

## BP\_01\_2024

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## Transcript

RT: Right. So thank you for the interview. So, we just want to know, do you know this park well? And do you come here often?

RP: Yeah, I know this park more than 10 years.

RT: More than ten. Are you from Pretoria? Do you stay close by?

RP: Yeah, I stay around this ... this area. I stay around this area. Pretoria CBD.

RT: Ok. Are you originally from Pretoria?

RP: Yeah, I'm from Pretoria.

RT: Alright <5> How would you define nature to somebody? How would you describe nature?

RP: Describe nature? ... I don't know much English. Describe nature? ... Hmm

**00:49** RT: How do you feel about nature?

RT: Oh, how I feel about nature? Ok. Usually like not in the sun. Yeah... The nature we talk about this park, the nature now I can see the park is changing. It's not the same like long time. Long time, it used to be nice. You can see now the situation. The fence is not fine. It's broken now. They don't take care nice. It's not like the one I know from ten years ago. Ten years ago it used to be nice. There used to be even security ranger. Now there's no park ranger. Even the toilet is not nice. It's not the same like the one I know. Burgers Park.

RT: But you still like to come here though?

RP: Yeah. You can see even now I'm here. [laughs]

RT: Are there any other parks in Pretoria that you know and that you like to visit?

**01:59** RP: Another one ... Union building. (And? Inaudible?) Yeah I used to go.

RT: What do you like about, let's say the Union buildings?

RP: The Union Buildings. Sometimes I go there to check the ... to check the museums. Looking (at) different people. Yeah, something like that.

RT: So why do you prefer this park compared to the other one (you mentioned)?

RP: Oh, to be fair cause I'm not (it's not) staying far from where I stay ... so I just come from where I stay. I came here. I just relax sometime. I take exercise. Yeah. Something like that. Very nice.

**02:50** RT: What activities do you like to do when you're outside in nature? ... What activities do you like to do when you come visit the park?

RP: Eish. I like to rest.

RT: Rest?

RP: Yeah, chatting. Nice weather. Yeah. Talking with my... talking with my friends sometime, I came even with my friend, but now they're not around. I'm just alone.

RT: So what of the features in the park do you like most?

RP: Now, (now the future) the park now. There is no more nice.

RT: What do you like in the park currently?

RP: Eish. Must be the security. They must fix the garden. The way like before, you see? Yeah. Long time used to be nice. You can see even the (sun blast) now. [refers to ornamental pond]. It's no longer nice, even the rubbish you can find inside. Used to be a fish there. Now there's no fish. There's no nice water. Even the toilets they are not nice, anymore.

RT: Why do you think it changed?

RP: Mmmh?

RT: Why do you think that happened?

RP: Eish. I.. I think like they don't. There's no more take care nice. They don't take care nice anymore. Mmm. They don't take care nice anymore.

RT: I want to show you a few photos so. It's six photos, so first maybe just go through them all and then I want you to pick one of the photos that you like the most.

[Shuffles through photos] ... ..

**05:09** RT: I like this one. [Refers to photo 2]

RP: That's the one with the park. OK. Why do you like that one most?

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RP: I can see it is ... like they design nice.

RT: So these things [refers to park seating] you like those?

RP: Yeah, yeah, yeah. ... The same like this one? [Refers to photo 1]. I like this one.

RT: Would that this photo is an example of nature? [Refers to photo 2]

RP: ... Yes.

RT: Why do you say that? Why do you say it's an example of nature?

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RP: I can see it.

RT: OK. If you ... which of these six photos do you like the least?

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RP: First that one [Refers to photo 2] and this one [Refers to photo 1].

RT: Oh, so this is also one that you like?

RP: Yeah, yeah, yes.

RT: Do you know where that is? [Refers to photo 1].

RP: Yeah, this one I think is the Union building.

RT: Okay, what do you like about this one?

RP: Clean. Yeah clean.

RT: OK, which one don't you like?

<3> [Shuffles through photos]

**06:53** RP: (I think those pots are nice) Like this one is ... bad too much. [Refers to photo 5]

RT: You don't like that one? That one is bad.

RP: Yeah.

RT: Why... Why do you say this one is bad?

RP: Because it's too much dark ... when it's night maybe people ... they can do some bad things.

**07: 15** RT: So if you ... if you can change anything about this park [Refers to Burgers Park] what would you ... What would you like to change?

RP: Firstly ... they must fix this fence ... post. [refers to fence near Eastern entrance]. Yeah, they must put the light. It must be secured. (mumbles). They must change even the ... place ... the kid... the kid to play ... The water ... you see?. You can even see there.. [refers to pond] no water, no fish. It's not the same like ... Now, there's no way ... everyone pass everywhere. There's no way people can pass from this side. Even the thief. They thought ... they can come still, what what? It's not the same like long.

RT: So if you compare this park with one of these photos, how do you think this park should look compared to the photos?

<10> [Shuffles through photos, research team spreads them out in front of respondent]

RP: For now I don't compare ... I don't compare any... anyone here [refers to photos].

RT: So you don't think it should look like any of these?

RP: Yeah (mumbles)

**08:43** RT: How do you feel about other people that visit this park?

RP: Eish. (For now, I don't feel like... Because I know this park – *other people who come to the park, don't know – they aren't bothered*) You understand? They just come. But if me, I know this park. I feel pain. I can see now like it's gone. This park used to be nice like museum or history, so when you don't when you don't take care of this one, history is going.

RT: Do you know... Do you know the history of this park?

RP: Not so much, not so much. But I know we used to come to bus (towards here). I'm talking about eight years. We used to come with a bus here. Yeah. I didn't even sleep inside the house... I come here. I take a shower. I bath everything. Yeah, I go wherever I go, but now it's not the same. (You can even turn around. (Shaking?)) You see different, but if you... you are new you don't know anything, but if ... some people like me... I feel so bad. Yeah, I can see like ... eish Burgers Park now is going.

**10:07** RT: Do you know any of the people that causes trouble here? Or have you seen people causing trouble here?

RP: I don't know... I don't know. Lot of the people that were trouble. They used to stay there ... long time, but there are no more. But sometime this...I'm worrying too much neh. There's even (woman). Night, they're coming to do business here. At night, yeah.

RT: Have you visited this park at night?

RP: Sometime I pass... yeah, sometimes I pass even people they sleeping ...

RT: Does it bother you if people sleep in the park?

RP: Mmm... Eish, it's their life. Yeah... But I think maybe they must get... nice place. More than nice place. But yeah it's their life. Mmm...

**11:08** RT: What other activities have you seen? What do people do here in the park? What other activities have you seen?

RP: Just the kid they play soccer here.

RT: Sorry the?

RP: Kids. They play soccer ... rugby. And ... some people, they come to donate food or what what... that's the things I'm seeing.

RT: Any of the activities that you that you don't like that you think should not happen here?

RP: This thing I don't like it neh [refers to fence]. They must come to fix this part. Yeah, and they must take care like before. Yeah... because if you don't fix small things, you're gonna come to fix big things. You understand? Yeah, something like that.

**12:07** RT: Which area in the park do you like most? Where do you like to hang out?

RP: Let's say that side [Refers to area on the South Eastern side towards the grass and trees] ... And here [Refers to area at Western entrance].

RT: That side is nice?

RP: Yeah, there.

RT: Ok. What is it that you like there?

RP: The trees. Yeah... I like to sit like this, sleeping. But now you can see some of the area... the grass... Some of the area there's no grass.

RT: But that one you like on the southeastern side?

RP: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**12:49** RT: I'm just going to ask you questions and I want you to give it a score out of five. So one is you, you don't know or you don't agree and five is you strongly, strongly agree and then three is more or less in the middle.

RP: OK.

RT: So, do you think this park is well looked after? What score will you give it?

RP: No... Eish... But I complain.

RT: Strong no? OK. Is this a park that meets your needs? So, do you feel it meets your emotional and your spiritual needs?

**13:33** RP: Mmm... Not nature now.

RT: Do you wish it did?

RP: Yeah, I wish...

RT: How do you think it can meet your needs?

RP: Umm... We can -

RT: OK. How do you think it can?

RP: No, they must come to fix it. They must come to fix.

RT: OK. Is this a place where you feel you belong?

RP: Yes.

RT: Do you feel that the community should be responsible for this park, or do you think the municipality should?

RP: The community and Municipality. Municipality, yeah, and community.

RT: So it's the municipality and the community, so the people staying close by should also be... Responsible.

RP: Yeah, yeah.

RT: And then... What is your overall experience within the park? Are you dissatisfied or are you satisfied? Are you neutral somewhere in the middle?

RP: Sorry, come again?

RT: What is your overall experience in the park? Do you.. Are you very happy about the park or are you leaning more towards unhappiness?

RP: Ah...For now... I'm not... I'm not happy. Yeah, not yet. Not yet.

RT: And it's because of how it looks?

RP: Yeah. How it looks yeah.

**15:09** RT: What do you wish you could do here? Is there other activities that you want to do here?

RP: Yeah, I wish like they must come to... Fix. It must be nice, more nice, even better, more than before.

**15:29** RT: Was there anything that you can remember before that was very nice? Like you said, the fish in the ponds and ...?

RP: Yeah, yeah. Water. Clean water. You understand? Even the ... There used to be the birds [Refers to greenhouse]. Yeah, there's no birds.

RT: In that house? The greenhouse? OK. So, do you like things like animals and nature?

RP: Yeah, yeah.

RT: And do you remember if that building was maybe open? The kiosk?

RP: Yeah, it used to be like a restaurant. Now there's no more.

RT: So, were you able to do things at that building? This one over here? [Refers to kiosk].

RP: Yeah.

**16:20** RT: Yeah, Ok. And the monuments? With this one over here and there's another one. The statues? How do you feel about them?

RP: Yeah, they're nice. They're nice. But now they're getting fucked up. [laughter]

RT: Oh. Is it people... that are messing it up or is it-?

RP: I think... I think it's people.

RT: Is it? Do you think they don't like it?

RP: Yeah.

RT: Just last question for me then. Did you say you originally from Pretoria. Born and bred in Pretoria?

RP: Yeah ... No like ... I didn't born in Pretoria ... but I live just around here in Pretoria.

RT: Ok. But you've been living here now for more than 10 years?

RP: Yeah, more than 10 years.

RT: Oh ok. Where is home originally?

RP: Tanzania ... yeah Tanzania.

**17:29** RT: Oh okay wow. Are there any activities that you used to do in Tanzania like outdoor activities? Just in brief, how did you grow up? How did you play as a child?

RP: Oh, usually like... I played... to the... I play to the village.

RT: You grew up in the village?

**17:40** RP: Yeah, I grew up in the village. So when I come to the park sometime I feel the same... same things... like the ones I see when I am at home.

RT: Do you have an example of that?

RP: Mmm?

RT: Do you have an example? Like, what do you see?

RP: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

RT: Oh, nice. So you grew up with playing in the outdoors. Did you hunt maybe?

RP: Yeah, we go to the beach. You see? Go to ... the farm. You know, when you play to the farm. Yeah. And when you come to the park -

**18:25** RT: It reminds you of home? What pictures here reminds you of that life in Tanzania? [Refers to interview photos]



RP: This one. [Refers to photo 6] You know ... at ... we have too much National Park in Tanzania, too much National Park. Serengeti. Ngorongoro. Yeah, too much mmm...

