

WILGE RIVER CATCHMENT FORUM CHARTER



VISION

The Wilge Forum aims to develop an integrated water management strategy for the Wilge River Catchment

OBJECTIVES

- The development of an integrated water management structure for the Wilge River Catchment, which will provide for sustainable utilization of water resources by all role players within the Catchment
- The identification and participation of all possible role players within the Wilge River Catchment which may impact on the water quality within the catchment
- The formulation of short, medium and long term action plans, programmes and schedules that will ensure the implementation of an integrated catchment management strategy
- The facilitation to ensure adequate required participation in the Catchment Management Agency for the Upper Vaal River Management.

DELIVERABLES

- Identify and control all point and diffuse sources of pollution
- Identify all role players and water users and keep them involved
- Set realistic user requirements pertaining to water quality
- Identify and consider all possible future impactors and user requirements
- Implement a bio-monitoring programme within the national biomonitoring framework
- Implement and manage a comprehensive water quality monitoring and reporting structure

BENEFITS

- Comply with legal requirements
- Ensure sustainable water quality and quantity for all users
- Detect spatial and temporal trends
- Identify and report on emerging problems
- Solve emerging problems
- Allocation of resources
- Continuity of performance

KEY SUCCESS FACTORS

- All role players must be committed
- Resources must be available
- Input of all stakeholders is essential
- Ensure proper networking & sharing of knowledge and information
- Ensure adequate public participation occurs
- Maintain communication links with all sectors of the catchment

RESOURCES

Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (Champion)

Rand Water

Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism

Department of Agriculture

Local Authorities

Department of Health

Mines and industries

Private Organisations

Chairperson:
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