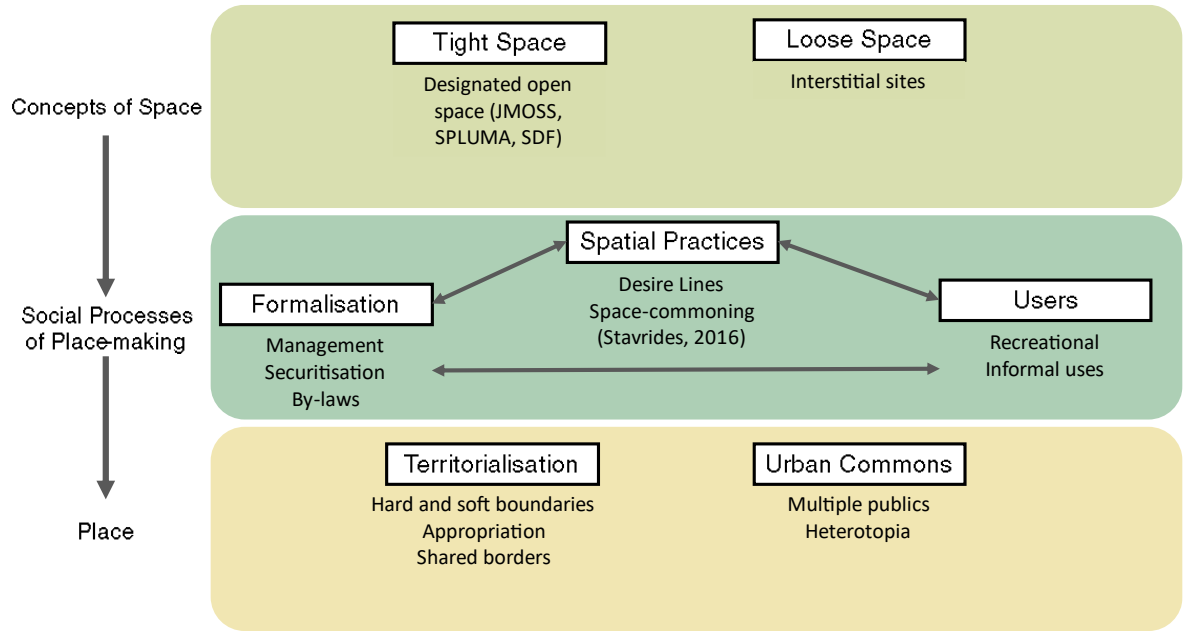

Figure 2-1 Conceptual Framework.

and security to essentially privatise the space, creating a sense that there are legitimate and illegitimate park users. The attempt to manage and formalise spaces within the city, as an attempt to mitigate the fear of crime associated with these spaces leads to exclusion. The enforcement of by-laws, for example, becomes a way to manage how people can use public spaces. The Public Open Spaces By-Laws for Johannesburg (City of Johannesburg, 2004b) indicates the need for the management of public spaces to be in the 'interests of the whole community' while also enforcing regulations on prohibited activities. These prohibited activities include camping, lighting fires, bathing in water or hawking (unless with special permission) (*ibid.)*. This serves to create certain conditions for access to these spaces, with the aim that these serve to preserve the conditions of the public spaces.

These controls, however, can also target urban homeless and other vulnerable users within the city. As argued by Murray (2008: 166), it has been used by city management to 'regulate the cityscape through the effective spatial dispersal of homeless people' to protect middle-class interests. For Marais (2016: 182) it serves to articulate a particular vision of the city, 'rather than the needs of its citizens'. Bremner (2010b: 256) argues that even as certain existing public spaces were being re-appropriated for a more shared public life, this was invariably 'centred on money', reflecting the development of more glamourous, private spaces within the city that exclude large segments of the population. This leads to a deepening of the structural inequality of the city. Mbembe (2008: 41) argues this informs a

critical part of the spatial logic of Johannesburg, whereby the labour of the city is shaped by a 'class of superfluous men'. The hidden nature of class and race means that the urban development often dispossesses those who, while still necessary to the functioning of the city, are nevertheless viewed as being outside the more sanitised planned view of the city. Thus, while there are clearly moves to tackle the unequal spatial dynamics of the city, there still exists embedded socio-economic structures that hinder this. There is a sense that the city cannot manage these spaces and services, and so has a history of outsourcing the management of them through private-public partnerships or even enabling greater privatisation of spaces (Murray, 2008). The issue is that different approaches to managing these spaces, from community groups enclaving to the enforcement of security measures within public spaces, all impact the way in which people understand and access areas that are framed as public.

Chapter Conclusion

This chapter has examined a range of literature that serves as the conceptual framework for this report. The crucial point is that space needs to be understood as being informed by complex social processes, and not in any sense as a static or closed system. This applies to the creation of the notion of place, with the processes of place-making informed by complex acts of social practices as performed by a range of urban residents. How public spaces are planned, used, and appropriated by different users, groups and factors inform these complex social processes. As Figure 2-1 highlights, this underscores the conceptual framework of this report. How types of space develop inform the types of spatial practices used by people. Formal processes for the planning of urban public spaces, such as by-laws, dictate the types of usages and practices of a site. This in turn impacts the place-making of these sites, reflecting the processes of territorialisation and commoning that occur, often in conflict with these by-laws. Social processes such as desire lines help make sense of this, reflecting in part the ways people move through sites that are not planned, often against the envisioned representation of the site. Yet these complex paths within space highlight the heterotopic nature of public spaces, even when there exists an attempt to tighten them. Public spaces are invariable open-ended, due to the complexities in defining the idea of the public. This does not mean that there are no consequences to this hardening, as the enforcement of security measures often impacts those most vulnerable in public spaces.

Chapter 3 - Research Methods

This chapter details the research methods used in this report. This report focused on utilising a qualitative research methodology to inform an understanding of public space and how it is framed discursively within social contexts. The methods used can be broken into three key parts. The first was the use of online communication conducted with experts who work with Jozi Trails and other organisations related to the management of the Braamfontein Spruit as well as a short online questionnaire that was shared with self-identified users of the site. The second was visiting the study site, with detailed observations of the space and how it was used throughout the day. This was supplemented with photographs taken of the site. The third part covers data gathered from social media and grey literature, examining a range of sources that deal with public discussions of the Spruit. All research was conducted with relevant ethics clearance (Clearance Number SOAP 142/06/2021, see Appendix A).

The focus on a more small-scale qualitative approach was chosen as the best way to further explore the conceptual framework devised in Chapter 2. This allowed me to examine a range of opinions that could not have otherwise been accessed due to the limitations at the time I conducted fieldwork, and the necessary restrictions that resulted from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Access to public space was not restricted during fieldwork research (September 2021), there was still the perceived risk of infection and associated anxiety around wanting to minimise unnecessary contact. This underscored the focus on utilising online communication to supplement existing literature and data.

Interviews and Questionnaires

The interviews conducted were with experts related to the management of the Braamfontein Spruit and public spaces in Johannesburg. The intention was to get an insight into official policy around the administration of the Spruit. This was to understand the role of Jozi Trails, their relationship with other organisations, and the perceived importance of developing public space within Johannesburg. These were conducted via email, as semi-structured conversations (Appendix C and D). The use of a semi-structured format was chosen to help draw out a range of views and opinions, expanding the qualitative nature of the research (Creswell, 2009). Managers from Jozi Trails, City Parks and Zoo, and a

representative from the CraigPark Resident Association (CRA) agreed to answer questions via email.

Another component of online-based research was the use of a questionnaire. The decision to use the online system of Google Forms to conduct this as opposed to during site visits was made as a precautionary measure to minimise social contact during the pandemic. The focus of the questionnaire (Appendix D and E) was to draw out personal opinions and views of the Braamfontein Spruit from everyday users. The design of the questionnaire was semi-structured, with more open-ended questions to allow for more flexibility in respondents' answers (Simon, 2006). The aim was to understand how the site was used by people to draw out the experiential nature of public space. This questionnaire was shared out with people familiar with the site, and who also passed it on to others. There were limitations in how far the document was disseminated. The result was only seven responses (Appendix E). These still provided useful insight into what people enjoyed about the site, how often they visited, and what they thought about the work Jozi Trails did.

Site Observation

Within the context of the report, the incorporation of qualitative observational data was used to ground an understanding of the concepts addressed in the literature review. The focus of these visits was to take photos and take field notes, with descriptions of the site, the activities of people, and how the trials were being used. The intention here is to utilise ‘naïve observation’, which was focused on watching people and the site within the context of everyday life as well as observation of notable physical traces (Sarantakos, 2013: 233). These descriptions were to help with an understanding of how the site was used and enable a better sense of the types of users and activities within the Braamfontein Spruit.

These site visits were focused on a particular area of the Braamfontein Spruit that passes alongside Delta Park and surrounding neighbourhoods. As seen in Figure 3-1, the focus area of the site was broken into three sections, each reflecting a distinct stretch of the Spruit and the surrounding area. Section 1 covers the parts of the Spruit along the border of the Victory Park and Parkhurst suburbs, up until where Parkhurst borders Craighall Park and Delta Park. Section 2 features the part where the Spruit connects to Delta Park and Florence Bloom Bird Sanctuary. Section 3 covers where the stream runs between both the suburbs of Craighall Park and Blairgowrie, ending at the Conrad Drive bridge. This particular stretch was chosen

both because of personal familiarity with the area, but also as it forms part of one of the earliest phases of Jozi Trails' development of the Spruit trail network (Jozi Trails, 2019). Since the nature of this research is qualitative, the focus was not on gathering expansive datasets but more on drawing out details. However, the approach to fieldwork followed a structure to enable a more focused approach, with observations carried out throughout from 31/08 until 19/09 2021. The different sections were visited at different times of the week (Monday, Wednesday, and Sunday) and different times of the day (08:00, 12:00, and 17:00). This was to allow for a routine to develop around visits to the site and to enable opportunities to see the activities within the site at different times of the day. The intention was to draw out general descriptions of the site and its users.

It was also the intention to engage other users in casual unstructured interviews, but this proved challenging as people were either too busy with their own activities or unwilling to speak. While this posed a limitation to my research, it was still crucial to respect these boundaries. Given the need to practice COVID-19 safety protocols it was also understandable. While the existing regulations for Alert Level 3 at the time did not restrict access to public spaces, wearing a mask and maintaining social distance were required (Government of South Africa, 2021). As per the guidelines set out by Higher Health (2021), fieldwork was conducted with a safety toolkit that featured a cloth mask and hand sanitiser, with a focus on maintaining social distance and respecting personal boundaries.

Digital Commons

Given the limitations in gaining access to in-person interviews, it was decided that the utilisation of publicly available information would supplement the data gathered during site visits. This was done in part by reviewing grey literature related to the Braamfontein Spruit and the development of the Jozi Trails project. The focus here was on local reporting of the site through publications such as the Rosebank Killarney Gazette and other local newspapers to examine key talking points concerning the Braamfontein Spruit. This also covered blog posts from the official Jozi Trails website, as well as the documentation that supported the group's proposal for the Spruit, conducted by Next Step Consulting (2016a). The intention was to engage with the content of these writings, employing inductive forms of textual analysis to contextualise what is being said about the Braamfontein Spruit (Mouton, 2001). An examination of how the popular conception of the site exists within

public discourse was to allow for a better understanding of the ways certain demographics think of and use the space.

Exploring social media was another useful resource. The value of social media is that it provides a source that can highlight how people feel about the site, and reveals crucial ways it is used (Kim, Chae & Park, 2018). This can provide an important context in which the site is understood within public discourse, and how it exists as a place for ordinary users. The intention was to examine public posts, with a focus on content from Twitter as opposed to closed Facebook groups. The use of the Twitter academic Application Programming Interface (API) was a useful tool to conduct this research, as it allowed a range of content to be filtered and sorted. Using the hashtag #braamfonteinspruit to examine a range of public posts from Twitter, a timeline covering 2012–2021 was developed. The results were broken down by year, and responses were filtered to remove certain languages not that were not reflective of users of the site (Spanish, Farsi). Retweets and duplicate tweets were also removed. This provided a useful archival source, enabling access to people's thoughts and opinions that I had otherwise struggled to access, with the timeline providing a better sense of changing perspectives (Appendix F).

There are two limitations to using social media to consider. The first is to understand the ethical implications of using social media, which while publicly available might still host identifiable information (franzke et al., 2020). To mitigate this, the focus was to not use identifiable data such as usernames or accessing sites that required membership. Hence the focus is on public platforms, and not private Facebook groups such as those of resident associations. Another consideration is that this was not necessarily a wide-ranging sample group. While this method can provide a useful insight into user experiences, it is important to note that the socio-demographics of those who use social media will not necessarily be representative of a general population and points to a limitation of the scope of the project (Kim, Chae & Park, 2018). These limitations highlight the need to consider what information available online can be used, both to respect the privacy of those who post online and to consider the social positionality of them as users.

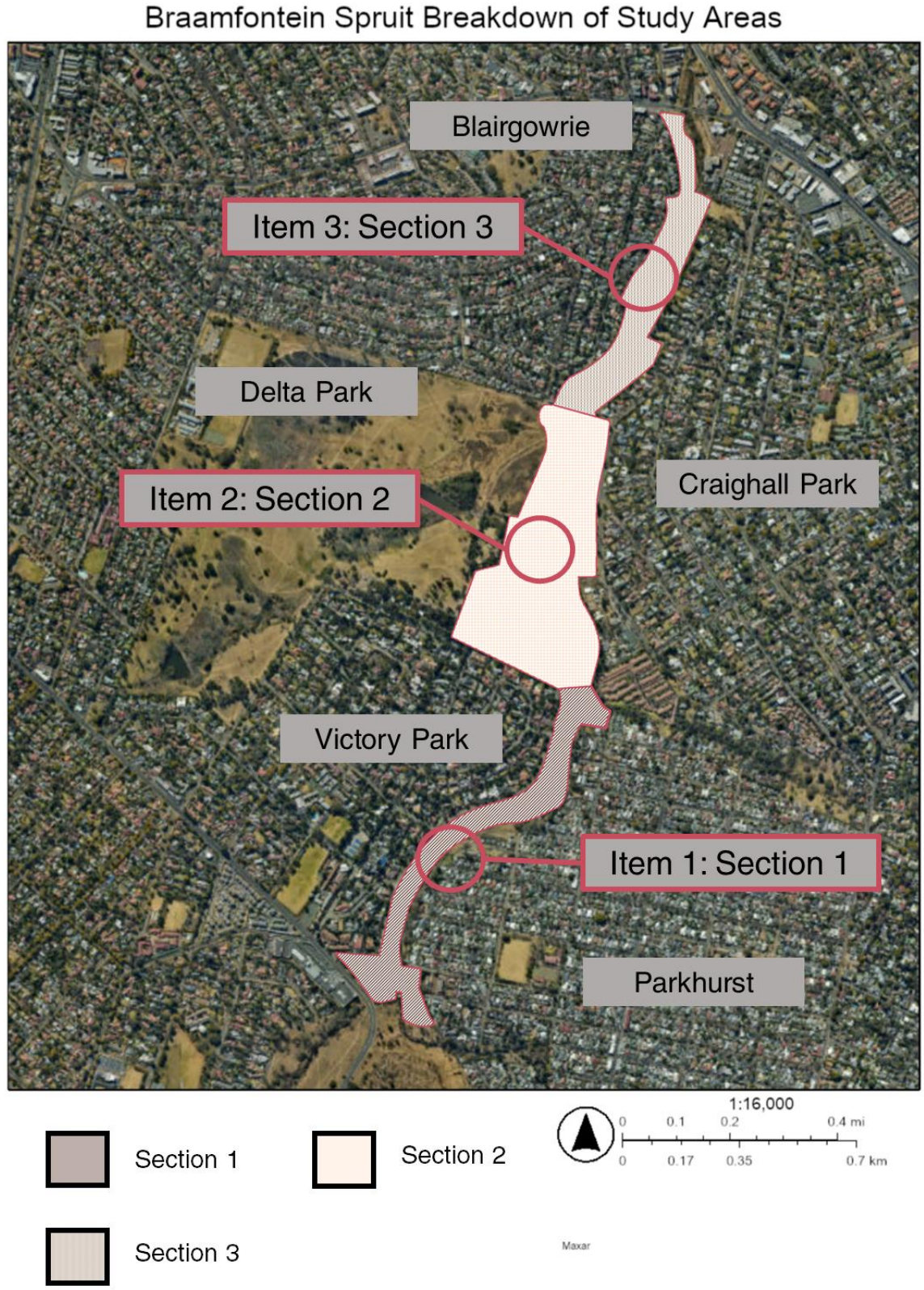

Figure 3-1 Overview of the Study Area (Rathbone, 2022a).

Chapter Conclusion

This chapter has provided an overview of the research methods that were employed during the fieldwork portion of the research report. Building on the conceptual framework developed within the literature review, certain methods were chosen to better draw out a more qualitative understanding of the site as a public space. Utilising interviews with experts who are involved in the development of the Spruit provided an important perspective for the processes of formalisation at work currently along the Spruit and allowed better insight aims and objectives of Jozi Trails. The inclusion of a semi-structured questionnaire similarly allowed members of the public to share their own experiences. This was further supported using social media and grey literature, drawing from an existing archive that revealed different user perspectives and experiences with the site. The inclusion of my own observations meant I could, in turn, get a better sense of how the site was used by visitors, and develop an understanding of the types of users who visit the Spruit.

Chapter 4 - The Braamfontein Spruit in Context

This chapter will look at Braamfontein Spruit as a public space within Johannesburg. The focus here is on exploring the geographical and social context of the site as it exists within the city. This deals first with an understanding of the site as a natural feature within Johannesburg, and how the waterways of the city inform its open spaces. The final section is an examination of the site as a public trail, exploring the historical development of the Braamfontein Spruit Trail that was developed in the 1980s and the current plans by Jozi Trails to develop these trails. These three factors all underscore the ways in which the Braamfontein Spruit exists within the city, both as a physical place and as a space informed by social processes.

Johannesburg's Rivers

Johannesburg is a city not known for its waterways. According to Johannesburg-based novelist Ivan Vladislavić (2007: 21), it is often remarked that it is one of 'the few major cities in the world that has no river, lake or ocean'. It is a city marked by its dryness, its legacy as a dusty mining town imbuing a sense of roughness in how it has been written about (Manià, 2016). It is, however, the centre of a complex hydrological network, with a myriad of streams and rivers that serve greenfield infrastructural purposes of managing stormwater and promoting river biodiversity (Schäffler et al., 2013). The Braamfontein Spruit is regarded as the longest stream of Johannesburg, starting within the suburb of Berea in the city centre and flowing north until it meets the Jukskei River (Davie, 2018).

The Braamfontein Spruit, for the most part, follows its natural course through the city with only some parts being canaled over (Davie, 2018). It appears as a relatively green space within the city, forming 'thin spines of green in an otherwise grey landscape' (Schäffler et al., 2013: 44). The particular focus area of this report, the stretch of the stream around Delta Park, highlights the sense of the Spruit being connected to a larger green area. Indeed, the site is home to a rich range of animals, notably birdlife, and even borders the Florence Bloom Bird Sanctuary (Lockwood, 2020). This depiction of the site as an idyll public space can be seen in the depiction of the site as drawn by cartoonist Abe Berry (Figure 4-1),



Figure 4-1 Drawing from 'Abe Berry's Johannesburg in Drawing and Text' (1982). It describes the Spruit as 'a belt of tranquillity and beauty' that is used by a range of townspeople (Berry, 1982:57).

showing it as a relaxing site for its visitors. The Spruit also host key urban infrastructure, featuring outlets for stormwater and the presence of a major Eskom servitude that hosts large electricity pylons that follow along the embankments. The section north past Delta Park also features a dam built in 1901 by local farmer William Grey Rattray, who turned that section into a small lake for recreational use (Co-ordinating Committee for Community Open Space, 1981).

The path the Spruit follows takes it through what is known as the northern suburbs. These are residential areas that are typically known for the greenery, forming much of Johannesburg's urban forest (Schäffler et al., 2013). The Spruit runs through numerous parks and well-to-do suburban areas. These have historically been some of the wealthiest areas in the city, with neighbourhoods north of Parktown forming mostly low-density, high-income suburban housing historically for a predominantly white, middle-class demographic (Mabin, 2014). This still holds true today, with the suburbs focused on in this report - Craighall Park, Parkhurst, and Blairgowrie – all featuring high rates of employment and a higher annual income than the rest of the Gauteng city-region (R230 700 compared to R29 400 in Gauteng as of the last census in 2011) (Wazimap, 2021a,b,c). The communities of

these neighbourhoods have a long history of civic engagement with the Spruit, with residents being involved in community clean-ups of the Spruit since the 1970s (Berry, 1982). Even today the community association for the neighbourhoods that border the spruit still highlight the connection that these neighbourhoods have to the Spruit, reflecting in some part a sense of community identity (Craigpark Residents' Association, 2021). It should be noted that the development of these suburbs occurred within the context of racial segregation, an aspect of the planning policies developed under apartheid. The 1950 Group Areas Act served to demarcate areas for different racial groups, with much of the north of the city of Johannesburg being classified for white residents (Harrison, Todes & Watson, 2007).

Even with the legacy of segregation, the site has always been used by a range of urban residents. The original AmaWasha Guild had initially set up their laundry washing services along the embankments of the river in the 1890s before licensing regulations saw them shift their work to other sites (Van Onselen, 1982). This speaks to a larger history of use within the site, by those who might have otherwise been excluded from the local area. The presence of those perceived as vagrants has also long been identified as an issue by those managing the Spruit (Braamfontein Spruit Trust, 1986). Even today, the embankments of the Spruit are used by those who might otherwise not have anywhere else to live. Urban homeless (who will be referred to as park dwellers), often make camps along the embankments of the Spruit (Charlton, 2019). While their presence here is a point of contention for city management and the residents' associations, they still play a crucial role in the broader economic and social networks of the areas the Spruit runs through. As Charlton (2019) argues, many of the park dwellers who reside along the embankments of Braamfontein Spruit work within the local area. Her research highlights the complexities of how homelessness is often framed, but also the issues that develop through a 'politics of invisibility' that enforces the economic inequality faced by those who do live in public places (Charlton, 2019: 140). Indeed, many of those who live along the Spruit often work as waste pickers, part of the informal recycling network that plays a crucial part in the City's waste management (Clark, 2019). Many use the Spruit as a place to sort through recycling and are associated with the creation of litter as a result, though this might be more tied to their visibility as the other issue of illegal dumping of waste along the Spruit points to larger

problems regarding waste management within the city (Next Step Consulting, 2016a). This raises concerns regarding the management of the environmental aspects of the site, with informal settlers cited as impacting the local environment (Next Step Consulting, 2016a). These complex layers in how the site is used and managed point to the concerns in how the framing of an open, public site such as the Braamfontein Spruit reflects the concerns of those residents with more power and means to have their complaints heard. The concern here is how accessibility to the site is understood, and who is allowed access to the site.

Making the Trails

The Braamfontein Spruit has long existed as a recreational space. The previously mentioned Rattray Dam highlights the particular interest in the use of waterways and lakes in the city in its early years for activities such as boating. The area was silted up by the 1930s, but the use of the site for leisure activities continued (Co-ordinating Committee for Community Open Space, 1981). While the site existed in some way as a recreational spot for residents, it was only in the 1980s that a new vision for the Braamfontein Spruit began to take hold. A trail system was formally developed in 1981, a collaboration between the Co-ordinating Committee for Community Open Space (COCCOS) and what was then the municipalities of Johannesburg, Randburg, and Sandton (Co-ordinating Committee for Community Open Space, 1981). The long-term objective was to develop the site into a 'continuous green belt of linear parkways' that restored the local environment and promoted the recreational use of the Spruit (Co-ordinating Committee for Community Open Space, 1981: 6). The result was the creation of a network of paths, aimed at promoting urban hiking and residents' access to green spaces in the city.

The management of the trails was overseen by the Braamfontein Spruit Trust, a volunteer-run group. From 1984 until 1987 they published a newsletter that highlighted their activities along the Spruit, as well as what was being done to develop and maintain the site. Part of this was to develop the 'lungs' of Johannesburg and promote private-public collaboration to overcome the existing 'patchwork of unrelated green space' to enable better access to open public space (Braamfontein Spruit Trust, 1986: 7). Regular events such as 'Braamies Day' were held to promote better community engagement with the Spruit and develop an awareness of what the site offered recreationally. The initial write-ups in the newsletter draws focus on their desire for preserving the ecology of the site, though by the last

newsletter in 1987 there is a more explicit mention of their aims in providing security and dealing with vagrants, with mounted volunteers patrolling the site (Braamfontein Spruit Trust, 1987). As with the previously discussed literature surrounding the Spruit, there is the recurring concern of promoting the environmental aspect of the site while dealing with any perceived incursions by those who are seen as a threat to the space, notably vagrants and people who illegally dump waste along the embankments.

The Braamfontein Spruit Trust would oversee community engagement in the subsequent years, alongside different efforts from local communities and Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo (JCPZ). In 2016, JCPZ announced it was planning to invest over R18 million rand into developing and formalising the Spruit, enhancing the experience for users and tapping into its 'valuable tourism and economic potential' (City of Johannesburg, 2015). Following recommendations from Next Step Consulting (2016a), it was proposed that an organisation help take over the management of the site and have a more specific role in developing and maintaining the trails for people to use. The result was Jozi Trails, a not-for-profit organisation. Initially sponsored by the insurance company Hollard, this group took over in 2019 to oversee the management of the Braamfontein Spruit trails (Hollard, 2021). It works in association with JCPZ to maintain and develop the trail networks 'for multiple uses' and promote 'the Spruit as a resource for everyone' (Jozi Trails, 2021a).

The Next Step Consulting proposal (2016a) also focussed on addressing the multiple negative associations linked to the Spruit, while developing a robust trial network, particularly for mountain bikers. A key aspect highlighted in the report is overcoming the identified conflict between users of the site, though it should be noted this is primarily between groups such as dog-walkers, cyclists, and joggers (Next Step Consulting, 2016a). There are also suggestions on how to handle perceived issues such as the presence of park dwellers and other informal users, such as coordinating with groups such as the Displaced Person Unit to relocate them or employ fences and security patrols to monitor the trails (*ibid*.). Other concerns included the long-term maintenance of the site related to developing sustainable trails, implementing signage, and safeguarding against erosion along the embankment (*ibid*.). The aim was to develop a site that is open to all residents and to provide the means to realise the vision of expanding public space in Johannesburg, enabling safe access to open green spaces. For JCPZ, this is seen as an attempt to build on what is

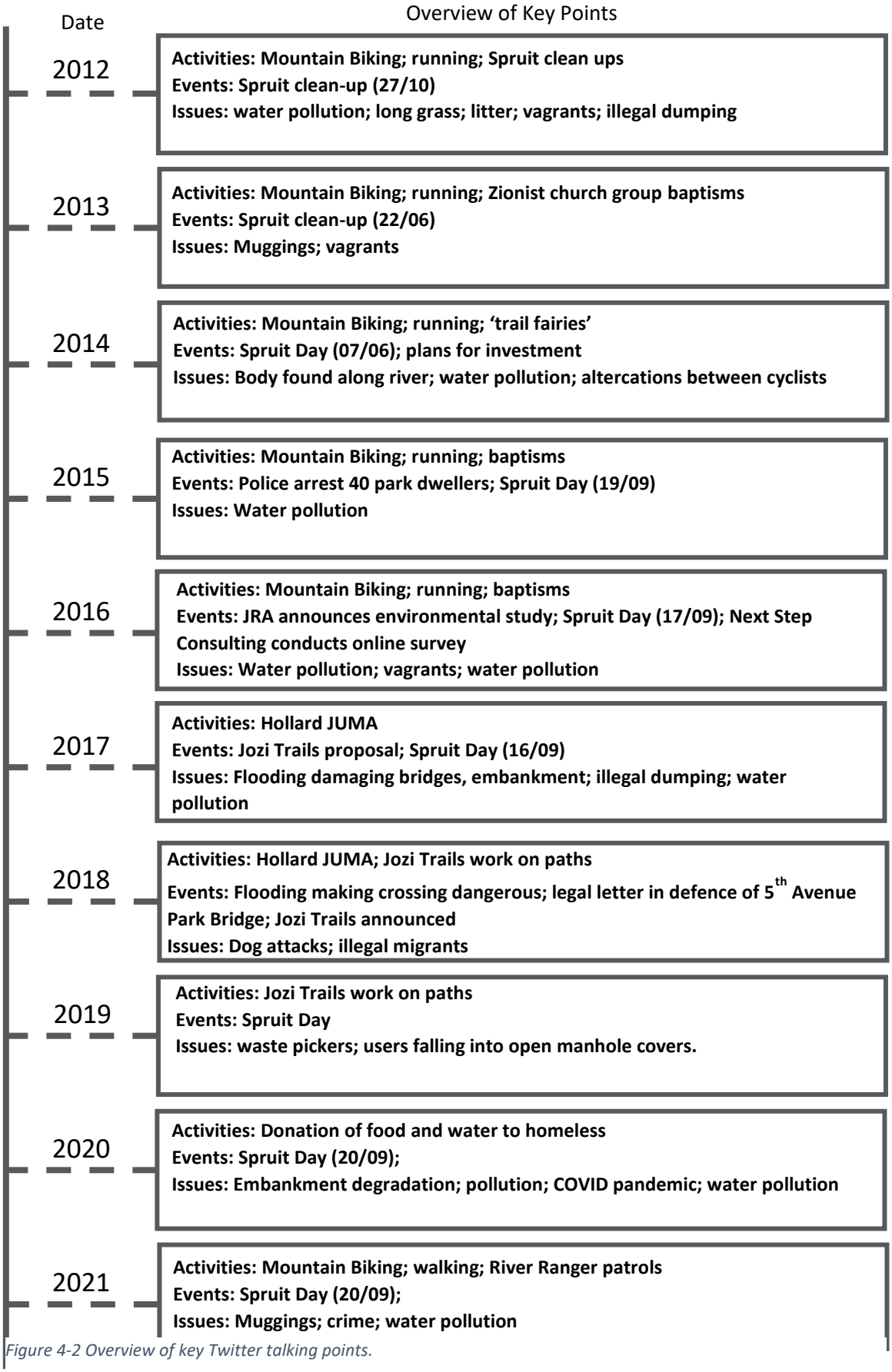

Figure 4-2 Overview of key Twitter talking points.

considered a ‘legacy project’ for the city creating a linear park and supported by a network of urban trails that support a range of users, from cyclists to pedestrians walking within the city (Anonymous C: 2021).

Figure 4-2 provides an overview of key points taken from the Twitter comments from 2012-2021. These highlight many of the recurring activities and issues spoken about online, while also highlighting notable community events, such as Spruit Days or Johannesburg Mountain Biking Adventure (JUMA) races. This provides a broad overview of people using the trails for mountain biking, running and dog walking. There are also observations of other users, such as Zionist Church Groups performing baptism or ‘trail fairies’ fixing up paths. There are issues as well, dealing with crime, the breakdown of infrastructure, and dog attacks. The overall impression highlights the complex but well-used nature of the site, being both a source of anxiety and escapism for those commenting.

Chapter Conclusion

As a natural open space, the Braamfontein Spruit and its related trail network highlight some broader trends in the history of Johannesburg. The Spruit is mostly a feature within the northern suburbs of the city, linking up to what has historically been a predominantly white middle-class suburban community. The Spruit serves as a demarcation of sorts here, providing a green border through the suburbs. As a green space, it provides residents access to recreational spaces, something that various groups have attempted to capitalise on. From active local residents to more coordinated municipal engagement, there have been plans to develop the site as an open public space for residents to use. Jozi trails can be seen as continuing this legacy, forming part of the city’s initiative to invest in the site and develop the green spaces within the city. There also exists a more complex utilisation of the space by the city of Johannesburg’s urban poor, whose presence has often been rendered invisible by the nature of these developments.

Chapter 5 - Visiting the Spruit

This chapter will provide an overview of findings based on the methods highlighted in Chapter 3. This covers the observations conducted within the site, as well as various other sources that provided insight into the development and use of the Braamfontein Spruit. This included using grey literature sources such as local newspapers, publications put out by resident associations, interviews with users, and analysis of Twitter comments about the Braamfontein Spruit. By drawing on a range of sources, the focus was on examining three key aspects. The first is how the space is used, both at a formal and everyday level. The second aspect is the role that the trail networks and paths play within the site. The third relates to the perceptions of the site.

Changing Space

The Braamfontein Spruit appears as a sliver of green space nestled between the suburbs of northern Johannesburg. The view that it is Johannesburg's 'best kept secret' (Jozi Trails, 2021a) portrays the site as being something hidden within the city, invoking a sense of pleasure at finding such a green space within the city. As Chapter 4 outlined, it had long been a site of recreational activities, with one of the first major construction projects for it, the Rattray Dam, being built so as to create a lake for people to use. The subsequent development of the trails by COCCOS sought to turn the site into a linear park within the city (Co-ordinating Committee for Community Open Space, 1981). The role Jozi Trails has taken in managing the site can be seen as a continuation of this, further developing the space for recreational use. This highlights the long history of the site as a public space for the city, with Jozi Trails in a sense bringing a new chapter to the development of the Spruit. Within this context, the use of a private-public partnership is seen by JCPZ to 'enhance the mandate' of developing public spaces while 'bringing exposure and [alleviating] service delivery challenges' (Anonymous, 2021c).



Figure 5-1 Overview of focus areas (Rathbone, 2022b).

