

# **Business Plan: Community Cleanup and Maintenance Initiative**

## **Executive Summary**

This initiative seeks to employ unskilled labour to address visible issues in the community, including littered streets, overgrown sidewalks, unkempt trees, and illegal dumping in parks. By creating a structured, sustainable approach, we aim to improve community aesthetics, promote environmental responsibility, and provide employment opportunities to unskilled workers. We aim to a cleaner, safer and more beautiful environment for our residents and visitors. We can only achieve this through regular cleanup events and education.

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## **Objectives**

1. **Clean Streets and Parks:** Remove litter and debris from streets, parks, and public spaces. Organize community cleanup events.
  2. **Maintain Green Areas:** Trim overgrown grass, prune trees, and manage vegetation along sidewalks and roadsides.
  3. **Promote Safety:** To promote safety requires a multi faceted approach such as improving street lights to deter crime and improve visibility, assess public areas and identify potential safety hazards. Remove hazardous tree branches and clear gravel from roadsides.
  4. **Raise Awareness:** Educate the community about the importance of proper waste disposal, environmental care and conservation.
  5. **Create Jobs:** Provide employment and skills training to unskilled labourers.
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## **Target Workforce**

- **Unskilled Labour:** Residents in need of employment opportunities.
  - **Volunteers (optional):** Engaged community members willing to support the initiative. Acknowledge and reward individuals who contribute.
  - **Schools :** To keep areas around the school clean
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## **Implementation Strategy**

### **1. Workforce Recruitment and Training**

- Partner with local community organizations or municipal offices to identify unemployed individuals.
- Provide basic training on:

- Waste collection and sorting (recyclables vs. non-recyclables).
- Use of basic tools like rakes, brooms, and shears.
- Safety protocols for handling sharp objects or pruning high branches.

## 2. Procurement of Tools and Materials

- Tools: Brooms, rakes, garbage bags, pruning shears, wheelbarrows, gloves, and reflective vests.
- Funding: Secure support from local businesses, government grants, or crowd funding.

## 3. Task Allocation

- **Street Cleaning Teams:** Focus on litter removal and sweeping streets.
- **Vegetation Management Teams:** Trim grass, prune trees, and maintain road verges.
- **Dumping Patrol Teams:** Collect dumped rubbish and report recurring offenders to authorities.

## 4. Schedule and Coverage

- Develop a rotational schedule covering all problem areas.
- Assign zones to teams and rotate them weekly for even coverage.

## 5. Waste Management

- Establish collection points for recyclables to sell to recycling plants for additional revenue.
- Partner with the municipality for regular waste removal from designated points.

## 6. Community Engagement

- Organize community clean-up days to raise awareness and involve residents.
- Implement an anti-dumping campaign with signs, social media outreach, and education.

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## Revenue and Funding

### Revenue Sources

1. **Recycling:** Generate income from sorted recyclables (glass, paper, plastic, metals). Utilize social media to help with awareness.

2. **Sponsorships:** Engage local businesses to sponsor cleanup zones in exchange for branding.
3. **Municipal Support:** Apply for funding or contracts for public maintenance.

### **Cost Estimates**

- Tools and equipment: R15,000 – R25,000 (initial setup).
- Consumables: R500 – R1,000 (garbage bags, gloves, fuel for transportation).

### **Funding Options**

- Government grants, Foundations
- Donations from local businesses or NGOs.
- Community fundraisers.

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### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

- **Weekly Reports:** Record progress with photos and reports for transparency.
- **Feedback Loop:** Solicit feedback from residents and workers to identify areas for improvement.
- **Impact Metrics:**
  - Amount of rubbish collected.
  - Areas maintained (in square meters).
  - Jobs created.

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### **Challenges and Mitigation**

1. **Challenge:** Resistance to proper waste disposal.
    - **Solution:** Awareness campaigns and visible penalties for offenders.
  2. **Challenge:** Lack of funding.
    - **Solution:** Seek corporate sponsors and recycling partnerships.
  3. **Challenge:** Motivation and retention of workers.
    - **Solution:** Introduce incentives like bonuses for high performance.
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## **Conclusion**

This initiative transforms a pressing community issue into an opportunity for social upliftment and environmental stewardship. By employing unskilled workers, we can create cleaner, safer, and more appealing public spaces while fostering a sense of pride and responsibility among residents. With a strong plan in place, we are confident that we can make a positive impact in our community.