

ABSTRACT

Open spaces are an essential component in any urban settlement. Urban public parks are therefore quite important in enhancing the quality of life and urban environment while offering social, health, environmental and economic benefits to a city and its residents. The maintenance practices in these parks are however very poor leading to the deterioration of park facilities and amenities. The purpose of this development project is to plan for the sustainable renewal of Uhuru Gardens Memorial Park, which is currently underutilised.

The project has four objectives which are to assess the suitability of the project site for the proposed development, to review policies, design guidelines and regulations relevant for planning urban parks and recreational open spaces, to prepare an integrated site plan for the proposed renewal of Uhuru Gardens Memorial Park and finally to develop an implementation, monitoring and evaluation framework for the renewal of the park.

The process of data collection involved the use of both primary data collected during the research project and secondary data collected through a thorough literature review. This project proposes an integrated approach in order to address all the issues faced in the park while maintaining its nature, culture and heritage. This plan would be useful in the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the park through restoration of deteriorated facilities and provision of inadequate or absent park facilities making the park more attractive to the residents of Nairobi. The project concludes by giving an implementation, monitoring and evaluation framework as well as recommendations for the successful implementation of the project.