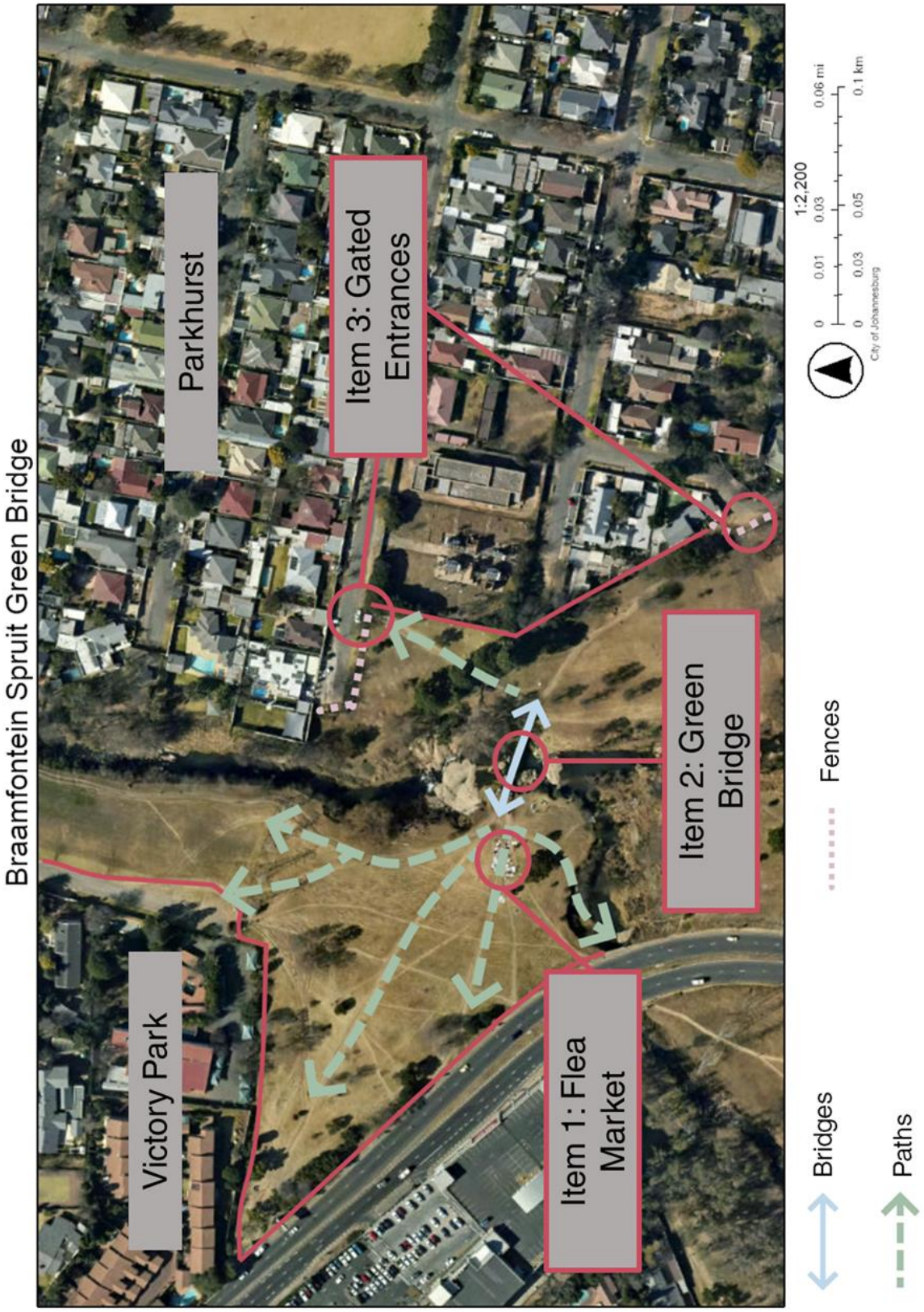

Figure 5-2 Green Bridge section by Victory Park (Rathbone, 2022c).

Item 1: This is an informal market, often selling second-hand goods
Item 2: This is the Blue Bridge that connects Parkhurst to Victory Park. This bridge is a key access point for commuters crossing from Parkhurst into Victory Park, or people on their way to Victory Park Shopping Centre.
Item 3: These are the gates connected to the fences along the eastern side of the Braamfontein Spruit.

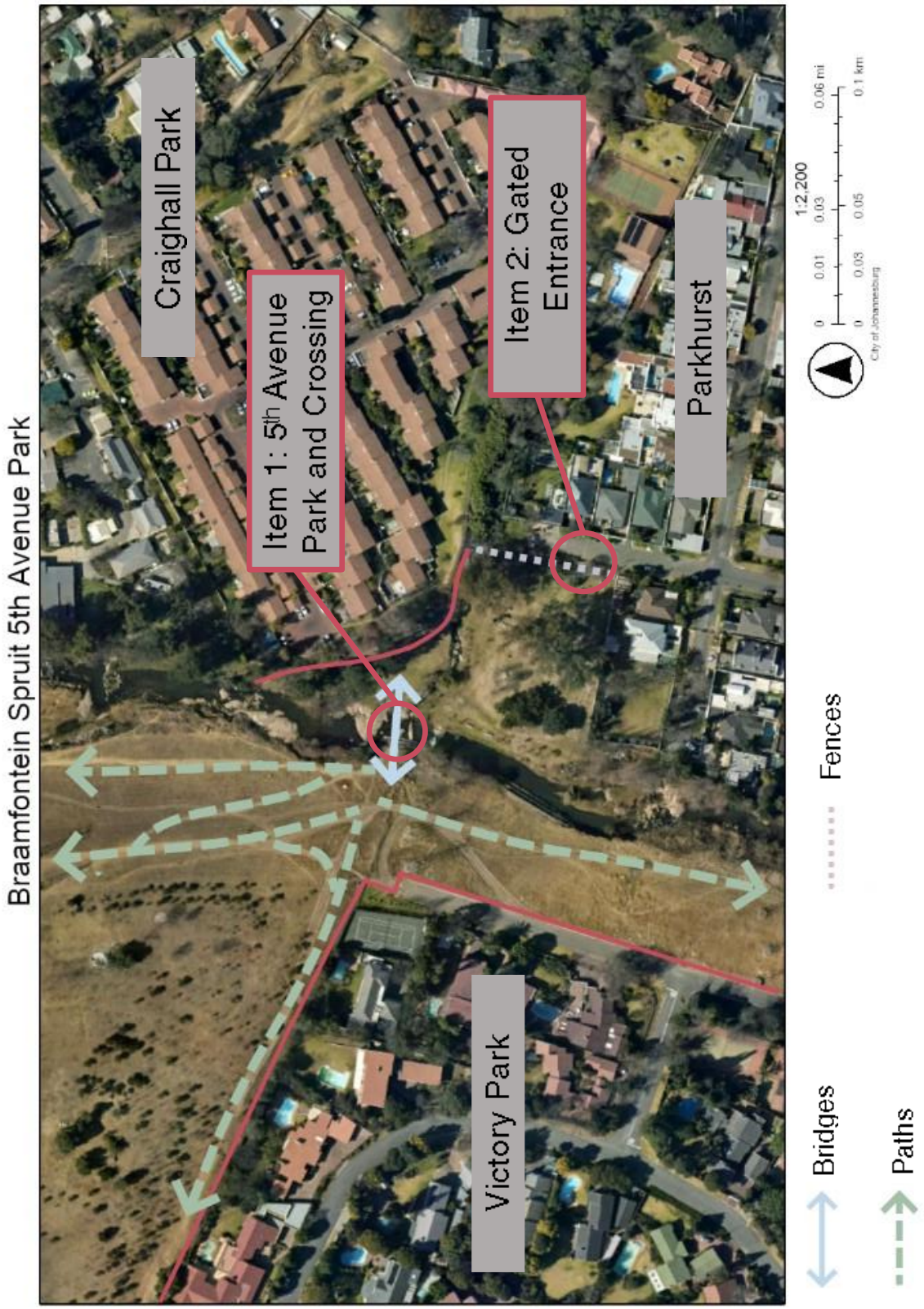

Figure 5-3 5th Avenue Park Section (Rathbone, 2022d).

Item 1: This is the informal crossing that connects the 5th Avenue Park in Parkhurst to the western embankment.
Item 2: The gated entrance to the 5th Avenue Park, managed by the security company Cortac.

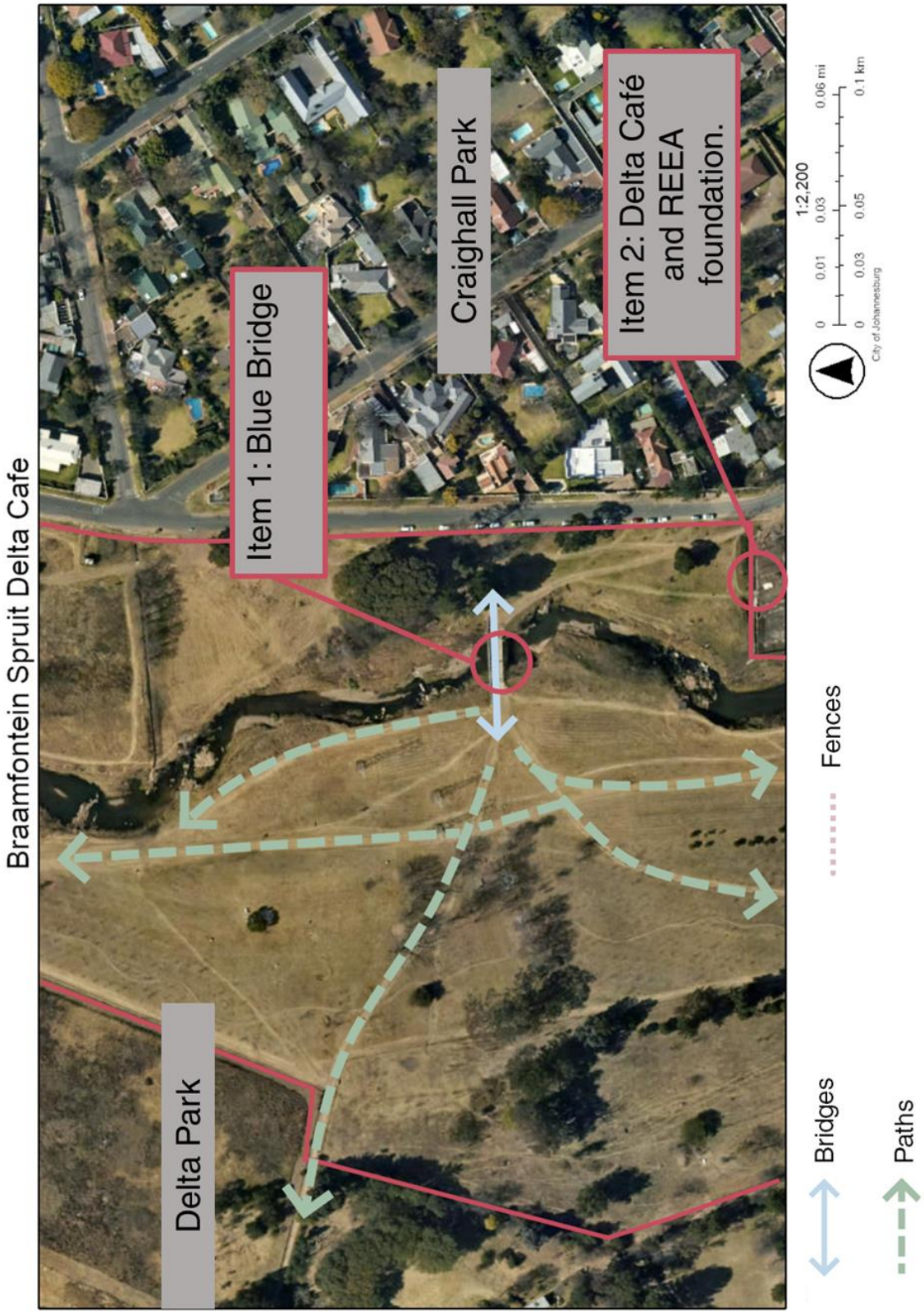

Figure 5-4 Blue Bridge Section (Rathbone, 2022e).

Item 1: This is the Blue Bridge, which connect Craighall Park to Delta Park. It is a popular crossing for recreational users such as dog walkers to the public park.
Item 2: Delta Café and REEA. The Café is popular spot for residents and visitors that offers views onto the Spruit.

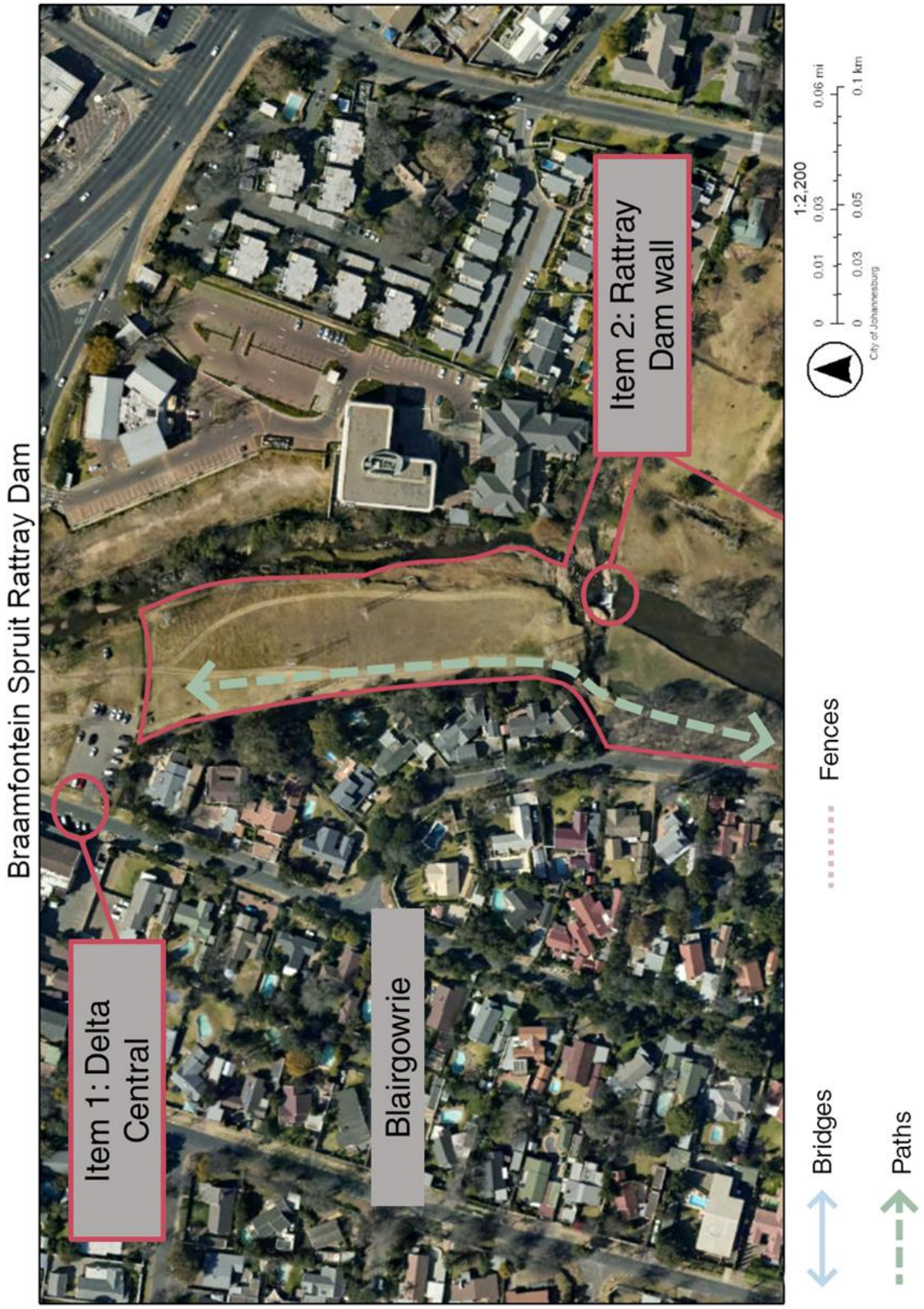

Figure 5-5 Rattray Dam Section (Rathbone, 2022f).

Item 1: This is the location of Delta Central. This is a recent development that hosts a range of restaurants, many of which target cyclists by offering bicycle racks for parking.
Item 2: This is the location of Rattray Dam. Built originally 1901, the wall now features as a waterfall.

Figure 5-6 Location of Public Bathrooms (Rathbone, 2022g).

Formal Structures

Gaining access to the Spruit is for the most part straightforward, given how it connects to a range of different suburbs. My field visits always began with me entering from the south through Parkhurst, where the 6th Street Park and Green Bridge are located (Figure 5-1, 5-2). The area highlighted in Figure 5-2 is comprised of a stretch that covers the part of the Spruit by Victory Park. Notable points of interest are the small parks on the eastern embankment by Parkhurst (6th Street Park), as well as the Green Bridge, a footbridge that connects Parkhurst to Victory Park, and allows for safe crossing for pedestrians. The open space by the Parkhurst side is fenced and gated. Hawkers often set up around the bridge, notably selling second-hand items and clothes to people passing through. Jozi Trails itself has set up signage around the footpaths along the western embankment.

Further along is the section around 5th Avenue Park (Figure 5-3). The eastern side is a gated community park. Access is managed by Cortac, a private security company that works closely with the Parkhurst Residents and Business Owners Association (PRABOA) (Safeparks, 2021). The result is that the entrance is closed between 20:30 and 05:00. Fencing is not necessarily a consistent feature throughout the site, with the section found in Figure 5-4 and Figure 5-5 only featuring low wooden fences which demarcate the perimeter by Craighall Park, meaning that the Spruit is a site that is open to anyone coming on foot or by bicycle.

There exist two notable retail developments along the Spruit. The first is Delta Café, located on the eastern embankment, and established in 2014 (Figure 5-4). It is part of a compound owned by the Rand Epileptic Employment Agency (REEA) Foundation, a charity organisation that focuses on maintaining a residential care facility for adults who live with epilepsy. The site also hosts a nursery, charity shop, winery and stables. These are the Ranger Stables, a community organisation that hosts riding lessons and mounted patrols along the Spruit to monitor 'ecological, social and security conditions', continuing the tradition of mounted patrols from the 1980s (Ranger Stables, 2021). Delta Café is a popular site for visitors, with plenty of outdoor seating with a view of the Spruit as it 'gurgles cheerfully nearby' (Khumalo, 2020). The second development is Delta Corner, located on Conrad Drive, Blairgowrie (Figure 5-5). This site features a range of restaurants that have proven popular (Emond, 2020). Though these are not explicitly tied to the work Jozi Trails have done, they

fit within the tourism recommendations proposed by Next Step Consulting (2016a), adding to the facilities that bring visitors to the area. These sites offer amenities to users, with the inclusion of bicycle racks highlighting the focus on biking as a hobby within the site. It should also be noted that they are the only sites that offer other amenities such as toilets, with the nearest public bathroom being located within Delta Park (see Figure 5-6). Thus, there is a lack of public ablution facilities, something highlighted by questionnaire respondents (Appendix E).

Contested Boundaries

It is important to note that the Spruit is not simply a recreational open green space. The large electric pylons that follow along the embankments speak to the complex ways the site has developed, in part acting as a key infrastructural site for the city. Indeed, stretches form part of a servitude leased to Eskom by the city, which JCPZ helps maintain, such as cutting grass (Next Step Consulting, 2016a). This highlights the broader intricacies in the management of the site, with different organisations involved. As Figure 5-1 shows, different groups help manage different parts, though this is still under the general management of JCPZ and other municipal organisations such as Joburg Water and the JRA. Jozi Trails has been involved in developing the trails along the western embankment. The CraigPark Residents Association (CRA) employs two workers to cut grass and clean litter (Anonymous, 2021a). Site visits in September revealed that there had been a lot in the way of maintaining the space, with evidence of controlled burns and pruning of trees along the embankment. The complexities in managing the site point to the need for coordination between different groups, and as such Jozi Trails, JCPZ and the CRA all must engage with one another. All groups do report a positive working relationship with one another (Anonymous, 2021a, b, c).

Another aspect concerning the use of the space is that of the observed presence of informal encampments along the Spruit. These were especially apparent along the embankments, with the foliage being cut back exposing many small camps along the embankments. This presented a challenge in conducting site visits, as there was a sense of not wanting to intrude on the privacy of those who lived there. Given the uneasy relationship that those who are homeless have with others in public spaces, where even seemingly private action must be conducted within the view of others, there certainly needs to be a consideration for

how field notes and observations are conducted (Mitchell, 2003). This tension while investigating public spaces likewise reflects issues felt by visitors. One respondent to the questionnaire mentioned that it 'feels like we are intruding on them' (Appendix E). Thus, my visits often saw me avoid deliberately intruding into these spaces and try to respect the privacy of those who would live there. The question of homelessness within the Spruit is a challenge for the management of the site. JCPZ has no 'legal authority' to direct any policy to manage encampments, speaking of the complex nature of homelessness within the city (anonymous, 2021c). For the community organisations such as CRA, it does present an issue with managing the site, as these homeless groups are understood to be responsible for damaging sections of wooden fencing and reportedly using it for firewood (Anonymous, 2021a).

The informal uses of the space can also be seen in the ways that the two pedestrian bridges are occupied by hawkers. Those who are set up by the Green Bridge by Victory Park sell small goods such as snacks and cigarettes, or second-hand clothes and other items. This seems focused on catching the foot traffic moving between Parkhurst and Victory Park. This contrasts with those set up by the Blue Bridge by the Craighall Park side. With beaded wire sculptures, paintings, and fabric items all on offer, the target market is altogether more middle-class, aimed at those who cross the bridge to visit Delta Park and the rest of the Spruit. While this does not present any major social issues, the set-up of informal markets contravenes the by-laws of public spaces in the city (City of Johannesburg, 2004b). A similar point can be made about the encampments and the general presence of those who live along the Spruit informally.

Following the Trails

A part of what makes the Spruit a unique space is that it offers a network of paths for people to use and navigate. One user commented that they appreciated how the trails 'stitches the different parks together' (Appendix E). The trails can thus be understood as forming a part of a larger interconnected network of pedestrian and cycle paths within the city, something that was crucial to the initial development of the trails back in the 1980s (Co-ordinating Committee for Community Open Space, 1981; Chapter 4). Thus, the development of the trails is key to the vision being developed by Jozi Trails (Next Step Consulting, 2016a). Overall, users seem happy with Jozi Trails' management of the trails,

which they see as adding to the safety and useability of the site: one highlighted that the draw of more people was a 'big safety benefit', while another says it makes the site more 'useable' (Appendix E).

Managing Paths

Jozi Trails' presence within the Spruit can be best seen in the signage it has erected along the Spruit. These are present along the western embankment, marking different paths within the study site. The particular focus is on demarcating certain paths for users: that is, paths for cyclists, paths for walkers, and mixed-used points or trail crossings. Signs feature branding and notes aimed at promoting site etiquette, such as to 'ring your bell' or 'to clean up after your dog' (Figure 5-7). Generally, cycle paths are one-way and usually found further away from the embankment, while the dedicated pedestrian paths are along the embankment. While the demarcation can be clear, there are points when users stray over



Figure 5-7 Jozi Trails Signs. Selection of signs erected by Jozi Trails (Rathbone, 2021a,b,c,d).

into the wrong path. This is much more noticeable with cyclists going into pedestrian paths, requiring walkers to step out of the way. Where the trail narrows to a single path, this conflict becomes much more apparent, with cyclists often not slowing down, forcing walkers to stop and step aside.

Dealing with conflict between users is a priority for Jozi Trails. Indeed, the promotion of trail etiquette is an issue highlighted in the initial proposal, with a conflict between cyclists and other users highlighted as a key concern (Next Step Consulting, 2016a). Site users also responded with similar concerns, noting that the behaviour of users can disrupt their enjoyment of the site, such as 'dog owners that… can't control their dogs', or that cyclists don't 'follow the signs and ride where walkers are' (Appendix E). Cyclists not slowing down was a noted issue during site visits, especially on narrow paths along the embankment or along pedestrian bridges where some would not dismount. The problem as highlighted by Next Step Consulting (2016a: 31) was that cyclists are seen as 'the group with the strongest rights to the Spruit'. This can also be seen in the focus of the research report developed by Next Step Consulting, which emphasises developing the trails to an international standard, but also promote a more communal culture amongst the different users (Next Step Consulting, 2016a).

Public Desire Lines

While the formalisation of the paths is aimed at maintaining the space for its users, there is a history of certain people creating their own paths within the site. The 'Spruit fairies' were a group of anonymous mountain bikers who began developing sections of the Spruit to be more conducive to their hobby (Badenhorst, 2014). They intended to use public land without having to go through lengthy approval processes, improving the trails for users while arguing that they were helping JCPZ with 'some schlep work' (*ibid*.). For the most part, the trails have developed as multi-use, accommodating a range of visitors. The clear investment from those within the mountain biking community does highlight the significance that the hobby has had on the Spruit, in part why cyclists might feel a greater claim to the site than other users.

The paths developed by the Spruit Fairies, however, only reflect the interests of certain users. In thinking of the ways that the Spruit connects to the rest of the city, there exists a range of paths that develop independently of any formal planning. The notable crossing at



Figure 5-8 Informal Crossing at 5th Avenue Park. (Rathbone, 2021e)

5th Avenue Park (Figure 5-3; Figure 5-8), is a good example of this. It currently exists as a small wooden plank bolted down, with a heavily eroded path leading down to it. There used to be a small bridge here that was built by a local resident, though this structure was eventually removed at the request of the local government in 2018 as it was an illegal structure (Sibanda, 2018). The Parkhurst residents association tried to prevent this, arguing that the site was a popular and useful crossing for pedestrians, noting that it made navigating the Spruit safer for people (Diamond, 2018). Time spent at the site revealed its popularity as a crossing, being a convenient shortcut for those on foot to cross the Spruit without having to walk down to either the Blue or Green Bridges. Jozi Trails have engaged in a discussion regarding the development of safe crossing, but nothing yet has been approved (Anonymous, 2021b). Certain users have highlighted the importance of these crossings as well, one commenting that they would like to see more 'secure crossings along the Delta sections', while another highlighted the issues with crossings 'making it harder to access or cross' the Spruit (Appendix E).

Perceptions of the Site

So far, the details gathered to highlight the particular focus of the Spruit recreational use. Indeed, the view from JCPZ is that this is one of the 'most beautiful areas in Johannesburg, and should be protected as such', contributing to the mental and physical health of residents (Anonymous, 2021c). Similarly, one user indicated that they were happy with the management by Jozi Trails as it 'builds awareness and appreciation of the trails' in

Johannesburg (Appendix E). The data drawn from Twitter shows regular engagement from users who visit the site recreationally, with people recording their visits, notably for mountain biking; it has been described as the 'best used trail 4 walkers & bikers in the city', while another says that the JUMA is 'transforming the Spruit through adventure sport' (Appendix F). My own site visits reflect this, with plenty of people observed visiting the site throughout the week, being particularly busy on weekends when families are present. Sundays are notably busy as well, with congregations of Zionist church groups gathering for service.

There is a sense that the Spruit is a key part of the communities it connects to. Regular events known as 'Spruit Days' have been held over the last decade, usually around September, and can be seen as a continuation of the 'Braamies Day' held in the 1980s. CRA hosts these events with permission from JCPZ, focusing on cleaning up the litter found along the Spruit (Anonymous 2021a). Indeed, there is a sense of civic pride in the Spruit for these communities, an 'asset to [the] area' that has seen an increase in usage over the last few years (Anonymous, 2021a). This response is echoed by other site visitors: one says they 'love the feeling of being in a beautiful environment', while another appreciates that it is a 'space for recreation that isn't available otherwise', notably mountain biking (Appendix E). This has been particularly important over the last year during the COVID-19 Lockdown, as it allowed one user to 'meet up with friends in the socially-distanced outdoors' (Appendix E). In a survey conducted by Next Step Consulting (2016b), 85.73% of respondents indicated they enjoyed using the space for their hobbies, followed by the opportunity to 'connect with the natural environment' (74.25%), and the chance to spend time with family and the community (41.42%). The sense of common ownership here highlights a view of the Spruit as a site that, in a sense, belongs to the residents, who are actively involved in making the space an appealing public site.

This is not to say that there are not any negative views of the site. A recurring point of contention for those who answered the questionnaire was the presence of litter and pollution, as well as the 'degradation of existing infrastructure' (Appendix E). Similar concerns were voiced on Twitter, with users often commenting about the environmental degradation of the site, notably with polluted water being seen as 'unacceptable' (Appendix F). A bigger issue raised, however, was that of safety. The Next Step Consulting Survey

(2016b) highlights the anxieties faced by users of the site, notably being assaulted (79%) and being bike jacked (60.09%). This points to the concerns regarding the perceived safety of the site for users, especially as related to those who use bicycles. Users on Twitter often reported crime, highlighting their anxieties as a result: one comment directed at JCPZ in 2015 asked for assistance with 'pollution and vagrants' while another from 2016 says the 'situation of vagrants along the Braamfontein Spruit is also starting to become a serious problem' (Appendix F).

The issue of crime raises a key concern in the use of the Spruit. Muggings have been reported in the area, with people being robbed for their valuables (Anonymous, 2021a). Indeed, the official social media channels for Jozi Trails often put out alerts for crimes that occur along the Spruit, aiming to promote awareness for users when they visit, though these often promote a sense of the space as lawless. One user from 2018 describes the Spruit as a 'corridor free for all' due to a lack of law enforcement (Appendix F). Another mentions that 'for safety reasons, there are areas of the Spruit [they] used to go to but now avoid (Appendix E). Jozi Trails has set up initiatives to deal with this, notably recruiting volunteer Trail Guardians to create a 'safer zone for park users' (Jozi Trails, 2021b). The group also receives support from private security companies to help monitor and patrol certain areas and aims to create a 'constructive partnership' between community members and law enforcement (Randburg Sun, 2021).

This focus on insecurity also highlights the tension between residents and informal users of the Spruit. As mentioned, the presence of park dwellers is seen as a challenge to the management of the site. The position of JCPZ is that park dwellers should be housed in proper facilities, but they have no legal authority to do so (Anonymous, 2021c). Similarly, Jozi Trails cannot act as a private company, besides repairing what damage might have been caused, such as to fences and signage (Anonymous, 2021b). The presence of homeless camps is a noted issue for other park users. Comments on Twitter reveal agitation with the presence of waste pickers, perceived as 'illegal migrants' who cause crime in the area (Appendix F). The respondents to Next Step Consulting's survey highlighted issues with vagrants as being a cause for concern, with the increased presence making users feel uncomfortable, especially when on the Spruit alone (Next Step Consulting, 2016a). Participants in the questionnaire highlight complex feeling around this, being more

It should be noted that some users were more accepting of the presence of park dwellers who lived on the Spruit but still wished there to be measures that enforced safety for visitors (Appendix E). The question of safety here highlights the tension that exists between those who might be understood as formal users and those who are not. While there exists a sense of promoting the site as being open to all residents, there are anxieties related to crime and security that ultimately cause friction between groups that can be understood as using the site in different ways.

Chapter Conclusion

The data collected during the period of fieldwork is drawn from several sources, though the focus is ultimately on the qualitative nature of the responses and observations. There is a strong sense of appreciation for the Braamfontein Spruit as a public space by residents, and the range of activities spoken about and observed reflects this. The Spruit is seen as a valuable green space, and there is a lot in the way of community involvement within the site, dealing with issues such as pollution. This is reflected in an appreciation for the work Jozi Trails does, with the development of the trails generally seen as having a positive impact. Regarding people who live informally along the Spruit, this is a difficult issue for some. Comments from the survey conducted by Next Step Consulting and from Twitter users clearly show hostility for the perceived negative influence of park dwellers along the spruit. This points to the challenges in thinking of the accessibility of the site, and who the site is for. While nominally open to all residents, there exist divides between different types of users, notable those who visit the site recreationally and park dwellers who reside along its embankments.

Chapter 6 - Rethinking Public Space

This chapter will apply the key concepts that were explored in the literature review and use them to examine the data drawn out from the fieldwork and interviews. The focus is on examining how the process of place-making outlined in the conceptual framework in Chapter 2 can be applied to what is being observed at the Braamfontein Spruit, and how Jozi Trails' role has impacted this. This will focus on three points. The first is how the idea of the Braamfontein Spruit exists as a public space, and how different processes enable aspects of tightening and loosening within the site. The second examines how an idea of place-making occurs within the site. This explores how the interactions between users and their spatial practices engage with the processes of formalisation within the site. The third point examines how the Braamfontein Spruit might be understood as a *place*, unpacking the processes of territorialisation and heterotopic identities that occur within the site. This crucially gets to the concern of how a public space like the Braamfontein Spruit exists within Johannesburg, unpacking the tensions between the use of the site that prioritise its recreational element with the more complex appropriations of public spaces by the city's poor and homeless.

The Braamfontein Spruit as Public Space

As outlined in Chapter 2, spatial meaning and practices are influenced by processes of tightening and loosening. In general, we can understand tight space as the types as being part of the planned uses of space, the representations of space of its envisioned use and subsequent enforcement. This contrasts with loose space, the sites that develop through more open-ended engagements within the urban environment, and as such are informed by representational processes marked by its occupations. The nature of urban space is that these two processes exist in tension with one another, between the formal designation of open public space and sites that become more interstitial within urban environments. Within Johannesburg, public space broadly covers publicly open sites, access to which the city views as crucial in the development of a more equitable city (City of Johannesburg: Department of Development Planning, 2016). The planning thus informs more formal designations and outlines the city's vision for a city that overcomes a legacy of spatial inequality. Crucial as well as the role of municipal institutions in managing these sites, such

as Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo in overseeing the management and maintenance of spaces like the Braamfontein Spruit.

What informs the plans of the city are processes of formalisation that seek to manage and maintain these spaces for users. The JCPZ's interest in engaging in private-public partnership highlights both the interest and want to develop the Braamfontein Spruit, which is in a sense a continuation of the plan initially conceived in the 1980s. This in part is the attempt to improve the maintenance of the site and to promote its accessibility to residents and general users. The priority of the city to maintain and conserve its green open spaces, as outlined by policies such as JMOSS, means that there is a focus on integrating spaces like the Braamfontein Spruit into the cityscape. This, in part, is informed by the plans to develop what can be understood as accessibility in the site, which focuses on making the site appealing to residents and bringing in more visitors.

The mandate of Jozi Trails thus can be understood to achieve this aim. The management of the site through a private-public partnership here is seen as being a part of an 'upliftment project' for the site, providing crucial maintenance to the area (Jozi Trails, 2021a). The aim here is to develop the site into an integrated part of Johannesburg's public spaces. The key to this is tackling the perceived negative associations, such as crime and litter. The role of Jozi Trails thus becomes crucial to allowing JCPZ to achieve its aims within the Spruit, with the intention to expand access to public space for the residents of Johannesburg. The role of formalisation here is to develop a territory that fits within an idea of open spaces for the city while providing the means to manage the site.

What should be noted is that this presents an idea of public space that is focused on certain demographics. The issue is that there is that the focus is directed more toward middle-class users. The idea of the public is informed, in a sense, by what can be considered an acceptable type of user, more focused on hobbyists and recreational visitors than those who might utilise the site in other more unconventional ways, such as park dwellers. This speaks to the complexities in thinking about who the public is in public space, especially within a city like Johannesburg where open spaces are often contested. The presence of people camping along the Spruit presents a challenge to the idea of what public space should be used for. Given that these people often work in the local area as informal workers (Charlton, 2019), there is a complex relationship between how space is used that conflicts with what

groups managing the site want. This raises larger questions concerning issues such as housing and access to work within the city, which is beyond the scope of this report. Nevertheless, this highlights the complexities that always underscore how the idea of public space is imagined within Johannesburg.

