



Newtown and Randburg.

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Newtown Landscape Architects (NLA) are proud to have been associated with the JDA, upgrading inner city public spaces over the past five years, particularly during the four years leading up to the 2010 world Cup. NLA were responsible for the soft landscape

design associated with the Ellis Park Precinct upgrade.

The project was a multi-million rand upgrade surrounding Ellis Park, including the planting of 680 trees along the streets. It also included the redevelopment of the "Sports plaza" between Coca Cola Park and Johannesburg Athletic Stadium as well as the subsequent upgrading of five parks namely End Street Park, Betrains park, Fuller Park, Maurice Freeman Park (into the first and only inner-city cricket academy) and Hofland Park as an alternative soccer and sport facility.

Through these projects several inner-city spaces have been revamped and are now

more user friendly, safer and better managed. Collectively they provide the inner-city community with much needed sporting and recreational facilities. "Stringing" these parks together in a series of public spaces is the first step towards the dream of the Inner-city Park.

NLA have recently been awarded the "Greening of the BRT bus route" project through which the company hopes to extend this connection through a green 'thread' and expand on opportunities for safe and pleasant pedestrian movement through Inner City, ultimately connecting the city with Soweto.



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