RT: So that picture that reminds you...

RP: Of nature... yeah.

RT: Another one maybe that reminds you? Like ah this one... [Refers to interview photos]

RP: Yeah, like this one... Like when we are going to ... yeah to the water. Mmm this one. [Refers to photo 4].

**19:09** RT: And... do you think the park can look more like these two? [Refers to photo 4 and 6].

RP: Mmm...

RT: If maybe they looked like these two ... they'll remind you more of ...?

RP: Yeah, yeah.

RT: How would you feel if the park looked more like this? [Refers to photo 6].

**19:25** RP: Yeah, it's gonna... be nice....nice, but now I want it to feel... to be... nice like this one [Refers to photo 1]

RT: Ok, so more like the Union Buildings?

RP: Cause in town ... in town.

RT: So, you feel in town in town it must look like this [refers to photo 1]. But home is like that?

RP: Yeah... mmm.

RT: Ok. No, thank you very much. That was very insightful. Thank you so much for your time.

RP: OK. Thank you. We don't grow up nice ... our grannies used to grow up nice. [Laughs] You understand? Yeah...Thank you very much neh?

RT: Thank you.

[Confirms spelling of National Parks respondent mentioned]

RT: So do you like going to those places?

RP: Yeah, it's very nice. Yeah, we have so much National Park, more than...hundred [excitement] in Tanzania, wherever I go, there's a National Park .... Mmm.

RT: Yeah, my ... I've been ... my parents lived in Tanzania. Now for about ... two years, and I did go and visit, but now I can't remember the towns name. We went to Darussalam and we went to Zanzibar, but the town was in the South of Tanzania... like against the border, almost against the border of ...

RP: Mozambique... Mtwara?

RT: Mtwara! Yes, they lived in Mtwara. [Excitement]

RP: Mtwara. [laughter] Eish... it's very nice... big... Mtwara. Yeah.

## BP\_02\_2024

<b>Participant:</b>	<b>BP_02_2024_01</b> <b>BP_02_2024_02</b>
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## Transcript

RT: So we're starting the recording now. You said you grew up in the Karoo, you've been to the Free State. You've been to Beaufort-Wes. Like you've been all over the place.

RP\_01: All in the whole country.

RT: And you grew with the landscape and with nature. [respondent agrees]. OK. So do you know this place, well? Do you know Pretoria well?

RP\_01: Not very well, but I... I was...walking in the park here, I come here in the park, I stay opposite the park.

RT: OK. This one? The Burgers Park.

RP\_01: Yes, just... we just stay opposite the park. Yeah. And I come sometimes, but it's... these days it's terrible here and it's not really ... safe. We even had murders here... So... But it's very nice in here. To see the birds. I love the birds. And uh...

... ..

RP\_02: “Sê hulle het my ketting afgeruk” (English: Tell them, they grabbed my necklace.)

RP\_01: Oh, ja but that's not-

RT: Ohh but that happened to you?

RP\_01: (mumbles in Afrikaans) Then... and then... we sometimes walk here and we come and sit here in the park. Watching the birds, looking the people and... Well, we enjoy it there. Especially to see different birds here, you know. I see all these doves here... all the doves.

RT: Yeah even there now.

RP\_01: And yeah the... Hadedas yeah, it's fascinating. And they're so... in Afrikaans they call it “mak” (tame).

RT: Like not wild.

RP\_01: Yeah, look at that, that bloke gives him-

RP\_02: Ag “pragtig” (beautiful)

RP\_01: Feeding them...

RT: So it's important to you to be in nature?

RP\_02: Yeah.

RP\_01: Yeah, yeah, of course I live when I- get out. But now in the winter it's a bit bad when you cold in the morning. It's like nice to lay in bed. [laughs] But... When the day, like today ... when the sun shining, we like to- We've just went to... get some gas. We want to cook soup because you... It's... It's too, too expensive to cook it on the electrical stove though the gas is also environment... you can't make a fire here. But you can ... you can use gas.

**02:56** RT: So you talked about what you like to do- You can see my English is finished. What you like to do in nature at home, especially in the Karoo? So you talked about making fires with wire you talked about ... the kids coming there. What else did you mention? Just for the recording, about what you enjoy of the environment.

RP\_01: No, I was like-

RT: What reminds you of the environment?

RP\_01: See what the thing is... when I enjoy the environment ... as primitive as... as possible. OK, not like... Third World, I mean. What do you call it? ... A lot like clean water and stuff like that, but...

RT: Yeah. Like your facilities are... available.

RP\_01: Yeah. I can drink water from a wind pump... windmill... What you call it? But I won't drink it here in the city. I will drink it in the "platteland" (countryside). Because that water is earth waters it's not so... so healthy. I'll drink it there, even in the... if it's in the area where you have a little river. I will even drink that water. So I like it when it's silent. I never-. I like to go to for a picnic. OK, Braai. But. You don't allow- They don't allow you... allow you these days to make fires in a in the park or in certain areas, because they are afraid of veld fires and stuff like that. But... What else do you want from me? What? What must I tell you? I-

RT: Yeah. You said... you mentioned something else that you do at the when windmill. What was it?

RP\_01: Oh the meat?

RT: Yes.

RP\_01: Yeah. You see if you.... you don't have freezing facilities.

RT: Yes.

RP\_01: You can slaughter a sheep, especially sheep. But you must... overnight, you must put it inside and over- during the day. Sorry. And overnight you can hang it outside if there's no cats and dogs and wild animals that can- Well in the Karoo, there's not many wild... wild animals as pets except cats and dogs, and they can't get there. There was no cats on the farm, yeah. So we hung it there and then over during the day we- and then we braai it.

RT: Ok. Eat.

RP\_01: And sometimes you- we went there. In in, in, in, in in say for a week to the farm then we clean the dam and in Beaufort-West we bought some food stuff-

RP\_02: "Jy gaan vir jare praat." (You're going to talk for ages).

RP\_01: and we take it to the... to the farm. Yeah.

RP\_02: "Praat vinniger" (Talk faster)

RP\_01: We make coal fire there in the... on the farm and we have the old... Pressure cooker, which you can even do pressure cooking in.

RT: The old one, yeah.

RP\_01: In the winter, we go shooting when there was a run there. Going to do... we can... can have a... a little buck. We can shoot a little buck there. Make biltong. The first week we stayed there and

another week, we go to Hartenbos. Through the pass there. That were Langenhoven... what is it...? “Dinges” (something) pas. And then you go through there, you go to Hartenbos. We stay there for a week. And we take some of the meat with and when... when we come back, we slaughter another sheep and then we take some of that meat, we take with. And if we ...if it's winter, sometimes we have wetter when it's winter. Then we take the... biltong stuff and we cook some... some of the meat. We cook it in the pressure cooker. The old pressure cooker. And it's all fire ... wood fire. With the stove there we put wood ... wood in the pot- In the I think it was... it was all got a Dover stove.

RP\_02: “Ai jinne pa” (Oh no dad)

**07:53** RT: OK, so, it's important for you to be in nature. You have fond memories of nature. But this isn't necessarily what you define as nature? This park now? Would you say this is part of nature?

RP\_01: That is good when you... when you stay in the city.

RT: OK. But there's a difference from being in the city and then being at home?

RP\_02: Yeah.

RP\_01: There's an Afrikaans word, “n ontvlugting” (escape). When you sit in the room or the flat and you come to this park.

RP\_02: (mumbles) it's open. Everything.

RP\_01: ...and you can relax.

RT: You can take a break?

RP\_01: Yeah. And it's silent and it's ... you can see some animals, birds, stuff like that. So the park for me is very necessary in the in the city.

RP\_02: Oh yes.

RP\_01: It's a pity that they... This wonderful, lovely place here. They-

RP\_02: Mess it up.

RP\_01: Afrikaans word, “hulle het dit opgedonder” (messed it up) ... So. That's about that.

**09:05** RT: Do you know about the history of this park?

RP\_02: The history?

RP\_01: I saw the...

RP\_02: Kruger.

RP\_01: the, the the statue... what you call it?

RT: Yes, of President... Kruger. (Correction: President, Thomas Burger)

RP\_02: Yeah Kruger.

RP\_01: Yeah so I saw that. You know this town- it's a pity. This is the Afrikaans town actually. Old Mr. Umm... Oom Paul [Referring to Paul Kruger]. I think he's turning in his grave when he saw the city now because there's... Here and there is a... Afrikaner white person. I'm not- "ek is nie rasisties nie" (I'm not racist) I'm not-

RP\_02: No, no.

RP\_01: But it's- I think it's mostly... the illegal immigrants coming here, they sleep here. They don't have a job. And then it gets... it gets very... dangerous because you know, when people come here, they don't have a job. If you don't have a job. You don't have money, and if you don't have money you can't eat because you can't buy food if you can't buy food, you must ... must get that food somewhere, or somehow... you either steal... rob...or murder. And that's what happened here. Now, because where must you get money to buy food if you don't have a job. And that's what happened. Now they come and lie in the parks. Bugger it up. And that's ... I don't want to speak politics, but that is what is happening now.

**10:56** RT: No, no. OK. But you're aware of there is other people in the park?

RP\_02: Yeah.

RP\_01: Yeah.

RT: Do they bother you?

RP\_01: Yeah, it's a relaxing. OK. Sorry, "ons kan nou gaan pannekoek eet" (we can eat pancakes soon)

**11:12** RT: OK, I just. Want to show you a couple of pictures and you can say maybe which one is your favourite? Which features you like? What stands out for you?

RP\_02: Oh jinne this one is nice. O no pappie (dad).

RP\_01: Yeah, the wilder the better. [refers to photo 6]

RP\_02: [excited] Oh, I'm mad about this. Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah, yeah. =

RP\_01: I rather like this one.

RT: [To RP\_02] You love this one?

RP\_02: Oh yeah.

RT: So the animals in it?

RP\_02: Oh yes, the animals.

RP\_01: They're all nice.

RP\_02: I like the animals. I like the animals.

RT: But you said, the wilder the better.

RP\_01: Yeah the primitive. I like a primitive. There's no use going from a luxury home to another luxury home is-.

RP\_02: Oh this one is also nice. (mumbles) “Mooi bome” (pretty trees)... Flowers, “pragtig” (beautiful)

RP\_01: It's not nice. I like it primitive. I like the.... Sort of like the- [coughs]

RP\_02: Ohh this is very nice. Look at this one. [Refers to photo 1]

RP\_01: Sorry I like the...

RT: It's the Union Buildings.

RP\_01: The open what do you call it the-?

RT: The openness?

RP\_01: Yeah.

RP\_02: Beautiful. “Dis baie mooi, kyk hier pa.” (It's very pretty, look here dad)

RT: So something like the Union Buildings-?

RP\_02: Oooh... Look at this. [Refers to photo 2]

RT: Mmm. That's also in Pretoria.

RP\_02: This is very nice. Joh! “Dit is baie mooi, sjoe” (It is very pretty, sho)

RT: I'm just going to ask about this one. Do you think this is-?

RP\_02: Yeah.

RP\_01: I think that.. it looks like the... with the President, where the President stays what it is it?

RT: Union buildings.

RP\_02: Union. Yeah.

RP\_01: Union buildings. They walk to there... the walk to freedom. [laughs]

RT: So what do you think of the way that- ? Of the layout and the-?

RP\_01: Ohh very nice.