This speaks to an issue with the management of public space, which prioritises the appropriation of these spaces for certain demographics and users. Given there exists a range of users and uses of the site, there is what can be understood as a limitation in thinking of what is appropriate within public space. This seems apparent in the contrast between the hawkers who reside by the bridge by Victory Park, and the established shops by Conrad Drive. The priority of development is addressed to bringing the users to middle-class spaces for shopping. This contrast with the present informal sector, which, though not necessarily harassed, still contravenes by-laws that administer the area. What is apparent is that there exists along the Spruit a rich range of uses outside of the focus of the trail development, from park dwellers who reside along the spruit, to church groups that meet up on Sundays. These are groups who might otherwise not find spaces in the city that cater to them but instead have found opportunities within the interstitial site of the Spruit. The key point here is that there should be an understanding of public space that embraces the diverse range of spatial appropriations that inform how the Spruit is understood as a public place.

Examining Spatial Practices

The range in the ways that people use the site speaks to a diversity of spatial practices. These practices reflect the ways that people use spaces, drawing meaning and associations within these sites. This covers a range of activities, from simply walking within the site to processes of appropriation of space for more specific uses (such as paths for cycling, or the sites for hawking). It is also informed by the implementation of steps that in a sense formalise the space, such as the enforcement of by-laws or otherwise 'manage' the site. The conceptual framing of spatial practice as being understood as to how people create meaning through their day-to-day actions within spaces points to two crucial points when thinking about public space; how people engage with the formal structures implemented within these sites and how they might employ different tactics that were not planned for.

When examining the development of the trail network by Jozi Trails, we see an attempt to influence the ways that people use and move through the Spruit. The maintenance of paths and the introduction of trail signs within the study area are some of the most visible ways that their role has shaped the site. The signage reflects the vision for the trail network, being a visible indicator of what Jozi Trails want to achieve both in maintaining the paths and in promoting how users interact with the site. These notably promote site etiquette, such as demarcating which paths are assigned for certain types of users or reminders on how to interact with others along the trails. The intention here is to mitigate the potential sources of conflict between users, most notably between cyclists and general walkers. Indeed, there are plenty of potential sources of conflict here, as narrow paths often present a challenge for negotiating shared spaces between users. This speaks to the importance of the role Jozi Trails has in managing this, and the usefulness of the signage. The creation of shared culture, as it were, thus serves as a useful soft measure, attempting to manage how users interact with the Spruit so as to allow for more positive shared interactions.

The development of the trails also reflects the focus on having the site appeal to certain types of users. This is aligned with Jozi Trails' own proposal to develop the site as a recreational site and as a tourist spot (Next Step Consulting, 2016a). This reflects a certain understanding of its user base as primarily being middle-class and recreational. Indeed, based on the responses to the survey put out by Next Step Consulting, the people who would have responded would have primarily been hobbyists, namely mountain bike cyclists (Chapter 5). Even with the aim being to promote the idea of the Braamfontein Spruit as a public space for everyone, there are still limitations in what is prioritised, and for whom. This points to the challenges faced by a group like Jozi Trails, and the difficulties in managing relationships between different users and stakeholders. There is an interest in developing the site in a way that brings in users who will use the additional services that have developed along the Spruit, such as Delta Café and the restaurants based at Delta Central. Yet these services only cater to middle-class users. The lack of more public amenities that might be available free to use, such as bathrooms, means that there is a limitation in terms of accessibility. While not an explicit process of discrimination, it does speak to the types of soft ‘tightening’ which exclude the city’s poorer residents.

The concept of desire lines, the 'micro-level actions of individuals' that often challenge the planned urban environment, provides a useful framework for understanding the significance of this (Nichols, 2014b: 653). While the overall structure of the Spruit is focused on types of users, there exists a wider range of users and visitors to the site, and thus the trails, in ways either not planned for or difficult to accommodate. An example here is the crossing at 5th Avenue Park in Parkhurst. Even with the removal of the community bridge, the site still serves as a crucial point for people to navigate the Spruit. The trails along the Spruit, whether marked by signs or not, are crucial to how people use and navigate the city at large. Here the spatial practices of the site reflect ways in which the openness of the Spruit serves various visitors as they move through and interact with the city. The presence of commuters walking to work and back home, or waste pickers navigating to spots to sort through rubbish highlights the important yet complicated role public space plays within a city like Johannesburg. Public spaces such as the Spruit serve people in a way that extends beyond recreational uses, playing an important role in the more complex fabric of urban life in the area.

The Braamfontein Spruit as Urban Commons

So far, what has been highlighted is how the development of the Braamfontein Spruit has impacted how the site is understood as a public space. The concern is that there exist limitations in how an idea of the public is conceived, with the development of the Spruit focused more on middle-class, recreational users. As a place, it has been informed by a process of territorialisation through a range of hard and soft measures that aim to protect these interests. The growth of security services and the presence of fencing along the edges of the Spruit reflects the underlying security concerns that inform the residential suburbs of the area. Indeed, the sense of anxiety that underlies this, informed by negative perceptions of the park dwellers who live there, highlights how inequality within the city manifests.

When examining the role of the different groups involved in managing the Spruit, that is residents' associations, Jozi Trails and JCPZ, there is a clear sense of identity that is associated with the Spruit. Through activities such as Spruit Days, a process of shared meaning develops amongst residents and those who join in. The Spruit serves as a key point to the community for those who live in the area. Similarly, the activities of users such as

cyclists have informed a long-standing sense of rights to the site, developing an idea of the space as a major point for mountain biking within the city.

These processes inform an idea of space-commoning, in that they reflect spatial practices that highlight how shared experiences inform a communal sense of identity within a place. The issue, however, is that it reflects a limited sense of who the commons are for. The concern is that Spruit is seeing an enclosure through soft and hard measures, processes that ultimately exclude more vulnerable users who do not fit within these communities. This again returns to the issues of the position of park dwellers within the Braamfontein Spruit, and how public spaces can be developed to be inclusive and accessible to all residents. There is a clear focus by the city to use the development of public spaces to address the process of social inequality within the city. The use of spaces that can be understood to belong in common to all residents can be seen as an end-goal for the city, in a sense opening up the idea of the right to the city for a range of residents. The issue is how to manage the inherently heterotopic nature of public spaces, where there exist multiple publics, but which might conflict with one another.

Commoning presents a valuable framework for thinking of public space as open-ended, crucially open to interaction and shared experience. This builds on thinking of urban space along the lines of right to the city, that people have a right to inhabit these spaces. The importance of thinking of public space as a common good for all residents means that there is a need for management to appreciate the more complex ways in which spaces are used and the multitude of spatial practices at play. The inherently heterotopic nature of public space means that there needs to be a clear focus on how different users interact with each other. This presents a challenge for the management of spaces such as the Spruit. While Jozi Trails does seek to promote shared etiquette for visitors to the site, this is aimed at certain visitors. The concern is how to approach park dwellers who might otherwise be using the Spruit in ways that contravene by-laws and other restrictions within the site. Given the broader interconnections that this informality has to the area, in terms of people who work within the surrounding suburbs, there are risks in enforcing a tightening of the public territory. This could lead to the further displacement of people, pushing them further out to other edges of the city.

What needs to be considered here is how space can be thought of in ways that can accommodate the diverse range of users and experiences that are at play within the Spruit. Both the city authorities and Jozi Trails have articulated an idea of the space being available to everyone. Yet this is always limited by the imposition of structures of power that benefit those with the means to appropriate public territories for their own wants. The aim is to think of ways to break through the processes of enclosure and open up how the Braamfontein Spruit can be understood as a commons. The 'paradox of the frontier' as outlined by de Certeau (Chapter 2; de Certeau, 1984) draws attention to how these contested spaces are also points of interconnection and overlap. Boundaries can be crossed, and this is something that is crucial for the rethinking of public space within a city such as Johannesburg. The formalisation of the Spruit has enabled the development of the site in ways that can bring more users and make it safer. This, however, should always be tempered by the ways it might impact the city's most vulnerable. The key here is expanding how the role of management within these spaces occurs, drawing on the reality of the existence of multiple publics within the city. These spaces clearly provide a range of uses and benefits to those who visit them, even if they might, in turn, provide issues for those users who have the means to prioritise their own interests.

Chapter Conclusion

This chapter has taken the theoretical framework outlined in the Literature Review and used them to examine relevant details about the Braamfontein Spruit as discussed in Chapter 5. The first section explores how the Braamfontein Spruit can be understood as a public space within the context of Johannesburg, primarily developing sites that are accessible to all residents. This informs Jozi Trails' mandate, which seeks to develop the trail network for various users. This though leads to a process of territorialisation that impacts the way the site is used. This is seen in the types of spatial practices observed within the site and the complex ways in which the development of the trail network reflects the interests of certain user groups. What is important to understand is that the site exists in connection to the city at large, which reflects more complicated uses than just as a recreational space. The broader range of experiences that inform the uses of the spruit, such as park dwellers residing along the embankments, are at risk of being excluded from the growing plans to develop the site. While the need to manage the public space does present complex

challenges, there is a risk of spatial tightening, namely as a response to perceived security issues. The concern here is that this would limit the commoning potential of the site, that the risk of enclosure would make it a place for only a selection of its users. There is a need, given the site's importance to the informal economy of the area and how it is, in fact, a home for many residents, to draw in a range of perspectives into the further planning and development of the Spruit. The trails should be seen as a part of the city at large, and thus inform the social desire lines that reflect how residents move through and engage with the city.

Chapter 7 - Conclusion

This report has been an examination of the recent developments to formalise the trail network along the Braamfontein Spruit, exploring the formalisation and management of the site and how this interacts with observed spatial practices.

The conceptual framework that underpinned this report was investigated in Chapter 2, which explored the literature surrounding key theories. Unpacking how ideas of space and place are framed informed a significant part of this report, drawing out the distinctions between physical space and relational place. This was informed by the idea that spaces, especially those within the public sphere, are subject to processes of tightening and loosening, whereby the actions of planners and users inform different types of appropriation within these sites. The process of place-making was identified through the process of spatial practice, how people interact with their environment to develop personal connections and meaning in the everyday. These complex social practices were related to urban common-making and desire lines. Common-making informs an idea of conceptualising space as a commons, serving a crucial theoretical framework with which to underpin an idea of public space as being shared by different users. The concept of desire lines informs this as well, highlighting the visible but informal ways that people appropriate and use public space, often in ways that are not planned or managed. These concepts are used as a theoretical lens with which to examine both how people relate to the Braamfontein Spruit during the fieldwork section of the report, and with which to examine the aims of Jozi Trails, the organisation managing the Spruit.

Chapter 3 provided an overview of the research methods, highlighting the focus on qualitative methods and how these would inform the site visits and the analysis. The aim was to draw in the views of experts who are involved with the management of the site, as well as those of everyday users and my own personal observation. To support this I also incorporated online sources such as an online questionnaire and examined public posts that could be drawn from Twitter, to better understand a range of views and perspectives. My observations would support this, with field notes and photographs allowing me to gain a sense of how people use the chosen area of the Spruit, and the impact of the developments implemented by Jozi Trails.

Chapter 4 dealt with the historical and social context of the Braamfontein Spruit and explored how the site has served as a public space within Johannesburg. What is important to understand is where the site is located within the city of Johannesburg, what neighbourhoods it runs through and the types of people who use it. It is also crucial to understand how the site has been developed over the years, such as the attempts in the 1980s to be made into a linear park, or how local neighbourhoods are involved in the maintenance of the site. This highlighted both the importance of the site for those who use it and revealed some of the underlying tensions in how public space manifests within the city.

Chapter 5 was an overview of the fieldwork conducted and the data gathered, as highlighted in the research methods. Utilising the field notes, photographs, and perspectives taken from experts and users, the aim was to expand on an understanding of the site both as a physical *space* and as a public *place*. The comments from those involved in Jozi Trails and Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo help contextualise official positions regarding the Spruit and the goals of developing the trail network. Drawing on the experience of different users helped highlight what people appreciated about the site, but also exposed certain anxieties and concerns. This in part revealed the issues between different users, notably between those who use the site recreationally and those whose use of the site is considered informal.

Chapter 6 was an analysis of the fieldwork, using the conceptual framework outlined in Chapter 2 to explore how the observations relate to core concepts. Key to this was exploring how the idea of the Braamfontein Spruit can be understood as a public space, especially one that might be understood as a public commons. The aim to this was to unpack the sources of conflict between users, and the limited ways in which the idea of accessible space is envisioned. The territorialisation of public space by different users highlights the ways that they seek to make use of public spaces for their own interests. The issue is that the formalisation of the trails serves to privilege more middle-class users while overlooking those who use the site in ways that might be considered informal. This, along with other processes such as the implementation of fences and security patrols, serves to tighten the space of the site. While this can improve the safety and access to the site, there is the risk that those spatial practices considered unwanted might be targeted as a result. Users such

as waste pickers and other park dwellers might find themselves pushed further to other fringes of the city due to their presence within public space posing a challenge for recreational users and city management. The location of the Braamfontein Spruit makes it a unique site within the city, and its openness speaks to a potential range of activities that reflect the reality of public space in Johannesburg. Using desire lines as a concept, we can see that there is a need for people to find their own space within the city, whether it is for recreational use or as means to survive. The issue is that response from management might target more vulnerable users, in a sense focusing on sanitising the space. While funding and security are important in making public spaces feel accessible, it is important to make the notion of an open public space something that is open to anyone. That is, to think about how it might be held in common, and to be open to the range of users and appropriations within the space. In this, the idea of unpacking the commoning potential, even if this might be more challenging or uncomfortable, is crucial to managing sites like this within the city.

Going Forward

The reality is that managing public spaces is a complex process. The desire to make public space safe can often conflict with the desire to make it accessible. This is apparent when the focus on funding leads to city governments employing private-public partnerships to oversee the development of these spaces. This can cause issues, with the tightening of spaces that can lead to more exclusive areas or even wholesale privatisation. For a city like Johannesburg, this only serves to diminish the aims of addressing spatial injustice and making public space more equitable. The focus of Jozi Trails is on making the Braamfontein Spruit an open space within the city, to make it a site that improves residents' access to open green areas. The issue is that the management of these sites often struggles with dealing with informal users such as park dwellers. The concern is that anxieties around safety might privilege the voices of certain users, leading to further discrimination or even removal of those whose use of the site is deemed unacceptable. While there is no easy solution, given the broader issues of homelessness and poverty within the city, it is argued here that the management of public spaces must consider the voices of all of those along the Braamfontein Spruit.

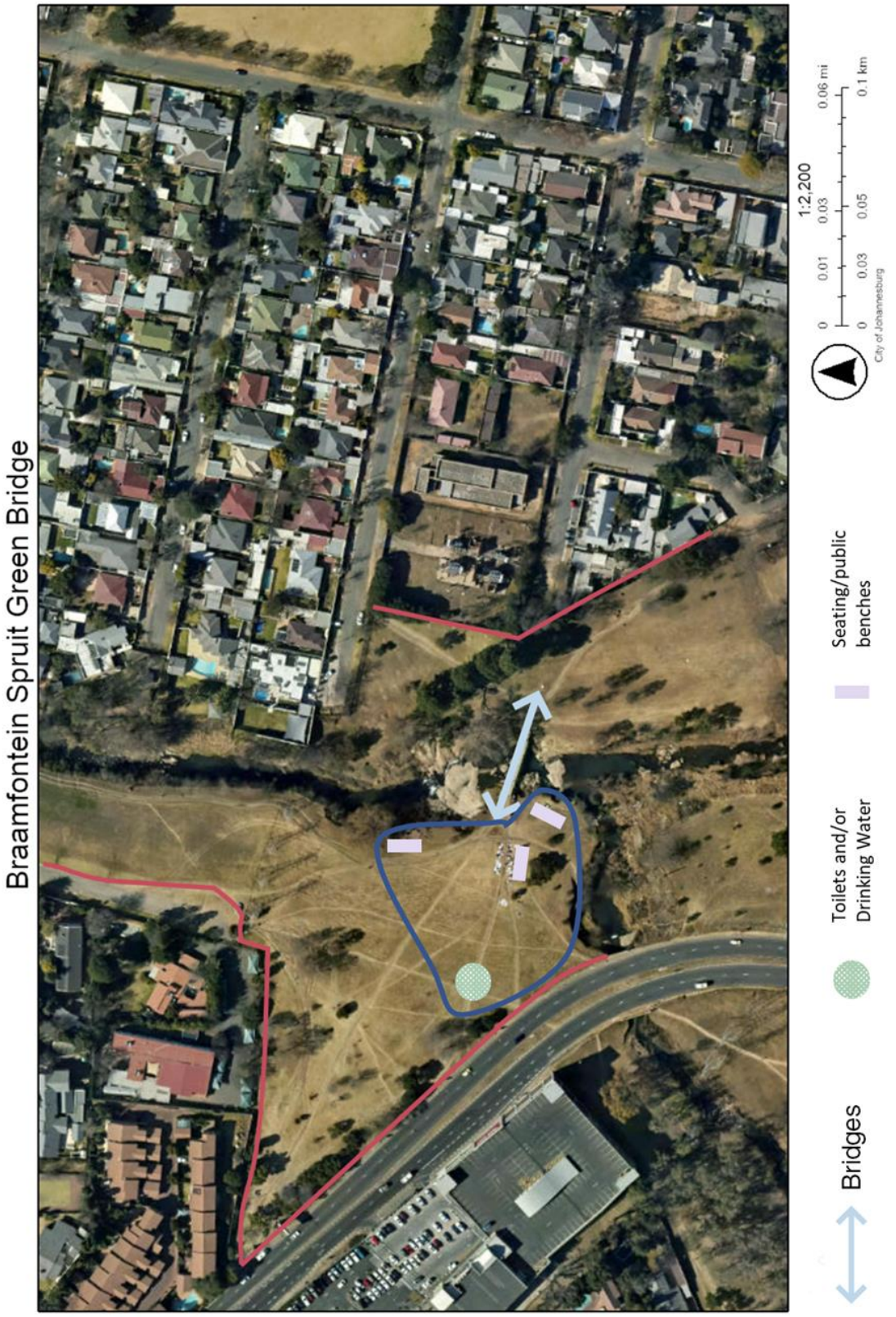

Figure 7-1 Green Bridge Hub Proposal (Rathbone, 2022h).

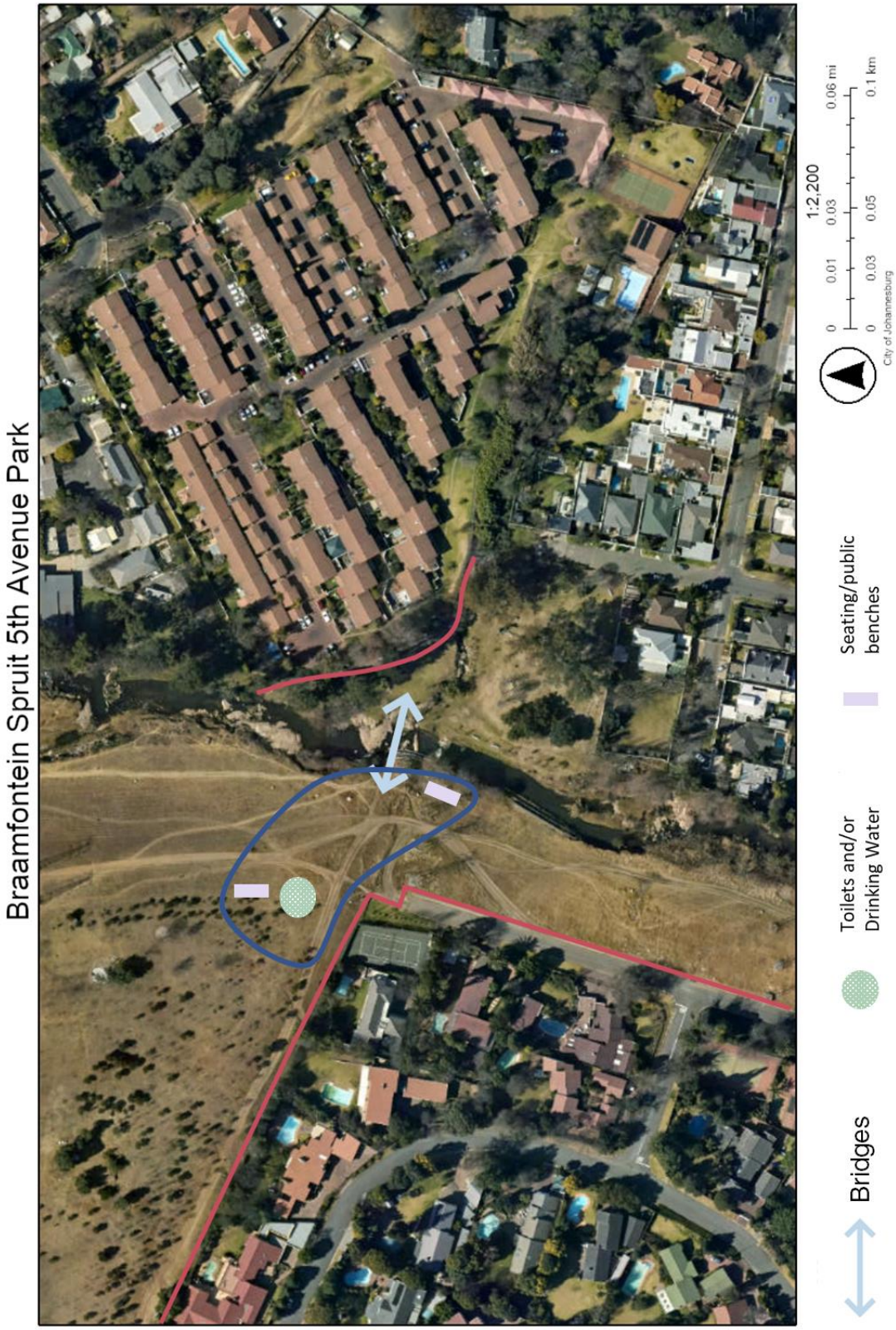

Figure 7-2 5th Avenue Park Hub Proposal (Rathbone, 2022i).



Figure 7-3 Delta Café Hub Proposal (Rathbone, 2022j).

The focus of any potential intervention within the site should consider how the aspects of place-making could be developed throughout the site, offering opportunities and amenities for a range of users. The following maps in Figures 7-1, 7-2, and 7-3, showcase potential lost-cost suggestions for the site that could enable the growth of the sense of place along the Spruit. Each area highlights a section along the western embankment that could be earmarked for additional amenities. Comments from Spruit users mentioned in Chapter 5 highlight the desire to see more safer crossings/bridges, restrooms, and 'space for economic activity' (Appendix E). Working from this, the section along the western side where crossings exist - either as bridges or informal crossings - could serve to be developed into hubs along the Spruit.

Improving the safety of the bridges is one important step. Observations based on my fieldwork highlight the importance of these crossings for pedestrians. Certain users might use one section more than others, such as recreational users accessing Delta Park around the Delta Café or workers crossing the blue bridge to move between Parkhurst and Victory Park. The maintenance and development of these sites are still crucial to any long-term planning of the site. This can be further improved by properly implementing a crossing at the 5th Avenue Park, allowing safe crossing for users at that section. This would require coordination between Jozi Trails and other municipal bodies, such as the JRA.

A second feature would be the expansion of benches around these areas. As the Project for Public Spaces argues, focusing on small-scale, affordable initiatives can play an important role in developing the sense of place, and allow for experimentation without heavy investment (Project for Public Spaces, 2016). This works alongside the work currently done by Jozi Trails, such as the implementation of signage. The intention would be to turn these points into hubs, generating a 'stickiness' in terms of how people engage with the sites. This could also work in conjunction with the informal traders who work by the Green Bridge, providing spaces for them to work.

The final proposed addition would be for toilets and drinking water points. The lack of public restrooms presents an issue for users, especially given that toilets on private properties such as Delta Café might restrict access to park-dwellers or other users who might be seen as undesirable. Additional restroom facilities would be valuable to all users, and providing drinking water serves both casual walkers and more active cyclists along the route. The

focus, again, is to think about how these points along the crossing can be improved to create positive public features. The sharing of space plays an important role in how we might think of public places as being held in common. The expansion of public facilities can play a key role in this and could inform the future development of the Braamfontein Spruit as a public space within Johannesburg.

The notion of making public space an urban commons speaks to the need to open up an understanding of who space is for, framing the notion of accessibility in a way that can appreciate the heterotopic nature of public space. The presence of multiple publics, who engage in a diverse range of spatial practices, points to the complex ways in which place-making manifests. These spaces are not inert, and thus subject to messy points of conflict and uneven distribution. This is perhaps where the role of management, and even the idea of formalisation of space, might be expanded on. There needs to be some appreciation and even enabling of looseness within public space so as to safeguard access, and not rely on harder measures of enclosure and restraint.

The question of how to bring in those users who are otherwise excluded is a much larger topic, that touches on many other issues faced by Johannesburg's municipal administration. Indeed, a key limitation of this report was the lack of representation of the range of users. The interviews conducted do not provide a wide-ranging sample base, something that should be expanded for further research. The interviews conducted only reflected certain demographics, and a more representative study could focus on more comprehensive fieldwork to draw out the range of uses and appropriations within the site. How public space might be understood as accessible is crucial for developing a more inclusive city, and the key to this is incorporating a range of viewpoints to better manage these sites for the people who use them.

By thinking of how public spaces might serve as a commons, the aim here is to find a way to bring together the range of users and experiences and use this to develop a more robust approach to managing public sites. The need for public space is something that can be understood as crucial to creating a Johannesburg that is more equitable. As such, attention needs to be made to figuring out to include and manage all voices and develop a sense of shared belonging to spaces such as the Braamfontein Spruit.

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Appendices

Appendix A: Ethics Clearance

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND JOHANNESBURG | SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE PLANNING

03 February 2022

Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment:

Ethics clearance letter:

Dear Daniel Rathbone

Student number (2507616), this letter confirms that your ethics application has been cleared. Your clearance/protocol number SOAP142/06/2021

Yours sincerely

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Appendix B: Participant Information Sheet and Consent Form - Email Interviews

Dear Sir/Madam

My name is Daniel Rathbone, and I am a Master's student in Urban Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. As part of my studies, I must undertake a research project, and I am conducting this investigation under the supervision of Mr. Mawabo Msingaphantsi. The aim of this research project is to examine how the Jozi Trails initiative impacts the ways in which people use the Braamfontein Spruit.

As part of this project, I would like to invite you to take part in an interview over email. This activity will involve answering a series of questions via email, with potentially further correspondence for follow up questions.

There will be no personal costs to you if you participate in this project, you will not receive any direct benefits from participation but there are no disadvantages or penalties if you do not choose to participate or if you withdraw from the study. You may withdraw at any time or not answer any questions if you do not want to. The interview will be completely confidential and anonymous as I will not be asking for your name or any identifying information, and the information you give to me will be held securely and not disclosed to anyone else. Unless otherwise stated, I will be using a pseudonym (false name) to represent your participation in my final research report.

If you have any questions during or afterwards about this research, feel free to contact me on the details listed below. If you wish to receive a summary of this report, I will be happy to send it to you. The data collected from this research project will be stored in a secure hard drive and will be kept for 3 years. With your permission, the data collected from this research project may be used by other researchers. If you have any concerns or complaints regarding the ethical procedures of this study, you are welcome to contact the University Human Research Ethics Committee (Non-Medical), telephone +27(0) 11 717 1408, email hrecnon-medical@wits.ac.za.

Yours sincerely,

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Consent Form

Rethinking Public Space in Johannesburg: formalisation and commoning along the Braamfontein Spruit
Daniel Rathbone

I, ……., agree to participate in this research project. The research has been explained to me and I understand what my participation will involve. I agree to the following:

Please circle the relevant options below:

I agree that my participation will remain anonymous	YES NO
I agree that the researcher may use anonymous quotes in his / her research report	YES NO
I agree that the information I provide may be used anonymously after this project has ended, for academic purposes by other researchers, subject to their own ethics clearance being obtained.	YES NO

…… (signature)
…… (name of participant)
…… (date)

…… (signature)
…… (name of person seeking consent)
…… (date)

Appendix C: Sample Questions – Email Interview Sample Questions

The following questions will serve as a guide for the interviews to be conducted over email

1. What are the aims of Jozi Trails with regards to the Braamfontein Spruit?
2. What organisations fund/support Jozi Trails?
3. What is Jozi Trails' relationship with Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo?
4. What is Jozi Trails' relationship with the residents' associations (such as Parkhurst Residents and Business Owners Association (PRABOA))?
5. How are the pathways maintained, and what informs the process of demarcating a path for certain functions (for example, such as bicycle paths as opposed to pedestrian paths)?
6. How does the initiative engage with people who live along the Spruit informally?
7. To what extent does the Jozi Trails project build on existing or informal paths along the Spruit?
8. What is the role of Jozi Trails in relation to the safety and security within the site?
9. What is the importance of developing the Braamfontein Spruit into a public space?
10. What long-term plans do Jozi Trails have for the site?

Appendix D: Participant Information Sheet and Consent Form – Questionnaire

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As part of this project, I would like to invite you to take part in answering a questionnaire via Google Forms. This activity will involve you answering a set list of questions.

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Available online at the following link: https://forms.gle/LEdxzzR8bxxUgbub7

Appendix E: Participant Responses – Questionnaire

Questions	***Participant 1***	***Participant 2***	***Participant 3***	***Participant 4***	***Participant 5***	***Participant 6***	***Participant 7***
I agree that my participation will remain anonymous.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
I agree that the researcher may use anonymous quotes in his / her research report.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
I agree that the information I provide may be used anonymously after this project has ended, for academic purposes by other researchers, subject to their own ethics clearance being obtained.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
How often do you visit the Spruit?	About 3 times a month, usually in the weekend	Once a month	On average about twice a month.	At least once a week	once a month	Fairly often	3-5times a week
What are your thoughts on the Braamfontein	Usually love it and am pleased that this space is being so well-used by a	Its in a better state than a shile ago. Less litter.	I believe it to be a very valuable public space, which includes parks and	It is excellent that we have such spaces to enjoy	It is a public good and valuable to our community.	It is a completely open space that is used by all sorts of people, either as a	I think it is a space where many people from different social

Spruit as a public space?	range of people and for a range of activities		trails used by many Jo'burgers for walking, picnics, cycling, park runs, etc.			park or a corridor to walk to work/the shops. It doesn't just have one use or specific group.	groups freely use a single space, and have opportunity cross paths. It is great that some of the trails are so well maintained and that it is free space for recreation that isn't really available otherwise in Jhb. I also think it could be developed even more
What do you enjoy about the Spruit?	Being able to walk along the Spruit, enjoying that so many others are enjoying it as well, depending on their wants and needs. That we can decide to go in different directions - along the Spruit, up to Delta Park - depending on how much walking we want to do. Watching the birds that use the Spruit as well - being able to watch ducklings	Nice dog walk space	I love the feeling of being in a beautiful environment. Water is always calming and makes you feel like you are in the country. I enjoy looking for the birds and wildlife found along the Spruit, including the water birds. I love walking with my dogs, who also love playing in the water. I enjoy the sense of community experienced with	Being able to be outside, in nature, even though we are in the middle of the city	Being in the city but in nature	It has alot of different types of spaces, for different uses, like good bicycle paths, very open fields but also deep vegetation and shady places to sit.	The mountain biking trails in Delta park, and that it stitches the different parks together.

	grow up is always a pleasure.		other walkers. There's always a sense of friendly camaraderie. During COVID Lockdown, the spaces along the Spruit became a safe and important space to meet up with friends in the socially-distanced outdoors.				
What are your main concerns/worries regarding the Spruit?	1. The amount of broken up polystyrene food containers washed up along the Spruit - really wish that these would be phased out at take-aways, as they just break up further and are hard to clean up. 2. Cyclists that don't follow the signs and ride where walkers are - and those that don't slow down on shared paths. 3. A concern is that the shared paths (walkers and cyclists) and very often the clearly	Litter	One of the biggest worries about the Spruit is the amount of pollution in and around the water. When I was young, we used to walk, splash about and play in the Spruit. Now I'd be too scared to, I even worry as to whether the water is safe for the dogs to drink. I worry very much for the health of the homeless people who live by the river. It also sometimes feels like we are	Safety of walkers, and environmental pollution	The litter and safety.	Degradation of existing infrastructure like the bridges, making it harder to access or cross.	Secure crossings along the Delta sections, security and more public facilities like restrooms

marked walkers paths are getting narrower and rutted by bike tyres which can make it harder to use the path as a walker. 4. And my particular bugbear - dog owners that either can't control their dogs or think it is amusing when their dogs harass the ducks in the water. Untrained dogs should be muzzled, and dogs should only be allowed in the water at the dog "beach", and never allowed to plunge in and chase the ducks at other points along the Spruit.		intruding on them and their poverty as well as their pride, even though these are public spaces. They should not be there but there is nowhere else for them to go and there are growing numbers of people who see no other option but to live along the river. Safety is a big concern, given that muggings are an unfortunate occurrence. Although the muggings are often blamed on the homeless who live there, I believe that more often there are criminals who take advantage of places to hide so that they can target people. For safety reasons, there are areas of the Spruit that I				

			used to go to, but now avoid.				
Do you support initiatives such as Jozi Trails and their impact on the Braamfontein Spruit? Why?	Yes - safe and well-used public spaces are what make living in a city bearable. The Spruit feels well-managed on the whole, and responsive to concerns about security. But - would not want the Spruit to be over-policed and sanitised - the space should work for a wide a range of people as possible and for a range of uses.	Yes. The more feet the saver	Definitely. Apart from creating trails and paths for people to use, there is a big safety benefit.	Yes - builds awareness and appreciation of the trails in Jhb	No, I don't because I don't know about it.	Yes, it has had an overall good on maintaining paths and clearing away overgrowth	Yes! Public recreation is super important. They also make the park more usable by more people, and let the park feel cared for
Do you think the development of the trails and paths improves the accessibility of the Braamfontein Spruit? Why?	Yes. The more people out enjoying the Spruit makes visiting feel safer. And it is always a pleasure seeing the range of people that use the paths - cyclists for exercise and pleasure as well as those commuting, and the range of walkers.	Yesl	Absolutely. It creates areas for people to walk and cycle and opens up places people would not otherwise have gone to.	Yes, it prevents land erosion if people walk on paths	Yes, it would. Give more people access	Yes, while paths already existed, the organizing of spaces for different uses eg bicycles helps to reduce conflict and make people feel more welcome. It also highlights how the space connects to other places and encourages travel.	Yes! More people are as a result able to use the space because it offers more options for use

What would you like to see in terms of development or infrastructure with regards to making the Braamfontein Spruit more accessible?	The relative wildness and unpaved pathways do make the Spruit inaccessible to those with mobility challenges, but is a great part of the appeal and charm of the Spruit. People must control their dogs and pick up their dog's waste and dispose thoughtfully - I think more signage is necessary - the sign about the ducks is very faded and there should be more of these. There should be clearly marked dog waste bins at the bridges and at the Blairgowrie end. Walkers and cyclists must feel free to use the paths by sticking to the helpful signs - but it is important that children be made aware that certain paths	Less litter and cleaner water	Areas of the Spruit that are well-managed and maintained are a pleasure to visit. Clean-ups are important and making sure that bridges are maintained and safe is essential. Safety in terms of patrols is desirable, to keep these beautiful public spaces safe for all.	Better safely measures and safety initiatives, any initiatives that create environmental awareness are excellent	Safety, safety, safety.	More bridges across the river, where informal crossing already exist would be a huge improvement, there is risk to certain people who are forced to cross at these points.	More safe bridges to cross, more space for economic activity, more restrooms, and removal of invasive plants

	require caution because these are used by cyclists - so crossings clearly marked.						
Any further comments or thoughts?	I would like to see tolerance and solidarity from everyone that uses the Spruit for whatever reason.		Thank you for this attention and interrogation regarding our treasured Spruit areas.	N/a	I think it would be great if we can find ways of cleaning up the water, as its a resource to us all.	,	The trees that are being planted at the bottom of the Delta section could be done less plantation style and could be planted rather in clusters, it gives it a much less man-made feel.

