

Westonaria announces new housing development



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The Westonaria Local Municipality has announced a new major municipal housing development.

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The Westonaria Local Municipality has announced that they will embark on the development of a new municipal housing development near Westonaria.

According to municipal spokesman, Kgabane Madiehe, the municipality aims to use this development to relocate some of the approximately 15 000 residents of Zenzele and Bekkersdal, who are currently living on unstable dolomitic land.

"It will be a mixed income housing development consisting of 6092 housing units," says Madiehe, adding that the development will be called Westonaria Borwa.

Madiehe says that 2 838 stands will be fully subsidized housing units and a further 2 611 stands are earmarked for bonded stock.

"There will also be a rental component of 439 units."

According to Madiehe, the first phase of the development will begin during the current financial year with the installation of services on 1 000 stands.

"Then during the 2012/ 13 financial year, 1000 top structures will follow."

Speaking at the launch of the project, Westonaria executive Mayor, Nonkoliso Tundzi, applauded the provincial Housing Department, saying that this was part of their plan to eradicate informal settlements.

According to Local Government and Housing MEC, Humphrey Mmemezi, this demonstrates their ongoing commitment to provide sustainable human settlements for the residents of Gauteng.

The development is a joint venture between the Department of Housing, the Westonaria Local Municipality and Crimson King Properties, which donated the land and have since been appointed as the turnkey developer for this project.