

Donald Mackay Park

A Pictorial Report

Completed by: Fortress,
in collaboration with
Food and Trees for Africa,
Branch Environmental Design,
Johannesburg City Parks
and Jozi my Jozi





**Revamped
basketball court**
(Giants of Africa)

Graffiti removal
(Fortress)

**Moraboraba &
checkers tables**
(Fortress)

**Community
garden**
(Food and Trees for Africa
& Fortress)

**Indigenous trees
& flower beds**
(Fortress)

Mural by local artist
(Safestudy & Fortress)

**Revamped
playground**
(Ph 2 in progress)
(Fortress)

**5- a-side
soccer court**
(Fortress)



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**Community
garden**
(Food and Trees for Africa
& Fortress)

New palisade fence installed



Drip irrigation



Gardening tools & toolshed



Workshops by Food & Trees for Africa



Progress, February 2025



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*Moraboraba &
checkers tables
(Fortress)*



Concrete picnic sets cast into foundation
(x 4 units)



Benches & litter bins delivered & placed
(x 3 benches x 4 litter bins)



Bag storage benches @ basketball court
(x 3 units)



Morabaraba inlay



Checkers board inlay



Tables overlook the basketball courts





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5- a-side
soccer court
(Fortress)

Existing wall repair & plastering



Root removal



Rubberizing. Paving apron by JCP.



Goal posts donated by contractor



Extremely popular. Refer to motivation report and usage stats for revamp 2





*Mural by local artist
(Safestudy & Fortress)*

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Neutral theme discussed with community members



Artist = Percy Mamba from Safe Study



Theme: healthy living & sports



Gardening lady's dedication to the park immortalized



Mural has become an iconic photo point, with Ponte Towers as a background

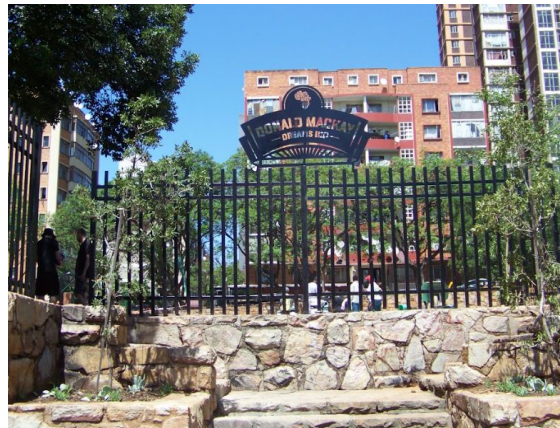


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*Indigenous trees
& flower beds
(Fortress)*



Planting done with community volunteers. These volunteers are also responsible for maintenance (watering ,weeding) until established.



Indigenous, drought- tolerant, hardy species selection. No irrigation required. Total trees = 10.



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*Graffiti removal
(Fortress)*



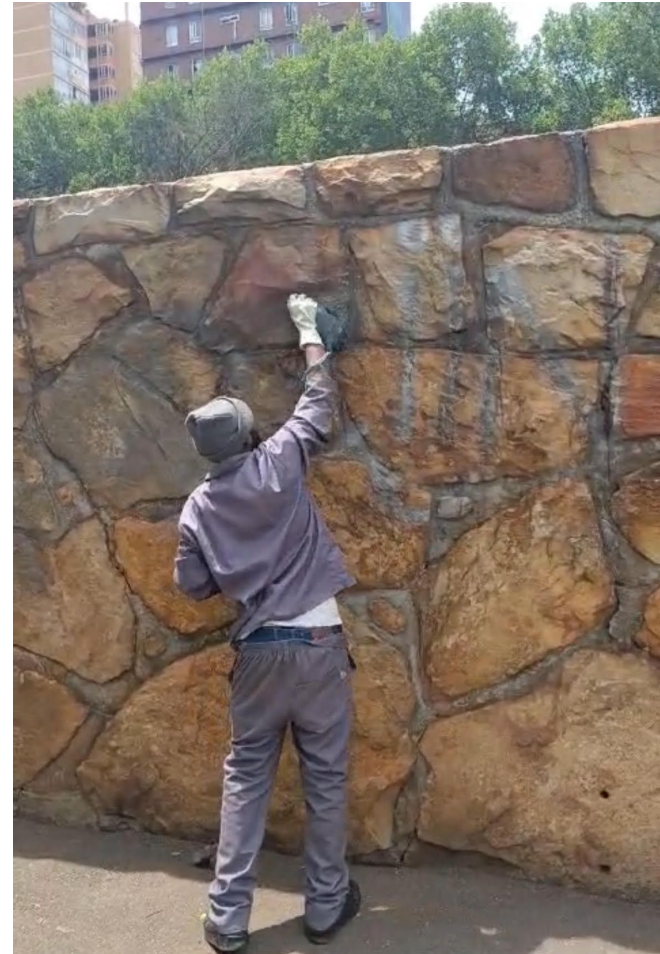
Contractor RBK pressure-washed burn marks out-of-pocket



Multiple clean-ups inspired - Jozi my Jozi & JCP



Chemical washing of graffiti was a challenge on the over 100 year-old stone walls- but succeeded!