Appendix F: Twitter Data Table

2012

Created at	Author ID	Text	Lang
2012-12-31T18:50:14.000Z	1004929040	To close of the year, we cut a new piece of single track along the Braamfontein Spruit. Watch out for details... http://t.co/Qlct7Wua	en
2012-12-29T07:26:49.000Z	799111741	Aquatic Rescue 16 10-8 to Braamfontein Spruit, Sabie & Barry Hertzog, with E17, SC18, SAPS dive unit, 1xP4 recovered from river.	en
2012-11-25T04:51:54.000Z	85841283	Soooo I'm hiking the Braamfontein Spruit today X_X Lord be with me. Yoh.	en
2012-11-24T07:45:34.000Z	72554086	Safety Marshalls at Braamfontein Spruit, Bike Park, Northern Farms- get on board! #moveinsurance	en
2012-10-23T13:40:05.000Z	703262178	There will be another clean-up of the Braamfontein Spruit on the 27th of October - for those who want to... http://t.co/90QFloGE	en
2012-10-21T10:35:01.000Z	306206813	The beautiful Braamfontein Spruit. http://t.co/GMpSx7eo	en
2012-10-19T09:01:05.000Z	44895655	V. interesting link RT @crajhb: WOW!! CRA working with FUNDI to clean up the Braamfontein Spruit is just taking off...http://t.co/oxKsILLZ	en
2012-10-18T19:36:03.000Z	136581846	WOW!! CRA working with FUNDI to clean up the Braamfontein Spruit are is just taking off... so many positive... http://t.co/rDyZKX9h	en
2012-10-18T10:00:52.000Z	273344766	â€œ@JoburgGreenMap: Nice article on @jhblive about cycling along Braamfontein Spruit: http://t.co/udqAYoZSâ€ Spruit FTW!	en
2012-10-18T09:22:55.000Z	34239869	The Braamfontein Spruit that runs through the heart of suburban Jozi is a gem & one of the city's hidden beauties: http://t.co/R6YWmLAz	en
2012-10-17T14:48:01.000Z	525496249	Nice article on @jhblive about cycling along Braamfontein Spruit: http://t.co/2r8bwDat	en
2012-10-03T07:28:14.000Z	328391395	Just spoke to City Parks officials about the failure to maintain the Braamfontein Spruit. Waiting for an official response later today.	en
2012-09-22T06:26:54.000Z	615528465	I'm new in @Parkhurst_JHB, and I run everyday next to the Braamfontein Spruit. Is here a community forum that helps clean the spruit?	en
2012-09-15T06:06:11.000Z	348991297	Joining friends of Braamfontein Spruit to plant trees on the river banks today, between Sunninghill and Paulshof, come and join me from 9am.	en
2012-09-07T12:20:32.000Z	126916463	JRA did amazing job securing my bank/pylons in Bordeaux. RT @jozi117: Urgently nd stabilisation of river banks on Braamfontein Spruit.	en
2012-09-07T10:03:30.000Z	273099120	Urgently nd stabilisation of river banks on Braamfontein Spruit in @Parkhurst_JHB area. @RMoosajee http://t.co/WmcFoVBV	en
2012-09-06T15:02:19.000Z	573541059	It is normally possible to hop across the Braamfontein spruit in front of @UAthleteSA. Not today! â˜, http://t.co/cdDEugUB	en
2012-09-06T08:05:20.000Z	124729329	"In July 1994 Carter drove to the Braamfontein Spruit river, to an area where he used to play as a child and took his own life"	en
2012-08-25T07:33:48.000Z	273099120	Invite 2 @RMoosajee: come 4 cycle ride along Braamfontein Spruit in Ward 117. Best used trail 4 walkers & bikers in city. @Parkhurst_JHB	en

2012-08-21T11:20:12.000Z	366519121	Ruckus over vagrants along the Braamfontein Spruit - General | looklocal Rosebank Killarney http://t.co/xUCuabME	en
2012-08-21T07:33:28.000Z	54502348	I posted 20 photos on Facebook in the album "Braamfontein Spruit & Delta Park" http://t.co/zKuJdF4a	en
2012-08-15T19:35:41.000Z	28550687	Delta Park, Braamfontein Spruit- tweet @702JohnRobbie for action on litter and vagrants in one of our last great wild JHB spaces!	en
2012-08-15T07:08:23.000Z	242727612	The history of the Braamfontein Spruit Trail... http://t.co/EMnp09HS. I'm sure @JoburgParks has plenty more on this http://t.co/VKkXo4JS	en
2012-08-05T09:27:27.000Z	20095922	Crisp cycle along the Braamfontein Spruit this morning!	en
2012-08-03T13:13:48.000Z	132584446	@pigspotter red bakkie dumping illegally next to braamfontein spruit, bryanston, where ballyclare crosses over the spruit. Vark	en
2012-08-03T06:52:54.000Z	273099120	@RMoosajee Great. I think we shld develop cycle/walkways along Braamfontein Spruit. There cld then link fm spruit 2 rosebank, Linden, etc.	en
2012-07-29T07:09:55.000Z	49375182	Rather chilly this morning while I try to warm up for my first cycle through the braamfontein spruit! #smashingsession off road adventuring	en
2012-06-19T22:27:28.000Z	241116364	Awesome Night Ride in the Braamfontein Spruit with Bruce Bowden and the Swamp Dog boys! Thanks Lads! http://t.co/ndxqB0Me	en
2012-06-17T15:17:42.000Z	15659852	Jhb's beautiful hidden treat, the Braamfontein spruit. This pic, as it flows through Parkmore in a reflective mood: http://t.co/Bca00rTc	en
2012-06-17T07:59:53.000Z	49953224	I just became the mayor of Braamfontein Spruit MTB Route on @foursquare! http://t.co/cUydLSun	en
2012-06-17T05:59:23.000Z	260694764	â€œ@Jock107:Running down the Braamfontein Spruit for the first time mountain bikers out the way!! @Salomon_saâ€ #44grams http://t.co/XUGKKNvV	en
2012-06-17T03:56:57.000Z	272447863	Running down the Braamfontein Spruit for the first time - mountain bikers out the way please!! @Salomon_sa @BRYTONSA	en
2012-06-05T18:35:40.000Z	51794441	.@williamsinct Now become a hazard on Braamfontein Spruit in Gauteng, too. Sad indictment. #BikeHijacks	en
2012-06-05T12:04:54.000Z	54502348	@DavidCOJ102 planting trees along Braamfontein Spruit Ward 117 tomorrow	en
2012-05-02T15:49:11.000Z	13932912	I'm at Braamfontein Spruit (Blairgowrie) http://t.co/5ZPDrKr7	en
2012-05-01T13:00:08.000Z	121733901	@joBerg2c_journo my ride sucked cos it was on the braamfontein spruit and not on the OM joberg2C!	en
2012-04-29T10:57:10.000Z	322150490	@markjackdavis Haha, yes, the wolverines of Braamfontein Spruit! Ahooooo, the Werewolves of Jozi... Warren Zevon would be proud	en
2012-04-26T14:23:23.000Z	273099120	Ward 117 is more than just @Parkhurst_JHB. Also Joburg Zoo, Zoo Lake, Rosebank, Victory Park, Delta Park, 4.5 km of Braamfontein Spruit.	en
2012-04-24T18:56:05.000Z	51794441	@Indulgence_Cafe When I lived on the Braamfontein Spruit, they migrated indoors to escape the winter cold. Exterminator was on full alert.	en
2012-04-24T08:15:11.000Z	273099120	Water pollution report show Braamfontein Spruit mostly not bad with sporadic pollution hotspots. Many other rivers in dire straights. #fb	en
2012-04-21T06:08:36.000Z	22623542	Saturday run on the Braamfontein Spruit. http://t.co/mPgp39cy	en

2012-04-20T18:02:25.000Z	136581846	2. Degradation of Braamfontein Spruit â€“ effect of homeless people as per above, coupled to the lack of a... http://t.co/XiaHDDwH	en
2012-04-19T10:04:29.000Z	54502348	@kaia_arch regarding the long grass at Braamfontein spruit an Eskom rep confirmed that the servitude is owned by City Power, 011 375 5555	en
2012-03-21T09:13:30.000Z	74967416	MTB ride down the Braamfontein Spruit must rank as one of THE things to do in Joburg!	en
2012-03-18T09:47:20.000Z	20095922	Great cycle along the Braamfontein spruit this morning with @Candace! Happy Sunday all!	en
2012-03-10T22:08:41.000Z	22245244	Photo: Everything associated with Braamfontein - including its Spruit - is fab. (Taken with instagram) http://t.co/Pvwn9Fso	en
2012-03-02T21:16:55.000Z	22245244	Photo: Braamfontein Spruit flowers (Taken with instagram) http://t.co/gztzXrtm	en
2012-02-26T16:11:23.000Z	22245244	Photo: Walking through the Braamfontein Spruit. Really beautiful. http://t.co/PS9RSACM	en
2012-02-19T08:54:14.000Z	14458908	Finished Mountain Bike with @cyclemeter, on Braamfontein Spruit route, time 3:33:53, 59,88 km, see http://t.co/ohv8kzUu, average 16,80.	en
2012-02-16T18:32:46.000Z	396142585	@Reagoikanya Unfortunately, we are in the North on the Braamfontein Spruit. You are welcome to join us in Hurlingham Ext 5 for a Spruit Ride	en
2012-02-04T09:39:56.000Z	165134254	@trailza pirates running club does a run on braamfontein spruit, 14 runners, 11 dogs. Great fun! Runners/dogs 1 - mountain bikers 0	en
2012-01-15T08:38:23.000Z	165134254	@runnersworldza great trail run up braamfontein spruit and the emmerentia with @Epilgari & @Laxy29 dodging mountainbikers!!	en

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2013-12-31T07:38:05.000Z	242727612	#heritage2013 This article on the history of the Braamfontein Spruit Trail was very popular http://t.co/1wPpemPHWa	en
2013-12-21T06:09:45.000Z	106086426	One look to the right whence the other river, Braamfontein spruit, descends http://t.co/rkKYV5flyK	en
2013-11-28T15:55:45.000Z	273099120	Thats why its not good idea 2build below 50 yr floodline. â€œ@markjackdavis: #braamfontein #spruit @parkhurst_jhb http://t.co/AaVOrxtdqxâ€	en
2013-11-28T15:26:47.000Z	165134254	#braamfontein #spruit #river bursting it's banks!! @parkhurst_jhb #parkhurst http://t.co/tFltV8Jhro	en
2013-11-26T09:37:23.000Z	163505443	Well done to whoever built the trail under bridge in the #braamfontein spruit close to the new #virginactvive. A pleasure 'under' traffic!	en
2013-11-24T19:37:56.000Z	273099120	The Braamfontein Spruit runs thru Saxonwold. â€œ@christiansmit: @kaysexwale All their money and no natural streams :).	en
2013-11-19T06:28:43.000Z	818836	@raouldejongh @Themarcprice or the Braamfontein Spruit. Average though.	en
2013-11-18T09:32:57.000Z	60575540	â€œ@vitaminwater_za: @Jimmelman awesome! how long is it?â€â€¢Around the park 4.5km, or get on the Braamfontein spruit & do more #jhbcityinsiders	en
2013-11-16T05:46:44.000Z	14054374	jetblackeye gearing up for the jumps @ Braamfontein Spruit Trail - Bryanston http://t.co/R5RWahxLKl	en

2013-11-09T09:17:55.000Z	384258168	Saturday morning down the #braamfontein #spruit http://t.co/yJWhiaxyhx @joBerg2c_journo #training @Cube_SAfrica @N3Gateway	en
2013-11-06T07:00:26.000Z	48291564	Braamfontein Spruit Trust monthly group walks - South Africa Travel News http://t.co/MuoeoLQ9Yj	en
2013-10-25T16:28:49.000Z	138396622	Because handing out pamphlets @Republic&William Nichol is easier than clearing the vagrants from braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/NltacvY1S7	en
2013-10-23T11:19:12.000Z	277483500	Sewerage running down Ballyclare rd eroding surface and into Braamfontein Spruit. Joburg a world class african city http://t.co/nFUgcIth95	en
2013-10-13T20:05:02.000Z	73143408	MTB along Braamfontein Spruit in Joburg this morning: inventive fencing, Zionist baptisms and at least one 'Howzit boet' per kilometre.	en
2013-09-28T11:51:31.000Z	15028908	â€œ@NorthernFarm: The history of the Braamfontein Spruit Trail - http://t.co/bpcSPMc2zfâ€ @OckieKok	en
2013-09-17T15:05:46.000Z	373832371	If you live in Parkhurst JHB or around the Braamfontein Spruit, come and join the @TGRC team. http://t.co/00u18BDZLY	en
2013-09-08T13:16:38.000Z	356611709	Looking for a cycle buddy to show me the Braamfontein-spruit route from Sunninghill. Know... http://t.co/X7SZTDWOhf (via @Cyclefusion)	en
2013-09-08T12:56:06.000Z	819627535	Looking for a cycle buddy to show me the Braamfontein-spruit route from Sunninghill. Know it fairly well from Delta Park. Relocated.	en
2013-09-01T06:33:50.000Z	94331857	We're off to the Braamfontein Spruit for a run before we head across to the #GetawayShow. What a beautiful Sunday! #N3GT @N3Gateway	en
2013-08-20T09:10:07.000Z	1582598275	Great run (/jog/walk) along a wintery braamfontein spruit and into delta park this morning #joburg	en
2013-07-30T16:30:43.000Z	376741319	Joburg is great. Relax after work by heading down to the Braamfontein Spruit for a trail run or ride @ElsaHuman @andyevisser #N3GT	en
2013-07-30T16:30:43.000Z	94331857	Joburg is great. Relax after work by heading down to the Braamfontein Spruit for a trail run or ride @ElsaHuman @andyevisser #N3GT	en
2013-07-28T10:36:34.000Z	163168663	Sewerage pouring in2 Braamfontein spruit opposite SandtonField&Study/ Riverclub weir from PPlace side @jhbwater @cityofJoburgZA @DavidCOJ102	en
2013-07-20T07:47:29.000Z	76970599	@GregMarinovich bryanston ...braamfontein spruit has a trail all along Long the river	en
2013-07-16T12:53:06.000Z	856574305	For everyone who loves riding along the Braamfontein Spruit, here's your chance to put something back. http://t.co/bnHP84FGJp	en
2013-07-13T12:52:32.000Z	951407101	The history of the Braamfontein Spruit Trail - http://t.co/nG67j5rfjq	en
2013-07-12T06:07:49.000Z	126916463	@jozi117 @parkhurst_jhb @spillly Sorry. If Spillly not affected on Sat maybe you can crash at his place. Or along the Braamfontein spruit.	en
2013-07-09T06:06:29.000Z	960929130	In words and maps. @flatrocking "@heritageportal: The history of the Braamfontein Spruit Trail - http://t.co/cj7MC8vIHxâ€¦"	en
2013-07-09T04:54:21.000Z	242727612	The history of the Braamfontein Spruit Trail - http://t.co/fgYLAq14q2	en

2013-07-01T14:52:27.000Z	242727612	Could the Braamfontein Spruit be declared a heritage site? http://t.co/12gP5xqPTd	en
2013-06-22T07:26:42.000Z	328391395	Working with Cllr Earp and community members cleaning up the Braamfontein Spruit in Bryanston. Glad to see so many people getting involved!	en
		From our friends at ADT:	
2013-06-20T06:13:23.000Z	1461393312	Please support the next community clean-up along Braamfontein Spruit: When:22 June... http://t.co/q8sCiIuv1j	en
2013-06-09T08:55:45.000Z	95646720	Never thought I would say this-could move bck 2 Jozi 2moro! One slight prob-don't think there's much surf action on the Braamfontein Spruit!	en
2013-06-05T10:12:21.000Z	330477792	Sandton Chronicle front page: Cyclists enjoy Braamfontein Spruit trails and contribute to... http://t.co/V3GhmTXOjO http://t.co/SFE02HfHPZ	en
2013-05-30T18:34:31.000Z	1208855136	"@BikeLifeSA: Check out @fruitlukes latest review on "The Braamfontein Spruit" http://t.co/czn8RjBb0W #bikelife #donthatethespruit"	en
2013-05-30T18:33:22.000Z	203409779	Check out @fruitlukes latest review on "The Braamfontein Spruit" http://t.co/SEqikTA411 #bikelife #donthatethespruit	en
2013-05-25T07:48:47.000Z	767280450	Well done to the Riverclub Residents on their amazing clean up of the Braamfontein Spruit between Bryanston and Riverclub.	en
2013-05-14T05:52:05.000Z	82450206	@mightystassen most places unsafe mid week at odd times. Not bad on weekends. Braamfontein spruit south of Jan Smuts not safe alone	en
2013-05-10T17:49:02.000Z	130500665	We bought or house in summer. Have just realised how insanely cold it is and will be in winter. In the valley of Braamfontein spruit.	en
2013-05-05T19:59:48.000Z	136581846	Follow up from earlier post re a runner mugged along the Braamfontein Spruit: cyclist accosted - but suspect... http://t.co/8F2ctSBs4f	en
		CRIME ALERT along Braamfontein Spruit, Willowwild area:	
2013-04-26T09:34:35.000Z	136581846	A runner was mugged last week. He reports that the... http://t.co/VkILOfVEO4	en
2013-04-20T07:52:50.000Z	273099120	Vice Cllr Pickle decides that basket is more desireable 2day. Braamfontein Spruit, 22nd St crossing, @Parkhurst_JHB http://t.co/CGyEszER6g	en
2013-04-20T07:40:44.000Z	273099120	Nice weather ... for ducks. The Braamfontein Spruit in flood @ 12th St bridge @Parkhurst_JHB @ewnupdates http://t.co/SLjMFw4ci3	en
2013-04-15T08:06:50.000Z	185105271	Muggings and bike-jackings on Braamfontein Spruit raise concerns: http://t.co/wcRdmblPLK	en
2013-03-31T08:42:39.000Z	14458908	Finished Mountain Bike with @cyclemeter, on Braamfontein Spruit route, time 3:38:05, 61,63 km, behind best ride 0:41.	en
2013-03-28T15:04:19.000Z	273099120	@CityofJoburgZA breeding fireflies in Braamfontein Spruit & Zoo Lake cos can't fix street lights.	en
2013-03-23T14:16:00.000Z	273099120	Its called the Braamfontein Spruit. "@robicoci: Our future backyard... Parkhurst spruit. http://t.co/wfCTBsiXcH"	en

2013-03-23T08:22:06.000Z	14458908	Finished Mountain Bike with @cyclemeter, on Braamfontein Spruit route, time 3:37:25, 64,48 km, behind best ride 3:32.	en
2013-03-20T15:13:12.000Z	136581846	CRA involved in ongoing cleaning up of the Braamfontein Spruit - we're planning to get FUNDI to clean up the area... http://t.co/nd7JWCpojv	en
2013-03-08T14:14:38.000Z	273099120	Seems they scared of crossing Braamfontein Spruit. @joziward89: how about park n ride from clearwater @TheGautrain: no western routes.	en
2013-03-08T12:51:54.000Z	273099120	@CityPowerJhb contractors cutting back undergrowth & trees along Braamfontein Spruit @Parkhurst_JHB & Victory Park. http://t.co/vncCMrKRTF	en
2013-02-23T16:20:10.000Z	462772052	Sabie done & dusted. Looking for friends to do the Braamfontein Spruit tomorrow morning - Gentle!	en
2013-02-19T10:49:14.000Z	273099120	Am I included? Hav 4.5km of spruit in my ward. "@SteveMooreSA: Meeting with City Parks re lack of maintenance on the Braamfontein Spruit"	en
2013-02-19T09:35:59.000Z	328391395	Finally looks like we're getting a stakeholders meeting with City Parks regarding the lack of maintenance on the Braamfontein Spruit	en
2013-02-08T10:04:27.000Z	145224579	@ER24EMS thanks for MOVE Safe assistance this w/e. Cradle, Northern farm and Braamfontein Spruit.	en
2013-02-04T09:02:15.000Z	163505443	Good solid 100 MTB Kms on the weekend. Alles in die Braamfontein Spruit.....Only one spill. Two weeks before # route 66	en
2013-02-03T10:33:05.000Z	74697511	@PigSpotter They're sitting in their usual spot on Bryanston Drive at the bottom of the hill just before the Braamfontein Spruit bridge.	en
2013-01-26T10:22:39.000Z	165134254	@TheRealDobs @tmbgithew brilliant view. I was going to take a photo of the braamfontein spruit, but not quite the same.	en
2013-01-21T06:43:51.000Z	1068004514	@AndrewMclean @Bruanderson A suggestion. Improve off road routes such as Braamfontein spruit to get more cyclists off the road.	en
2013-01-17T07:45:22.000Z	185129349	Proposed bridge for Braamfontein Spruit: http://t.co/gZcv1y06	en
2013-01-13T17:56:38.000Z	48818675	Another great afternoon out on the MTB bike along the Braamfontein Spruit. #Lovingmylife	en
2013-01-12T18:52:39.000Z	112378540	â€œ@Mr_TREAD: Great to see hundreds riding the Braamfontein Spruit trail this AM! Remember, ascending riders have right of way" Ascending?	en
2013-01-12T07:37:21.000Z	18545397	Great to see hundreds riding the Braamfontein Spruit trail this AM! Remember, ascending riders have right of way	en
2013-01-05T08:45:32.000Z	87968768	Braamfontein Spruit ride tomorrow from Paulshof to Emmarentia...who's in?	en

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2014-12-20T15:22:56.000Z	65432887	@ewnreporter Half body in Braamfontein Spruit, Bryanston area. SAPS supposedly on their way after ignoring since Thu http://t.co/cRcFmShaDZ	en
2014-12-20T15:16:33.000Z	65432887	@ewnreporter Reported half a body in Braamfontein Spruit on Thu. SAPS supposed 'too busy' to investigate. Body still there. Phoning again	en

2014-12-15T08:27:57.000Z	886424718	Did you loose photographic equipment on the Braamfontein Spruit recently? http://t.co/70P1xnTxvA	en
2014-12-14T11:58:51.000Z	9923162	#LoveTrail ~ The Braamfontein Spruit was looking lush & green. Thanks @Jenty & @Trailtrax for theâ€¦ http://t.co/Tvqile6Yef	en
2014-12-14T03:48:00.000Z	9923162	Morning Twitter. Braamfontein Spruit with @TeamTIASA this morning. Suitably grey & cool to start.	en
2014-12-12T12:50:16.000Z	18545397	The Braamfontein Spruit Trail, Johannesburg looking lush on my morning pedal. On average, it rains 15â€¦ http://t.co/dNaJvuTznK	en
2014-11-25T04:28:17.000Z	31175601	Tuesday morning madness in the mud! urbanfitsa #GetFitStrongOutdoors @ Braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/suhZqKSAdH	en
		Braamfontein Spruit - pedestrians and dog walkers v cyclists...	
2014-11-22T17:16:09.000Z	136581846	Some good suggestions on the Blairgowrie F/B... http://t.co/Ua6vQ4fNBG	en
2014-11-22T05:36:54.000Z	8720182	Braamfontein spruit very busy this time of morning. I just ran 5,81 km with Nike+. http://t.co/DZTkSTb57d #nikeplus	en
2014-10-06T16:52:16.000Z	136581846	Hollard is working with City Parks to upgrade some of the Braamfontein Spruit, with a focus on cycling amenities.... http://t.co/fnOAOSAOKn	en
2014-09-26T16:58:02.000Z	275397330	@joziAdvice @myDavid perfect park setting just off Braamfontein spruit on Craighall side Delta Park Cafe	en
2014-09-22T10:01:57.000Z	517306957	MT @jozi117: 25km cycle lanes centred on Rosebank with links 2 Sandton,Zoo Lake,Braamfontein Spruit,Melrose coming in 2 years. @CYCOLOGY_ZA	en
2014-09-21T12:13:47.000Z	266613166	@paul_vestact beats running on the banks of the Braamfontein spruit!	en
2014-09-18T12:28:57.000Z	273099120	25km cycle lanes centred on Rosebank with links 2 Sandton, Zoo Lake, Braamfontein Spruit, Melrose coming in 2 years. @CYCOLOGY_ZA @jcwLIFE	en
2014-09-08T19:02:47.000Z	185109146	#Braamfontein #Spruit #Nish resting #mtbLife #cycle http://t.co/Co6FbtTjGj	en
2014-09-08T18:12:00.000Z	185109146	#Bridges someone's #home #mtbLife #Braamfontein #Spruit #jozi http://t.co/QxdPdeAthb	en
2014-09-07T09:51:47.000Z	185109146	#snapandride sessions #Braamfontein #Spruit #mtbLife #jozi #cycle #burnt http://t.co/bFjb5FuSoS	en
2014-09-07T09:38:21.000Z	185109146	Scenes from #Braamfontein #Spruit. http://t.co/uNvDVj0xuL	en
2014-09-02T14:46:46.000Z	95177454	Say, if you're free this Saturday try join us for a peddle out at the Braamfontein Spruit. Check out http://t.co/Y3NV1vv1gK for details #MTB	en
2014-09-01T22:53:33.000Z	751728440	MISSING since 19 AUGUST from BRAAMFONTEIN SPRUIT/Jhb. If you have seen SHEEBA the Lab x Retriever please contact... http://t.co/zuA9AkC21D	en
2014-08-27T14:25:17.000Z	2738320410	Spring's in the air.. 1500m2 Property on the Braamfontein Spruit for Sale R6.5 mil with rental income of large loft flat above garage.	en
2014-08-17T13:00:26.000Z	9923162	#Emmies2N1 ~ Ran the Braamfontein Spruit today. 20km from Emmarentia Dam to Sunninghill. #LoveTrail http://t.co/WR8veep0pT	en

2014-08-17T05:53:40.000Z	40279041	Braamfontein Spruit just under Emmarentia dam. Gorgeous morning in J-town #trail http://t.co/6J5LA7rvGA	en
2014-08-16T19:08:40.000Z	9923162	So, who is doing the Dead of Winter Emmies to N1 tomorrow morning? 18km along the Braamfontein Spruit: http://t.co/0L84y56heT	en
2014-08-03T16:56:51.000Z	49030594	@CJWza you keen to do this run with me sometime? 18km total from Emmarentia Dam to Witkoppen along the spruit-> http://t.co/DiV9NXXfCt	en
2014-08-01T09:53:42.000Z	543547426	@Paulshofhill @paulshof_east @PaulshofSuburb @annettedeppe @GEKCO_SA Blood-red spruit causes a stir: http://t.co/YzQe6o38XP	en
2014-08-01T08:22:51.000Z	68212965	Blood red Spruit causes a stir http://t.co/z4RBSW5gka	en
2014-08-01T07:53:30.000Z	543547426	@Fourways_Review @LCB1989 reports: Blood-red spruit causes a stir: http://t.co/YzQe6o38XP	en
2014-07-21T05:56:06.000Z	330477792	The Braamfontein Spruit, a trail that belongs to everyone and then some unnecessary incidents happen http://t.co/YH1P3Q4jYy	en
2014-07-20T15:48:42.000Z	517306957	"@jozi117: Sewerage leak 4 a week now, Zonda Rd/Braamfontein Spruit, Victory Park. @JoburgParksZoo http://t.co/w434JfBhkY" cc @jhbwater^TK	en
2014-07-20T15:10:16.000Z	273099120	Sewerage leak 4 a week now, Zonda Rd/Braamfontein Spruit, Victory Park. @JoburgParksZoo @CityofJoburgZA @JoburgWater http://t.co/Clz6JsIcUS	en
2014-07-14T15:45:18.000Z	31175601	Come and join us on the Braamfontein Spruit this Sunday for some MTB fun! via Urban Fitness Outdoor South Africa http://t.co/aT9nVrfBIp	en
2014-07-13T19:53:00.000Z	273580703	The Braamfontein Trail Fairies do an immaculate job along the Spruit. Chasing their trails is tremendous fun. Thank-you!	en
2014-07-08T13:38:21.000Z	1591393068	@khumbulani @SpruitDaySA It runs along the Braamfontein Spruit from Emmarenta dam down through the suburbs all the way to Paulshof - Jozi	en
2014-07-05T06:51:06.000Z	22623542	Yowser, very fresh out this morning on the Braamfontein Spruit. @ash_iovino http://t.co/zsoVskJCo8	en
2014-07-04T06:34:50.000Z	278667119	Super excited to test ride my @commencal eta 4 #mtb tomorrow in the #braamfontein #spruit #singletrack http://t.co/8afAur4Ad6	en
2014-07-03T05:35:59.000Z	933967765	Get your copy of SandtonPlaces. Read about astonishing places: Liliesleaf, Alexandra, Braamfontein Spruit trail... http://t.co/YQChH25zMW	en
2014-07-01T13:12:05.000Z	51398793	And our own Braamfontein Spruit comes in at 20. Go figure - no entry fees, no parking issues and no driving(for me). http://t.co/DldhPpPicR	en
2014-07-01T06:16:01.000Z	31175601	Come and join us at this week's social ride on Sunday on the Braamfontein Spruit! http://t.co/bdiWGTbury	en
		Social Events this weekend... Social Ride on the Braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/qaqoxfXnhx	
2014-06-30T08:05:00.000Z	31175601	Social Run at Delta... http://t.co/gBwYbPsBOV	en

		Social Events this weekend... Social Ride on the Braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/qaqoxfXnhx	
2014-06-30T08:04:17.000Z	31175601	Social Run at Delta... http://t.co/8YL9UiFhcQ	en
2014-06-30T06:03:01.000Z	31175601	Come and join us this Sunday for a Fun, Social MTB on the Braamfontein Spruit. There will be two group leaving... http://t.co/9x1fk7FmB7	en
2014-06-25T11:04:01.000Z	273099120	In past year, 203 out of 246 (83%) water pollution readings in Braamfontein/Sand Spruit were unacceptable. @annacox http://t.co/n6nccQ0D8I	en
2014-06-23T10:43:00.000Z	116412542	Cleaning up the Braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/9lOkTISJxI #CleaningSA @Brand_SA @PlayYourPart	en
2014-06-23T10:15:44.000Z	357372364	Braving the winter chill, Joburg residents summed up their community spirit to clean up the Braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/Uoqs1HUla4	en
2014-06-22T17:18:21.000Z	856574305	Spotted some of the Red Island Tribe Elders on the Braamfontein Spruit. Back on their bikes and dragging the media wench along.	en
2014-06-19T20:34:15.000Z	12427912	Attention all JHB MTB mense: that Braamfontein Spruit thing you got going on is not mountain biking. Don't insult my sport.	en
2014-06-19T14:39:21.000Z	222528644	@PalesaMoon they are trying to push a humble look by doing their hair ka Joice e Spruit na ka Jesus in Braamfontein	en
2014-06-17T12:06:22.000Z	114125178	Springing to action at the Braamfontein Spruit Ward 117. http://t.co/aQ2U1tAgP4	en
2014-06-15T16:02:19.000Z	136581846	Cyclists say the much of the length of the Braamfontein Spruit is one of the most used 'green belt' tracks in the... http://t.co/Id7fThTXyS	en
2014-06-15T11:01:50.000Z	62300377	braamfontein spruit run great run. went for a 25Â km run. Check it out on #strava https://t.co/J1DWFLCUrr	en
2014-06-14T11:32:09.000Z	284690446	I love this story about the history of the Braamfontein Spruit. @Chris_Slyper We need to get a group together & ride http://t.co/QevgYk9ht3	en
2014-06-10T13:52:37.000Z	54502348	Residents' groups teamed up with community volunteers & City Parks to clean Braamfontein Spruit & clear alien plants. http://t.co/QYKanLucLy	en
2014-06-10T09:35:41.000Z	1851362052	@SpruitDaySA community members clean up the Braamfontein spruit #JoburgToday learnt how2keep our rivers safe&clean http://t.co/KeQ5xwT1vY	en
2014-06-08T07:49:53.000Z	2449338827	I had an absolute blast at the Braamfontein Spruit Clean up today #MESACleanup @missearth_sa	en
2014-06-07T20:33:38.000Z	2444934946	Braamfontein Spruit Clean up. Thank you City Parks and keep up the good work @missearth_sa @EllaBellaC @ChangeAgentSA http://t.co/ffq4HfM6vL	en
2014-06-07T15:51:33.000Z	709550583	@greenbeings_sa @SpruitDaySA are there ways of reducing further impacts on the Braamfontein Spruit? @missearth_sa @ChangeAgentSA	en