RP\_02: Oh “baie mooi” (very pretty) Very very nice. Nice.

RP\_01: I love gardening. Gardening. Garden. [coughs] Sorry.

RP\_02: Yeah very nice. Trees everything, very nice

**13:20** RT: So, are there any other parks now in Pretoria that you know? Other parks or natural spaces that you visit?



RP\_01: You know, I was in. I was in, in, in, in, in what do you call it? Mpumalanga, now in ... you know the area Witrivier.

RT: Yes.

RP\_01: And Nelspruit. I was there. I lived there for ... for a while. I lived in very nice areas. Like Hoedspruit and... What is it that other area? Eastern, Eastern Transvaal. Those areas ... then, but all of it is nice. Every ... every area in this country got its own character.

RT: All the different landscapes.

RP\_01: The Karoo got its own character. I love the Karoo! And I love the Boland and the mountains and the water streams and the... the nice fruit and stuff you get there and... and the fish near the sea. And then I went to... The West Coast, West Coast. With all the “bokkoms’ and the fish and they've got their own character there.

RP\_02: We better go now, they can talk to you, I better walk so long. We must go.

RT: OK. No, that's no problem. We did get good and feedback, we really appreciate your time.

## BP-03-2024

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RT: Alright. Are you from Pretoria? Do you live close by?

RP\_01: Yeah.

RP\_02: Mhmm [nod]

RT: Were you born in Pretoria?

RP\_02: Yes.

RP\_01: Around.

RT: OK, do you mind telling us a bit where you grew up? You don't have to give addresses or anything like that.

RP\_01: I grew up in a small village, near Polokwane, (speaks softly and names the village) ... Yeah it's not like a township, it's just a village. I did my ... (creche), primary school and secondary school there.

RT: I just think for the recording, would you mind just speaking up a little bit? Just that it catches it-

RP\_01: Ok. Sorry. So should I - ?

RT: Can you maybe repeat it?

[clears throat, laughter].

**00:57** RP\_01: Ok. Eish... I grew up in a small village near Polokwane. It's called Madopbwa. That's where I did my schooling there... So yeah... That's where I spent most of my life. Here, I'm just here to study.

RT: Ok. Can you tell us a bit more about the nature where you grew up? And the landscape? And how that looks?

RP\_01: Ah ok. There are many trees... and the landscape- it's not really even, right? There are holes ... the road infrastructure is not really proper. For instance... if it rains too much there will be like trouble moving place to place, especially for cars, because ah – Also there is like a large mountain ... near where the king stays.

RT: The king?

RP\_01: Yes. (mumbles) There's like two rivers. One river is close to a school, the private school and the other river, it's like at the edge of the village, located... I think it's West... of the village. <3> Oh

there's also like a – I don't know what they call it ... Habitat for animals ... there's like a road then on the right side there's a (habitat/ centre) for animals [Taxi honks]. There are a lot of trees and a lot of ... a lot of vegetation. I think that's pretty much it.

**02:24** RT: Is it lots of different types of trees. Or is it -

RP\_01: It's practically the same tree. I don't know what it's called, but it- That one with thorns.

RT: The one with thorns. Ok. Is it the green one?

RP\_01: Yeah yeah

RT: Oh I think it's the Natal fig that one. How would you describe nature to somebody?

**02:44** RP\_01: Nature... Eish... I did geography neh. So I would speak of it in a geographic sense.

And I also did botany last year so ... so to me if somebody asked me ... about nature ... what do you think of nature. Well, first of all. I can try to explain how nature impacts living organisms and how it ... like assist living organisms in their daily life activities. For instance, let's say maybe we have – let's say birds right. You know? Birds use nature for shelter, food and- us human beings we use nature for infrastructure, we cut trees to build things. And yeah... that's how I would explain it– I would explain it in a sense of how it impacts living organisms ... and how we interact with it on a daily basis.

RT: That's very nice. And what do you think?

RP\_02: About?

RT: Like how would you define nature?

RP\_02: Well ... I would say nature is beautiful.

RT: Do you feel that this park is an example of nature?

RP\_02: Yeah sure. The trees... well cut. The infrastructure is beautiful. It's beautiful.

RT: Ok. So you like the look of everything ... of nature... like the trees it's important.

RP\_02: Mmm [Agrees].

**04:16** RT: What role does nature play in your life?

(The respondents chat amongst each other)

RP\_01: Yeah ... yeah. To me, I would say ... in my life It also helps for... for recreation. If you can come to the park, enjoy the view and also -

... ..

[Interruption of interview by a person selling water]

RT: Yes, so you said -

**04:42** RP\_01: What role does nature play in my life? ... OK. So I'll talk about growing up neh?... so when I was growing up, we used to collect the wood ... to make fire, to cook... so the wood we collected, we took from trees, right. So I can say... it helped to feed us ... the fire that we used to cook... And yeah ... also what she said, (it's just exchanged the trees) and later I like to – when I look at na(ture) – sometimes when I'm stressed, I can just look at trees and listen to the birds sing... and it can make me relax.

RT: It makes you relax, Ok. Are there any specific activities that you like to do in nature? Any rituals or games or- ?

RP\_01: Nah, for me, I don't have.

**05:29** RP\_02: But growing up neh? ... We used to play in the grass ... my mother used to tell us to play in the grass so that we don't get dirty. You know. Unlike like playing in the soil, so playing in the grass, instead of the soil so that you don't get dirty.

RT: So was it you and your cousins and friends and everyone?

RP\_02: It was me and my sibling.

RT: What is your favourite Landscape features? So do you prefer water? Mountains? Trees? Grass? What would you say?

RP\_02: The trees.

RP\_01: Mountains... Especially the one at home... it's visually appealing.

RT: Do you wish you could see more of that in the city or be closer?

RP\_01: Yeah. I wish I could see more.

<7> [shuffles questionnaire papers]

**06:41** RT: All right, I'm going to show you -. We've got six photos and I want you to go through all of them, and then just pick the one that you like most.

<41> [respondents shuffle through photos]

RP\_01: Ok, I think this one. [Refers to photo 1]

RT: Ok, so you say you like you like this one, OK. What about it do you like?

RP\_01: I like... you can see the city you see?

RT: The trees?

RP\_01: No the city. The views of the city. There is an excellent view of the city. Also the park looks great. It's clean.

RT: Do you know where that park is?

RP\_01: This one? [Refers to photo 1] ... is it here? Mmm...

RT: Oh no it's not here. It's in Pretoria. It's at the Union buildings.

RP\_01: Well I'm not well acquainted with Pretoria, so I wouldn't know. But it looks great.

RT: Ok, and would you mind sharing yours?

RP\_02: I also love that one [Refers to photo 1]

RT: Ok. Is that your first choice?

RP\_02: Yes, I love that one-

**08:18** RT: OK. Can I ask a follow up question? Now I want you to select two pictures that remind you of home. Go through them again and just select the two that you think remind you of home... [Respondents shuffles through photos] Just go through them. They're not in any particular order. Just look at them. And say... Ah this one reminds me of home... and this one reminds me of home.

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RP\_01: Yeah, this one... [Refers to photo 4]

RP\_02: You said two, right?

RT: Yeah. It can be the same one. We'll start with you first, choose your two. And then we can go to her. And then this is what reminds you of home.

RP\_01: OK so these two. [Refers to photo 4 & 5]

RT: Ok, so the one with the water and the forest...

RP\_02: And this one. I'm also taking this one. [Refers to photo 6]

RT: So what about this one reminds you of home? Or what you like about that? Or what do think about it?

**09:40** RP\_01: [Refers to photo 4]. OK. The river that I mentioned ... previously that is located West of the village. It used- It's similar to this one, like there is water and there's also like rocks near the river. So it looks similar to this one, that's why it reminds me of home. [Refers to photo 5] This one, when you go to habitat neh- there are tall trees ... so ... but these trees are a bit tall... so yeah that's why it reminds me of home.

RT: Ok so wait sorry ... I just want to make sure you said that it reminds you of the habitat, not of the where the animals were, but-

RP\_01: Yeah. Where you can- usually when you went- when I was growing up.

RT: So you usually go to a place that looks like this... when you were growing up. The tall trees. So the trees, their scale, they reminded him of childhood memories where he used to walk through. And is there anything that you maybe did there, or did you just walk through? Just play music?

RP\_01: Nah, we never really did anything. Yeah... (mumbles) I can't remember anything specific.

RT: Ok. So she said she's choosing these two. [Refers to photo 4 and 6].

**10:46** RP\_02: Yeah, I'm choosing this two. OK, this one reminds me of home [Refers to photo 4]... in Limpopo. I'm also coming from Limpopo, but I was born here. Most of my childhood was in Limpopo. I stayed near a mountain, so we used to play at the mountain... Also this one [Refers to photo 2]. Which reminds me of (mumbles – names a place) where we used to see animals and the (mumbles - dry grass).

RT: Sorry, would you just repeat that?

RP\_02: Oh sorry. Dry grass. Yeah, at home the grass is dry. And the animals- you see them.

**11:33** RT: Do you feel like that this park can look more like these three pictures? Or do you like the look of the park? What would you change?

RP\_02: Nah it can never look like this because... these are mountains... it's nature where we find them. You can't take a mountain from home and put it here right? [Laughs] So... mmm... This park is also taken care of, so there is no way it can be dry. Yeah, it's ... it's perfect the way it is.

RT: Do you agree? Do you think you would have liked the park more if it was more natural or remind you more of home?

RP\_01: Uhm... I think.... It's nice the way it is because like if you can look at these ones, this one [refers to photo 6], I mean it's not... It doesn't make sense for this animal to be around here. [laughter] Well, this one [refers to pigeons in park]. Yeah, they can fly, but this one... Nah [Refers to photo 6] It doesn't make sense ... and this one it's artificial [Refers to Burgers Park]. There's been a bit of artificial, I don't know what to say, but you know, this one is natural. I think it's fine the way it is. Safe.

RT: Do you have another association with maybe wild grasses that it can be unsafe or anything like that? Or is it just it's not going to work? Here.

RP\_01: Come again?

RT: Do you have any other picture or association with maybe more wild grass growing and that it can't work in the city?

RP\_01: Oh, OK yeah, no. I think so- because you know, you see this grass, it's dry now, right?

[Refers to photo 1] You mean like this area? It's very hot so if...we have... imagine if we have this grass here, people won't be able to sit down you see?

**13:42** RT: What do you think needs to change in this park so that you feel more comfortable coming here?

RP\_01: Uh I can't- Well, I feel like the... the municipality or the government should, like, find places where homeless people can stay. Most of them sleep here and some of them, you know, they want drugs and they can tend to be...violent they can steal your stuff.or (paper shuffle) attempt to take your stuff so... It's not really safe, especially for ladies, because imagine if you come here, you wanna chill and they come you and they take your stuff. So I think another measure that can be implemented so that it is safe is that... these people who are homeless, the government tries to find other places where they can stay and they can no longer sleep here.

RT: Do you have experience where homeless people threatened you? Or have you seen situations where people cause trouble in the park?

RP\_01: Last year, where I was studying there was this park... like there was someone who was walking- but it wasn't me, it was another victim. Somebody was walking by and they were robbed, they took their phone and yeah...(truck passes)...near the park, actually it was in the park because they were walking through the park and somebody came with a knife and robbed them, took their stuff so... (mumbles)

RT: And it happened here in this park?

