

# VREDENBURG

## BACKGROUND

A combination of the legacy of apartheid spatial planning and current unsustainable planning practices continue to have an effect on the way people live in Vredenburg. As such, the town remains spatially divided and in need of spatial interventions to redress the effects of apartheid planning. To kick start the RSEP Programme the Programme office conducted a pedestrian survey in Wesbank in order to gain an understanding of pedestrian volumes and movement patterns along the 'Wesbank Gateway'. This was done to ensure projects and interventions implemented achieve the RSEP objectives and make a meaningful impact on local communities. Vredenburg presented an opportunity for integration and partnerships to occur with other projects such as the expansion of the Port by Transnet, the Saldanha Bay Integrated Development Zone along with the greater industrial growth areas and the Vredenburg Urban Renewal Project.

## OBJECTIVE

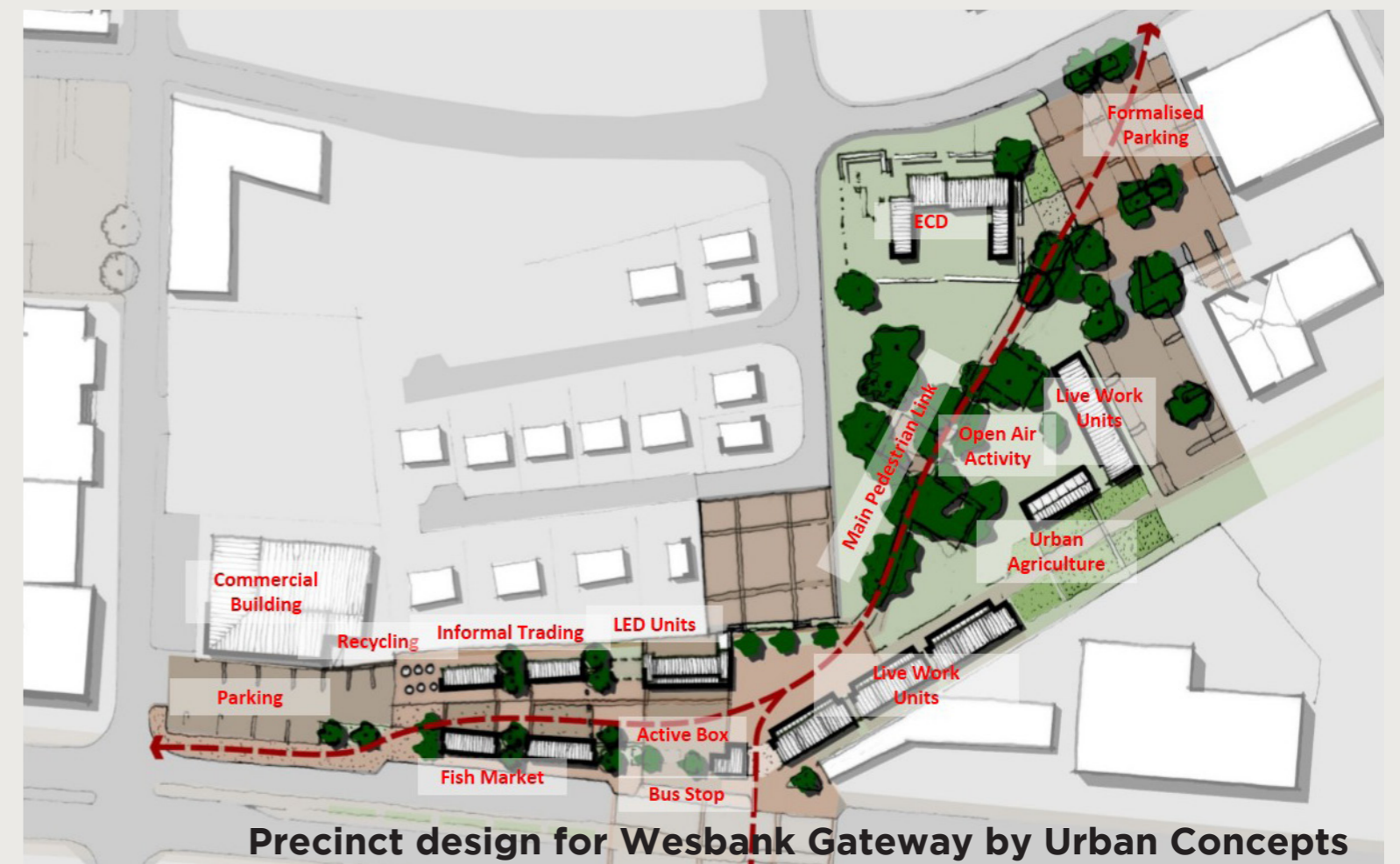
To develop a safe, integrated and sustainable neighborhood.

## PROJECT

To upgrade the pedestrian corridor at the Wesbank Corridor including Local LED units, an Active Box, Live-Work-Units, lighting and landscaping.

## PROJECT PARTNERS

Afrimat co-funded the construction of the LED units. The rest of the project was funded by the RSEP/VPUU Programme and Saldanha Bay Municipality.



## DESIGNS

Urban Concepts was appointed as the Architects. They designed the precinct plan as well as the landscaping and all the buildings in the Wesbank Gateway project.



## PROGRESS

To date the LED units, landscaping and active box have been completed. The Live-Work units are the last project remaining in the area.



### LIVE-WORK UNITS

A business unit at the bottom with accommodation at the top that is rented out by the municipality. (to be constructed)

### ACTIVE BOX

3 storey building with a shop at the bottom, a security company in the middle and a tenant living at the top.

### LED UNITS

Small business units rented out by the municipality to community members for local economic development.

### LANDSCAPING

Hard and soft landscaping (including lighting) to improve the area for pedestrians.