2014-06-07T11:09:40.000Z	2423507198	Tim Heartwright (Chairman of Braamfontein Spruit Trust) at Paulshof/Sunninghill #SpruitDay ??? @greenbeings_sa http://t.co/PDephG19m4	en
2014-06-07T10:00:03.000Z	562772754	Clean up#MissEarthSouthAfrica#Braamfontein spruit#@missearth_sa @EllaBellaC @Gen_Earth http://t.co/XpsDDiTOfM	en
2014-06-07T09:00:53.000Z	41555492	Are you cleaning-up along the Braamfontein Spruit this morning? Share your pictures with us @SpruitDaySA	en
2014-06-07T08:52:51.000Z	41555492	We will be cleaning up more than 20 km's of the Braamfontein Spruit today @SpruitDaySA #LoveYourSpruit	en
2014-06-07T08:45:23.000Z	41555492	The most adorable little people are learning about the history of the Braamfontein Spruit. @SpruitDaySA http://t.co/y7RAIYe7Kj	en
2014-06-07T08:29:29.000Z	41555492	Members of the Ranger Stables are busy cleaning up the Braamfontein Spruit this morning @SpruitDaySA http://t.co/AMZz1pIT3Y	en
2014-06-07T08:23:23.000Z	39090929	The kids are alright. A lovely range of folks have come out to join the Braamfontein Spruit clean up.â€¦ http://t.co/iSaF9Evg7i	en
2014-06-07T07:45:01.000Z	2423507198	Be sure to catch Chairperson of the Braamfontein Spruit Trust and Chairman of the Footprint Hiking Club, Tim... http://t.co/QprT4zHGMz	en
2014-06-07T07:10:39.000Z	1164056179	#Braamfontein: Residents rally their neighbours, friends and family to spruce up a small portion of the iconic Spruit http://t.co/22QlLfZtOg	en
2014-06-07T07:10:37.000Z	172647061	#Braamfontein: Residents rally their neighbours, friends and family to spruce up a small portion of the iconic Spruit http://t.co/dqP6t5oxj9	en
2014-06-07T05:46:42.000Z	2423507198	Today is the day!!! #SpruitDay let's make the Braamfontein Spruit the most beautiful river in all of Joburg!! Have fun everyone!!	en
2014-06-07T05:44:50.000Z	2423507198	Today is the Day!!! #SpruitDay!!! It may be 1C outside but we're ready to help the Braamfontein Spruit be the most beautiful river in Jhb!!	en
2014-06-06T14:35:54.000Z	1591393068	The Braamfontein Spruit says THANK YOU!!! @TreeWorks_JHB and thank you @SpruitDaySA for getting us all going!! @lead_sa	en
2014-06-06T13:07:05.000Z	297338760	It's Spruit Day tomorrow at the Braamfontein Spruit (25km running through Joburg), in an effort to clean up the... http://t.co/hBy9DQFUjC	en
2014-06-06T11:37:55.000Z	165708235	#LeadSADiary Remember the @SpruitDaySA River clean-up tomorrow. http://t.co/n9ZCMTLhYQ Get your family and join in: http://t.co/Vi3RnSeZrQ	en
2014-06-06T08:28:42.000Z	2423507198	@JoburgParksZoo @CityofJoburgZA are firm supporters of #SpruitDay check out the latest press release http://t.co/JlQRIjV1aV	en
2014-06-06T08:22:56.000Z	54502348	Join the Braamfontein Spruit clean-up on World Environment Day http://t.co/zdVH19LxXr	en
2014-06-06T06:21:41.000Z	273099120	Its @SpruitDaySA on Sat along Braamfontein Spruit. â€œ@SundayTimesZA: What are your plans for this chilly weekend? http://t.co/T3imkAE8gw	en
2014-06-05T12:44:26.000Z	23754018	Join Spruit Day this Saturday and help clean the Braamfontein Spruit. More details below http://t.co/EUqT2Vv3uq	en
2014-06-05T09:02:22.000Z	1591393068	Greg Chamberlin of the Scouts heads off to document the Braamfontein Spruit @SpruitDaySA http://t.co/tNWYFTv9Ym	en
2014-06-04T13:31:23.000Z	2423507198	@CrawleyZA the Braamfontein spruit! Anyone in Joburg is encouraged to join in!	en

2014-06-03T10:14:57.000Z	325978341	Spruit Day 2014 Cleanup #braamfontein #jozi #community http://t.co/RAlXh01z7B	en
2014-06-02T12:27:39.000Z	517306957	Join the City of Joburg in a Clean Up of the Braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/SfTBMH0XHc ^NB	en
2014-06-02T06:13:47.000Z	73087481	Please join us on Saturday 7 June to clean the Braamfontein Spruit #Spruitday @spruitdaysa http://t.co/hRU6OLhR4X	en
2014-06-02T06:00:46.000Z	1867104464	Join the biggest river clean-up Jhb has ever seen on Sat 7 June - multiple starting points along Braamfontein Spruit. http://t.co/eFVckS43xs	en
2014-06-01T06:33:38.000Z	275397330	@travelopulent fantastic day to walk along the Braamfontein spruit or enjoy a lazy breakfast on the Cuppachino belt of Parkhurst	en
2014-05-29T04:29:49.000Z	116412542	"@CityofJoburgZA Join City of Joburg in clean up of Braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/e1fPf27stb @CleanerJoburg @Parkhurst @missearth_sa ^NB"	en
2014-05-28T09:56:52.000Z	2457152181	Sat 7th June is Spruit day - join the city clean up the Braamfontein spruit @ParkmorePCA	en
2014-05-28T08:49:24.000Z	517306957	Join the City of Joburg in a clean up of the Braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/IUZqN2kSxW @CleanerJoburg @Parkhurst @Lead_sa @missearth_sa ^NB	en
2014-05-24T15:58:16.000Z	163505443	@Warrick_Kernes @magmonstermtb @camarm1986 @ActionGearSA thanks for the ride boet! See you in the #braamfontein spruit	en
2014-05-24T06:17:36.000Z	114125178	close up of the river fall Braamfontein Spruit. I waited for the birds to fly over. they took too long. #spectacular http://t.co/PseoeDGhfi	en
2014-05-19T10:45:49.000Z	164286558	Pretty cool RT @htxtwomen: Jozi residents turn to social media to clean the Braamfontein Spruit: http://t.co/peL2jSha5X	en
2014-05-19T10:38:50.000Z	495817835	"@htxtwomen: Jozi residents turn to social media to clean the Braamfontein Spruit: http://t.co/JC3Lr4jwVu" @ikemoriz for Hout Bay initiative	en
2014-05-19T10:34:51.000Z	144799984	Jozi residents turn to social media to clean the Braamfontein Spruit: http://t.co/sGPcIj8KaW	en
2014-05-16T14:46:38.000Z	382046554	Joburg residents turn to social media to clean Braamfontein Spruit - htxt.africa http://t.co/GWNZfyf6LI #joburgtimes	en
2014-05-16T11:44:15.000Z	1449525786	#WorldNews Joburg residents turn to social media to clean Braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/esQlZyITon	en
2014-05-16T06:41:23.000Z	17902130	@SpruitDaySA is looking for volunteers to help clean up Braamfontein Spruit on 7th June - definitely going along.	en
2014-05-08T07:14:08.000Z	1341289879	Are you the adventurous type? Then why not check out the Braamfontein Spruit Trail and #DOMORE on your #mountainbike http://t.co/d3Hf5SclXh	en
2014-05-06T15:26:34.000Z	101448281	Flying along the Braamfontein Spruit single track today. Passed a lot of mountain bikers. @â€¦ http://t.co/iz6GpigDFd	en
2014-05-05T05:44:27.000Z	2423507198	Spruit Day 7 June 2014 will concentrate on the Braamfontein Spruit. Join us all for a day of effort and fun	en
2014-04-23T12:29:06.000Z	68212965	From Paulshof to Melville, you can help clean the Braamfontein Spruit: http://t.co/TtdYg2nUa7 #servicedelivery	en
2014-04-15T10:23:12.000Z	982259372	@JoburgWater tries to deal with sewage complaints about Braamfontein Spruit. CLICK HERE: http://t.co/EQAsG1f8eS #sewage	en

2014-04-14T05:27:17.000Z	273099120	Good news for Braamfontein Spruit: R10 mill earmarked for river bank stabilisation in next 2 years. @RK_Gazette	en
2014-04-12T13:27:05.000Z	482021154	Social ride on the Braamfontein Spruit tomorrow. Leaving Paulshof M&B at 6:30 and Fratellis on Conrad Drv at 7:30. Who's in?	en
2014-03-23T18:39:45.000Z	438481916	@PaulshofSuburb A single shot fired at 20:30...Braamfontein spruit direction. Anyone aware of what's happening?	en
2014-03-17T11:44:42.000Z	26696288	Best place to be on a Sunday afternoon #nofilter @ Braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/j4kDvADZoe	en
2014-03-11T15:21:43.000Z	130500665	Just remembered that I have serious hiking boots. So now I will put them on for a walk down to braamfontein spruit to see the water.	en
2014-03-10T08:36:20.000Z	140078229	@edgartheathlete howzit stu, can you suggest someone who knows the spruit (braamfontein) best? If not you.	en
2014-03-08T15:54:21.000Z	106086426	Our river, Braamfontein spruit is in full flow. Roaring past Paulshof in one continuous roar. Parfait! http://t.co/Tgwbznw5Vb	en
2014-03-07T10:16:39.000Z	76014922	@KholofeloSebati @TBMarshals @ThinkBikeSA Welcome to join me as well. I ride on Braamfontein spruit, @PWCBikepark and @NorthernFarm	en
2014-03-04T12:41:50.000Z	185105271	Car swept into #Braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/bzPtbOmZn7 #Sandton #Sandtonchronicle http://t.co/ykXc5MIFi5	en
2014-02-20T07:29:04.000Z	126962113	@urbanfitsacycle social MTB this Sunday on the Braamfontein Spruit. RSVP on Facebook @ http://t.co/SYa3NKXjOL	en
2014-02-07T13:18:04.000Z	1591393068	Threat to the Braamfontein spruit, City Parks still investigating many months later, how long do we have to wait http://t.co/NMoW6BFLq5	en
2014-02-03T07:12:05.000Z	1440858967	I reckon one could do white water rafting on the Braamfontein Spruit this morning. White crested waves, raging torrent... suburban stream?!	en
2014-02-01T11:26:34.000Z	482021154	Social MTB 2moro: Braamfontein Spruit. Paulshof M&B @ 6:15, 20km/h pace 2 Fratellis. 2 Groups from Fratellis @ 7:30. Who's joining us where?	en
2014-02-01T05:54:19.000Z	22623542	Running through the swollen Braamfontein Spruit. @laurie00010 http://t.co/fMd4Dego2C	en
2014-01-27T17:11:42.000Z	18545397	@janetbr Thanks. This was at the bottom/end of Peter Place, Bryanston on the Braamfontein Spruit trail.	en
2014-01-25T13:45:10.000Z	68194416	Great new #parkrun in Bryanston this morning along Braamfontein Spruit. Thanks @BruceFordycerun @RunBryanston	en
2014-01-21T11:03:16.000Z	7268652	Photo: Riding along the Braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/nJR9szoF0W	en
2014-01-20T16:41:05.000Z	7268652	Photo: Riding along the Braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/s0OUC95ERs	en
2014-01-20T15:44:38.000Z	18545397	Yes, beautiful. Yes, middle of Joburg - Braamfontein Spruit trail. Ride 22. #33ridesin33days http://t.co/m8KFsGLgaL	en
2014-01-19T14:17:17.000Z	15234703	Giving the bike a wash after a cracker of a ride through the Braamfontein spruit this morning http://t.co/uQvhikXFcM	en
2014-01-15T09:03:47.000Z	14866091	Quite excited to try out the new Parkrun in Bryanston along the Braamfontein Spruit. http://t.co/ICAP0g1hr8	en

2014-01-13T17:23:53.000Z	482021154	Social MTB ride this weekend on the Braamfontein Spruit. Meeting at Fratellis on Conrad Drv at 07:15. Leaving at 07:30. Who's joining us?	en
2014-01-10T15:14:30.000Z	18545397	Braamfontein Spruit singletrack, Joburg. This section is 2km from my home. Ride 12 #33ridesin33days http://t.co/dUQs0Fms41	en
2014-01-08T13:16:32.000Z	14152883	"@TreadMTBmag: @Colinhastie Braamfontein Spruit (north)?" Thats the place!	en
2014-01-03T20:10:05.000Z	22880891	@gussilber @SureKamhunga facinating, but I think you are confusing the Jukskei with the Braamfontein spruit.	en

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2015-12-28T18:25:53.000Z	18545397	#outtakes2015 #iphonecleanup 14 August - the Braamfontein Spruit trail is around 30km long and… https://t.co/5X6ZghfixW	en
2015-12-16T05:24:38.000Z	622596857	@BraamiesSpruit @CitypowerJhb Electricity Pylon retaining wall is collapsing into the Braamfontein Spruit. #fixit https://t.co/jGwC3M6lqZ	en
2015-11-29T20:02:32.000Z	2255528509	@TOMolefe My guess would be the ditch or underground pipes the Braamfontein spruit runs in.	en
2015-11-28T16:10:50.000Z	261393401	40km this morning with Sbu and Billy @ Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/CtsquuC37X	en
2015-11-14T10:37:32.000Z	1684039100	SAPS doing great work cleaning up the braamfontein spruit. Community also jumping in to help clean up the mess. Well done to all involved.	en
2015-11-13T18:30:55.000Z	557087948	@CityofJoburgZA water pipe cut by JCB corner of Cowly & Devonshire , next to Braamfontein spruit- border between Bryanston and Rivonia	en
2015-10-25T06:05:32.000Z	18670827	20km run along the Braamfontein spruit. Stopped half way at Mulberry tree for fresh berries. Great run.	en
2015-10-18T07:30:14.000Z	2342361194	Nice early Sat ride with @Alanthomaswait @ Braamfontein Spruit Trail https://t.co/0HSNJSKe86	en
2015-10-07T08:17:11.000Z	158463629	@noksangoma I found the Braamfontein spruit right here inJozi so ngizolungelwa ... Thanx for the advice	en
2015-10-05T08:06:04.000Z	2302659931	Enroute to sandton via the braamfontein spruit. Loads more fun than being stuck in traffic http://t.co/LQAWtHggZ9	en
2015-10-04T09:51:25.000Z	261393401	Baptism in the Braamfontein Spruit @ Old Parktonians Sports Club https://t.co/mb0tW6IhWp	en
2015-09-26T06:35:28.000Z	261393401	Riding the Braamfontein Spruit with Neil & AJ @ Victory Park Virgin Active https://t.co/QudfnYv81R	en
2015-09-19T15:54:26.000Z	54502348	@DavidCOJ102 lovely we were joined by @missearth_sa and the community of Braamfontein Spruit. http://t.co/bp9WdTTHx0	en
2015-09-19T10:31:04.000Z	116412542	"@JoburgParksZoo: @SpruitDaySA together with @missearth_sa and various partners cleaning up Braamfontein Spruit. http://t.co/FLtMl84Sa8"	en
2015-09-19T10:15:35.000Z	54502348	@SpruitDaySA together with @missearth_sa and various partners cleaning up Braamfontein Spruit. http://t.co/a04LVx8PhV	en
2015-09-18T09:25:01.000Z	2423507198	One more day to @SpruitDaySA 2015, please volunteer tomorrow to help us clean up 25km of the braamfontein spruit. Wear Sunscreen!	en

2015-09-15T13:33:15.000Z	418059639	@JoburgParksZoo please assist with the pollution and vagrants on The Braamfontein Spruit Trail from Bryanston Dr to 12th Ave.	en
2015-09-13T13:44:37.000Z	720283129	Lets discuss Jukskei & Braamfontein spruit & the absolute filth in them What r u doing about it? @CityofJoburgZA https://t.co/y60BHbfVVw	en
2015-09-12T08:42:41.000Z	66293613	@SteveMooreSA Good day,who does one contact to remove vagrants building shacks next to Braamfontein spruit, Petervale? Thank you.	en
2015-09-01T17:36:09.000Z	261393401	Riding the Braamfontein Spruit with @mwelasebs @ The Trailhead https://t.co/BGAByOUEb8	en
2015-08-27T21:06:57.000Z	23041943	the baptisms in the braamfontein spruit on a sunday are something to be seen.	en
2015-08-19T09:44:50.000Z	2423507198	One Month to go before Spruit Day 19th September! Take part in the cleanup along the Braamfontein Spruit and Klein... http://t.co/CHUWXo0zFr	en
2015-08-04T17:27:25.000Z	2403037999	@MadamMichelle there are a few options: Braamfontein Spruit, Klipriviersberg, Magaliesberg (Cableway), G'Kloof / @DazMSmith @Ryno_Griesel	en
2015-08-03T19:08:27.000Z	18545397	The Braamfontein Spruit trail, which stretches about 23km through many, many suburbs, is one of… https://t.co/cGzXwNliHR	en
2015-07-21T15:02:45.000Z	66681808	#reposting from homewakeskates and some riding on the Braamfontein Spruit back in SA ZA 📷:… https://t.co/IboS9DNXq1	en
2015-07-19T15:50:02.000Z	151086965	Netzer Gauteng cleaned up litter at the Braamfontein Spruit in Delta Park #MandelaDay https://t.co/2d7tb1f786	en
2015-07-17T07:43:08.000Z	279057200	Mandela Day: Help clean up the banks of Braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/PirGf6NPpS	en
2015-07-15T06:02:49.000Z	348991297	John writes, I am keen to do a river clean up this Saturday along our stretch of the Braamfontein Spruit. John - jduplessis@hatch.co.za"	en
2015-07-12T10:32:51.000Z	9923162	@angelo2711 Awesome mate. Well done. Just back from 17km trot around Braamfontein Spruit. It looks like @RhodesTrailRun has *weather* today!	en
2015-07-12T04:39:51.000Z	9923162	#LoveTrail ~ Heading down to Braamfontein Spruit. A perfect Jozi dawn, the morning lighting up soft salmon pink, barely a cloud in the sky.	en
2015-07-12T03:01:02.000Z	9923162	Morning Twitter. Braamfontein Spruit runtime. Why? Because the #OtterOdyssey.	en
2015-07-09T15:23:38.000Z	279057200	Mandela Day: Help clean up the banks of Braamfontein Spruit http://t.co/4tUBYBOOdm	en
2015-07-04T09:51:13.000Z	73143408	What Joburgers do on a Saturday. @ Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/KcPnaEr5Or	en
2015-05-22T14:49:03.000Z	183907185	Braamfontein Spruit at Field and Study Centre #Bryanston #Joburg @ Field and Study Centre https://t.co/j4C85vHnIo	en
2015-05-22T09:20:15.000Z	2403037999	Amazing morning 8km trail run along the Braamfontein Spruit. https://t.co/zCluXWWPXR	en
2015-05-20T11:30:13.000Z	185129349	Police clean-up results in 40 arrests along Braamfontein Spruit: http://t.co/nUSVXydA8O @Parkhurst_JHB @crajhb @CityofJoburgZA	en

2015-05-15T14:31:01.000Z	162025203	A friday afternoon well spent cycling down braamfontein spruit with the school kids #RHScycling	en
2015-05-11T09:27:24.000Z	185105612	Have you seen any dog jumping into the water at Braamfontein spruit ? http://t.co/cUQ3AN3gzo	en
2015-04-23T08:27:44.000Z	2302659931	Some great riding along Braamfontein spruit yesterday with Douglas & John. Their skills did put most of us to shame! http://t.co/IpKDHvrlvT	en
2015-04-22T07:40:01.000Z	8720182	A bit of Craighall, the Braamfontein spruit & Parkhust I just ran 7,30 km @ a 5'59'' pace with Nike+. http://t.co/YMBRz8UZHx #nikeplus	en
2015-03-25T03:27:48.000Z	273099120	Braamfontein Spruit is one of best rivers in Jozi. But still not doing that well. @ewnreporter @702JohnRobbie http://t.co/VsyYftYA8d	en
2015-03-06T15:30:30.000Z	273099120	Nasty smelly oil slick on Braamfontein Spruit. Its in @Parkhurst_JHB & coming fm @ParkviewGolfClu side. Anyone trace it? @CityofJoburgZA	en
2015-02-25T12:02:19.000Z	330477792	Braamfontein Spruit clean-up helps the unemployed: http://t.co/SY7OYi8hQq @BraamiesSpruit @CityofJoburgZA	en
2015-02-25T10:48:57.000Z	185105271	Braamfontein Spruit clean-up helps the unemployed: http://t.co/2gc5J1MyG4 @BraamiesSpruit @CityofJoburgZA	en
2015-02-13T06:16:11.000Z	9923162	@Garsen You can also try The Braamfontein Spruit, from Emmarentia Dam to Delta Park & back (15km).	en
2015-02-13T05:32:52.000Z	22623542	Running up the Braamfontein Spruit before dawn. #runjozi http://t.co/qtAXBictv3	en
2015-02-10T12:28:49.000Z	163788834	Hello Joburgers how stunning is the Bridge Guest House in Braamfontein spruit -Shared @JhbGuesthouses http://t.co/FUl1JBdFjq	en
2015-01-29T06:39:37.000Z	2457152181	Why not plan a picnic on the beautiful green lawns near our bit of the Braamfontein spruit this weekend (Riverside Drive, Bordeaux)	en
2015-01-24T05:53:17.000Z	9923162	#LoveTrail ~ Some friends joined me on my run in Braamfontein Spruit this morning. http://t.co/0AQzCklcKO	en
2015-01-12T09:56:42.000Z	831691429	I feel so underwhelmed; my lazy friends don't feel like traveling anywhere "far" today, so we're forced to herp at Braamfontein Spruit. FML.	en
2015-01-09T12:30:30.000Z	263650169	@no_idea_Nic thanks for the link. where do you cycle? let me know when you do the braamfontein spruit? I live down the road from emmarentia.	en
2015-01-08T15:56:30.000Z	831691429	Braamfontein Spruit is as dodgy and disgusting as ever, but I was happy to see this on a wall there. Save Earth. http://t.co/shoFFJqxvJ	en
2015-01-01T16:14:55.000Z	1268758171	MTB ride along Braamfontein Spruit in Joburg - cannot believe that this is in the middle of the city #MTBRides http://t.co/FxgPSpNB49	en

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2016-12-16T05:41:23.000Z	273099120	Join me on historical walk on @Parkhurst_JHB & Braamfontein Spruit. Meet @CRAFTParkhurst 10am. R100 pp in aid of 22nd St Park refurb.	en
2016-12-02T17:27:12.000Z	273099120	Tx @MyJRA - 6 river bank sites in @Parkhurst_JHB & 1 at REEA in Craighall Pk along Braamfontein Spruit will b rehabbed. @crajhb @Marttwit https://t.co/nD3lH2xBmI	en

2016-11-21T16:28:41.000Z	745566339058786304	2016/11/21, @JHBWater there is a bad sewage leak at this location on the Braamfontein Spruit Trail https://t.co/A0Dklm2drY	en
2016-11-20T10:05:49.000Z	349283342	@JHBWater there is sewerage running into the braamfontein spruit on the river path below Arklow Rd in Bryanston 900m from ballyclare dr.	en
2016-11-16T07:34:11.000Z	322821314	@JoburgParksZoo One of your signs for the Braamfontein Spruit at the blue bridge in Craighall Park has fallen over. Please attend. @crajhb https://t.co/8y4VKMeOYI	en
2016-11-11T13:43:52.000Z	361344719	@CityofJoburgZA Haven't had water since Wednesday. Out of options. Going to skinny dip in the braamfontein spruit.	en
2016-11-07T15:19:40.000Z	53405738	Lovely, lush, eco-green, Delta Park, Braamfontein Spruit walk. Currently lilacalicious with the Jacarandas!... https://t.co/nmPG27y38M	en
2016-10-29T19:27:46.000Z	2399230484	Today's Braamfontein Spruit Recci Walk. What nagic on our doorstep - a rough diamond wasting to be polished for... https://t.co/gMEGSojyQn	en
2016-10-29T09:46:20.000Z	9923162	#LoveTrail ~ Fantastic start to the day with @patterso1 & @777adventurekim along the Braamfontein Spruit & then @deltaparkrun. Thanks peeps! https://t.co/wEALuXYYqM	en
2016-10-24T05:58:58.000Z	130559950	@702JohnRobbie @NameChange Not sure if Malanshof-upon-Braamfontein Spruit has quite the same ring to it!	en
2016-10-20T07:21:09.000Z	757560298014474240	I added a video to a @YouTube playlist https://t.co/sKeTlEwIH9 Braamfontein Spruit Trail	en
2016-10-20T06:43:12.000Z	920424955	Jozi mountain bikers make sure to check out the Braamfontein Spruit Trail >>https://t.co/fk8cuCcvhu	en
2016-10-18T06:38:13.000Z	54502348	YOU are invited to this meeting concerning Braamfontein Spruit Trail https://t.co/V9EbMzHtAE	en
2016-10-17T10:44:10.000Z	330477792	A shortened 1 minute video riding the Braamfontein Spruit Trail from Paulshof to Emmarentia dam and back. #BraamfonteinSpruit #Cycling https://t.co/0M3ODh9Hhd	en
2016-10-05T14:39:42.000Z	3349398826	The Braamfontein Spruit covers a few kilometers in our precinct and is well used by cyclist, walkers and nature lovers https://t.co/3idffK8P6s	en
2016-09-29T14:14:17.000Z	836409540	I posted 8 photos on Facebook in the album "Ducks along the Braamfontein Spruit" https://t.co/J8QfDIBQBb	en
2016-09-21T05:56:49.000Z	1261367449	Good news! The Braamfontein Spruit is an important corridor for wildlife and recreation in Joburg https://t.co/m9okIRuOWM	en
2016-09-21T04:12:15.000Z	2598096115	Why responsible development along our rivers and wetlands is desperately needed https://t.co/kJ0E91xPDR	en
2016-08-25T12:49:55.000Z	29932696	@JMPDSafety tanker pumping H2O from braamfontein spruit near Belgrave Rd/The River rd Bryanston 3times #isitillegal https://t.co/ejaDu4hqPu	en
2016-08-24T08:54:14.000Z	748762670803791872	Help us give the Braamfontein Spruit it's health back! SPRUIT DAY 2016 -September 17th. We… https://t.co/jdvun4HA4H	en
2016-08-22T15:16:21.000Z	1354695313	There used 2 b a plastic sorting area on Braamfontein spruit below Nicolway PnP. Guess they upgraded to George Lea. Scott	en
2016-08-05T06:07:48.000Z	188971656	Another car has ended up in the Braamfontein Spruit this morning at the Belgrave Street bridge @Sandton_News https://t.co/0VnZwhN8dq	en

2016-07-31T12:21:54.000Z	748762670803791872	Guys, this is just some of the rubbish on the Braamfontein Spruit. Come along and help us clear… https://t.co/gBL82PUZv7	en
2016-07-28T14:36:07.000Z	1472359525	If you use any portion of Braamfontein Spruit please can you complete this survey... https://t.co/rRrZWIqAB2	en
2016-07-28T09:14:37.000Z	38651598	Fellow Spruit users. Contribute your thoughts here. Spruit Adventure Trail Management Plan – Have your say - https://t.co/aQ3RQ5Slcg	en
2016-07-28T07:27:16.000Z	3417858023	Braamfontein Spruit Adventure Trail Management Plan – Have your say [...] https://t.co/TihGAOSJdS https://t.co/Az81taI72s	en
2016-07-27T19:42:28.000Z	1136533921	If you'd like your voice to be heard on the Adventure Trail Management Plan for the Braamfontein Spruit the... https://t.co/bXd4BvpgIu	en
2016-07-27T15:10:03.000Z	1461393312	Next Step Consulting: Braamfontein Spruit External Stakeholder Insights (Defined) Survey https://t.co/YSRa6iBO71	en
2016-07-27T13:01:51.000Z	54502348	Braamfontein Spruit Stakeholders, please fill in this survey https://t.co/owmHvjUmes The more responses we receive the better	en
2016-07-27T11:32:09.000Z	2457152181	Survey on behalf of he city of jhb on the Braamfontein Spruit . Pls take time and complete https://t.co/uCzMAtNQhX	en
2016-07-27T11:22:30.000Z	136581846	Braamfontein Spruit Adventure Trail Management Plan Next Step Consulting have been appointed [by the City, we... https://t.co/zLjo9zZAx0	en
2016-07-26T05:40:44.000Z	557087948	@JHBWater 12 avenue and cheetah crescent- close to Braamfontein spruit bridge. Burst pipe.	en
2016-07-24T04:56:30.000Z	748762670803791872	Braamfontein spruit connects so many areas in Jozi! Let's clean it up together @SpruitDay 17… https://t.co/0A7dVa8YsC	en
2016-07-24T04:56:05.000Z	748762670803791872	Braamfontein spruit connects so many areas in Jozi! Let's clean it up together @SpruitDay 17… https://t.co/GLIbG7bVfa	en
2016-07-24T04:55:34.000Z	748762670803791872	Braamfontein spruit connects so many areas in Jozi! Let's clean it up together @SpruitDay 17… https://t.co/iwTGm0wVvT	en
2016-07-24T04:54:54.000Z	748762670803791872	Braamfontein spruit connects so many areas in Jozi! Let's clean it up together @SpruitDay 17… https://t.co/1NWNrpb1pW	en
2016-07-21T14:05:23.000Z	32341090	Plans to better manage the 'Spruit' adventure trail that runs through the heart of Joburg https://t.co/y89AozVbvq	en
2016-07-21T06:13:46.000Z	2818953809	Next Step Consulting are developing a adventure trail management plan for the Braamfontein Spruit to ensure that... https://t.co/z7o9ukDwQg	en
2016-07-21T06:12:12.000Z	1136533921	Next Step Consulting are developing a adventure trail management plan for the Braamfontein Spruit to ensure that... https://t.co/eOnZiMyngL	en
2016-07-19T08:29:55.000Z	1394903954	@JoburgParksZoo 5 men trapped and killed 2 large wild ducks on Braamfontein spruit between K60 road reserve and Rivonia stables	en

2016-07-18T12:22:49.000Z	745566339058786304	1st Bryanston Scouts together with the BECF team replaced damaged bollards & cable along the Braamfontein Spruit. https://t.co/x7qPjjWg2e	en
2016-07-17T07:47:20.000Z	1394903954	@JoburgParksZoo just witnessed 5 indigent men trap and kill 2 wild ducks in Braamfontein Spruit, Paulshof. Can anything be done?	en
2016-07-15T09:38:07.000Z	483104432	@ewnreporter @Radio702 fire on braamfontein spruit near cnr Jan Smuts and Conrad, hurlingham and Craighall side	en
2016-07-14T07:22:05.000Z	4317814636	Listen to us live with @CarrieNGF Adams on Classic FM this Friday at 6pm. "A new winery on the banks of the Braamfontein Spruit".	en
2016-07-10T11:50:52.000Z	3207770105	@DavidCOJ102 @CityofJoburgZA @unclefausto Situation of vagrants along the Braamfontein Spruit is also starting to become a serious problem.	en
2016-06-26T07:43:29.000Z	226883346	Sunday dirt session with gregoryiangamble and marcusmake @ Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/Xd9XAQTyFq	en
2016-06-05T07:07:37.000Z	818836	A magical winter hue on this morning's Braamfontein Spruit run. Jozi and her charms. https://t.co/yPfBiWALs2	en
2016-05-30T14:14:25.000Z	777657278	@JHBWater please can someone attend to sewerage servitude spill off Elizabeth Ave Rivonia, running into Braamfontein Spruit.	en
2016-05-29T14:20:25.000Z	18545397	Johannesburg was showing off today. Another pic of the Braamfontein Spruit trail that formed… https://t.co/Bot8TeVMm3	en
2016-05-26T13:39:16.000Z	1851362052	VIDEO: In today's show we speak to some cyclists about the Braamfontein Spruit @BraamiesSpruit @cyclelife: https://t.co/tGz27WwZfr	en
2016-05-24T11:39:29.000Z	777657278	@JHBWater more pictures of sewer spillage into Braamfontein Spruit, off 15&17 Elizabeth Ave, Rivonia. https://t.co/8xhEDF1vrS	en
2016-05-21T09:18:24.000Z	322821314	@CastleLagerSA @hansapilsener YOU WIN! Top contributors to litter collected on the Braamfontein Spruit in Parkhurst https://t.co/AqkQJO34f9	en
2016-05-20T06:02:15.000Z	322821314	Come help with the Braamfontein Spruit cleanup tomorrow morning, 9am. Meet at green bridge near 12th St, Parkhurst https://t.co/c6qtdOzppt	en
2016-05-05T07:49:56.000Z	22747984	@TimesLIVE 30 what about the other thousands we see every day....? go look at all the homeless living along the Braamfontein Spruit	en
2016-04-27T08:13:35.000Z	16466006	The Braamfontein Spruit is super packed with unflattering lycra, expensive bikes and testosterone today	en
2016-04-25T07:01:37.000Z	2423900310	Day 25 shared by Robert Tucker "My daughter Julia's depiction of the Braamfontein Spruit this afternoon...." https://t.co/BV5EZwspog	en
2016-04-18T10:32:43.000Z	1591393068	City of Joburg says the Braamfontein spruit isin fo a major face lift - see article: https://t.co/s0F1fPTAi6 @JoburgParksZoo	en
2016-04-17T20:30:16.000Z	34239869	The city's longest river is set to undergo rehabilitation by the City of Johannesburg. https://t.co/VljTvi311z	en
2016-04-16T07:40:34.000Z	56326631	Braamfontein Spruit: new rehabilitation study planned https://t.co/j9qU6vbqDQ	en
2016-04-14T21:55:06.000Z	34239869	The city's longest river is set to undergo rehabilitation by the City of Johannesburg. https://t.co/VljTvi311z	en

2016-04-14T11:20:21.000Z	113608091	Transforming The Spruit through adventure sport @JUMAMTB > https://t.co/OmnE2ilin2 https://t.co/WIpIv8Zbgz	en
2016-04-14T10:39:54.000Z	87896407	Hollard Jozi Urban MTB Experience: Transforming the Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/GDXM06IkXS https://t.co/68zF9D9h1a	en
2016-04-13T12:05:12.000Z	34239869	The city's longest river is set to undergo rehabilitation by the City of Joburg. https://t.co/VljTvi311z	en
2016-04-13T07:56:31.000Z	136581846	Remember our petition to save our public spaces and especially the Braamfontein Spruit - maybe some action... https://t.co/XU9cbBomru	en
2016-04-13T05:53:53.000Z	478837957	Posting this again as beautiful, also hear JNB City are doing work to upgrade the Spruit. https://t.co/NM7GouJAuk via @JhbGuesthouses	en
2016-04-13T05:30:07.000Z	228028219	R5 million for #Braamfontein Spruit investigation https://t.co/iNEVayGoha @BraamfonteinMD @BraamiesSpruit @JoburgParksZoo @jozi117 @DAWard87	en
2016-04-13T05:30:06.000Z	185129349	R5 million for #Braamfontein Spruit investigation https://t.co/Dd6Eqta2wR @BraamfonteinMD @BraamiesSpruit @JoburgParksZoo @jozi117 @DAWard87	en
2016-04-12T12:16:54.000Z	135830857	Braamfontein Spruit and Jukskei River want to have a word with you. https://t.co/yTVyMUinbG	en
2016-04-12T11:18:19.000Z	34239869	Joburg's longest river to be rehabilitated https://t.co/iqv4Y3AUJG	en
2016-04-12T04:35:09.000Z	2908810444	The Braamfontein Spruit is getting a makeover. Just do it!	en
2016-04-10T07:27:42.000Z	478837957	In case you missed our last blog, this is on walking The Braamfontein Spruit. https://t.co/NM7GouJAuk	en
2016-04-08T09:39:08.000Z	322636248	#Braamfontein Spruit, longest river in Joburg, to undergo substantial rehab by Johannesburg Roads Agency ~ https://t.co/Q9mDJJWvpk	en
2016-04-08T04:52:35.000Z	2510315359	Braamfontein Spruit rehab a 'priority project' - https://t.co/ouWqBak74J #GoogleAlerts	en
2016-04-07T19:40:03.000Z	624948377	South Africa Braamfontein Spruit habitat to be restored https://t.co/q503GjvkGP | https://t.co/YOOkOdb4bo https://t.co/QXRe1O3EVm	en
2016-04-07T14:00:43.000Z	558576288	The JRA identified the rehabilitation of Braamfontein Spruit as a priority, https://t.co/xLMWJFPda0 @CityofJoburgZA https://t.co/KtizFeJoEM	en
2016-04-07T13:38:09.000Z	2203243111	Braamfontein Spruit habitat to be restored https://t.co/1VQGCGSZ4n	en
2016-04-07T13:37:44.000Z	494029723	Retweeted Joburg Roads Agency (@MyJRA): Braamfontein Spruit is the most important waterway in Johannesburg https://t.co/CR92a3wkQv	en
2016-04-07T13:35:09.000Z	387707319	DTN South Africa: Braamfontein Spruit habitat to be restored: Specialist engineering company to determine reme... https://t.co/smmk6U3I01	en
2016-04-07T13:20:12.000Z	58819992	Braamfontein Spruit habitat to be restored https://t.co/0uMNDslEPN https://t.co/0Z5JPMnNKo	en
2016-04-07T13:06:11.000Z	873581408	Braamfontein Spruit habitat to be restored https://t.co/1Pb7aBvaaa	en