RP\_01: ... No, not this one. Last year. It was also a park. So I don't think it's really safe because even if you came here at night, that's where things can happen. Maybe right now, nothing because there are people but...yeah.

**15:33** RT: So what do you like about this park? And why do you prefer to come here?

RP\_01: This one? ... There are a lot of shades ... and when it's hot you can just sit ... relax. It's a bit crowded, so you can feel like safe... in that regard.

RT: And do you come here often?

RP\_01: Yeah.

RT: And what do you like?

RP\_02: Yeah, I love the shades and it's also clean. (mumbles)



RT: Clean?

RP\_02: Clean. Yes, it's clean.

RT: But you guys come here often?

RP\_02: Yes.

RT: And then what is your - Maybe I did ask this already... but what is your main reason for visiting this park?

RP\_01: Oh ... Ok well like... I live in Mamelodi, right? She lives in Atteridgeville. So like when we meet ... we come and like chill here. More like our main spot for chilling. We find it relaxing.

RT: And it's almost in the centre between where you guys stay? OK.

(respondents agree and mumble)

RT: Yeah one of the other parks part of our study is Maunde Square in Atteridgeville. Do you know that park?

RP\_02: Mmm [agrees]. I know it.

RT: Do you sometimes visit that park?

RP\_02: No.

RT: OK. How do you feel about that park compared to this one?

RP\_02: Well... It's not the same as this one because there is no shades. There are no ... lot of shades. Yeah.

RT: So that's the main reason why you prefer this one?

RP\_02: Hmm [agrees]

**17:35** RT: Ok. So you've mentioned that you know the homeless people make you a bit ... uncomfortable and so do you think there's a way how this park can change so that people feel comfortable among homeless people?

RP\_01: ... Well, like the problem is that- I mean, if there was maybe- it's just the park, right? So maybe if it was- maybe I guess nobody owns a park, it's just a park where anybody can go. So maybe if somebody owned this park, they will like provide maybe a little bit of security. So that they can just...like, make sure the place is safe. You know, make it- if maybe somebody's in danger, they can assist ... but the problem is that since it's just the park, I don't think there's anybody that who can just come and say "I'm going to be security of this park" so... Maybe if like... maybe... I think the local municipality can just try to... find, maybe, maybe just security- I get that they can't chase them away.

But they can just find security like “okay I’m here”. Make sure it’s a little bit safer for people who come here to visit. I think that would be like... great.

RT: So let's say someone does buy the park and they fence it off, but then you have to pay like to enter the park, would you still use the park?

RP\_01: Ah... I don't think I will still use the park. I mean it's a public place. You can't pay for a public space... And there are no services being rendered, so why you paying for it? Unless if maybe there were like... recreational activity that you can do inside the park like... things for kids, they can play with, maybe you would pay. But since there is nothing, I don't think there's a need to pay, so I wouldn't enter if there was any fees charged to enter.

RT: So do you feel they can add more activities to the park? Or do you do you prefer it more quiet like this? Do you think it can be a bit more active?

RP\_01: I prefer it more quiet like this because if they try to add activities then it will start to get loud. And if they add those things that I mentioned for kids, kids will come and be loud. Then nobody can come here to relax. I think this way... it's more controlled and there's less noise... ... Except for ... the (teachers/ homeless) but otherwise it's fine.

**20:03** RT: Do you know anything about the history of this park?

RP\_01: Umm... I don't know.

RT: Do you feel the community and the people living nearby should also be responsible for the park, or do you feel it's mostly the municipality?

RP\_02: It should be the municipality's responsibility... To take care of it.

RT: And yourself?

RP\_01: I think... they (the community) should also be responsible because, for instance, let's say for littering, most of them they litter at the park. So since they are also part of the problem, they should also be part of the solution. [laughter] So yeah... I think they should also be responsible.

**20:59** RT: So what is the one thing that you like the most about this park and the one thing that you like least about this park?

RP\_01: I like... what I like most about this park is that it's controlled. There's no noise except for the cars [car passes]. But in general there's no noise, right? And there are many shades. What I like least about this park is that sometimes you can feel unsafe. Due to the ... homeless people ... and that.

RP\_02: There are shades and it's clean... yeah ... there's no noise. But I like no, actually... I feel more comfortable. I feel more comfortable. There is nothing that I like least about it.

RT: Any other places in Pretoria, nature places or parks that you know and that you like to visit?

RP\_01: Mmm...Not yet for me.

**22:08** RT: So quick questions and I want you to give it a score out of five. Five is like very good or you agree very strongly and then one is you disagree very strongly. So do you feel that the park is well looked after?

RP\_02: Pardon?

RT: Do you feel that the park is well looked after?

RP\_01: Four.

RP\_01: Yes.

RT: Do you feel that the park is a place that meets your emotional and spiritual needs?

RP\_01: Two.

RT: So you said two. But you said yes?

RP\_02: Yes. But how am I supposed to answer?

RT: So like, do you feel happy here? Do you feel like... you know, does it meet your emotional-

RP\_02: I want to know how am I gonna answer? Agree or give scores or yes. How?

RT: You can say you agree or you disagree. This is the rubric so you can check... We can ask the question again.

RP\_01: Ohh Ok.

RP\_02: Yes

RT: Do you feel the park meets your emotional and spiritual needs?

RP\_02: Agree.

RT: But you said disagree right? [to RP\_01].

RP\_01: Oh are you starting -? That question is number two, right?

RT: Yes

RP\_01: Ohh, I said two which means I strongly disagree.

RT: Why do you feel it doesn't?

RP\_01: Ah... Because like ... sometimes I can come here when I'm sad. And I leave feeling the same way so... it doesn't really help.

RT: Mmm. Is this a park that you identify with and you feel that you belong?

RP\_01: Yeah. Strongly agree.

RT: All right. And you?

RP\_02: I agree.

RT: Alright. And then your overall experience within the park, would you say you are dissatisfied neutral or are you satisfied? Or somewhere-

RP\_02: Satisfied.

RP\_01: Satisfied.

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**24:59** RT: Ok. I just want to ask again. So you said activities that you do at home that you associate with home in nature, you said going to collect wood for fire to make food, you said you went outside when you're stressed, you could play in the grass. Was there anything else that I might have missed or anything that you wanted to tell us?

RP\_01: Nah ... For me, there was nothing.

RT: OK. And anything else that you wanted to share or say?

RP\_01: Ah I think I said enough [laughs].

RT: This was our longest interview, so yeah. I think my questions are covered. Thank you, guys, for your time.

## BP\_04\_2024

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RT: Thank you. We're going to start now. And so I guess the first question is... because I want to get an idea of what's your experience growing up? Were you born here? Where were you born? Where did you grow up?

RP: Oh I was born at Limpopo.

RT: You grew up in Limpopo?

RP: Yeah from Limpopo. Yeah.

RT: Ohh, nice. And you grew up in Limpopo?

RP: Yeah I finished my study at Limpopo, I came here in 2000 and ... I think... 2007. Yeah it's the time when I arrived here at Pretoria.

RT: Ohh nice. And how was growing up in Limpopo as a child? What did you used to do? How did you play...? In the- Just how did you use the outdoor environment or nature?

RP: Yeah. I... I grow... in a rural area ... in Limpopo. That area... eish...there's no.. fa- eish most of facilities. It's just rural, you go to school when you come. You look after your parents... sheep, goats, cows you see. And after... is only a soccer field where you can play soccer. Yeah, it's a rural area- town is far. You can use maybe R50 to go to town. That's why... that's why I say there's no... lot of activities... inside. To look after your parents...

RT: Animals?

RP: Animals, yeah...

RT: Yeah. So you grew up just taking care of your parents, livestock-

RP: Livestock and- and go and play soccer.

RT: Play soccer. Yes, yes.

RP: Yeah. It's only the tournament. That they... they keep people... knowing each other-

RT: And entertain?

RP: Yeah, entertained. They just make... a... tournament sometimes. But when I finish the school, I come to Pretoria-

RT: Come to Pretoria?

RP: Yes

RT: For opportunities?

RP: Opportunities for... work. Yeah, but when I arrive here, Gauteng is...Is better than where we stayed before. Yeah. We start to get some opportunities. Some industrial at Hammanskraal. Yeah Hammanskraal, yeah. We used to work there. Maybe I work for... three to yeah, three to four years. It's the time when I...managed to make a certificate...certificate of security. Yeah, I start to work at... Fidelity. Yes, (mumbles) I work there. So I buy a stand at Hammanskraal. Yeah. So I built a shack...there at Hammanskraal, I work and I stay there... until I got the... lady. The lady. When I meet that Lady, I will- we make a relationship. So we have one kid. Yeah it's where I stay.

**03:30** RT: Ok. So just on the score of home and growing up in the outdoors, taking care of your parents, livestock, playing soccer. What would you say, nature or the outdoor...how you define that for you? What is nature for you?

RP: Oh that nature is ... when I see... if there's a- people who can... like they say... nature that we can use it... it is a big, big ... forest... can use it maybe, game reserves... something that... can attract the tourists... because there's a lot of... mountains, there is... shape. Eh... So nice, yeah.

RT: So for you, nature is the mountains, it's the forest?

RP: Nature is the mountains, the forest. And the tree... studies.

RT: The trees. Yes.

RP: It look like someone built it. You see. It's a ... good environment.

RT: So do say you like that environment cause-

RP: Actually if- There is something that I can- ... they can give me a life there. I can stay there because even the life there. It's not like ... that side... people they used to respect each other. Even the crime is not so high than that side. (mumbles).

RT: So would you say then you like that type of environment?

RP: I like that one. That one, is so wonderful.

RT: Hmm. OK. And so besides playing soccer maybe because that's how you said you used to do nature? You used to play soccer. You used to take the livestock. What else did you? What else did you do at that- Are there maybe trees that you used to harvest for something? What did you do?

RP: Even the- We used to go... to that mountain... play that mountain. It's got big stones there where you can hide each other. We used to play-

RT: Oh hide and seek.

RP: Hide and seek there... on that mountain.

RT: On the mountain?

RP: Yeah, the mountain. Yeah, even now. Nowadays, kids they are... used to go to. Play hide and kick.

RT: Hide and seek.

RP: Yeah. (mumbles)

**05:48** RT: OK, what is your favourite like ... outdoor feature? Was it the mountain at home? What about nature did you really, really like?

RP: What is the nature that I really like? It's the... one like... you see, I like animals. I like the nature that we can find the animals... like Springboks... lot of animals, wild animals there. You can go and watch it when they are...playing.

**06:27** RT: OK, I'm going to show you a couple of pictures. They're not in any particular order, neh? I want you to look at them... and maybe choose two or three that remind you of home. OK. You look

at this picture like this reminds you of home and you know all the beautiful things that you were describing. Just look at them first and then you choose that this one and this one.

RP: Two of them, neh? [shuffles through photos]

RT: Two or three or more, if you find more, but from two above. Yeah. And say these ones remind me of home.

RP: OK, let me check it first. <16> The big mountain one, you see. [Refers to photo 4]. If you see that rocks there... even there, there's big rocks, but on top of that mountain... on top of the mountain, you can make hide and seek. And they say... some animals like monkeys, but they... didn't bite anyone since we are... we are starting to play in the area. Even on that mountain... Yeah. This one is also where we can find the cattle [refers to photo 6]. Sometimes we saw lot of Springboks... wild hog.