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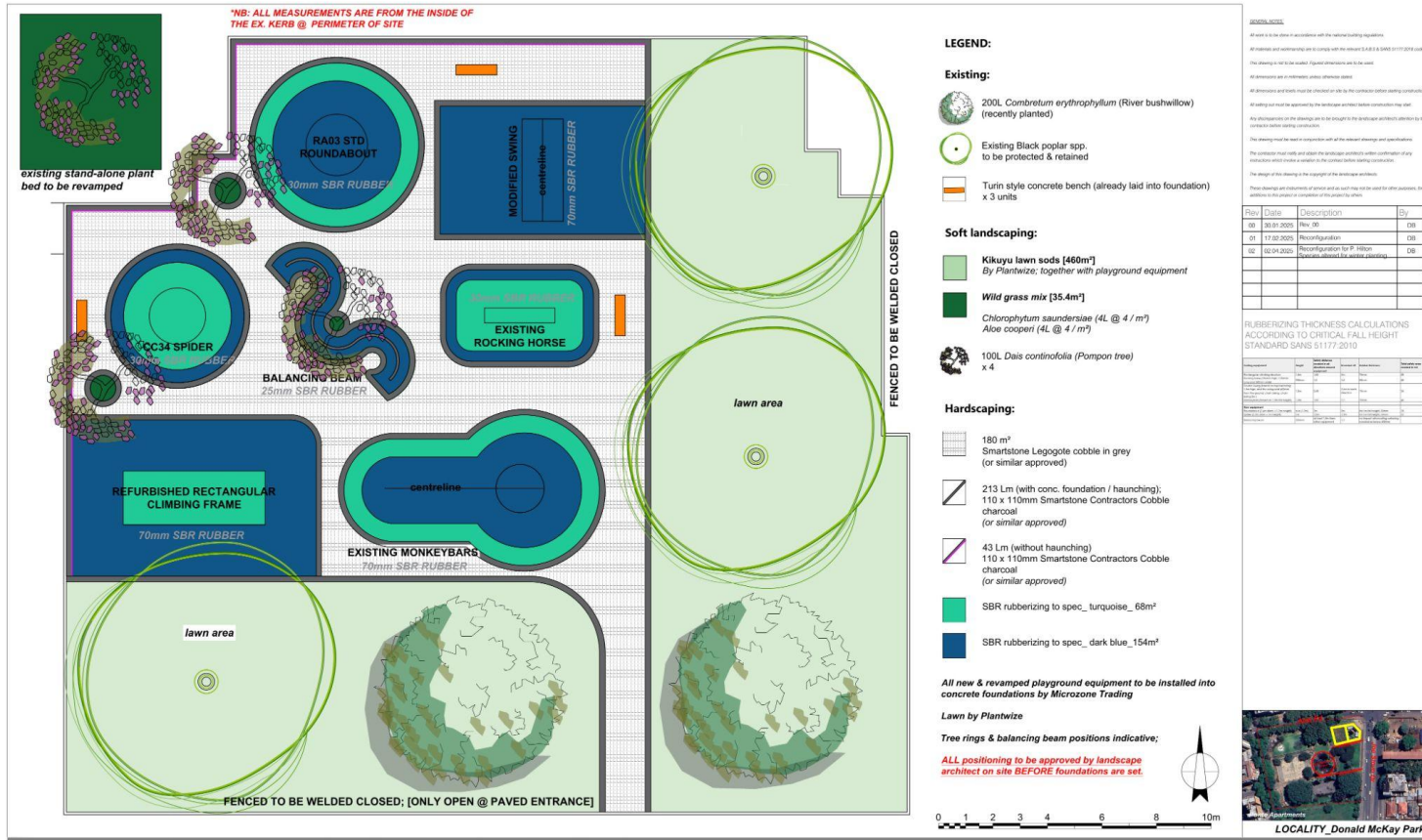
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Phase 2: Revamped playground

- Repainted & refurbished play equipment, with 3 new items (roundabout, toddler spider & balancing beam)
- Rubberized safety surfacing with 100mm thick reinforced concrete base
- Additional indigenous trees
- Playground designed according to Playground Safety Standards (SANS) 51176, rigorously approved by Johannesburg City Parks
- Robust concrete benches cast into foundation