		Retweeted Joburg Roads Agency (@MyJRA):	
2016-04-07T13:05:18.000Z	494029723	An environmental study on the Braamfontein Spruit is currently underway... https://t.co/Yx1A7Bp7SP	en
2016-04-07T13:00:42.000Z	558576288	An environmental study on the Braamfontein Spruit is currently underway and will ... https://t.co/xLMWJFPda0 @CityofJoburgZA	en
		Retweeted Joburg Roads Agency (@MyJRA):	
2016-04-07T12:01:31.000Z	494029723	Braamfontein Spruit river will undergo a substantial rehabilitation,... https://t.co/Kq6y57REw9	en
2016-04-07T09:14:39.000Z	295268909	Braamfontein Spruit rehab a 'priority project' The City of Johannesburg on Thursday said that halting the "environ… https://t.co/ze72IcQUK2	en
2016-04-07T08:58:15.000Z	6959082	Braamfontein Spruit rehab a 'priority project' https://t.co/TIldZ4HTJ9 https://t.co/e24l92MjlS	en
2016-03-27T12:29:01.000Z	185109146	Golf course from the #braamfontein #spruit #outdoors https://t.co/aACLOa6Pot	en
2016-03-27T12:24:35.000Z	185109146	Wheel puncher after an awesome #mtbiking #braamfontein #spruit #fun #cyclinglife #outdoors https://t.co/X7pBSGcMe1	en
2016-03-24T15:27:53.000Z	273099120	Lovely autumn evening walking along the Braamfontein Spruit @ Delta Park. @JoburgParksZoo @crajhb @BCA_2010 https://t.co/WIJ7yDWadz	en
2016-03-17T20:12:47.000Z	136581846	While much of SA is still experiencing drought, our Braamfontein Spruit is in flood... a pic taken today... https://t.co/EdraQ2Qvl1	en
2016-03-09T17:02:47.000Z	167401415	the extraordinary power of nature in the Braamfontein spruit surge https://t.co/sPgbhS44Dk	en
2016-03-09T17:01:02.000Z	273099120	The #Braamfontein Spruit is in flood. @parkhurst_jhb https://t.co/xr6dLHvtov	en
2016-03-08T15:13:15.000Z	2403037999	@RunningTheCape 8km on the Braamfontein Spruit, north Jozi. Not quite in the same league, but I can dream. https://t.co/7NBMRG9Urr	en
2016-03-03T03:12:05.000Z	348991297	@CityofJoburgZA @paulshof_east church operating illegally on the 101yr flood line between Paulshof and Sunninghill. Braamfontein Spruit.	en
2016-02-25T14:31:45.000Z	49011443	Anymore rain and Braamfontein spruit along the River Club in Bryanston is going to flood. I've never seen that river so high!	en
2016-02-22T07:08:11.000Z	1354695313	@jhbwater @CityofJoburgZA large sewage leak at this location. Contaminated water pouring into Braamfontein Spruit. https://t.co/ZVmFcegZUZ	en
2016-02-08T20:58:38.000Z	2611086207	@Our_DA Rivonia/Paulshof, squatters settling under hi-way bridge on Braamfontein Spruit. ??? SAP unconcerned, council ignoring them!!??	en
2016-02-05T05:48:41.000Z	326688968	Ay man! Career cyclists on the Braamfontein Spruit when some of us are just commuting to work.	en
2016-02-04T05:34:14.000Z	2611086207	@SAPoliceService @Sandton_News there is a squatter village developing under the highway bridge on braamfontein spruit. #crimemustfall	en
2016-01-26T10:15:29.000Z	297530678	@jhbwater blocked servitude at 13 Salix North Rd, Willowild Sandton. Sewage flowing into Braamfontein Spruit. I am at 11 Salix North Road.	en

2016-01-24T07:02:51.000Z	22623542	Nice trail running conditions this morning on the Braamfontein Spruit. https://t.co/n8RUGBYcrl	en
2016-01-20T08:15:21.000Z	273099120	Braamfontein Spruit @Parkhurst_JHB & Victory Park looks like a foam bath. Can @CityofJoburgZA send out Env Health? https://t.co/WPTc0XSIpQ	en
2016-01-07T17:58:14.000Z	261393401	Rode the Braamfontein Spruit with these people this afternoon @ The Trailhead https://t.co/YOiuIhHS1B	en
2016-01-05T17:36:20.000Z	90814608	Where we the Ride - Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/ELeUD6j19l @JustinHornsby @laurencohen @MtbApp	en
2016-01-05T06:14:19.000Z	57092639	Nice little vid on riding the Braamfontein Spruit in my hometown of #jozi https://t.co/MVJS2KSyjX	en

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2017-12-30T18:25:47.000Z	555075144	@eNCAWeather @Parkhurst_JHB Braamfontein Spruit in flood after double hailstorm in Craighall/Parkhurst. https://t.co/2a4fjnQ6HN	en
2017-12-11T11:51:57.000Z	745566339058786304	Dropped pin near Bryanston, Sandton, 2191 https://t.co/vKO6Rknv7z @JHBWater sewage leak location on Braamfontein Spruit in Bryanston.	en
2017-12-11T11:50:32.000Z	745566339058786304	@JHBWater this sewage leak on the Braamfontein Spruit in Bryanston. Will send location pin separately. Please attend urgently. Thank you. https://t.co/W8OeEayZMc	en
2017-12-10T09:32:45.000Z	939786106144509952	@JHBWater major sewerage spill into the Braamfontein Spruit from open manhole cnr Bantry and Antrum Rd Bryanston	en
2017-12-10T09:30:47.000Z	939786106144509952	@JHBWater @CityofJoburgZA Major sewerage spill into the Braamfontein Spruit from manhole cnr Bantry and Antrum Rd Bryanston.	en
2017-12-05T15:19:45.000Z	273099120	A walk along the swollen Braamfontein Spruit at Delta Park this afternoon. @crajhb @JoburgParksZoo @Parkhurst_JHB https://t.co/0h36n9886S	en
2017-12-04T09:34:03.000Z	745566339058786304	Dropped pin near Bryanston, Sandton, 2191 https://t.co/BhWsk62hll @JHBWater there is a sewage leak on the Braamfontein Spruit Trail at the location shown on the attached map. Please can you attend asap. It is on the main walking trail and unsafe for people and animals.	en

2017-12-02T14:05:40.000Z	149051413	@elisetempelhoff @cleansurfprj @Seasaver @aplastic_planet @SkyOceanRescue @eThekwiniM @environmentza @WildlandsSA @WildAid_SA @WWFSASSI @WWFSouthAfrica @SaveOurRhinoK9 Picture of the Braamfontein spruit; JNB, flows into the Crocodile river via Jukskei river. Despite many complaints, @CityofJoburgZA do nothing to clean up! https://t.co/Iz57esfF0b	en
2017-12-01T14:28:41.000Z	3139870132	@JHBWater Sewer blockage. Cnr Grosvernor&Wilton Bryanston More than a week now. Raw sewerage running into storm water and then braamfontein https://t.co/rRjhq4maBQ risk.	en
2017-11-25T07:01:06.000Z	703855521	@HermanMashaba HGC ready to roll on the Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/zdgHCqej7P	en
2017-11-24T13:29:19.000Z	21581749	JOIN US! Ward 90 #AReSebetseng clean-up will be at two points, start 9am, finishin12. @NicoDeJager64 1. Hurlingham Park, corner St Andrews & William Nicol. 2. #Braamfontein Spruit. Start 4 Maxwell MacDonald St, Glenadrienne. Plenty of bags @CityofJoburgZA @HermanMashaba https://t.co/WIsUu9cP6A	en
2017-11-03T17:55:00.000Z	705430065698488321	@CoJPublicSafety Braamfontein Spruit in Paulshof being contaminated with sewerage, slightly upstream from Jukskei River @candy007james https://t.co/qiio0mnd9E	en
2017-11-03T17:52:08.000Z	705430065698488321	@JHBWater Follow up: sewerage leaking into Braamfontein Spruit all day. Ref no 401437448 @candy007james https://t.co/lqF8zyOn0B	en
2017-11-03T15:05:54.000Z	705430065698488321	@Jhb water Sewerage leaking all day from manhole & running into spruit. Southside Witkoppen, just west of Braamfontein Spruit @candy007james	en
2017-11-03T09:43:33.000Z	3139870132	@JHBWater @candy007james Sewer blocked at Witkoppen rd Bridge over Braamfontein Spruit. Sewerage going into river. https://t.co/TZRCuHEaiC	en
2017-10-28T07:45:38.000Z	848209947531898880	@HermanMashaba @CityofJoburgZA @ChangeAgentSA @CoJSpeaker Collected 13kg of plastic out of the Braamfontein spruit in bryanston. It's such a privilege to make the city cleaner and our environment 😀	en
2017-10-24T08:35:01.000Z	848209947531898880	Lets clean up on of Joburgs main rivers the Braamfontein Spruit @HermanMashaba @ChangeAgentSA @missearth_sa @PlasticPollutes #AReSebetseng https://t.co/Nmf6IjUaq7	en
2017-10-24T07:12:21.000Z	40304944	Taking place at River Club Sector 2 along the Braamfontein Spruit, corner of The River Road and Belgravce Road @fruitsandrootsB https://t.co/ahqif3Zcpj	en
2017-10-20T12:27:59.000Z	273099120	Power outage @Parkhurst_JHB sub-station this morning was caused by a bird hitting a powerline on Braamfontein Spruit. @CityPowerJhb https://t.co/5GwJxPHoyQ	en
2017-10-09T15:10:41.000Z	708409158320726016	What a storm...the Braamfontein spruit is raging through the park. The park will now transform… https://t.co/NlGw7Hr3qY	en
2017-10-06T14:54:56.000Z	273099120	Lovely evening on the Braamfontein Spruit in Craighall Park / Delta Park. @JoburgParksZoo https://t.co/DmSyF1ODQM	en

2017-09-25T05:59:48.000Z	703855521	@MichaelSun168 @CoJPublicSafety @JMPDSafety @HermanMashaba Please take a look at the Braamfontein Spruit again especially between Parkhurst and Emmerentia-lots of new dumping of building rubble	en
2017-09-18T07:45:01.000Z	273099120	Exciting day Pt 2. Jozi Trails presenting proposal to build cycling/walking trails on Braamfontein Spruit & Delta Pk 2 @JoburgParksZoo	en
2017-09-15T08:44:05.000Z	844509133	RT @SeaShepherdSA: JOHANNESBURG: Spruit Day is hosting a weekend clean up of the Braamfontein spruit. PLEASE PLEASE consider... https://…	en
2017-09-15T05:15:42.000Z	228034810	JOHANNESBURG: Spruit Day is hosting a weekend clean up of the Braamfontein spruit. PLEASE PLEASE consider... https://t.co/bVwHA6Qa4u	en
2017-09-14T07:06:05.000Z	393831643	@lwnuclear @HermanMashaba Please join us for Clean Spruit Day this Saturday along the Braamfontein Spruit. Community will be clearing litter and cutting back foliage	en
2017-09-14T06:50:09.000Z	44895655	Big clean-up 16/09 for #SpruitDay - the longest municipal park in the world - true? https://t.co/GsyQGHZO9F @joburgtourism https://t.co/jqhH59acEP	en
2017-08-15T06:26:58.000Z	273099120	Thanks CRUM in Reg B for the 3 day clean up along Braamfontein Spruit in Victory Park. @CityofJoburgZA https://t.co/EayovM9ZsO	en
2017-08-07T09:19:30.000Z	301583069	Keys found in Delta Park along the Braamfontein Spruit. Are they yours or do you know to whom they might belong? https://t.co/h3iaLqnQJq	en
2017-07-30T10:42:22.000Z	273099120	Some fab wall art is appearing in #Ward117 along the Braamfontein Spruit. Just love it. @CityofJoburgZA @JoburgParksZoo @Parkhurst_JHB https://t.co/fGz1n4fjCv	en
2017-07-22T16:43:11.000Z	762893430611709953	CityofJoburgZA: RT rebragg_: CityofJoburgZA WOW!! BIG TX 4 clearing overgrowth of vegetation along Braamfontein spruit/tributaries-looks gr…	en
2017-07-22T16:36:26.000Z	517306957	RT @rebragg_: @CityofJoburgZA WOW!! BIG TX 4 clearing overgrowth of vegetation along Braamfontein spruit/tributaries-looks great! Hopefully…	en
2017-07-22T11:02:23.000Z	734735544350035968	@CityofJoburgZA WOW!! BIG TX 4 clearing overgrowth of vegetation along Braamfontein spruit/tributaries-looks great! Hopefully to be kept up!	en
2017-07-22T10:56:18.000Z	734735544350035968	@VincentEarp If u had anything to do with clearing of vegetation overgrowth along Braamfontein spruit Bryanston, big thanks. Looks lovely!!!	en

2017-07-08T04:59:45.000Z	2481546649	Braamfontein Spruit this fresh, crispy winter morning. https://t.co/V4MFHyjbNn	en
2017-06-28T08:34:01.000Z	273099120	Can I use these contacts for Delta Park, Florence Bloom Bird Sanctuary and Braamfontein Spruit? https://t.co/UBw8j0Mwym	en
2017-06-16T07:08:34.000Z	301583069	This could almost be OUR Parkhurst stream, the Braamfontein Spruit. Our dusk chorus has hadedas, rose-ringed parakeets, cyclists and dogs. https://t.co/Oxu5j9JRSx	en
2017-06-05T06:04:31.000Z	45302861	Happy #WorldEnvironmentDay. Sunrise at the Braamfontein Spruit in Johannesburg #WithNature https://t.co/c4F4tY0mYL	en
2017-05-19T05:16:05.000Z	148667465	Ready to swap the sports desk for the Braamfontein Spruit, @OG_Molefe? Let’s go on an adventure we like to call the #HollardJUMA!	en
2017-05-15T10:30:46.000Z	334504545	Even after Slaying Brynston drive steep frm Riverside Braamfontein Spruit she make it look so… https://t.co/tSB738JRK7	en
2017-05-14T09:57:56.000Z	9923162	#LoveTrail ~ Beautiful autumn colours on the Braamfontein Spruit this morning! A nippy start, but magic to be out. https://t.co/8GOn3CgIKT	en
2017-05-14T04:50:02.000Z	9923162	Braamfontein Spruit for a dawn run. A frigid 3C out here!	en
2017-05-11T17:03:47.000Z	31962418	Hey @AaronBorrill @ReubenVN LOVE your Braamfontein Spruit article! What are you guys up to next Friday? Got the @JUMAMTB Pre-Ride..... ;)	en
2017-05-09T09:54:46.000Z	54834428	Cyclists, check out Joburg's Spruit Like You've Never Seen it Before - https://t.co/8rD4KIAER5	en
2017-05-07T09:20:44.000Z	186370551	@justininza Totally. Keeps one connected. Remember walking Braamfontein Spruit & losing my shit on seeing an African Grey Hornbill!	en
2017-05-05T17:09:36.000Z	15234703	Stunning images- Joburg's Spruit Like You've Never Seen it Before - Bicycling https://t.co/y6cwXPg2KR	en
2017-05-04T19:53:07.000Z	34304045	Joburg's Spruit Like You've Never Seen it Before - https://t.co/KxcXSchgkf	en
2017-05-04T10:00:02.000Z	148667465	Our partnerships with City Parks & Joburg Zoo ensure that the Braamfontein Spruit is safer for all who use this vital part of our city. https://t.co/RTsn0RBNjp	en
2017-05-04T07:41:49.000Z	24896870	Who says Joburg isn't beautiful? We ride its favourite trail with amputee cyclist, Reuben Van Niekerk. https://t.co/vOWOzb8DyV https://t.co/DOTdTNiv8L	en
2017-04-24T06:38:11.000Z	275397330	Delta Park and the Braamfontein spruit on my way to work this morning @taraturk1 not quite Cape Town but very lovely https://t.co/sI2RhguFFA	en
2017-04-02T16:33:17.000Z	48484663	Taking in the Sites & Sounds of the Braamfontein Spruit #Sani2C #Shutuplegs #myview @ Victory… https://t.co/rkxzppwXBf	en
2017-03-23T10:16:43.000Z	116412542	A huge problem that needs to be tackled by the city "@CarolineDALewin: @missearth_sa Meanwhile Braamfontein Spruit is a cesspool of ecoli."	en
2017-03-20T16:33:04.000Z	273099120	Work starts on gabions along Braamfontein Spruit to protect river bank in Craighall Park. @crajhb @MyJRA @JoburgParksZoo https://t.co/AoaFEz8eKP	en

2017-03-20T16:25:03.000Z	273099120	Tx @JHBWater for installing much higher & stronger sewer covers along Braamfontein Spruit below #DeltaPark. @cityofjoburg @crajhb https://t.co/QhaGcWiKUu	en
2017-03-07T16:29:51.000Z	95177454	A welcomed ride back out at an old jaunt, the Braamfontein Spruit #PolarV800 #Polar #MTB #Ride #Johannesburg #BraamfonteinSpruit #TheSpruit https://t.co/ThNVILIpPY	en
2017-02-27T19:29:15.000Z	2179746447	@HermanMashaba @CityofJoburgZA Thankyou for cleaning up the illegal dumping on the Braamfontein spruit close Emmarentia.	en
2017-02-21T08:45:59.000Z	273099120	. @JHBWater & @JoburgParksZoo looking @ open sewers along Braamfontein Spruit this morning. Hopefully it'll b sorted b4 a child falls in. https://t.co/eAS3IcvXNO	en
2017-02-19T12:03:46.000Z	459108468	Wanna earn the respect of black & white Sefricans? Do the Braamfontein Spruit trail on a Qhubeka	en
2017-02-17T13:43:32.000Z	832249080202088448	Ah! Thanks for clarifying, misread the article, read u r cllr for Braamfontein rather than Braamfontein Spruit. https://t.co/mdtwoA3od2	en
2017-02-17T13:30:53.000Z	273099120	Wakeboarding on the Braamfontein Spruit below Delta. Pollution levels are low at the moment. @JoburgParksZoo @CityofJoburgZA @crajhb https://t.co/vSOh6UqZSr	en
2017-02-15T11:26:10.000Z	126916463	#ward102update @CityPowerJhb securing a pylon at risk along the Braamfontein Spruit, Conrad Drive bridge. https://t.co/JNI4iypxeA	en
2017-02-07T09:16:37.000Z	126916463	#Ward102Update Part of the Braamfontein Spruit has collapsed exposing a @CityPowerJhb pylon. Matter been raised with the City. https://t.co/9YStCn28hF	en
2017-02-04T05:31:42.000Z	406918336	@JHBWater mainline leak north of river scouts bryanston braamfontein spruit https://t.co/dR2mLVKBDx	en
2017-02-02T12:21:24.000Z	517306957	City plans to inject R18m into Braamfontein https://t.co/xV7TNR303N More https://t.co/vXrSTJBDJG #joburtatwork ^NB https://t.co/NnpO49haAd	en
2017-01-13T04:15:43.000Z	72218172	Retweeted Cllr Candy James (@candy007james): Beware Braamfontein Spruit overflowing on Witkoppen, Cambridge &... https://t.co/5sicrMLPi0	en
2017-01-13T04:10:44.000Z	448764542	Beware Braamfontein Spruit overflowing on Witkoppen, Cambridge & Achter Road. Pls stay away until its safe. @EWNTraffic @CityofJoburgZA	en
2017-01-12T22:36:39.000Z	705430065698488321	Beware: Braamfontein Spruit overflowing on Witkoppen between Cambridge & Achter Road. Please stay away from this route until it is safe	en
2017-01-12T16:16:03.000Z	4872488807	"Afrotaking Outdoor Gym - Braamfontein Spruit Cycling" https://t.co/FG6lWV3WqR by @thabo_dlomo on @LinkedIn	en
2017-01-12T16:15:50.000Z	57263975	"Afrotaking Outdoor Gym - Braamfontein Spruit Cycling" https://t.co/ATA9eX7xs1 by @thabo_dlomo on @LinkedIn	en

2017-01-12T16:15:10.000Z	773441156659220480	"Afrotaking Outdoor Gym - Braamfontein Spruit Cycling" https://t.co/lecTGqqumc by @thabo_dlomo on @LinkedIn	en
2017-01-12T16:14:56.000Z	775824609333608448	"Afrotaking Outdoor Gym - Braamfontein Spruit Cycling" https://t.co/tWek2Ap8kq by @thabo_dlomo on @LinkedIn	en
2017-01-12T16:14:42.000Z	403844607	"Afrotaking Outdoor Gym - Braamfontein Spruit Cycling" https://t.co/vfubZOyksi by @thabo_dlomo on @LinkedIn	en
2017-01-12T16:14:28.000Z	1543741920	"Afrotaking Outdoor Gym - Braamfontein Spruit Cycling" https://t.co/ICPY5COx1b by @thabo_dlomo on @LinkedIn	en
2017-01-12T16:14:08.000Z	4853363207	"Afrotaking Outdoor Gym - Braamfontein Spruit Cycling" https://t.co/bazpvNyLlm by @thabo_dlomo on @LinkedIn	en
2017-01-09T10:38:25.000Z	273099120	I haven't seen any regular girls like this cruising down the Braamfontein Spruit yet. https://t.co/gTJrLPik8l	en
2017-01-07T13:16:43.000Z	705430065698488321	Low water bridge on Witkoppen over the Braamfontein Spruit is flooded. Avoid when travelling between Stonehaven & Achter Rd/Rivonia @MyJRA	en
2017-01-07T11:38:25.000Z	43849882	Yesterday we visited Braamfontein Spruit. Today it was more like Braamfontein River! #Johannesburg https://t.co/Pus8SjDnFJ	en

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2018-12-27T11:24:39.000Z	373994606	@CityofJoburgZA Just to let you know manhole covers missing on Braamfontein Spruit opposite end Glen Lane, Glenadrienne... when you get a chance?... a little dangerous... quite deep😟also big hole next to manholes https://t.co/rSuguggxVl	en
2018-12-26T07:34:00.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba The city is looting the Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/PJsaO2wh32	en
2018-12-23T09:55:13.000Z	632822669	Awesome morning mountain-bike ride with Mladen and Jemma through the Spruit 🏵🚵🌲🏵 Nature, sunshine, bikes and brekkie.. so good for the soul! @ Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/4xdPrYmEyN	en
2018-12-22T04:40:13.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba We don't care one iota who is to blame for the poo in the Braamfontein Spruit. But YOU are the mayor and WE pay your salary. So DO YOUR JOB. https://t.co/F8axN40LOT	en
2018-12-20T13:58:16.000Z	484840106	Runners, walkers, and cyclists can thank #JoziTrails for the new pathways it has completed in #DeltaPark. #JoziTrails is a not-for-profit company that aims to uplift the trail network along #Braamfontein #Spruit . #PrinceMorake	en
2018-12-20T03:39:31.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba another day of crap in the Braamfontein Spruit while Truluck languishes in France. Ah wait he said 20 years to fix Joburg. This is disgusting service delivery. CarteBlanche is our only hope. DA failure. https://t.co/JAhwQ2Sh7M	en
2018-12-19T18:42:34.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba save the Braamfontein Spruit from this sewage https://t.co/Ess6BdXF0X	en
2018-12-17T05:43:45.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba Well your Braamfontein Spruit is a perfect example. A whole lot of crap while Truluck languishes in France. https://t.co/YCl2Thdizg	en

2018-12-12T04:49:49.000Z	746353340922142720	@HermanMashaba @HomeAffairsSA @CityofJoburgZA Come to the braamfontein spruit. It's a corridor free for all. Free for drug trafficking , crime and anything . Why? Cos there is no law enforcement . Herman ... pls give your attention here. Residents are suffering with crime .	en
2018-12-10T17:44:52.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba Then take responsibility for the Braamfontein Spruit poo https://t.co/auyagNVgWc	en
2018-12-10T17:14:39.000Z	2425270658	#Jozi #mountainbikers the new Delta Park trails section have been completed along the Braamfontein Spruit. @JoziTrails Get out & support this initiative. https://t.co/b30jaT9qFo https://t.co/waieFxBzOg	en
2018-12-09T20:10:54.000Z	746353340922142720	@CoJPublicSafety @AsktheChiefJMPD @HermanMashaba @DavidCOJ102 @BSRA_Buzz our green spaces are being taken over by gangsters that are attacking residents . Coj please help clear illegal occupants . Braamfontein spruit in ward 102 needs your help. https://t.co/SeTjqt9OfF	en
2018-11-20T09:03:53.000Z	48692950	It's a start, but unless you look at the entire watershed including the Klipsruit, Braamfontein Spruit and Jukskei as an integrated system and address the cause of upstream pollution first, the efforts of downstream communities who do regular cleanups are fighting a losing battle https://t.co/51aaMuvemX	en
2018-11-19T10:13:56.000Z	273099120	I have the same problems in my ward along the Braamfontein Spruit. We need more regular patrols to clear them out, remove their source of income, more stringent bylaws and Home Affairs to do their job. https://t.co/xiO1lkWO3P	en
2018-11-17T07:38:27.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba @TimesLIVE Holy moly. What about the poo contamination of the Braamfontein Spruit. Oh no. That's not an election issue for the DA. K let me help make it one. https://t.co/2oOYHSR9R2	en
2018-11-07T18:45:51.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba Worry about the state of the Braamfontein Spruit and the collapsing 6th Street bridge. Parkhurst deserves better than Tim Truluck. Resign Truluck. https://t.co/s2AXLgdFg2	en
2018-10-27T09:30:16.000Z	725376246	@JHBWater there is a big water leak on Farm Street Riverclub running down to Brook Ave and the Braamfontein spruit	en
2018-10-21T05:40:44.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba @HomeAffairsSA Worry about the useless Cllr in Ward 117. Don't you think the Braamfontein Spruit is important? https://t.co/OCGgNxp5uD	en
2018-10-21T05:39:40.000Z	1008430562250502144	@CoJSpeaker why has Truluck done nothing about the human population in the Braamfontein Spruit for seven years? And we pay his allowance?	en
2018-10-14T09:35:19.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba Braamfontein Spruit is a blob of sewage pouring through the suburbs. One wonders why Truluck is so inept at doing anything.	en
2018-10-14T08:07:05.000Z	185106138	Braamfontein Spruit swells as rain continues to fall: https://t.co/TefDU3vY03	en
2018-09-28T08:43:11.000Z	409272214	#impactweek @natgeoafrica out here cleaning the Braamfontein Spruit. #choosetheplanet #natgeoemplyee https://t.co/GxQqKZ3kcT	en
2018-09-15T12:08:23.000Z	54502348	#AreSebetseng with #GlobalCitizen at the Braamfontein Spruit on #WorldCleanUpDay. 10 lucky participants were presented with double tickets to catch Beyoncé, Jay-Z, Ed Sheeran, Usher, Casper Nyovest and many... https://t.co/txCAisbrN6	en
2018-09-15T07:52:59.000Z	385482178	Young and old clean up the Braamfontein Spruit running through Parkhurst #SpruitDay2018 @RK_Gazette https://t.co/eUfX1KAeSu	en

2018-09-14T12:06:09.000Z	517306957	Second location: Braamfontein Spruit near Cyprus Walk, Riverclub Third location:Main Road, between Eric Place/8th Road and Toby Street, Sophiatown. #AreSebetseng #GlobalCitizenFestivalSA #BeTheGeneration ^PS	en
2018-09-14T12:04:09.000Z	517306957	Date: Saturday, 15 September 2018 Time: 9:00 – 12:00 First location: Jukskei River between Beverly Agricultural Holding & Glenferness, Lonehill Second location: Braamfontein Spruit near Cyprus Walk, Riverclub #AreSebetseng #GlobalCitizenFestivalSA #BeTheGeneration ^PS https://t.co/A9fTqLT7Kx	en
2018-09-13T08:39:32.000Z	517306957	4. Elias Motsoaledi Road,Dobsonville,Soweto 5. Braamfontein Spruit Riverclub,Sandton 6. Gwiggi Mrwebi Street & Sauer Street,Newtown 7. Nancefield Industrial Area,Lythe,Cavendish & Stockwell Street,Soweto #GlobalCitizenFestivalSA #AreSebetseng #WorldCleanUpDay #BeTheGeneration ^PS	en
2018-09-11T10:42:07.000Z	517306957	4. Elias Motsoaledi Road,Dobsonville,Soweto 5. Braamfontein Spruit Riverclub,Sandton 6. Gwiggi Mrwebi Street & Sauer Street,Newtown 7. Nancefield Industrial Area,Lythe,Cavendish & Stockwell Street,Soweto #GlobalCitizenFestivalSA #AreSebetseng #WorldCleanUpDay #BeTheGeneration ^PS	en
2018-09-10T04:33:22.000Z	34936187	@siki_zuko Braamfontein Spruit is a hidden gem. Good hiking from Emmarentia to William Nicol- safest in groups but great scenery, plenty of coffee shops and restaurants along the way, great sights like awaterfall just below Jan Smuts avenue	en
2018-09-09T09:55:38.000Z	973586636050194434	♡Joburg's #GreenSpaces. A walk along the Braamfontein Spruit between Parkhurst and Craighall Park, Johannesburg. photo:@dnielsan #JoburgsUrbanForest #LoveJozi https://t.co/kxYZfCqw9p	en
2018-09-02T18:02:32.000Z	149051413	@Habib_Noorbhai @carteblanchetv @LewisPugh As long as Jozi allows legalized pollution of the Braamfontein and Montgomery spruit, this swim is pr nothing more. Manage and control what we can control. @AsktheChiefJMPD https://t.co/wTMjrthrD9	en
2018-08-27T13:16:26.000Z	273099120	It won't affect suburbs east of the Braamfontein Spruit in #Ward117, but may affect areas like Blairgowrie, Pine Park & Victory Park. @JHBWater https://t.co/sDFcGrxvsu	en
2018-08-22T11:57:53.000Z	185105271	WATCH: Fire breaks out along banks of Braamfontein Spruit in Bryanston: https://t.co/jGXlDIkZCv	en
2018-08-18T10:47:19.000Z	27886765	Quick ride with my-man-fifty-grand morafomorafo this morning #MadluDakaMTB @ Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/7gGX8JZ523	en

2018-08-17T09:30:58.000Z	21581749	reference number is 401762775 t sewage leak in Braamfontein Spruit, Delta Park, Craighall Park. Marlborough Ave, nearest corner Rothesay. These guys opened it... https://t.co/YaXQQA1vem	en
2018-08-07T18:19:32.000Z	126916463	#ward102update @JMPDSafety patrols the Braamfontein spruit to increase visibility and respond to various concerns from the community. Looking forward to greater involvement of the equestrian unit in Ward 102. @HermanMashaba @MichaelSun168 @AsktheChiefJMPD https://t.co/TQmbx1gYgR	en
2018-08-06T09:20:05.000Z	745566339058786304	@jhbwater There is a huge water leak at this pin location on the Braamfontein Spruit near West Hertford Road, Bryanston, Sandton, 2191 https://t.co/ldED1KI6xv	en
2018-07-31T04:45:39.000Z	244963253	There are even ducklings, at Zoo Lake and on the Braamfontein Spruit. But. https://t.co/LFaicSqGkJ	en
2018-07-26T15:54:37.000Z	948262197150482432	Thank you to mikev on the afternoon drive and @vowfm for a great interview🙏🌍🤰💪💜 Don't forget to join myself and just_sadie_bruh this Saturday as we cleanup the Braamfontein Spruit this… https://t.co/TaLRgzPu2v	en
2018-07-22T16:55:00.000Z	51794441	@jndub The Braamfontein spruit is deeply upset. 😉	en
2018-07-04T06:49:59.000Z	44895655	Love the #JoziTrails initiative of developing routes along the #Braamfontein Spruit for cyclists. Lots cleared in #DeltaPark. So good. Great facility close to #lizatlancaster …. https://t.co/b5w8jt4kED	en
2018-06-18T08:44:35.000Z	449678218	Braamfontein Spruit on a freezing winters morning, in Johannesburg, South Africa. The high altitude of the city coupled with still nights makes for frosty mornings for months during the winter period. [EPA-EFE/Kim Ludbrook] https://t.co/rNNujw8Mra	en
2018-06-16T07:28:16.000Z	544860043	@HermanMashaba it is a small thing but there is a bridge crossing the Braamfontein Spruit that is due to be removed due to petty complaints from a small group! Mainly used by residents and workers , removal will be a slap in the face to all those who maintain the park and bridge	en
2018-06-15T13:46:06.000Z	301583069	Legal letter written on behalf of PRABOA and the residents of Parkhurst regarding the footbridge over the Braamfontein Spruit at the Fifth Avenue Park. https://t.co/exGhxPvEBl	en
2018-06-12T11:00:38.000Z	2265266601	@CityofJoburgZA veld fire at centre of Bordeaux, Craighall, Hurlingham.. along braamfontein spruit. Seen from cnr Athole/Burnside.	en
2018-06-07T07:35:36.000Z	273099120	Thank you @JHBWater for repairing a sewer manhole cover on the Braamfontein Spruit so quickly and so nicely too. Now the 🚶🚶🚴🚴🐕 will be much safer. @JoburgParksZoo @CityofJoburgZA @crajhb @JoziTrails https://t.co/5fqJD2uFDm	en
2018-06-03T06:56:56.000Z	2615356674	The Braamfontein Spruit is such a key feature of the #HollardJUMA and we love the dimension it adds to the ride. https://t.co/k2mAo80dqw	en