RT: Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. Wild hog.

RP: Yeah, but that one is... is gonna give you a problem. [laughter]. Hey, that one. Yeah. We are still ey-... that one... And also that one neh. [Refers to photo 3]. We have an other bush there...similar like that one for... You go to- It's the place where they... They, they, they they make a seat for meals and what what ... that side of- where they plant the... (mielie meal) And what what... On the other side there is a... place like this, but also a river, that's it. Yeah. It look like ... the the, the, the place where we... we come from, yeah.

RT: Where you come from?

RP: Yeah.

RT: That's nice. And then maybe go through them again and then just maybe one or two which you don't like, it's either something that's going on there that you don't like or it's the way that it looks that you don't like. But yeah, just two or three that you are like this one...ah I don't like. And if there is none, it's also fine.

RP: Ah, that one is I... I like all of that. Even that one is so beautiful. [Refers to photo 1]

RT: What's beautiful about this one?

RP: This one... you see a nature and- close to.. like a city ... yeah living there, which means people who are living there, they can get a fresh air from that. Even they can come... and refresh. [haededa passes] ... Yeah it's so nice, neh.

RT: With this one [refers to photo 3] What do you think about this one... about structures like these or places where you can learn things. What do you think about that?

RP: Yeah, also that one, neh. I think-. It's good to... It's good. It's nice because even you can write... this one is like a museum. You can write something.... In that forest, right. Even the time when you go,



people, they can come and read about that places, you see. And also these things ... yeah it's nice ...  
... And also the shape of... this one... But I... I think those pictures, all of it... yeah it's nice.

RT: Do you feel- if you go to the ones that you like-

RP: Yeah.

**11:01** RT: Do you think this park can look more like the ones that you like, like this one and... that one?

RP: No, I don't think so because... here if you... if you check neh. It's a forest, but it seems- there are people that take care of that places... They don't allow anyone to come and cut the tree here. I like- If this park- Also, if we maintain it very well. It will be like those pictures... Because here you see bush... but at the bush. But... It's nice. Maybe they cut. They make a road, so then fire can go past and manage this.

**12:05** RT: OK, so what's your main reason for visiting this park now?

RP: Oh. This park is just because here we see ... we are in the city and also at the flat there's no space. It's only this place where we can ... sit together and get fresh air. And you get the shade from the tree. It's only... this one. You see?

RT: So it's just place to get out and be outside your place.

RP: Yeah, where we like to get out and ... chill.

RT: And chill yes.

RP: Chill yeah. Because at the loft... There... there's no space where you can... chill, you see. It's a small place. Yeah.

RT: So it's important for you to be able to go out and chill, get fresh air.

RP: Yeah. This one... is only one that we ... we left with.

**12:57** RT: So were there other places that you were able to go to?

RP: Yeah, there's another one, Church Street. But eish... now..., they said it's not in a good condition. Church Street. Ah... It is not in a good condition... Before... Maintenance there... [paper shuffle]. No one can do... It used to be a place where lot of people go there and see everything. But now... now it's just a place where... the street kids - they sleep there.

RT: When you do your activities here, would you say you feel comfortable? Do you feel when you come out, do you feel comfortable?

RP: For activities here. Yeah. It's just- that one is only... the one that I see is better than other. Yeah, that's it. Because if you check, it is almost at a residential area.

RT: This one?

RP: Yeah, it is surrounded by residential area. Yeah.

RT: OK, so would say it meets your needs as a person who stays in the city?

RP: Yeah.

**14:21** RT: OK. So you mentioned that your main reason for coming is just sit, relax, get away from the park? (flat).

RP: Yeah, get away from- Even you see that side there, there is a- where people ... the children can play. Yeah. And it's for free to... to play there.

RT: Yes, yes, yes. OK, do you come with anybody, your friends to meet with your friends here?

RP: Yeah, you can meet with your friends and family. Sometimes- even the church... the church meeting, sometimes on Sunday.

RT: Oh they come here?

RP: They came here. To... to... to gather here.

RT: So besides church meetings, there maybe, and children playing, are there any other activities, good or bad that you've noticed happening here?

RP: Yeah, I sometimes- I saw bad ... people from politicians. They came and gathered here, sometimes when they don't agree with their point... they start to make a fight.

RT: Ohh, so you have seen fights erupting?

RP: Yeah, sometimes when they came. Maybe they gathered here. Maybe they don't agree with that with...

RT: What the other person is doing?

RP: Yeah, they start to fight. You see? It's not a good thing because it's a lot of kids here. Yeah... Yeah, even two weeks back I saw there was a white... white wedding. They came and made the photo shooting. Yeah.

RT: They did a photo shoot?

RP: Yeah.

**16:17** RT: Oh wow. OK. Do you know the history of this park?

RP: Eish... The time when I-... But. Eish... I don't know the... the full history, I don't know the history of- I just hear that there was a Burgers Park... staying here. Yeah. I ...just hear. There is a guy, the name is Burger Park and he used to stay that side.

RT: Oh so, you know, the guy stayed close by?

RP: Yeah. This building, they say, that one... yes. [refers to Melrose House across the street]

RT: So you know that building. Do you know what it's called?

RP: They call...they call it ... But their name is there, they called eish... I just forgot it.

RR: I think it's Melrose House?

RP: Melrose. Melrose House. Yeah.

**17:10** RT: Ohh, nice thanks. I think it's the last bit now. So there is from one to five, I don't know, strongly agree, disagree, agree, strongly agree, you know. So do you feel like this park is well looked after?

RP: No, I don't agree.

RT: No, you don't agree, so it's disagree?

RP: Disagree, yes.

RT: OK? And do you feel like you it's a place that meets your emotional needs? Like when you come here, you can feel relaxed or-?

RP: Yeah, that one I agree.

RT: Yeah, OK. Is it a place that you identify with? Do you feel like you belong? It reminds you of home, maybe? Is it a place that you feel like you belong?

RP: Yeah, also that one. Eish... But yeah, but it's the place where I-... yeah.

RT: Would you say that? OK. And then do you feel it's a place that's the community must also take care of?

RP: Yeah, but the community, we must take care of.

RT: So that's strongly agree?

RP: Yeah, strongly, strongly agree.

RT: Why do you say that?

RP: Yeah, because no one can... make a place better than the community ... who are staying there. It's them that will take care about these places for ... the one day. Others will come to check it (mumbles) Us, community, we supposed to protect... Make sure that place is neat ... and shap.

RT: Shap. I also say shap a lot. [laughs]. So your overall experience then, would you say it's- you are satisfied, dissatisfied, neutral, somewhat satisfied or completely satisfied? Your overall experience of the park.

RP: Overall experience ... somewhat... yeah that one.

**19:11** RT: Somewhat. OK. Are there any places in the park- like let's say this building or there's another building, there's a pond. Are there places that you'd like to use? Maybe the park benches? Or the lawn?

RP: Oh, that the one- that I like to use when I came here?

RT: Or what do you think of them even?

RP: Yeah, eish... that one I think is bad because even-

RT: This one?

RP: Yeah, this one and also... the shade thing. [refers to bandstand]. That one before, I still remember. They used to- when there's an event here... it's sort of stage... but now it's not in a good condition it's- we just sit here and on that. Yeah.

RT: Yeah, but you remember that it might have been better? But you don't use it now. Like, would you use this building?

RP: Yeah, yeah. Yeah, before ...before, when I- Years ago. Yeah. That side, we used to go and attend some events.

RT: OK, so there was concerts? What was it?

RP: Because now even I check, there is no electricity, so then... (mumbles) They didn't organise many events. Yeah. Now it's just a place where you can come and sit and- but event ah nah.

RT: And the things like the statues? There's one over there and there's another one, bit further down.

RP: Yeah, it's just the statues, I saw people, they came and take photos at the two statues. Yeah.

RT: So you see people taking pictures?

RP: Yeah, pictures.

RT: Is there anything that you don't like that's in the park?

RP: Yeah. Let's say... The only thing that I don't like is when they-The only thing that I don't like it ... and I want to- maybe they can make it ... like if you see this fence around this park. If they can close it, open the gate... where they can manage people who are entered here and when entered with alcohol, because here now some people came with alcohol and drink a lot of things that is not...

RT: If you think of nature again and all the examples that you've given me about nature and how you feel about nature. Do you feel this park is an example of nature?

RP: Yeah, this one is an example of nature. If you see... there's a lot of tree, there's a lot of trees here. There's a lot of ... that one. Yeah, it's look like- It's just that- they need touch up... some. But if they can maintain... the way it was... it's gonna look like someone of t-shirt.

RT: Would you like to see more activities taking place here, like concerts and soccer and-?

RP: Yeah. Kids-

RT: Or do like the vibe as it?

RP: Maybe... Enter- vibe. Yeah. Vibe. Yeah. Entertainment like these people. They can come. Maybe you see some. One day Sundays, people they can come and pray. Yeah, activities like that, yeah.

RT: Ok. Thank you.

## BP\_05\_2024

<b>Participant:</b>	<b>BP_05_2024</b>
<b>Age: (estimated)</b>	Adult
<b>Gender:</b>	Female
<b>Race / ethnicity:</b>	Black African Speaks Sepedi
<b>Interview type / info:</b>	Single interview. On grass near Southern entrance – eating lunch
<b>Date:</b>	10/04/2024
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RT: Thank you. Just tell me about where you are from and where you grew up? Yeah.

RP: About myself? OK.

RT: Just where you grew up. What does it look like? Just explain- talking about home? What is home for you? And what does it look like?

RP: ... I did grow up in... Limpopo, Bochum. It's a village where ... ah by that time- while I was still young, there was no library. There was no... ... Ok. Library was not there. What was there? It was police station ... uh... clinic. Uh... (mumbles)

RT: But what does the landscape look like? Is it mountainous? Is it grassy? Or are there animals? The landscape. What does it look like there?

RP: Ah, no, it's just sand everywhere.

RT: Sand everywhere?

RP: Yeah, It's houses and sand... And... There was what again? ... Schools where we attend. Now that clinic is changed. Now it's a... it's a hospital. Yeah, ah... another thing, let me see... There is no mall ... we go to supermarket if you want to buy something or you go to Bochum... ... uh ... How do they call it? It's little town, little town where we go to buy groceries for home. Bochum. Yeah. And there are... there are no different languages. It's only Sepedi, because we have Pedi people. Yeah.

RT: Yes, yes. Ok.

RP: It's a big, big, big village. Yeah, so... in... like... then somewhere it's Eldorado where I come from- somewhere is Thlona next to us... somewhere is Ga-Mmamatsa... Ga-Mmamatsa is next to us as well. We just walk when we going there. (mumbles)

**02:26** RT: Oh OK. So what did you do as kids, when you're growing up in Limpopo? What activities, did you do?

RP: OK, OK. We used to play with... What do they call it?... rocks... we... we play the game. We -... what ... they call it "Maskitana"... it's girls who play it... boys ... they will play with ball, doing... soccer, soccer, soccer. Yeah so... I grew up in Eldorado under Bochum in Limpopo. I attended my primary there. My high school there, my primary is (Rasgalah) it's a primary school. My high school is... Mapinga Secondary School so... I attended primary and ... and secondary. And then I went to Unisa.

RT: Ohh. So is that why you came to Pretoria?