PLAYGROUND SKETCHPLAN

DONALD MCKAY PARK

Cnr Joe Slovo Dr & Abel Rd, Berea, Johannesburg

| Drawn: DB | Not to Scale | A2 | Issued for construction |

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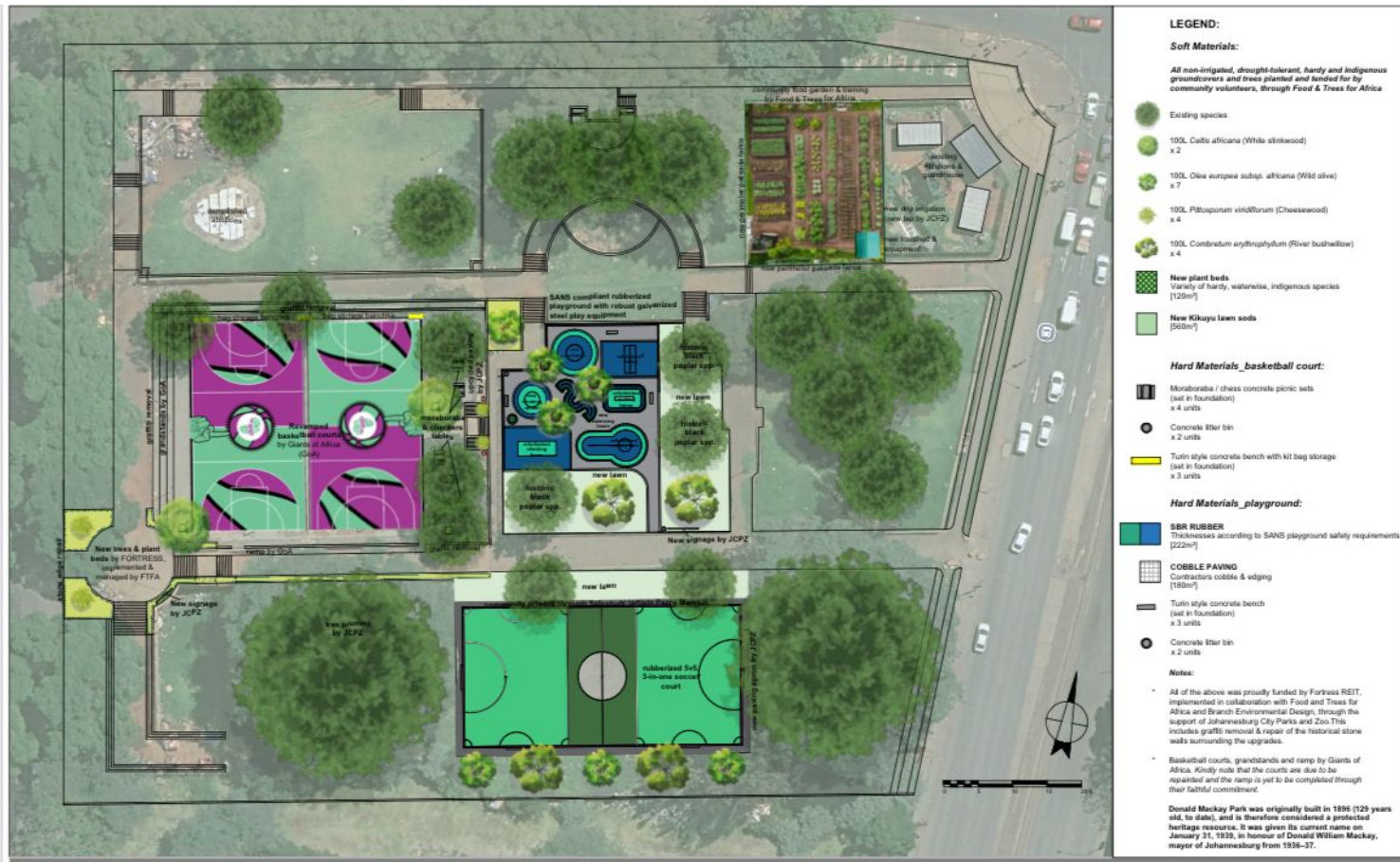


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- Together with Johannesburg City Parks (JCP), in November 2024 Fortress met with the Johannesburg Inner City Partnership (JICP), who introduced the [Urban Space Management Team](#)
- JCP is currently concluding their park adoption agreement with Urban Space Management on **behalf of Legae la rona.**
- Members are already cleaning up the park on a daily basis.





SKETCHPLAN

DONALD MACKAY PARK UPGRADES_ July 2025
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