2018-06-03T06:33:38.000Z	273099120	Another frosty 🥶🥶🥶 morning on the Braamfontein Spruit for the @JUMAMTB race riders who posted these pics. #brrrrrrrr @CityofJoburgZA @JoburgParksZoo @tWeatherSA https://t.co/Q2lmkqR3iZ	en
2018-06-02T18:28:22.000Z	1387278860	Not so cold tonight we can relax only 3-23 cold to PE 16 with cold and rain and then the cape with rain and cold! So not like last night. Although thrre was frost seem Braamfontein spruit! And tbats the end of your weather report!	en
2018-06-02T17:00:12.000Z	423651565	❄ FIRST FROST spotted in JOHANNESBURG on Saturday morning along the city's longest stream, the Braamfontein Spruit | 📸 @Jozi117 https://t.co/OZU2Zc67AU	en
2018-06-02T06:13:49.000Z	273099120	@tWeatherSA Frosty morning on the Braamfontein Spruit today https://t.co/NBlWXzAhnz	en
2018-06-02T06:06:09.000Z	3404057499	The floating bridge out here at the Braamfontein Spruit. #HollardJURA https://t.co/NzHcuxEl4a	en
2018-05-25T09:06:47.000Z	148667465	We can't fix Joburg overnight but we can help its critical green lung breathe a little easier. We're contributing to urban renewal in and around the Braamfontein Spruit by bringing you the #HollardJURA on 2nd June & #HollardJUMA on 3rd June. Enter today: https://t.co/tVcnJChGZP ! https://t.co/hRUOatYLSW	en
2018-05-23T06:43:26.000Z	126916463	#ward102update This is the Braamfontein Spruit between Blairgowrie and Craighall, well used by walkers, runners, cyclists and families. Managed amazingly by City Parks, the Blairgowrie Community Association and Craighall Residents Association. https://t.co/Eyxo1VJEHi	en
2018-05-22T16:00:01.000Z	24896870	Joburg's Spruit Like You've Never Seen it Before! Check It Out. >> https://t.co/CbVomwhZIZ https://t.co/ssCxPccB9a	en
2018-05-11T11:29:48.000Z	328391395	With MMC @NicoDeJager64 doing oversight in Region E. Currently viewing waste picking and sorting informal settlement along Braamfontein Spruit. https://t.co/kVR3as9I0B	en
2018-05-06T07:59:06.000Z	845615815651155973	@JHBWater Heavy sewerage spillage on William Nicol Dr just north of bridge over Braamfontein Spruit (S of Republic) spilling into Spruit via stormwater drain.	en
2018-05-06T05:36:23.000Z	2481546649	The Braamfontein Spruit this morning. #UrbanMTB https://t.co/4U0CDyY3P2	en
2018-04-23T08:48:14.000Z	301583069	Notice:JRA- Braamfontein Spruit Rehab (Phase 2): Draft Scoping Report available for public review for 30 days from 23 April - 28 May 2018 at Parkview Golf Club, Emmarentia Library, Parkview Library, and the SRK Website (SRK Consulting). For more info contact Donne on 012 361 9821	en
2018-04-19T15:05:54.000Z	21581749	Ward 90 #AReSebetseng @CityofJoburgZA clean-up. Saturday, April 21 *Hugh Wyndham Park, Dunkeld * Triangle corner Rudd & Oxford, Illovo. *Hurlingham Park, behind Rosebank Union Church * #Braamfontein Spruit, below Waterfall Ave, Glenadrienne. Please join us. 9am to12 https://t.co/P8WnlXcjZU	en

2018-04-16T07:00:55.000Z	762893430611709953	CityofJoburgZA: Projects currently underway in Region B include: upgrading of Randburg revenue centre; road resurfacing in Ferndale; riverbank stabilisation on Braamfontein spruit in Parkhurst, sewer-pipe replacement on First Avenue #JoburgIDP18 ^PS	en
2018-04-14T13:42:52.000Z	912236394260594688	@CityofJoburgZA @HermanMashaba So when will you hear and see the sewer called the Braamfontein Spruit? Or like Truluck you don't hear us? https://t.co/wztpvVEqAj	en
2018-04-14T10:50:24.000Z	517306957	Projects currently underway in Region B include: upgrading of Randburg revenue centre; road resurfacing in Ferndale; riverbank stabilisation on Braamfontein spruit in Parkhurst, sewer-pipe replacement on First Avenue #JoburgIDP18 ^PS	en
2018-04-10T05:50:43.000Z	777657278	@JHBWater this is total negligence, total lack of responsibility for loss of precious water,this am it's still running,overflowing on the bridge into Braamfontein spruit. Please send a team Urgently! It's no https://t.co/9miyxPvkyK now millions of liters are lost.	en
2018-04-08T15:01:54.000Z	965838802647429120	Were you out and about on the Braamfontein Spruit this weekend? What did you think about the maintenance work that has been done on the trails so far? Send us your photos of your favourite sections of the trail. https://t.co/YsPVoC8J4I	en
2018-04-06T05:45:45.000Z	36623643	@MyJRA Bottom of Kudu Crescent and 12th ave Rivonia. At Braamfontein spruit bridge.	en
2018-03-23T06:24:29.000Z	900411078416486400	#FloodUpdate: Trees have fallen down & blocking these streets: 1. George str, Bryanston. Between houses 8and 9 2 . River road, Bryanston. Closest corner is Belgrave str 3. Brooke str, Bryanston. Closest corner is Farm street. 4. Ballyclaire Bridge over the Braamfontein Spruit.	en
2018-03-21T23:35:38.000Z	912236394260594688	@HermanMashaba @BusinessTechSA Worry about the Braamfontein spruit on your doorstep. Go to parli if you want to play in the big league. https://t.co/59hNDhVQMq	en
2018-03-14T17:46:16.000Z	221294541	At launch of @jozitrails. New initiative to improve usage of Braamfontein spruit https://t.co/LGjORD3G4e	en
2018-03-12T07:58:30.000Z	301583069	This is exciting! A new project to manage the walking and other trails along the Braamfontein Spruit is launching on Wednesday and you're invited. 🐄💧🚴🌳💧🌳🚶🌳💧🌳🚲 https://t.co/ypA7esbmvT	en
2018-02-25T14:38:20.000Z	41218050	And this is why you should never trust that the water of the Braamfontein Spruit is safe to cross.... no large storm in sight even. https://t.co/48Zycsvb7U	en
2018-02-24T10:24:05.000Z	2457152181	Our border with Braamfontein Spruit. . Some more pics after our continuous clean up.	en
2018-02-24T10:23:24.000Z	2457152181	BSRA are working at cleaning and maintaining our waterways on the Braamfontein Spruit . Thank you to all the... https://t.co/U1DwWCWw6b	en

2018-02-23T05:31:10.000Z	273099120	I need help from @AsktheChiefJMPD, @JoburgParksZoo and @CoJPublicSafety to remove the people living rough in Delta Park and along the Braamfontein Spruit. #Ward117 @CityofJoburgZA	en
2018-02-19T19:46:03.000Z	912236394260594688	@HermanMashaba today the Braamfontein Spruit was full of sewerage again! Is this acceptable that after 7 yrs of complaining that Truluck does nothing? https://t.co/pjvrvIm092	en
2018-02-16T16:40:42.000Z	912236394260594688	@HermanMashaba What happens to your engagement with the Braamfontein Spruit Group?????? https://t.co/j4RmdFwG8A	en
2018-02-15T04:10:55.000Z	912236394260594688	@Nkulie14 @Abramjee @karynmaughan @DWS_RSA @ChangeAgentSA @yaseentheba @WWFSouthAfrica @OperationSA1 @CityofJoburgZA @City_Ekurhuleni @CityTshwane @CityofCT @GCISMedia @marisagerards @TheCapeArgus @eNCA @Brand_SA What was once a spruit is now a sewer. Braamfontein in the COJ in Ward 117 and 7 years of ineffective cllr. https://t.co/GXiWrbzWuu	en
2018-02-13T20:18:21.000Z	346520557	@PigSpotter News alert! Man finds traces of gold in plastic bags littering Braamfontein Spruit. People are requested to NOT remove any bags without a permit.	en
2018-02-13T16:48:25.000Z	912236394260594688	@JHBWater @HermanMashaba @Dudu_Ledwaba @CityofJoburgZA @Our_DA @Julius_S_Malema Please remember the Braamfontein Spruit Action Group has even taken this to Wax as Chief whip. Nothing. Now reported to Carte Blanche. It is a tragedy. A ticking time bomb.	en
2018-02-13T16:41:39.000Z	912236394260594688	@JHBWater @HermanMashaba @Dudu_Ledwaba @CityofJoburgZA @Our_DA @Julius_S_Malema The Braamfontein Spruit coming out of Parkview Golf course is contaminated with human faeces. The spruit has no fish. An indicator. We have tried for 7 yrs. Tim Truluck has not done a thing to address. You need to address this before cholera, diphtheria, typhoid.	en
2018-02-13T10:03:46.000Z	912236394260594688	@JHBWater @HermanMashaba @Dudu_Ledwaba @CityofJoburgZA @Our_DA @Julius_S_Malema Braamfontein Spruit. North of the Parkview Golf Course. Full of sewerage.	en
2018-02-12T20:22:06.000Z	912236394260594688	@Abramjee @DWS_RSA @OperationSA1 @missearth_sa @ChangeAgentSA @yaseentheba @tsogosun @TheCapeArgus @MbalulaFikile @adenthomas @AshrafGarda @BrentLindeque @SABCNewsOnline @Nkulie14 @OfficialCSA @ajaxcapetown @Springboks @BafanaBafana Pls help us get Cllr Truluck, Mashaba and DA to stop the sewerage in the Braamfontein Spruit. A potential water source is a cesspool of stink. https://t.co/vIZcBy5OOk	en
2018-02-11T19:00:44.000Z	912236394260594688	@Makashule @Our_DA Some change from sewerage to clean water in the Braamfontein Spruit not on Truluck or DA agenda. https://t.co/QyijtzZwBs	en
2018-02-10T17:25:28.000Z	912236394260594688	@AshrafGarda @Abramjee @SAfmRadio @SABCNewsOnline @ChampionSAfrica @OperationSA1 @yaseentheba @ChangeAgentSA @YvonneChakaX2 @PhutiMahanyele @sylvesterchauke @ThebeIkalafeng @SakinaKamwendo @SizweMpofuWalsh @djsbu @Feliciamabuza Pls help save the Braamfontein Spruit. Pressure on the DA. Turn it from a sewer to a water source we can treasure. https://t.co/oMI6KxgGyh	en

2018-02-10T17:22:28.000Z	912236394260594688	@Abramjee @DWS_RSA @ChangeAgentSA @missearth_sa @yaseentheba @NationalCoGTA When a river is a sewer. Ward 117. DA. COJ. Save the Braamfontein Spruit. https://t.co/AFnfhg9pE1	en
2018-02-10T17:20:54.000Z	912236394260594688	@OperationSA1 @Abramjee @DWS_RSA @ChangeAgentSA @missearth_sa @yaseentheba @NationalCoGTA @WWFSouthAfrica When your river is a sewer. Ward 117. DA. COJ. Save the Braamfontein Spruit. https://t.co/GA3CwKZ3l0	en
2018-02-09T11:30:56.000Z	2874063664	Just posted a video @ Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/No7yRfa6gQ	en
2018-01-25T05:12:07.000Z	301583069	Good morning Hursties. We are massively fortunate to live in a suburb adjoining the Braamfontein Spruit. Have you taken advantage of any of the walking or cycling trails that this proximity offers? 🚶 🚴 https://t.co/rf50BZMgYN	en
2018-01-21T17:30:58.000Z	746353340922142720	@HermanMashaba @CityofJoburgZA @HomeAffairsSA @DavidCOJ102 can you come visit the braamfontein spruit. ? Lots of illegal immigrants.Bordeaux	en
2018-01-20T13:18:59.000Z	21581749	#AReSebetseng Ward 90 excellent turnout Braamfontein spruit, Hurlingham Park, Hugh Wyndham Pk, Hyde Pk. Thanks MMC @NicoDeJager64, @JoburgParksZoo Reg Manager Alton Rankin, & Auriel Kobola, Manager for Service Co-ordination. THANKS pics https://t.co/SKFauejPix @CityofJoburgZA https://t.co/TU43FlSu7z	en
2018-01-11T10:20:31.000Z	185129349	A #CraighallPark resident had a harrowing experience at the #BraamfonteinSpruit when she and her two dogs were attacked by three other dogs. #Rosebank #Joburg #SouthAfrica @crimewatch202 @SAPoliceService @Hot919News @looklocalsa @Rosebank_MD https://t.co/OUPXetVeax	en
2018-01-07T11:41:00.000Z	703855521	@davidshapiro61 Don't forget our beloved Braamfontein Spruit David 😜👍	en
2018-01-02T17:24:25.000Z	448764542	A bad smell has been report from braamfontein spruit near Paulshof. It will be investigated by @JHBWater https://t.co/MEHrGDu216	en

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2019-12-23T12:01:30.000Z	27288166	Amazing work done by the BRCF around the Braamfontein Spruit #jozi #braamfonteinspruit https://t.co/wtB1ZYgGOg	en
2019-12-20T07:24:33.000Z	143183331	@CleanerJoburg We see similar scenes under the bridge over Braamfontein Spruit at Conrad Drive, Blairgowrie. Recycling is great, but generally its left for residents top clean up the mess made by recyclers	en

		Not strictly true, water roughly North-West of the Yeoville water tower (Braamfontein Spruit, Jukskei and Hennops Rivers etc) will flow north to the Crocodile & then Limpopo River.	
2019-12-08T19:15:09.000Z	466640282	Water to the South-East (Klipriver etc) will flow into the Vaal River system. https://t.co/GxPLtRFPCE	en
2019-12-08T16:12:57.000Z	125955627	@Abramjee Saw the Braamfontein Spruit rise suddenly by about 5 meters this arv. One could tell there was a flash flood further upstream. Sadly it was filled with mud and litter heading straight towards Harties.	en
2019-12-04T18:44:47.000Z	979140943449346048	@CityofJoburgZA ⚠ CAUTION BARRY HERTZOG DRIVE ⚠ ☒ AVOID ☒ ⛔ FLOODED AT THE S-BEND ⛔ The Braamfontein spruit broke bank on the blind bend, zero visibility of oncoming traffic. Drivers swerving into the opposite lane to avoid the flooding. #JoburgRoadSafety #JHBWeather	en
2019-11-04T06:50:29.000Z	999227653247897600	The Sandton Gate building offers access to a gym, convenience retail, modern offices and even direct access to the tranquil Braamfontein Spruit and its endless trails. https://t.co/qyzHaldbOL	en
2019-11-01T11:04:08.000Z	1147755480988749826	The Heavy Weight Lifting Continues! The BSRP, Braamfontein Spruit Rehabilitation Project, continues its rubble removal campaign with a further 4 loads taken away today from the area opposite... https://t.co/XhMbZd8rho	en
2019-10-30T07:50:25.000Z	2571068733	@JHBWater please provide me with a reference number. Ongoing #sewerageLeak #braamfonteinSpruitSewerageLeak after more than 3 weeks of sewerage flowing straight into the Braamfontein Spruit and NO ACTION by @JHBWater @HermanMashaba https://t.co/NMdTL1JKEY	en
2019-10-25T22:49:08.000Z	1008430562250502144	@JHBWater Meanwhile are you and useless cllr True bad luck ever going to fix the shyce in the Braamfontein Spruit? https://t.co/SxxVaUJS2Z	en
2019-10-25T11:49:15.000Z	2571068733	@JHBWater @HermanMashaba @jhbwater #braamfonteinSpruitSewerageLeak #sewerageLeak Sewerage leak on Braamfontein Spruit affecting all trail users, flowing straight into the river over 2 weeks now. Underneath William Nicol Drive bridge over the Braamfontein Spruit GPS: -26.091774, 28.027317	en
2019-10-25T11:40:01.000Z	2571068733	@JHBWater Hi Please provide a reference number: I have tried calling the @JHBWater helpline but the number is out of service. I have no reply or action since Wednesday. Please attend to this URGENTLY!! It is unsafe and serious pollution to the Braamfontein Spruit and is a huge health risk	en

2019-10-25T10:14:25.000Z	2571068733	@JHBWater The Leak is at the William Nicol Drive bridge over the Braamfontein Spruit on the West side. There is a pipe leaking at the edge of the Bridge and also a Manhole leaking a little further away from the Bridge about 12 metres to the West	en
2019-10-25T07:52:26.000Z	2571068733	@JHBWater #braamfonteinSpruit #sewerageLeak Please can @jhbwater URGENTLY address this this is a serious leak affecting a lot of people, Sewerage flowing directly into the Braamfontein Spruit for over 3 weeks now. https://t.co/r8T7YxtZAo	en
2019-10-24T18:00:58.000Z	41108306	We have some lanie bunnies hiding in our garden. Somehow I don't think they've been roughing it in the Braamfontein Spruit. https://t.co/IjgK743Egv	en
2019-10-23T08:56:38.000Z	745566339058786304	Hello @JHBWater, the sewage leak at the bridge on William Nicol is still running and pouring into the Braamfontein Spruit river below. Please attend urgent. Here is location. Will send pic separate. M81, Hurlingham, Sandton, 2070 https://t.co/d30lMwyelV	en
2019-10-22T20:09:34.000Z	2571068733	@JHBWater #braamfonreinSpruitSewerageLeak #sewerageLeak Massive sewerage leak on Braamfontein Spruit affecting all Mountain Bikers, flowing straight into the river over 2 weeks now. Underneath William Nicol Drive where it crosses Braamfontein Spruit GPS: -26.091774, 28.027317 https://t.co/pjIQKQsys8	en
2019-10-19T16:35:13.000Z	1261367449	Each year since 2013, #SpruitDay brings together over 20 residents associations in Joburg to clean up the Braamfontein Spruit, Jukskei River and Klein Jukskei. @OfficialGDARD @CityofJoburgZA @JoburgParksZoo @DWS_RSA https://t.co/CdL9X2Ke6D	en
2019-10-18T07:58:29.000Z	21581749	@CityofJoburgZA @HermanMashaba @CleanerJoburg See you at the Braamfontein Spruit in Craighall Park https://t.co/8tQ2zt4vS0	en
2019-10-17T09:18:34.000Z	745566339058786304	@JHBWater Please can you send a team to stop the sewage leak on the Braamfontein Spruit Trail in Bryanston. See map. Thank you. https://t.co/wDAi7dm7s7	en
2019-10-16T20:15:40.000Z	92031396	@HermanMashaba many Bryanston /Riverclub residents have approached our firm after being ignored by your administration. This group of ratepayers are concerned by the burgeoning 300+ informal shacks along the Braamfontein spruit / Field&Study Centre. Please address this.	en
2019-10-01T18:48:10.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba Meanwhile the Braamfontein Spruit stinks like a sewer. Don't you care at all? Our usless cllr now on holiday again. You are seriously a useless bunch of cllrs.	en
2019-09-30T13:18:17.000Z	18143011	@JoburgParksZoo is there some way for community to assist or reduce the chemicals at the Field and Study river, Braamfontein Spruit I think.? Water smells toxic for people that live on the banks and for dogs that swim there.	en

2019-09-24T13:10:06.000Z	1152143897579180033	In 1853, gold was found along the Braamfontein Spruit (near William Nicol Bridge) in Sandton by Pieter Jacobus 👷 33 years before gold was discovered in Witwatersrand🔧 #hellomdza #cannabissouthafrica #cannabiscommunity #cannabisculture #highsociety #sandton #sandtoncity #gold https://t.co/LtcjQ3ojMC	en
2019-09-18T14:08:42.000Z	918743810573729792	@MohauSam @_SammySA @MohauSam we are in trouble. I've been composing to @CityofJoburgZA to clear out certain areas I.e the parks, along Braamfontein Spruit, Main Road, William Nicol by BMW, Sandton & William Nicol, William Nicol & Empire and to improve lighting and visibility 😢	en
2019-08-28T14:59:32.000Z	1147755480988749826	https://t.co/NB597J0zXl Bird Watching becomes Brand Spotting. Which of the Big Name Brands do you see on the River? https://t.co/NB597J0zXl	en
2019-08-14T04:56:37.000Z	138396622	@DavidCOJ102 You probably don't need an app to identify the source of the problem. Just take a walk down the Braamfontein Spruit and see the settlements that are growing there. Perhaps you could get JMPD out from behind their cameras to go and clear these	en
2019-08-10T21:33:53.000Z	430542456	@Meg_Eckert Walk down the Braamfontein Spruit and chill at Delta Cafe	en
2019-08-07T08:40:45.000Z	212153113	The unique location of English Access Gauteng allows students to relax during break-time! We are situated amidst the beautiful parks of Sandton along the Braamfontein Spruit River. Register today and learn English… https://t.co/MqQNrLKNjI	en
2019-07-29T05:25:48.000Z	393831643	@jblack004 I will report this chemical spill into the Braamfontein Spruit to Enviromental Health for investigation	en
2019-07-28T07:23:03.000Z	250304034	@tinhlavu @DWS_RSA @PresidencyZA @GCISMedia @GovernmentZA @CityofJoburgZA @environmentza @The_DHS @Powerfm987 @eNCA @HermanMashaba Lol kwa kwa kwa Herman is taking care of the braamfontein spruit and trying to sort out the jaskei .	en
2019-07-14T09:57:11.000Z	537143930	@TRF_Stories @KimHarrisberg Also on the Braamfontein Spruit that runs near Sandton (though its waters appear to be getting cleaner judging from the bird and fish life). These are churches that worship in the open air so they use the nearest body of outside water ...	en
2019-07-09T12:51:27.000Z	138396622	@jozi117 @CoJPublicSafety Start with the Braamfontein Spruit, downstream from William Nichol Dr, which is fast developing into formal settlement	en
2019-07-07T22:20:48.000Z	2571068733	@JHBWater Sewerage Leak Braamfontein Spruit in River Club, Nearest Street corner Arklow and Willow Wood Close. The leak is on the Braanfontein Spruit Trail behind a complex at the end of Willow Wood Close: GPS: -26.077995, 28.031190 Reported before nothing done about it. https://t.co/fiQrvfovT5	en

2019-07-07T22:03:17.000Z	2571068733	@JHBWater Sewerage spill directly into the Braamfontein Spruit where it runs under the William Nicol Drive bridge. Nearest street corner Minerva and William Nicol. GPS: -26.091821, 28.027427 https://t.co/sUueFwRWjF	en
2019-07-07T11:40:29.000Z	632822669	Little pedal through the Spruit with my homie ♡ 🚵 #mtb #sunday #funday #adventuresofKyandM @ Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/3fkT0d1Gwq	en
2019-06-27T08:15:38.000Z	106044408	@CoJPublicSafety @HermanMashaba @CityofJoburgZA @CleanerJoburg @CleanVillage @coj_gfis @COJCommunityDev @CoJSpeaker @CoJDevPlanning @JhbPartnership @AsktheChiefJMPD @MichaelSun168 Some form of sorting area/facility is greatly needed at multiple locations along the Braamfontein spruit to curb the destruction of the environment. The pickers seem to have no alternative but to use whatever resource they have available to sort - nature included.	en
2019-06-27T04:43:07.000Z	21581749	@CoJPublicSafety @HermanMashaba @CityofJoburgZA @CleanerJoburg @CleanVillage @coj_gfis @COJCommunityDev @CoJSpeaker @CoJDevPlanning @JhbPartnership @AsktheChiefJMPD @MichaelSun168 Looking forward to seeing this approach implemented in several places in Ward 90, including Braamfontein Spruit, George Lea Park South, and Hurlingham Park. Environment badly affected.	en
2019-06-26T19:34:58.000Z	138396622	@CoJPublicSafety @HermanMashaba @CityofJoburgZA @CleanerJoburg @CleanVillage @coj_gfis @COJCommunityDev @CoJSpeaker @CoJDevPlanning @JhbPartnership @AsktheChiefJMPD @MichaelSun168 How about starting with the Braamfontein Spruit. The informal settlements downstream from William Nicholas Dr are becoming more formal every week	en
2019-06-23T10:03:46.000Z	1650492270	Today we cleaned up Braamfontein Spruit, Victory Park for our #ENSafricaNAM100 initiative. Fun and fulfilling way to spend a Sunday morning with @yuvthi @AslamMoosajee @ENSlaw and fam. https://t.co/UXHxx2I1X6	en
2019-06-20T11:42:42.000Z	76359184	@JoburgWater please could you send a response team. Call logged Monday and now, it's Thursday and effluent is flowing towards the Braamfontein Spruit. This is impacting health and safety not only of humans but of wildlife too! Please address ASAP. https://t.co/8DhpdryzgO	en
2019-06-19T09:27:39.000Z	163473966	@tomolefe @adriancoagula Hunter's closed unfortunately. The guy who ran it has moved to Sprocket and Jack on the Braamfontein Spruit, which is very MTB friendly.	en
2019-06-08T07:52:15.000Z	21114785	@JHBWater @CityofJoburgZA sewerage flowing out of manhole into river please fix. On braamfontein spruit see pic of map. https://t.co/3COXySYkFV	en
2019-06-05T14:03:44.000Z	745566339058786304	BECF cleaner Sam Motimele supervises the refurbishment of damaged and worn litter bins along the Braamfontein Spruit. After years of use, the bottoms had literally fallen out :) https://t.co/L9bl6jmWG8	en

		Read all about the R1.5m upgrade to the Braamfontein Spruit Trails Plus Delta Park is good to go so take the family and go check it out https://t.co/RKfvn8nksQ @VermaakBernice @twodadsandakid @Dazz1210 @SharonVW	
2019-05-31T05:42:31.000Z	959166223241154560	@miramothilal	en
2019-05-29T11:33:54.000Z	147885489	Braamfontein Spruit trail routes get a multi-million Rand makeover https://t.co/Ye2ADdWYo9 @Hollard	en
2019-05-29T11:30:54.000Z	1654797380	@Hollard, @JoziTrails and Johannesburg City Parks & Zoo recently launched the Jozi Trails Pilot project aimed at uplifting the trail network along Johannesburg's beautiful 'green lung' – the Braamfontein Spruit. https://t.co/fTkXBY3ty6	en
2019-05-28T14:45:36.000Z	163788834	HJ, Hollard, Jozi Trails and Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo has launched the Jozi Trails Pilot Project, a non-profit initiative that sees R1.5million invested into the upliftment of the trail network along the Braamfontein Spruit. How amazing? https://t.co/mKZ3Z0x4wl	en
		Bryanston resident hopes to prevent further loss through manhole cover project ...	
2019-05-25T06:48:26.000Z	185105271	Barry Cribb, who runs the Braamfontein Spruit Rehabilitation project hopes to ensure that the manhole covers are protected: https://t.co/CMCisL5Kw1	en
2019-05-13T20:31:20.000Z	436702159	@JHBWater @Sandton_News @cojward106 open manhole on the Braamfontein Spruit where Bryanston Park run takes place close to 3km mark. https://t.co/wc2G6ZLLr9	en
2019-05-11T16:33:00.000Z	185105271	During a Park Run a dog named Buddy fell into an uncovered manhole along the Braamfontein Spruit. https://t.co/stxP7b6UAE	en
2019-05-10T20:29:20.000Z	56154366	Fresh morning out on the MTB along the Braamfontein Spruit today. It's nice to get dirty once a week instead of spending #100% of my time surfing the asphalt. #roadie #Speedcraft #eyewear… https://t.co/eVJUPQKxXi	en

		ICYMI: BRYANSTON – During a Park Run a dog named Buddy fell into an uncovered manhole along the Braamfontein Spruit. #Bryanston #Manhole #ParkRun #Buddy #DogLovers	
2019-05-10T17:30:00.000Z	185105271	https://t.co/tVtMvx56UJ	en
		BRYANSTON – During a Park Run a dog named Buddy fell into an uncovered manhole along the Braamfontein Spruit.	
2019-05-10T06:32:57.000Z	185105271	https://t.co/tVtMvxmHMh	en
2019-05-09T17:49:12.000Z	56054145	@MyJRA plse plse fix 6 potholes on ballyclare bridge immediately after "sycamore Ave " intersection over braamfontein spruit.. Some are a hazard!!!!	en
2019-05-05T12:34:18.000Z	2571068733	@JHBWater @JoburgWater At the end of William Wood Close off Arklow Road. This looks like a complex, it's behind that on the Braamfontein Spruit. I don't have a Street number but I'm sure the people in the complex could show you how to get to the leak on the river. The pin in my map is the location.	en
2019-05-05T10:01:39.000Z	2571068733	@JHBWater @JoburgWater #sewerageLeak #sewerageLeakJHB #braamfonreinSpruitSewerageLeak A MAJOR sewerage leak on the Braamfontein Spruit at this location: -26.0780202, 28.031176299722222 Please can you fix URGENTLY affecting ALL users of the Braamfontein Spruit Trail in River Club https://t.co/0pSWWeMgtZ	en
2019-05-05T09:58:52.000Z	2571068733	@JHBWater @JoburgWater #sewerageLeak #sewerageLeakJHB #braamfonreinSpruitSewerageLeak A MAJOR sewerage leak on the Braamfontein Spruit at this location: -26.0780202, 28.031176299722222 Please can you fix this it is affecting ALL users of the Braamfontein Spruit Trail https://t.co/1fErgwtsQm	en
2019-05-02T16:05:06.000Z	745566339058786304	@JHBWater Hi please can you attend to this sewage leak on the Braamfontein Spruit urgently. Access will have to be by foot from the bottom of Peter Place about 600m north. I will send a pin location in a separate message. https://t.co/hMHOlM9dsZ	en
2019-04-29T13:01:27.000Z	745566339058786304	@JHBWater please let us know how we can get 4 manhole covers replaced on the pipeline along the Braamfontein Spruit in Bryanston. A dog was washed away on Saturday and this is also dangerous for small children. Photos attached. https://t.co/326oT8fAxm	en
2019-04-29T08:03:39.000Z	56054145	@MyJRA a number of potholes on and before ballyclare bridge over the braamfontein spruit riverclub.. Plse fix	en

2019-04-25T12:48:57.000Z	2571068733	@JoburgWater Huge sewerage leak into the Braamfontein Spruit under the William Nicol Avenue bridge over the Braamfontein Spruit affecting all mountain bikers going under the bridge. Urgent attention required. https://t.co/HmntG503La	en
2019-04-22T09:30:32.000Z	761600968089858048	40mm of rain this morning, sent by the gods of slovenliness to clean my car - Thanks 🙏. It also caused the canal behind my house, the Braamfontein Spruit in the 108 hectare Delta Park, to burst its banks. (Clip courtesy of our WhatsApp group😉) https://t.co/AyQykin2kN	en
2019-04-21T14:14:28.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba @CityofJoburgZA @mphophalatse1 You can irrigate with the Braamfontein Spruit. After all it's so full of sewage thanks to incompetent officials and Tim Truluck.	en
2019-04-20T16:03:53.000Z	393831643	@MyJRA serious potholes causing damage to cars on Ballyclaire Drive Riverclub. The potholes are near the bridge going over the Braamfontein Spruit. Please make safe or attend to it urgently	en
2019-04-20T09:00:00.000Z	185105271	BRYANSTON – This NPO will enable employment and independence for many unskilled labourers. #Bryanston #NPO #UnskilledLabourers #BraamfonteinRehabilitationSpruit https://t.co/MxrLWhiEhL	en
2019-04-19T09:00:09.000Z	27886765	Them Madludaka MTB boys at it again #chuckycycle @ Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/kxrZcfNzEV	en
2019-04-16T14:45:22.000Z	257372430	Today as part of the Executive Mayor’s Visible Service Delivery we are in Region B Victory Park for a multidisciplinary approach in dealing with displaced people, skoffling, grass cutting, by law enforcement and litter picking along the Braamfontein Spruit.#JoburgWorks https://t.co/bScPLQfhIL	en
2019-04-16T07:46:35.000Z	41081028	Love seeing self-starting initiatives like these come alive. The Urban Miners (Waste Pickers of the Braamfontein Spruit) who are generally doing what we don't do ourselves. They recycle and they clean up the environment with almost zero support. #urbanmining #wastepickers https://t.co/JrXM91UPCc	en
2019-04-12T21:36:07.000Z	316298652	Braamfontein Spruit near the Field and Study Centre - Heritage Portal - 2018 | Johannesburg cityscapes https://t.co/jrZz9a9L1W	en
2019-04-11T19:40:04.000Z	22880891	@jamesbernstein @jozi117 They first need to expand the road over the Braamfontein spruit - the Conrad Road bridge. Please. Stuck there every day.	en
2019-04-08T05:57:24.000Z	46503107	Exploring the Spruit with the #SpruitFairy #MTB 🚵 Berms comparable to Elgin in places... (@ Braamfontein Spruit (Blairgowrie)) https://t.co/AgiZ1JOe8y https://t.co/1BnopD4HIK	en
2019-04-05T09:05:57.000Z	54502348	Read the article to find out more about the cleaning operation of the Braamfontein Spruit on Capricorn Road. https://t.co/KdA0oCVrHt	en

2019-04-01T16:18:05.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba we are renaming the Braamfontein Spruit to the Tim Truluck Shycehole Spruit. Shame on him. https://t.co/8PwZGmudIv	en
2019-03-24T08:35:54.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba Pfffffft. And we pay useless councillors....also looting. Look at the shyce in the Braamfontein Spruit. Fire the councillor.	en
2019-03-09T13:16:51.000Z	27886765	Chucky and the Bride thereof hit the Spruit this morning #chuckyfam #madludakamtb @ Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/OfLtc8II0E	en
2019-02-28T15:01:27.000Z	33833871	RT @jozi117: Anyone wondering about the buzzing noise in @Parkhurst_JHB & Victory Park? Its a phalanx of weedeating workers cutting the g…	en
2019-02-28T13:23:05.000Z	433252410	RT @jozi117: Anyone wondering about the buzzing noise in @Parkhurst_JHB & Victory Park? Its a phalanx of weedeating workers cutting the g…	en
2019-02-28T08:36:05.000Z	54502348	RT @jozi117: Anyone wondering about the buzzing noise in @Parkhurst_JHB & Victory Park? Its a phalanx of weedeating workers cutting the g…	en
2019-02-28T07:54:08.000Z	623957547	RT @jozi117: Anyone wondering about the buzzing noise in @Parkhurst_JHB & Victory Park? Its a phalanx of weedeating workers cutting the g…	en
2019-02-28T07:36:27.000Z	517306957	RT @jozi117: Anyone wondering about the buzzing noise in @Parkhurst_JHB & Victory Park? Its a phalanx of weedeating workers cutting the g…	en
2019-02-28T07:33:06.000Z	273099120	Anyone wondering about the buzzing noise in @Parkhurst_JHB & Victory Park? Its a phalanx of weedeating workers cutting the grass along the Braamfontein Spruit. 👏👏 @RK_Gazette @JoburgParksZoo @CityofJoburgZA @NonnysZA https://t.co/d4RiQPv2IT	en
2019-02-19T05:48:19.000Z	36623643	@MyJRA please could you repair the potholes on 12 th ave cnr Kudu Cres, Rivonia. Near Braamfontein Spruit bridge.	en
2019-02-14T18:08:56.000Z	791876658621997056	RT @ReenvalSA: Braamfontein Spruit, #Craighall, #Jhb after all the rain 📸Anton Burger @SAWeatherServic @eNCAWeather @sawx_sa_weather @maroe…	en