RP: Yes, and I'm working at the same time. Yeah. So I came to your Unisa to study the social work. I came when? ... I started ... uh ... 2006. Yeah, but. I didn't finish the- you know, it's part time. It's hard to finish. Yeah, I didn't finish. Then I'm working a... social work.

**04:00** RT: OK. So how would you define nature? When you hear the word nature what things come in your mind- when you hear the word nature?

RP: Nature...OK... Like animals? Yeah. Yeah. Animals, goats, cows? Uh... Yeah, and... Game.... Ah animals. Donkeys, you know? Yeah, yeah, we have donkeys. We have pigs. All the animals at home.

RT: Yes, yes. So how did you use nature at home? So you mentioned animals or... did you grow your own animals? [laughter] Grow your animals? Or did you have your own animals? Ah yes that's what I wanted to say ...Grow them ... like you plant them.

RP: [laughs] Yeah. Yeah, we bought them. Yeah, at home. At home. They have at home. They have... goats-

RT: Yes. At home?

RP: Yeah, at home. Now they have cows as well.

RT: Did you have your own garden at home?

RP: Yes. You know what they do at home? They are somewhere... whereby every, every house they give them the land.

RT: Portion of land. Oh, wow.

RP: Yeah portion of land. So we used to go there, they ... we- What do they call it? ... (Ovuala?)...

RT: The one you plant?

RP: Yeah plant using... 'trekker'... what is a 'trekker'?

RT: Ohh yes, a tractor.

RP: Yes yes yes. A tractor -they plough... So we go there, then we plough... watermelon ... 'mielie', do you know 'mielie'?

RT: Yeah corn.

RP: Yeah, and the other one for... brown bread-

RT: Wheat?

RP: ... not brown bread... brown pap.

RT: Oh... I see it, I see it. Mabele?

RP: Ey Mabele. We did grow mabele. Yeah. Those kinds of things.

RT: I don't know what it is called in English? (Sorghum)

RP: There will be a time- [laughs] where ... whereby ... we ... to plough ... to (uvuala)

RT: Ukuvuna. Oh...To harvest.

RP: Yeah, wherever there will be a time to harvest, then we take those... uh mabele, we will take them somewhere. It become porridge. Yeah.



RT: Yeah, yeah, yeah. So for you nature is a place where you could go and grow your own food. It's a place where you could grow your own animals. [laughs] to graze in nature. Growing up as a child. That's amazing.

RP: Yeah.

RT: You said you had a portion of land. Was it your family or- ?

RP: Every family.

RT: Community land. Every family, yeah.

RP: Yeah, every family.

RT: So she said there's a spot where as a community, everybody would go and be allocated land and you'll go and farm. There. Together.

RP: Mmm. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

RT: Ok. Thank you.

RP: So yeah, and sometimes they... they plough at home and at the house... at the house we have big stand, so they plough there and where they gave them the land.

**07:17** RT: Yes. Ohh wow. So you had gardens even at home and then in that plot where you're given and you were sharing with the community. [respondent agrees] Wow. That's amazing. So what is your favourite landscape feature? So is it maybe, I don't know, a river at home or it's a tree or is it a mountain or is it a plant? What is your favourite thing that you look at in nature and you like?

RP: Mmm... planting.

RT: Plants, neh? Is there a specific plant that you like? Maybe you used as a child or-

RP: Oh Yeah keratan... morog... I don't know what ... Morogo-

RT: Morogo [laughs] Which one is morogo... like spinach?

RP: Like spinach. Yeah.

RT: So do you like plants that you can harvest and that you basically can farm? Is that the plants you would say you prefer?

RP: Yeah.

RT: That you can eat?

RP: That I can harvest. Yeah, that I can harvest.

**08:21** RT: Wow, that's really cool. We want to show you a couple of pictures. They're not arranged in a particular order, so you can look at them, and I want you to select minimum two. If there's more than two, it's fine. That you look at and it reminds you of home.

RP: OK.

RT: You know those pictures that you look at... like ah this reminds you of home. You can select them and put them on the side. And you can just chat about them.

RP: OK. Let me see this one. [shuffles through pictures]... Mmm... <15> OK, I like this one [refers to photo 6]... At home this one- they... they... what do they call it? (ba di dira gore di be, ba di dia ka, nka reng?) OK. But the hunter.

RT: They hunt?

RP: Yeah badi hunter.

RT: Yes, yes.

RP: Then they sell them. You see people hunted them. Then they sell it to us and they... what do they call it? (ko hae di ba teng, e no ba gore rena rekase)

RT: Ohh so she says- they used to have these animals at home as well. They used to have them.

RP: (inaudible) Mmmm... because we were girls we can't... hunt them. [laughs]

RT: Yes, yes, yes. But it's- so when you look at this picture, it tells the story about home and how you lived at home. Is there another one that you like? Like oh also this one.

RP: [excited] Yeah [laughs] This. [Refers to photo 4] You know as kids, we would go there. We-

RT: Swim?

RP: Yeah we swim- we tried to swim. [laughter]

RT: Without the parents knowing.

RP: When you come back...

RT: In trouble?

RP: No you see water, this water. They don't see- Then you can show ... ah. [laughs] ... ... We can show that ah... we are 'stout' kids. [laughter]

**10:31** RT: Stout... And then maybe just look at the pictures again and show me pictures that you think this place must look like.

RP: ... Mmm... I think that one. [Refers to photo 2]

RT: OK. What about that picture would you like this place to look like?

RP: Which one... This one? [Refers to another photo]

RT: No, the one that you have.

RP: You were saying?

RT: What about it do you like? That you want this place to look like this?

RP: I can see that it is clean... Yeah, and... there is- where you can sit, you see? Yeah, it is... It's nice. Other than here... here I- there are some places that side... I can't sit that side. I can see that here it is not clean. [Refers to North Eastern side, closer to toilets]

**11:30** RT: These ones that remind you of home, do you think this park can look more like these two? More natural and wild. Would you like that if it was more like that?

RP: Uhm... Let me see... ... Yeah, I think- there was somewhere... was water... So that you know- people go there and swim. You know. And there'll be people who teach us to swim. [laughs] Yeah, yeah.

RT: And which of these pictures don't you like?

RP: I don't like? ...Ah...

RT: If you can't find any-

RP: I think this one. [Refers to photo 3]

RT: OK. What don't you like about this one?

RP: Aye... I feel like there's something short ... short there. Yeah, I feel like that. Or no man, there's something that is... not hundred percent. Yeah.

RT: What do you think of this one closest to you? [Refers to photo 1].

RP: Yeah, it's nice...It's nice, but yoh... Even if I say... the existing municipality can do it, they will never do it... They would never do it. It is nice and... nice and clean. But ah... you know our... our leaders, ANC ah... they don't do anything like this.

**13:08** RT: Are there any other parks that you know, in the city of Tshwane, that you visit? Or that you like?

RP: I'm staying in... Atteridgeville neh. I do go to another park there in Atteridgeville. Like ... like when I go there and sit there. See people passing. You just refresh your mind.

RT: Which one is that one?

RP: Atteridgeville.

RT: Oh the park that you go to is in Atteridgeville. Do you know the name?

RP: Yeah, yeah, I don't know the name... I just know it's a park.

RT: OK. But some people go there, to refresh there. Ok.

RP: Kids play there, yeah.

RT: Do you know Maunde Square?

RP: Maunde?

RT: In Atteridgeville.

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RP: Eh... It's a plaza... this other one- But it's not- Maunde is the Main Street.

RT: Yes. There is a small park where taxis change.

RP: Yeah, there is another- Yeah. It's a Plaza there. I know it. [laughs]

RT: What do you think of that one?

RP: [Refers to Maunde plaza] It's nice because there are banks there, but what I don't like about it is that the Shoprite close... early.

RT: Oh the plaza is before the park, neh.

RP: Because ... I go home, I ... knock off at four. When I arrive at home, it's 18:30. Yeah. [laughs]

RT: Yes. So you must quickly go but they close.

RP: Yeah, you want to cook? You want to go there? So if you don't know which one you must do. Because now- There's this thing of loadshedding, you know. I think if they will... extend the time say... At 20:00 you see... it will be better.

**14:52** RT: Hmm. OK. We're nearly there. Do you feel comfortable when you come to this park?

RP: Ah. I feel comfortable. [laughs] I always come here.

RT: You always come here. [Respondent agrees] To have your lunch?

RP: To have my lunch and then I go back -

RT: And relax?

RP: Yeah. And to listen a little bit (mumbles). Then go back.

RT: Ok. Are there any people in the park that bother you or that you feel uncomfortable around?

RP: Mhmm [disagrees] I- ... here I do not feel ... uncomfortable... I feel safe. Yeah, there is no such a day- I feel like they will take my phone. No.

RT: Oh, OK, but primarily cause you work in the city, you just come to have lunch and just relax and go back?

RP: And then go back.

**15:38** RT: OK. Are there any other people that you notice use the park in a certain way? ... I don't know. Maybe people come and gather or what? Any other activities that you notice when you come- that people do in the park?

RP: Yeah. When they eat... [laughs] then they don't throw away like me. I did eat. I'll leave this... papers here or what? And other people do like that, yeah.

RT: Besides people that are eating, are there any other people doing anything else? Maybe I don't know...playing or whatever?

RP: Yeah, kids, kids, they do play ball ... soccer, they play soccer here. Some ... some other kids, they do come and relax. [clears throat]... Girls they come and relax ... and they go home late.

RT: OK. Do you feel like you know the history of the park? This one?

RP: No... I don't know [laughs]

**16:38** RT: No, it's fine. It's fine. It's fine. Just the last one from me. There is... this rubric that we have here, where it's, I don't know, strongly agree, disagree, agree or strongly agree. So these are the questions, so you have to tell me if you don't know, you strongly agree, disagree, whatever. So do you feel like the park is well looked after? This one is well looked after. Do you feel like-?

RP: Yeah... its' well looked after but... not. They look after it after a long time... it can take ...three months, you know. Then after three months, they come. They ... they cut the... the green. Yeah. They sweep. Yeah, I just-

RT: So do you say you said agree not strongly agree, just an agree?

RP: Yeah, just an agree.

RT: OK. And then, do you feel like it's meet your emotional needs when you come here? You know as a place that you can come to-

RP: Yeah. Yeah. Here, when I come-

RT: So that's an agree?

RP: I feel... refreshed ... uh...

RT: Hmm... it's an agree? It meets your emotional needs?

RP: Mmm... when I come- go back then I feel ... tsss...at least fine. You know, when I was coming here, I was like feeling not well, but now after eating, I'm fine. [laughs]

RT: Maybe you were just hungry. [laughter]

RP: Yeah.

RT: OK. And is it a place that you feel like you belong when you're here? Like... ah this feels like a place that I belong to.

RP: Yeah, I feel like... I'm at the suburb because it's quiet, you know, so I used to stay with my family at Kempton Park, so I used to go to the park that side. So it reminds me of- .

RT: It gives you that feeling mmm?

RP: Yeah it gives me – tsss [deep breath] ... I'm at the suburb. [laughs]

RT: OK. Do you feel that the community has the responsibility to take care of the park?

RP: Yes, they do. At least- (le rena re thuse batho ba mo parkeng, because ba kase kgone he ba le one)  
Mmmm... we have to help them.

RT: Essentially, she is saying, the municipality must be assisted as well, because they can't do it alone. So the community must also help them. So just the last question is, what is your overall experience of this park? Is it somewhat satisfied? Satisfying? Or are you dissatisfied about your overall experience here?

RP: I am satisfied. [laughs]

**19:06** RT: Satisfied. Wow, that's beautiful. Is there anything in the park that you particularly like, maybe the building? The statues? The grass? Is there anything like that?

RP: Yeah, the the, the,... (I think metlhare, wa bone ye metelle ye) I think the way- Can you translate?

RT: I'm not Sotho, I'm Zulu by the way [laughs]. So I try...

RP: These trees. [laughter]

RT: The trees, yeah she says she loves the trees. Mmm... Yes, yes, yes, yes. So (metlhare) means trees?

RP: Yeah, (metlhare) is trees. Oh yeah it's Zulu. (Sotho).

RT: Yeah I'm trying [laughter].

RP: Like is your course (inaudible)?

RT: Eh... Architecture.

RP: Ohh Architecture.

RT: Yeah. Architecture and Landscape Architecture, yes.

RP: Ohh my, my sister's child want to be architect?

RT: Ohh really? You can tell him you met students who is doing-

RP: Yeah, he's doing grade... Grade 11? Yeah.

RT: Ohh she's close.

RP: Yeah, she's close. She knows maths. [laughs]

RT: No, she must visit. She must visit UP and meet us. And yeah, yeah. Take care around and everything-. Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

RP: Yeah, I'll tell her. I'll tell her.

**20:19** RT: Is there anything that you don't like in the park?

RP: Eh... These people, whose who-? They're street kids. That's one thing I don't like about them. Yeah, because they like park and. No, they don't... They don't do anything. Yeah, sometimes... eish

RT: They make the park feel uncomfortable for you? [respondent agrees]. Do they bother you? Have you experienced that?

RP: No, I just- [laughs]. They don't ... bother me as such, but I feel like... I'm a little bit...

RT: Uncomfortable?

RP: Yeah... You never know.

RT: You're aware... you are aware- because you never know what's going to happen. [respondent agrees]. You did earlier mention that side of the park [refers to North Eastern side]. You don't go to that side. What's your main reason for not going there?

RP: Eish... I used to see... [laughs] I don't know if I must talk about it-

RT: Yeah, you can talk about it.

RP: I used to see faeces that side. You know, so that's why I don't like that side.

RT: Mmm yes, it's dirty.

RP: Yeah, it's dirty. So I think... Even when they cut the... the grass, they don't go that side, they don't clean very well that side.

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RT: Hmm. I'm also now very relaxed.

RP: Yeah. You see.

RT: Thank you for your time.

## BP\_06\_2024

Participant:	BP_06_2024
Age: (estimated)	Adult
Gender:	Male
Race / ethnicity:	Black African Possibly born in Venda land
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RT: Thank you for allowing us this time with you. So are you born in Pretoria? Did you grow up in Pretoria?



RP: Actually...

RT: Where is home for you?

RP: No, I was born in Limpopo. (mumbles area – sounds like Terrandawe) Yeah. If you know Terrandawe? And then when time goes... uh...

RT: OK. Yes, yes, yes.

RP: We moved to Rwanda and then I went to school in Rwanda and then... we came back to South Africa. And then I started staying Pretoria about... I think it's ... 2007 or 2008. Somewhere there yeah.

RT: Ok. So grew up a little bit in Limpopo and then went to Rwanda.

RP: And then I spend... most of my time here in Pretoria.

RT: Oh, Ok. And how would you define nature for you?

RP: In Pretoria?

RT: Just anywhere.

RP: Anywhere, ah...

RT: Yeah... Maybe home. Would you say home is Rwanda or home is Limpopo for you? [cell phone rings].

RP: It's Limpopo.

RT: Home is Limpopo. So maybe let's use Limpopo and define nature.

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RP: Hey man, I don't understand why you... when you say nature... what exactly are you referring to?

RT: If you had to, let's say, explain nature to a child what is nature. If you would describe it to someone.

RP: Ohh Ok. I can say-

RT: It could be a word that comes in your mind. Or a feature, a landscape feature, anything.

**01:41** RP: Yeah no... the Limpopo is a... rural area, very rural area ... and we have got like....

livestock, cows, goats, pigs. You grow up. What do you do? Wake up in the morning, brush your teeth. You go out and then they said ...tell you to go and check the cows. That's what you do, you go to the cows... And when it's rain season, you go to farming... That's what we do. Yeah. And the ... the other thing when you're growing up, actually you're going to have some play time during the course of the day, maybe later in the evening. You go play soccer or tennis whatsoever. And then you come back home... (mumbles – do the usual). Get supper. Get sleep. Wake up doing the same thing again and again. If you're going to school. If there are school holidays, and then if- let's say for example, most of time if there are school, if it's the time for the school we were always travelling because I'm going to be at school. I only come to Limpopo when it's holiday season.

RT: Oh. So you still visit Limpopo?

RP: Yeah, actually, I'm staying there. So like, let's say I'm saying home, I'm talking about Limpopo. So what happened is that my father was in the military, so he was deployed in Rwanda for more than thirty years. So he was working that side. So you-

RT: Oh, this is better for you guys to be with?

RP: To move that side, yes, but not all of us. He only take the boys. Because he know the boys can be out of hand [laughs] ...because the parents- so those you have to take through. So we were something like two boys so he have to take both of us ... and then said ... take momma ... take care of the boys and then the girls will sort them out. Yeah.

**03:28** RT: Oh ok. So nature for you is a place where you can take your animals to graze, where you used to play, with the gents, football when you were growing up. [respondent agrees]. Where you used to plant. Yeah, that's what you can relate with nature. Ohh that's nice. [respondent agrees]. And what role would you say maybe the outdoor environment... if you talking about home for example, what role did it play in your life or what's your feeling towards just the outdoor environment if you remember home?

RP: [Respondent very excited]. Ah man. I remember all of it man... like man... Limpopo is wild. There's a nice place, though, called Nandoni. We have quite a big dam. Yeah. So what we do, we have got entertainment areas and we have got boats. We go for fishing or run around with the boat. Ah man it's nice there. Like... the other thing... we just have, like, live DJ's coming to play there at the dam, Nandoni. So entertainment is always good. Yeah. Yeah. And the other place (stadium name) ... soccer match we go to stadium and watch the soccer in the stadium. And then... that's it... yeah... because something that is... very close to us. Very, very close to us. Yeah.

RT: Mmm well. That's nice, right? Yeah. So would you say the dam that you're talking about is your favourite landscape feature about home or -

RP: [Very excited] That's my favourite!

RT: Or do you have another thing -?

RP: No, no, that's my favourite place. That's my favourite place to be. It's very peaceful and nice and they- the dam I'm talking about is very big, and so it's a big dam. I love riding boats, so that's like I spent almost 85% of my time there! Yeah. And you know that at home we've got two boats. So I love ... to be on the water and I'm fishing or I'm just playing around there. Yeah.

**05:17** RT: No, no, that's nice. That's wonderful. Is nature important for you or is it important for you to be in nature or be close to nature and have access to it?

RP: Definitely. It's very important to be close to nature. To me, to me it is very, very important. We learn a lot from it.

RT: Can you expand on what you would learn?

RP: For example, let's say... The thing that I never learnt when I was growing, but when I was growing because of nature, you learned them especially like let's say for example. Uh... You cannot ride the boats when it's going to be like the raining with the thunder and stuff. You must make sure that you... I make sure that I don't jump inside the water, there might be some dangerous creatures inside the water. So you always... learning on the nature, you know that you must not sleep on the bush ... and then you've got ticks because- so the thing that you learn all the way.

RT: And those principles you can apply to life?

RP: Yeah to life. That's the thing.

**06:30** RT: That's amazing. I'm going to give you a couple of pictures neh. And these pictures, I would like you to choose maybe two or more that you look at, and it really reminds you of home. You know. Look at them. They're not in any particular order. So yeah, you can just sift through them and then maybe choose two or more that remind you of home.

RP: First of all, is this one. [Refers to photo 4] [Laughter]

RT: With the water. Talk to me about it.

RP: This one, when I see this one. You see where the beginning of the ... where the dam starts. There's a mountain and a river, so we used to climb on top of that mountain. We jump inside the water, even though it was dangerous, but it was nice. [Laughs]. You know and my grandmother always... yelling at us for doing that, but I... I love it.

RT: But you still went. [laughter]

RP: Yeah I still went there. Yeah, And also- it was very dangerous though. But I still... I love to do it now then when we're go there we just do it. Even now when I'm grown up, I'm just doing it.

RT: You're still doing it? [Laughter]

**07:35** RP: That is just something that we always- Oh and the trees. [Refers to photo 5].

RT: That's the forest one, yeah.

RP: The forest one, yeah. Because you- remember there is a serious forest there.

RT: So are there any activities you used to do in the forest? Any plants used to harvest, fruits maybe?

RP: No... no, in the forests we not used to harvest in the forest. But what we use to do, is to hunt. Yes. To hunt like ... Kudus, Impala and Springbok. So whenever I get to the bush, I'm calling my dogs, I'm going ... what I'm doing in the bush is to find meat ... and then when we catch that meat there we ...

we open it up and eat the inside, all the inside... the intestines, the livers. And... we're going to take the ... take the body at home, but the rest of it we will eat there. Yeah. That's the boys thing. Yeah, if you know what I'm talking about. Yeah.

RT: In the bushes, yes, yes, yes, yes.

RP: So that's what I love about the bush, but the rest? I love fishing. Big time fishing. I love fishing.

**08:38** RT: So it's just those who primarily that come out for you in the reminder of home. Do you wanna speak of maybe one that you like the least? When you look at the picture, you're like "Ah, I don't like this picture" of these ones.

RP: Of these ones? let me see. <4> Oh but this one I like it because there's a meat involved. [Refers to photo 6] [Laughter]

RT: So it reminds you of hunting memories?

RP: Yeah. Yeah, of hunting memories- and then, this is Tshwane. I love Pretoria. [excited]. This is Union Buildings. Yeah. [Refers to photo 1]

RT: That's the Union Buildings, yeah.

RP: Uh...

RT: And if there is none, it's also fine you-

**09:14** RP: This is zoo. [Refers to photo 3]. I love zoos. I love the animals and the bushes. This one... I'm not familiar with that kind of... space. [Refers to photo 2]. ... You're not gonna find me sitting under the trees like that. It's either you find me in the park or you find me in the office or at home. Yeah.

RT: So what about it? Is it the way it looks? Or is the activity that's happening?

RP: The activity that's happening. To me it feels like the guys are seated, playing dice or something or ... I don't like to get involved with such things... with the group of the boys doing- sitting on the bridges, on the pipes whatsoever. I... I don't like that kind of environment. I'd rather have personal space. Not with the group of guys? Yeah.

RT: Hmm. So it's not necessary that you come here to socialise?

RP: No.

RT: So we are bothering you. [Laughter].

RP: Honestly speaking when I'm come to the park- let's say I'm at office like today... I was in the office and then I only find at the office there are guys drinking. I said no, let me go home. I stay here in town. Let me go home. And then I said, OK, if I go home and then I'm gonna see my bed, I wanna sleep.

[laughs] Let me just finish up working here and... then I just let's say "Let me just sit in the park in the sun". Great time in the park. Yeah.