2019-02-14T17:47:28.000Z	1057712532478181381	RT @ReenvalSA: Braamfontein Spruit, #Craighall, #Jhb after all the rain 📸Anton Burger @SAWeatherServic @eNCAWeather @sawx_sa_weather @maroe…	en
2019-02-14T15:58:26.000Z	991384624017354752	RT @ReenvalSA: Braamfontein Spruit, #Craighall, #Jhb after all the rain 📸Anton Burger @SAWeatherServic @eNCAWeather @sawx_sa_weather @maroe…	en
2019-02-14T14:22:16.000Z	736538099774283776	Braamfontein Spruit, #Craighall, #Jhb after all the rain 📸Anton Burger @SAWeatherServic @eNCAWeather @sawx_sa_weather @maroelamedia @venter_annette @debeer_anika @TeamNews24 @TheSAnews @SABCNewsOnline https://t.co/c3pNtDp3EM	en
2019-02-10T19:37:06.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba The fall of the Braamfontein Spruit. Tim Truluck must fall. https://t.co/3hEeH8WKU1	en
2019-02-10T15:03:31.000Z	48818675	So blessed to have Delta Park and the Braamfontein Spruit right on my doorstep. Exploring today found many gems #running https://t.co/T9pg7hLEhp	en
2019-02-09T11:26:38.000Z	393831643	@jozi117 @AsktheChiefJMPD @HermanMashaba @CityofJoburgZA @JoburgParksZoo Sounds fantastic . When can we do the Field and Study in Parkmore and along the Braamfontein Spruit between Ballyclaire Drive and 12th Avenue Rivonia.	en
2019-02-09T06:43:29.000Z	1008430562250502144	@HermanMashaba You should be embarrassed by the Braamfontein Spruit. Shame on you! https://t.co/a3Gebtqbyp	en
2019-02-06T07:43:27.000Z	1090197394816409601	@JHBWater Dear Jwater There is a sewer overflow in Emmarentia Drive, Parkview, opposite No 126, flowing into drain leading directly into the Braamfontein Spruit on the golfcourse	en
2019-02-02T09:46:16.000Z	27886765	#madludakamtb took advantage of a cool moist morning and hit the Spruit. Quick 57min 13.3km loop #realfellacycle @ Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/wenDODQemO	en
2019-01-30T08:25:32.000Z	175306266	@JHBWater sewage pipe overflowing into Braamfontein Spruit cnr 6th Rd 7th str Greymont https://t.co/DAmlUti1mj	en
2019-01-30T04:11:38.000Z	1931349912	Keeping the #RunningDry movement going with a most enjoyable 10km along the Braamfontein Spruit yesterday evening for @minaguli. Lovely to see the spruit (stream) running strongly after recent rains!🌦#EveryDropCounts #WaterIsLife https://t.co/M8jC5W6fNa	en
2019-01-22T17:17:18.000Z	1931349912	21. 74km along the Braamfontein Spruit for @minaguli #RunningDry A spruit is a stream which carries life-giving water #waterislife https://t.co/3puk4437aE	en
2019-01-19T10:58:20.000Z	27886765	#madludakamtb went IN this morning, quick spruit loop #realfellacycle @ Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/CXjCdrhYS0	en
2019-01-13T17:45:35.000Z	215230715	@JHBWater @Marco8Matteucci @FSJohannesburg Just guessing but most probably overflowing sewer running into Zoo lake, then Braamfontein spruit then Hartbeespoort dam. Have reported so many sewer leaks in that area in the past. Needs a permanent fix.	en

2019-01-07T07:35:03.000Z	18690908	Jo'burg's urban trail playground has been upgraded! @JoziTrails has completed the new Delta Park trails as part of plans to uplift the trail network along the Braamfontein Spruit. So get out there, have a rip & send pics! #trail #MTB #outdoor #fitness https://t.co/woKX4bnE9T https://t.co/kNqbbkX9py	en
2019-01-02T12:40:05.000Z	18690908	Jo'burg's urban trail playground has been upgraded! @JoziTrails has completed the new Delta Park trails as part of plans to uplift the trail network along the Braamfontein Spruit. So get out there, have a rip & send pics! #trail #MTB #outdoor #fitness https://t.co/woKX4bnE9T https://t.co/mJ4hXZRJxS	en

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2020-12-29T09:26:33.000Z	273099120	@carienduplessis And not in a park or public open space like the Braamfontein Spruit	en
2020-12-22T18:05:07.000Z	9923162	#LoveTrail ~ The Braamfontein Spruit, Delta Park and my December advent calendar make for a perfect Tuesday mix! It's must be wine o'clock. 🍷🍷🍷 https://t.co/n10hHSti61	en
2020-12-16T08:22:46.000Z	27488727	@JackD157 Thou art unclean! I pray thee, baptise thineself seven times in the Braamfontein spruit and present thineself to Chief Prophet Mogoeng, that ye may be cleansed of thine iniquity. Or just drive 1km.	en
2020-12-15T17:45:51.000Z	9923162	Perfect end to the day. Delta Park & the Braamfontein Spruit looking lush and green. The Delta Cafe house draft and burger to round it off. 🍔🍺🍟 https://t.co/AMxMtAi4Qt	en
2020-12-12T16:41:46.000Z	2242779805	FAVOURITE TRAILS (SO FAR) IN 2020 SA MTB SURVEY, PRESENTED BY GARMIN Buffelsdrift | Karkloof | Jonkershoek | Holla Trails | 3Rivers Trails | Big Red Barn | The Cradle | Bottelary Hills | Wolwespruit | Braamfontein Spruit Take the survey here: https://t.co/F9N5Z583XE https://t.co/vul5kxpSd9	en

		@CityofJoburgZA can you please cut the grass at Braamfontein Spruit Park.	
2020-12-09T16:46:16.000Z	248102816	Urgently.	en
2020-12-07T10:26:13.000Z	4850237609	Residents embark on a campaign to clean up Sandspruit River https://t.co/mJoI7E8bEb	en
2020-12-04T06:55:33.000Z	185106138	The residents of Paulshof and Sunninghill rolled up their sleeves once again to clean up a confluence of Braamfontein Spruit and Sandspruit River on 28 November. https://t.co/fkeVHsOkZ3	en
2020-11-22T13:01:25.000Z	27886765	#LatePost BUT we beat the couch again yesterday. Weather was perfect for a little bicycle jaunt #madludakamtb @ Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/pIL5vAcYhd	en
2020-11-12T11:28:49.000Z	21581749	Please note dire state of gabions etc in Braamfontein Spruit, near blue bridge, Delta Park, near Marlborough x Rothesay, Craighall Park. Resident: “One part of bank collapsed while I was walking in the park at 8:30am”. Unstable. Concern about bridge Pylons @MyJRA @JoburgParksZoo https://t.co/DNdyBsL2XL	en
2020-11-08T06:22:34.000Z	514300804	Places my @SalomonSports supercross take me. Braamfontein spruit. https://t.co/8bVgTeo9r2	en
2020-11-04T09:57:53.000Z	65389595	@jozi117 are residents allowed to remove stones and rocks from Braamfontein spruit for which ever reason? We have such a case in 3rd Street Parkhurst	en
2020-11-03T14:54:30.000Z	773434464349413377	Graffiti scaredy cats along the Braamfontein spruit following the storm on Sunday https://t.co/tVsyRviuUq	en
2020-11-02T10:02:00.000Z	185106138	In their quest for a clean and safe environment in their neighbourhood, residents of Paulshof embarked on a campaign to clean up the banks of Braamfontein Spruit on 17 October. https://t.co/8M6dgFGfdd	en
2020-11-01T08:47:22.000Z	106086426	My book, 21 Days a lockdown story, is based in a place called Twinstreams at the confluence of the Braamfontein spruit and Sand spruit. Two immigrant families live on opposite sides, one middle class, the other squatting and just starting out. https://t.co/ubRLIuJWlW	en
2020-10-27T14:02:35.000Z	119725697	@HagenEngler Carthage by the Braamfontein Spruit...	en
2020-10-27T04:22:23.000Z	320069575	@JHBWater please may you attend to a burst sewer pipe at 118 Dennis Road, Athol. This is harzadous and poses an environmental problem as this raw effluent and harmful water is leaking in the Braamfontein Spruit. My phone is 061 067 4974. Send a reference number please	en
2020-10-22T12:04:03.000Z	21581749	@DavidCOJ102 @CityPowerJhb Below Rattray Falls we found newly cut vegetation partially blocking the flow. Needs to be cleared @MyJRA , along with debris at the Jan Smuts bridge over the Braamfontein Spruit. https://t.co/gEWP7MGONf	en

2020-10-22T09:56:35.000Z	320069575	@JHBWater please assist there is a burst main sewer just outside the property and its flowing into the Braamfontein Spruit. Please send a team and provide a reference number as well. MALAGA Complex, 118 Dennis Road, Athol Gardens, Sandton. Kind Regards	en
2020-10-20T19:03:15.000Z	2666335416	@RiverLover13 Yes. @Hollard did fund the Jozi trails along braamfontein spruit. Would be great to have a trail along Hennops.	en
2020-10-13T17:51:10.000Z	242705016	@RiverLover13 @Abramjee @CityTshwane @environmentza @BarbaraCreecy_ We are doing the same in Jozi with the Braamfontein Spruit. Best of luck.	en
2020-09-29T17:50:48.000Z	301583069	This weather will be moving in over the coming hours. Please be alert to warnings issued by @SAWeatherServic and @CityofJoburgEMS Please avoid the Braamfontein Spruit during and immediately after heavy rains. https://t.co/mAw27tqjoj	en
2020-09-28T08:47:19.000Z	1278763006567088136	@CyrilRamaphosa Tell us more about the SAA bail out and any positive impact that may have on the unemployed youth, the poor and indigent.. Those folks you vociferously vow to protect.. So far not seen any evidence of that.. Asking specifically for the river dwellers in the braamfontein spruit..	en
2020-09-24T05:45:55.000Z	1278763006567088136	@eNCA And what's that gong to achieve? Undo all the injustice, starvation, despotism, corruption, job losses? I'll ask the homeless guys living in the braamfontein spruit their thoughts.. If they do the dance, then maybe I will.. Somehow I doubt they will..	en
2020-09-21T09:00:34.000Z	3254310593	@CityofJoburgZA @MatongoMmc @CityPowerJhb @mphomoerane @JoburgFinance @ArnoldsMmc @JHBWater @PrinceNdamase @GeoffMakhubo @MMCEuniceMgcina @MMCMallyMokoena @Sandton_News @MyJRA So now they're notified what is @MyJRA doing about fixing the bridge on 12th Ave Rivonia over Braamfontein Spruit? It's been closed since Dec 2019!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! @Sandton_News	en
2020-09-20T12:25:06.000Z	21581749	#WorldEnvironmentDay #SpruitDay Braamfontein Spruit looking cleaner today, thanks to @crajhb volunteers and CAP. Let's do this more often https://t.co/Rw95FNFJLB	en
2020-09-16T06:24:01.000Z	3088926730	Join us this Sunday at 9am behind the Bowling Greens to clean up the spruit below Old Parks. This is a team effort involving over 20 RAs along the Braamfontein spuit as far as Emmarentia! Bags to be supplied. Please bring your own gloves, hat & sunscreen. #worldcleanupday2020 https://t.co/BlaWVZWUHf	en
2020-09-08T08:14:48.000Z	3254310593	@MyJRA When will the bridge on 12th Ave Rivonia over Braamfontein Spruit be fixed? It's been closed SINCE DEC 2019!! @CityofJoburgZA	en

2020-09-05T15:30:41.000Z	217163214	RAW SEWERAGE LEAK @JHBWater @DavidCOJ102 - Please address in Braamfontein Spruit below @OldParksSC - Thanks https://t.co/qGV71UZxA0	en
2020-09-05T09:35:46.000Z	581160508	Stop and look around. Ask yourself.. how can I help someone today? We go out daily with this mindset, to be able to make a difference in someone's life . The people who sleep at the Braamfontein spruit were… https://t.co/szFVOURZEK	en
2020-09-04T07:32:38.000Z	3254310593	@MyJRA When will the bridge over Braamfontein Spruit be fixed on 12th Ave Rivonia? It's been closed since DECEMBER 2019!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! @CityofJoburgZA @David_Makhura	en
2020-09-03T15:12:09.000Z	255547378	Thursday : With @HopeSAorg we Fed 300 meals to the recyclers living in Braamfontein spruit on William Nicol DISTRIBUTED cakes and veg to an orphanage in Buccleuh And Clothes to an orphanage in Tembisa Exhaustion level 10001 today https://t.co/E5h34GH0Vg	en
2020-09-03T07:43:25.000Z	3307091939	@CityofJoburgZA @MyJRA #WeServeJoburg 😡😡😡 It has been months since bridge on 12th crossing Braamfontein spruit has been closed. No work at fixing the sinkhole?? This is a main route! @MatongoMmc @CityofJoburgZA @CityPowerJhb @mphomoerane @JoburgFinance @ArnoldsMmc @JHBWater @PrinceNdamase @GeoffMakhubo @MMCEuniceMgcina @MMCMallyMokoena @Sandton_News	en
2020-09-02T07:05:24.000Z	3254310593	When will the bridge on 12th Ave Rivonia over Braamfontein Spruit be repaired? It's been closed since Dec 2019!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	en

		Planning a holiday in Gauteng? AfriClassic by BON Hotels in Rivonia is our newest property! The riverside lodge is set on the banks of the Braamfontein Spruit and each room is uniquely decorated with African artefacts and treasures. #SpringDay	
2020-09-01T13:31:15.000Z	884210816	https://t.co/IRmPdrBUJ5	en
2020-09-01T09:43:33.000Z	3254310593	@CityofJoburgZA @MyJRA When will the bridge be fixed on 12th Ave over Braamfontein Spruit? Been closed since Dec 2019.	en
2020-08-27T13:59:58.000Z	1164228051196088321	@JHBWater Hi there is sewage running into the Braamfontein Spruit via the storm water drain running alongside the stables (North) in the Sandton Field & Study Park	en
2020-08-24T12:57:59.000Z	2666335416	@JoziTrails Hi, is this different from Braamfontein Spruit Rehabilitation Project. I see the donations go to seperate accounts.	en
2020-08-24T08:47:30.000Z	537143930	@SAgovnews @EmfuleniLM @CityTshwane @DWS_RSA I have seen evidence that the Braamfontein Spruit is becoming cleaner at least ...	en
2020-08-18T07:23:38.000Z	3254310593	@Sandton_News @MyJRA @CityofJoburgZA When will the bridge over Braamfontein Spruit on 12th Ave Rivonia be repaired? It's been closed for 6 months now.	en
2020-08-17T17:29:30.000Z	3254310593	@MyJRA @CityofJoburgZA When are going to fix the bridge over Braamfontein Spruit on 12th Ave Rivonia? It's been closed for 6 months now. #jhbmayor	en
2020-08-16T09:53:20.000Z	393831643	@CleanerJoburg @CityofJoburgZA @mphomoerane Why are you not cleaning out the rubbish and litter along out riverine areas like the Braamfontein Spruit, Sandspruit and the Julskei. You are condoning pollution by doing nothing . Actions speak louder than words.	en
2020-07-30T18:54:00.000Z	3254310593	@DavidCOJ102 @VincentEarp @CityofJoburgZA @MyJRA When will the bridge on 12th Ave Bryanston over Braamfontein Spruit be fixed? Its been closed since March.....	en
2020-07-22T13:18:39.000Z	138396622	@ArnoldsMmc @JoburgParksZoo @CityofJoburgZA @CleanerJoburg Great work, now do the Braamfontein Spruit please	en
2020-07-17T09:09:36.000Z	21581749	@JoburgParksZoo @CityofJoburgZA @ArnoldsMmc This sounds good @ArnoldsMmc Which public spaces are to be cleaned & reclaimed? Does this include Delta Park & Braamfontein Spruit? https://t.co/kr8Rj4Sgn9	en
2020-07-06T16:02:15.000Z	878267139270029320	@JHBWater reference # 8004860188 major sewerage overflow into the Braamfontein Spruit at Rustenburg road close to Barry Hertzog in Melville. You have 24 hour turnaround. Been reporting since 8am today. Please sort health hazard ASAP!	en

2020-07-01T09:56:40.000Z	745566339058786304	Our Braamfontein Spruit rehabilitation is just one way the BECF works to keep our public open spaces and areas clean and enjoyable for residents. Thanks you to residents whose contributions make it possible. To support our efforts, email us or sign up on https://t.co/t14zC5J0wA. https://t.co/KX82BUnPpH	en
2020-06-11T07:03:18.000Z	393251173	Compass Insure 'View Out My Window Challenge.' 'A view of the Braamfontein Spruit from my garden.' Bridget Walker Craighall (Jhb) 24 May 2020 (13h47) https://t.co/gSUCZgkYL0	en
2020-06-07T13:37:16.000Z	23116731	Midday walk along the Braamfontein Spruit with this cutie pie. A fun outing that ended off with coffee and chocolate croissants from @jacksonsrfm. A great way to spend a Sunday 👩‍👧 🐾 🧁 #riverwalk #weekendactivities… https://t.co/mzqfJS472d	en
2020-06-06T16:25:00.000Z	27886765	Short loop with the MonStar Mom, first time for her on grooved single track with rider, pedestrian and pet traffic #Chuckyfam #madludakamtb #RealFellaCycle @ Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/R6WFKHZg8W	en
2020-06-05T09:31:55.000Z	3307091939	@JHBWater Raw sewage flowing into Braamfontein Spruit below 1st Bryanston Scout Hall cnr W Hertford Rd and Grosvenor Rd. Bryanston. Please investigate urgently!!!	en
2020-06-03T04:51:01.000Z	9923162	Sadly, those Tues meetups at the Craft Beer Library near Emerentia Dam, for our weekly shuffle along the Braamfontein Spruit and perhaps a Beer and burger afterwards, are no more. CBL has shut down, a #COVID19 casualty. 😔 https://t.co/vrXWQliNuP	en
2020-05-21T08:45:08.000Z	1252878341431934978	It's #PublicationThursday! Today we are featuring a recent paper by members of the EcoTox Lab regarding #microplastics found in the Braamfontein Spruit in JHB, South Africa @OfentseOlunloyo @ujlibscience https://t.co/wseJZVbarw https://t.co/6acifM2lIp	en
2020-05-19T17:51:02.000Z	20439615	@jesseharber the golf course is split by the braamfontein spruit on its way to craighall – so there are some tricky bits, and some nature areas. but yeah mixed use would be so nice, instead of the endless applications we get for 10 luxury clusterfucks.	en
2020-05-19T17:27:46.000Z	126388742	@pushtheneedle Leave room for the Braamfontein Spruit 1:50 flood line - that's part of the reason the golf course was put there	en
2020-05-17T06:58:51.000Z	76359184	Walking by the Braamfontein Spruit and was pleasantly surprised👇 https://t.co/ZWGdKISYWa	en
2020-05-01T20:52:06.000Z	48692950	@JacquesMaree73 The Braamfontein Spruit and Jukskei River are Jozi's own promenade, but since all green belts and parks are off limits because fresh air is bad for the immune sys... oh never mind.	en

		Trending joggers and cyclists: - WC Sea Point Prom - GP Delta Park Braamfontein Spruit - KZN Durban Golden Mile	
2020-05-01T10:55:48.000Z	181680586	Check the broader data on these metros and tell me you're not worried. #Covid_19SA #COVID19inSA	en
2020-04-11T13:02:38.000Z	851363594403008512	Ashraful Aid in conjunction with City of Johannesburg Disaster Management handed out a total of 1200 water bottles to residents staying in Braamfontein Spruit Park and Innes Free Park. #crisis #who #coronavirus #coronavirussouthafrica #coronavirussafety #humanitarian #humanity https://t.co/igON92lgii	en
2020-04-11T10:19:58.000Z	1176042552975396869	Ashraful Aid in conjunction with City of Johannesburg Disaster Management handed out a total of 1200 water bottles to residents staying in Braamfontein Spruit Park and Innes Free Park. @Abramjee @GautengHealth @PresidencyZA @CityofJoburgZA @GautengProvince https://t.co/g2EpP8KPh6	en
2020-03-25T12:40:19.000Z	76359184	@News24 Went for a walk with Sadie and Leo and they loved it. @GovernmentZA @CyrilRamaphosa The pollution in the Braamfontein Spruit and along the path. Our overall hygiene as a nation is on display. pics are shocking. #TrumpsEaster is about changing our #throwawayculture https://t.co/LhBADtluJk	en
2020-03-24T07:56:14.000Z	185105271	Bryanston: The Braamfontein Spruit Rehabilitation Project along with some volunteers spent the morning of 14 March filling refuse bags with trash and other unwanted waste around the Braamfontein Spruit. https://t.co/DCPHbflqp7	en
2020-03-24T06:57:53.000Z	23903067	In three weeks time I expect the salmon will have returned to the Braamfontein Spruit.	en
2020-03-21T13:43:49.000Z	126916463	#ward102update Late yesterday the @CityofJoburgEMS were called out to Bordeaux where someone was swept down the Braamfontein spruit. COJ EMS, @SAPoliceService Water Wing &others joined in the search. The body was sadly found😢. Thank you search &rescue team for doing your best. https://t.co/EMke9XkOb7	en

2020-03-18T14:13:27.000Z	76359184	#stayhomechallenge I am taking more pictures of butterflies. Grateful that I just have to step out of my gate and be by the Braamfontein Spruit. I'm sharing these two: SpottedBeauty™and TheEgyptiansAreHere™ #BeautyBeyondTheLens May you be doing what you enjoy. https://t.co/77qzeKhmFN	en
		@phumzileunwomen @UN_Women Wishing you @phumzileunwomen a #BeautyBeyondTheLens #InternationalWomensDay Butterfly by the Braamfontein Spruit - my gift to you for your dedicated work for the butterflies of #GenerationEquality. #ButterflyBlueGratitude	
2020-03-07T19:37:12.000Z	76359184	@MatlhareCharity https://t.co/TQ6R6SZAaA	en
2020-02-29T09:00:00.000Z	185105271	Bryanston: The Braamfontein Spruit Rehabilitation Project recently got hard at work cleaning up the unwanted graffiti on the pillar walls of the Belgrave bridge in Bryanston. https://t.co/95wT5nuHhQ	en
2020-02-27T05:19:37.000Z	185105271	Parkmore: The riverbanks of the Braamfontein Spruit which flows through the Field and Study Park has become of great concern to avid park-goer and hands-on contributor Rose Johnson. #RoseJohnsonErosion https://t.co/BZoa8hTusy	en
2020-02-26T12:03:22.000Z	3254310593	@MyJRA Bridge repairs urgently needed on 12th Ave Rivonia where it crosses Braamfontein Spruit. Bridge has been damaged since Dec, concern is it may collapse.	en
2020-02-20T16:05:00.000Z	185105271	ICYMI: Bryanston: During heavy rains, the Braamfontein Spruit becomes overflowed due to unwanted debris and the low-water bridges in Bryanston, namely on Belgrave Street and Bryanston Drive, are closed off and inaccessible. https://t.co/ebFmDMSYTY	en

		Bryanston: The Bryanston and Sandton communities are encouraged to remain environmentally conscious and properly dispose of their litter as the Braamfontein Spruit is faced with the consequences during periods of excessive rains.	
2020-02-20T07:00:00.000Z	185105271	https://t.co/5YnRN81xr6	en
2020-02-18T05:08:06.000Z	36623643	@MyJRA please could you check the sinkhole at Braamfontein spruit bridge 12 th ave/ Cowley Rivonia. Dangerous to vehicles and pedestrians.	en
2020-02-11T20:25:48.000Z	275955995	@gussilber @lvz60 Between the little bridge that goes over Barry Hertzog at Westcliff and the N1 near the Rivonia turnoff there are only 11 bridges to cross from west to east across the Braamfontein Spruit by car.	en
2020-02-03T09:17:07.000Z	9923162	@GraemeRauby @clivesimpkins @AngeloCoppolaSA Every Tues we head to the Craft Beer Library near Emerentia Dam, and run for an hour along the Braamfontein Spruit it within the Johannesburg Botanic Gardens. Meet at CBL at 5:45pm. Beer and burger afterwards for the hungry ones.	en
2020-01-10T06:03:29.000Z	777657278	@JHBWater please, urgently attend to water leak, 1000's of liters of water running out of Kudu Crescent, into 12th Ave, past Elizabeth Ave, into the 'sinkhole' on Braamfontein spruit, Rivonia.	en
2020-01-04T07:07:18.000Z	4513017143	@MyJRA @CityofJoburgZA Bryanston Drive nearest corner Brooke, bridge over the Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/r9AprUBQVT	en
2020-01-03T07:31:44.000Z	36623643	@MyJRA please could you check the sinkhole at Braamfontein spruit bridge 12 th ave/ Cowley Rivonia. Dangerous to vehicles and pedestrians. https://t.co/mq1L8z59WH	en

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2021-09-14T06:37:44.000Z	965838802647429120	Jozi Trails Management Company develops and maintains 37km of public nature trails along the Braamfontein Spruit in Johannesburg. https://t.co/DpI955IPDv	en
		The Braamfontein Spruit is used by many people from the community on a daily basis which is why it is important to maintain the area.	
2021-09-13T20:00:01.000Z	185105271	https://t.co/yTABTFeQBw	en
		"A large tractor mower would go a long way in helping the guys maintain the area in a more efficient way. It will also help us to cover more ground," said the organisation's founder Barry Cribb.	
2021-09-06T14:00:00.000Z	185105271	https://t.co/T3CI9XVy2a	en

2021-08-28T17:00:01.000Z	185105271	“Many people make use of the area for running, walking, cycling and dog walking. Let’s give this one more push and we can hopefully be fully operational by the time the rains begin again.” https://t.co/FYdBbMKfI7	en
2021-08-24T08:45:00.000Z	185105271	The Braamfontein Spruit Rehabilitation Project encourages residents who make use of the spruit area to consider donating toward its drive to purchase a tractor mower. https://t.co/CYhxKpyJxc	en
2021-07-29T13:48:40.000Z	71372679	@Cheetahplains Meh. Just scrap it, let them be independent. We can just open a fluvial port on the Braamfontein spruit.	en
2021-07-11T11:42:12.000Z	745566339058786304	@JHBWater please can you attend to a leak on the edge of the Braamfontein Spruit (pic attached). It is across from house no 11 on River Rd in Bryanston and not visible from the road. Running past few days. https://t.co/hYB2FnjrWt	en
2021-07-09T13:39:49.000Z	51794441	@zilevandamme On it. But this bloody great Viking ship is battling tight turns in the Braamfontein spruit. 😉	en
2021-06-20T14:07:22.000Z	9923162	#LoveTrail ~ Trail adventures in June 1) Muningi Gorge Trails ▨ 2) Wild Jo’burg Thaba Trails 3) Field & Study Recreation Centre, Braamfontein Spruit 4) Covid isolation. /ends https://t.co/mgHsoxnkxX	en
2021-06-18T06:48:42.000Z	9923162	@JamesPrestonZA The Braamfontein Spruit, near the Field and Study Recreation Centre.	en

		What a ride. Joburg beauty, winter sun 🌞 & being in nature. Emmerantia Park & Emmarentia dam through the Braamfontein spruit. 📸 Andrew Russell	
2021-06-13T13:28:53.000Z	237001224	#wintersun #gravelbike #outdoorlife #joburg #recharge https://t.co/38Ppuo6CPB	en
2021-06-13T10:12:50.000Z	1377878639002406915	@JHBWater sewage leaking into tributary to Braamfontein spruit. https://t.co/smLjX14xAi	en
		@tWeatherSA The River Rangers posted this pic as they rode along the Braamfontein Spruit in Craighall Park. Brrrr	
2021-06-10T16:46:30.000Z	273099120	@JoburgParksZoo @JoziTrails https://t.co/9le19eEPFw	en
2021-05-30T05:32:12.000Z	448764542	Another successful morning, cleaning of the braamfontein spruit. Thank you to Chantel and Mark for their amazing work. To all the volenteers, you make me believe again. #paulshof https://t.co/qe8BokXOgd	en
		Rotary Club of Sandton members and volunteers collected just over 60 bags of debris and litter from a section of the Braamfontein Spruit in Bryanston east.	
2021-05-25T05:00:00.000Z	185105271	https://t.co/hu0ENrwg7x	en
2021-05-10T08:34:49.000Z	363830959	@rcr_pereira According to my bat consultants: "The Braamfontein [Spruit], coupled with large open spaces, the Pirates Club's sports fields and green belts, provide ideal habitat for bat species."	en
2021-05-09T10:00:24.000Z	1682899592	Just posted a photo @ Braamfontein Spruit https://t.co/12GuUQDOoI	en
2021-05-04T14:36:45.000Z	454706274	@ArnoldsMmc @CityofJoburgZA @GeoffMakhubo I propose for each armed robbery of a cyclist or walker on the Braamfontein Spruit one ANC PR councilor resigns without benefits.	en
		HISTORY IN PICTURES The amaWasha - one of the most successful black enterprises at the beginning of the 20th century - wash white Joburgers' clothes in a spruit outside Braamfontein.	
2021-05-03T10:40:23.000Z	16695420	From Who Built Jozi? - Discovering Memory at Wits Junction by Luli Callinicos. https://t.co/uLUhKyb2wH	en
2021-04-25T14:16:55.000Z	18500914	Ended the week with a lovely slow run along the Braamfontein Spruit #RunningWithTumiSole #running https://t.co/n2H2iLAnnw	en
2021-04-15T15:56:46.000Z	423209914	@CoconutPrew @blondvodkablond Prew it depends which side of Joburg you are. Red Barn in Irene is very good. Modderfontein also. I have not tried the West Rand tracks yet. And then there is Braamfontein Spruit. You can go onto Johannesburg Mountain Bike Club website.	en

2021-04-08T08:49:56.000Z	9923162	#TeamTrail ~ The TeamTrail Kloofendal Easter Trail took place this weekend. Our partners at Delta Cafe & Don Quixote make sensational pizza, their craft Don Quixote beer is a winner too. Located on the greenbelt of the @JoziTrails Braamfontein Spruit: https://t.co/vptOAKE7qx	en
2021-04-06T09:32:04.000Z	23558937	@GwenNgwenya Agree for the most part. Whenever people advocate for the waste pickers though, I don't often see a discussion of the negative externalities. Some of the waste is sorted alongside rivers (e.g. Braamfontein Spruit). Not ideal.	en
2021-04-04T10:20:59.000Z	18500914	It was a beautiful autumn morning for a run with friends along the Braamfontein Spruit. Johannesburg has so many lovely parks. #RunningWithTumiSole https://t.co/nn3JwWq0Yk	en
2021-03-26T08:57:52.000Z	320069575	@JHBWater @CityofJoburgZA please assist us at Strata, 4 Antrim Road Bryanston. There's a burst sewer pipe next to our property and it's causing a mess as the raw effluent is flowing down to the Braamfontein Spruit. Please assist ASAP.	en
2021-03-15T18:00:00.000Z	185105271	ICYMI: The gruesome discovery of body parts in plastic bags were found during a clean-up involving residents and City Parks in an area close to the Braamfontein Spruit in Rivonia on 20 February. https://t.co/J3DZ088LDP	en
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2021-03-04T10:23:03.000Z	55522181	If you're a Jozi resident and you enjoy the beautiful area around the Braamfontein Spruit, please help us welcome @JoziTrails to forgood! See how you can get involved with them in creating public trails in the area here: https://t.co/YjXaZtq6zH	en
2021-02-25T05:57:50.000Z	46101140	It is not just the Vaal. So many rivers and streams in South Africa are toxic, polluted and dead or dying on @DWS_RSA's watch. This, for example, is the Braamfontein Spruit, the longest stream in @CityofJoburgZA. Insanity in a water-stressed country like ours. https://t.co/MGCe2NYHDe	en
2021-02-16T18:35:59.000Z	9923162	@LittleHarmonica Joburg's Delta Park ... which plays host to our weekly "runs" in Delta Park and along the Braamfontein Spruit to Emmerentia Dam & the Johannesburg Botanical Gardens. Our urban green belt! 💚💚💚	en
2021-02-14T10:01:01.000Z	965838802647429120	Show the Braamfontein Spruit some love this Valentine's Day! https://t.co/L6S8DAwsGk	en
2021-02-11T10:00:51.000Z	965838802647429120	Since it's the month of love, we're going to share some of the things we love about the Spruit. Starting with the wide variety of flora and fauna. Did you know over 220 different species of birds have been recorded on the Braamfontein Spruit over the years. https://t.co/axG21j7MGX	en

2021-02-10T10:00:52.000Z	965838802647429120	The best part about the Braamfontein Spruit? Is that access is open and FREE for all residents and users to enjoy! Want to ensure it stays well maintained for years to come? Please consider donating towards Jozi Trails: https://t.co/LbmtTIOMBj https://t.co/pf19fyaOju	en
2021-02-09T06:42:51.000Z	363830959	@MarikaMuller 4th Avenue, Parkhurst. Cape Town on the Braamfontein Spruit.	en
2021-02-06T09:43:07.000Z	273099120	Tx @JoburgParksZoo for working with @JoziTrails in cutting the abundance of grass along the Braamfontein Spruit. @CityofJoburgZA https://t.co/0fXdAEHkZs	en
2021-02-02T14:48:46.000Z	231324858	@JHBWater @CityofJoburgZA I noticed a large water fountain spraying at least 30ft into the air behind the vegetation growing over the bridge which crosses the Braamfontein Spruit on William Nicol between Republic Rd and Mattie Ave. Please can you check if it is a burst pipe.	en
2021-01-26T19:06:33.000Z	918394753	@drfarls The Braamfontein Spruit in Sandton Johannesburg SA, I used to also be a part of the river ranger patrol team monitoring the health of the rivers on horseback. Joburg has no major water source so it's a network of rivers. Fascinating. Thanks for the reminder! za	en
2021-01-25T15:14:19.000Z	448214840	@CityofJoburgZA @Sandton_News But all the information you need is in my tweet. Braamfontein Spruit Bridge over 12th Avenue, Rivonia.	en
2021-01-25T10:09:57.000Z	448214840	@CityofJoburgZA @Sandton_News When will the bridge on 12th Ave Rivonia over Braamfontein Spruit be completed? It's been over a year now. https://t.co/V9GXnhyy5k	en
2021-01-17T18:20:36.000Z	1204101901	@Marttwit @DavidCOJ102 @CityofJoburgZA @CleanerJoburg The Braamfontein Spruit is overgrown and unkempt, which has led to various muggings in the last few months. Rubbish is also piling up and not being collected. Whose responsibility is this to resolve and can they be asked pls?	en
2021-01-07T10:47:00.000Z	54531465	@Sir_AugustK We should do the braamfontein spruit if you’re up for it.	en