**10:37** RT: Mmm Oh wow, that's awesome. What do you think about that other picture of Tshwane, the one from the Union buildings?

RP: And the zoo one.

RT: Yeah, yeah

RP: I love them. With the animals. These are very nice. Especially, the view of... of Pretoria. Of the...

RT: The city?

RP: Yes city. It's so nice. You will think that maybe it's somewhere in ... Denmark or... something... yeah.

RT: So what do you think of the landscape in that picture, like the way the trees look? Or the grass?

RT: No, this is wonderful. This is awesome. This is awesome. The gardens service there ... I think they are doing exceptional work- they're working so good- they're working so well. <5> That's what I like about Union Buildings... that green grass and when I'm going there- they are always clean.

RT: Ohh, you always go to Union Buildings?

RP: Yeah. Now and then on weekends, I take my baby and then we go there. And sit there for a while.

RT: Your baby, as in your child or your partner? Or both?

RP: No, no, no, my child. [laughs]. My partner is my girlfriend.

RT: Yes, yes. So, besides the Union buildings, are there any other outdoor environments or parks that you visit in the city?

RP: [Excited] Yoh man, Loftus Versfeld. That one... my man, is my life. I- there is no game they can play in that stadium without me going to it.

RT: Did you go to the Banyana Banyana one?

RP: I go to the Banyana Banyana game. I go to the ... Vodacom Bulls because ... my friend – I got a friend his name is – called Andries Bekker. He's a former Springbok player. So me and him are very close, now and then he gives me some tickets for watching the Blue Bulls. So I watch Blue Bulls. I'm a favourite fan of Blue Bulls and... Mamelodi Sundowns. So yeah... [very excited].

RT: Oh wow. So did you watch Sundowns on Tuesday?

RP: Yes, I didn't- I don't go actually. See, I can't go to Cape Town and stuff to watch Sundowns but when it's in Loftus or – I go. I love soccer.

**12:36** RT: Oh Yeah. That's nice neh. So what about the Union buildings? The landscape? What about it do you really enjoy? Since you say you go there with your baby.

RP: The tidiness, is very clean. Is very very clean. You see this park before, man. It was very nice. But see, now, before it was very nice, this place was beautiful. We're having the big thing here [refers to big screen]. We're having live DJ's on that thing [refers to the bandstand]. You see that over there...

RT: This one [the kiosk] or that one at the back [the bandstand]?

RP: That one [the bandstand]. This one was a shop, people were selling over here [the kiosk]. The people selling- you want some snacks you come and get them here. And then we had nice toilets down there, they no longer there. We had the fish pond. Nice fish pond there. It's no longer here. And if you want to see like flowers and stuff. You got that green ... that glass room ... glasshouse. So it was nice before. It was very nice. When you want to watch soccer, just come and sit down here that TV was still working by then ... and then .... Ah.

**13:32** RT: So at it's current state- does it make you feel comfortable? Do you feel comfortable now?

RP: No, no, it's not it's not. It's not. It's not because whenever you are here, you must. Always look for... Look out for yourself because... You don't know what's going to happen. It's coming to you. I remember last time I was with my daughter [someone sings and whistles as they walk past]. She put the ... my cell phone down. And my cell phone was gone. But we're sitting here with people close to us. So... it's not...quite safe now... because the ... the security guards, they no longer care about this place. They just sit there, then nobody is taking care of the place now. So now you can't say it's a nice place to be in. We just come here because it's close-by.

RT: So you don't really feel comfortable coming here anymore?

RP: No, no, no, nah.

RT: Cause you have to constantly watch your back.

RP: Exactly, you must always watch your back. You can't carry a laptop and come and work here. It's too risky for you. They can just rob you. So that's why I just took my tablet. I know that the tablet is lesser than my laptop. Yeah. So yeah the only thing that... the only challenge that we have here is the criminals. Yeah everywhere.

RT: And they're the reasons that you don't feel comfortable here.

RP: Yeah that's the only reason I don't feel comfortable. I don't want people to steal from me. I don't steal, I work. So that's the thing.

**14:45** RT: Yes, yeah, we're going towards the end now. Yeah. So you said you are here to work today. Is that your main reason for primarily visiting or-?

RP: Yes, I wanted to work here just because man... At home, I'm gonna sleep and there at the office was there- some guys are working, so they're making noise. So I just said, let me just go and sit in the Burgers Park because the Union buildings are quite far, I have drive to there and I didn't have that energy.

RT: Yeah. Besides working at the park. Are there any other reasons that you would visit maybe the park.

RP: Ah... yes, during the day, let's say I'm not being- Just for myself to take a ride and just go and walk around in the park. Sit there for thirty or forty minutes and leave and take a walk. Yeah.

RT: So it's just a relaxation type of thing that you do. How do you feel about other people who use the park? What other uses have you observed of how other people use the park? It can either be bad or good.

RP: Uhm... I think ... some of the- most of the things are good because you know we have people having birthdays here just enjoying themselves, other ones come here for wedding photos. Yeah, it is- if you just wait and sit down and just watch them doing their stuff and then just getting yourself entertained you know.

RT: People watching.

RP: Yes.

**16:14** RT: And then any negative things besides getting robbed?

RP: Yeah, yeah. The negativity is too much because people like, you know, we're not allowed to drink in the park... Fight in the park.

RT: Yes.

RP: Or sleep in the park. There are people like who stays in the park? Yeah, I'm not saying they are wrong whatsoever because each and everyone have got their own problems and situations. But according to the law, I think they're not supposed to be people ... who are making the park as a whole. But it happens ... it's life.

RT: Are there any physical features that you like of this park? It can be either a plant, tree or a bench or whatever?

RP: Ah ... Not anymore. No.

RT: No. But you said you liked the screen when they showed soccer-

RP: Yeah, the screens but they're no longer working, the entertainment areas no longer- there's no fish ponds anymore. There is no flowers anymore. So...

RT: So because you know, this park was fully functional. And so now...

RP: Fully functional, and now it's damaged, yes.

RT: OK. Do you know the history of it, though?

RP: No, no, I don't know the history. I just know it from - I think ... from 2006 until now. Because I was spending a lot of my time here...

**17:29** RT: OK, now this is the last bit you have. I don't know. Strongly disagree. Disagree. I agree and strongly agree. Do you think it's well looked, after the park?

RP: No.

RT: So is that a strongly disagree?

RP: Strongly disagree, yes.

RT: Do you think it's a place that kind of meets your emotional needs? Your emotional and spiritual needs. You can come and-.

RP: I think emotionally it might be. Because there is a lot of activities happening, especially on weekends.

RT: So is that a agree or strongly agree?

RP: Ah... Agree. [laughs]

RT: OK. Is it a place that you identify with that you can associate with some of the things you're talking about at home maybe?

RP: Uhm... Ah no.

RT: Is that a strongly disagree?

RP: Yeah strongly disagree on that one. Before, yes, it was. But not now ... not the current situation. Because at home we have the entertainment area. We have DJs. But now here nobody comes here.

RT: Not anymore. Is it a place that you feel the community must take care of?

RP: I think the community... the community can try to assist, but I think the municipality is the supposed to take care of it because I think the park needs the... funding. Because I can see the... the water pipes for the lawn, they no longer working... security, the fence. So that's kind of thing that the community can't do anything with it. Because if one put the security you need to pay them and the only person can do that is the municipality. Yeah.

RT: So is that a disagree or agree?

RP: Let's say agree.

RT: So the community has a role according to you, but that the municipality has a greater role because they have budget.

RP: Exactly.



RT: Thank you very much. So what's your overall experience then with this park? Is it somewhat dissatisfied- we are talking about the current situation.

RP: Yeah.

RT: Dissatisfied? Neutral? Somewhat satisfied? Satisfied?

RP: I'll say somewhat satisfied, yeah.

RT: Somewhat satisfied? OK. Yeah. As you mentioned, you think it could get better? And then you mentioned with the emotional needs these activities on the weekends that you enjoy, here. What were they?

RP: Like you see, most of time when the- those guys like they're getting- like every weekend, there's someone who's getting married here ... and they dance and so whatsoever. And then I just watch them, yeah.

RT: Yeah, I think you gave us very insightful information and I love the spark in your eyes when you spoke about home and happiness and fishing and the dam. [laughter]

RP: Ohh that's good. Thank you.

**20:20** RT: Last question is do you think a place like this ... a park in the city can bring those same type of activities or memories that... you get from home and from outdoor nature spaces.

RP: Yes, I think it can. It can. If they... they can just upgrade it ... and took it back where it was like. Have more functions into it... and then ... have more people coming to sit and enjoy their time ... taking care of the environment. And then people- just to make sure that people are safe ... security. So ... and then I think it's going to be fine.

RT: So the functions you're talking about. Is it that like the entertainment functions? If that can be back?

RP: Yeah, the entertainment ... The entertainment or maybe if they just they put the TV on for the soccer lovers. Just let's say for example ... you can't afford to go to watch the soccer in Durban or... Polokwane. They can just put live like they always used to do, because if you can see ... all the time of the 2010 World Cup, we are watching soccer here. So this park was always full and everybody was loving this place. When you clock off at work- you have a TV at home. But you just want to come and watch it in the park.

RT: With people.

RP: Yeah, yeah. It's an outdoor area where they've got the fresh air and then you can have more people watching and then it's wonderful.

RT: Ok. I think that's it.



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RT: So thank you for allowing us to do this interview. Firstly, do you know this place well? Did you maybe grow up in Pretoria? Where were you born? If you're comfortable with sharing.

RP: I was born in Free State. Kroonstad.

RT: Free state, Kroonstad. OK. So how would you describe your home? Where in Kroonstad? You don't have to give an address or anything. Was there any landscape features surrounding you?

RP: Not where I live, but in town. Yes, there's some historical structures there.

RT: In town. OK. What type of historical structures?

RP: Like the... what is it called? Don't know. There's a statue of a guy and a ... more or less like a cart wheel. Yeah

**00:59** RT: Ok. And if you had to describe nature or the outdoors, let's say to your child or to someone, how would you describe nature?

RP: Fresh air... and mmm... animals. As you can see- I think nature is all about where you can relax ... and watch some weird stuff. [laughter]

RT: OK, like weird people doing weird stuff or events happening?

RP: And also weird birds that you have never seen before.

RT: Birds. Yeah. OK. Do you see that often here?

RP: Yeah, often I come here to relax, especially when I'm waiting for the train. So it's relaxing, far from the loud noise from town and all those things.

**01:46** RT: Yeah. Ok. So would you say nature plays an important part in your life?

RP: I would say so. Because I'm a spiritual person, so in most cases I love being in nature, it's more calm... Yeah...And you get to think a lot.

RT: Yeah. So it's important for you to have a space to be able to do that? To be able to access it, whether you're waiting for your train or wherever you are?

RP: Hmm [agrees]. And just to be by myself.

RT: Ohh sorry. [research team pretends to leave] [laughter]

RP: No, no, no, not in an offensive way. In a good way.

RT: So you use nature to relax, to think, to observe what people are doing, what the animals are doing. Are there any other activities that you also like to do within nature?

RP: Mostly I'll be just sitting here reading my stories... to pass time, yeah.

**02:44** RT: Yeah. Is there anything that you maybe did at home in nature that you can remember?

RP: Nah... Apart from visiting the waters... running waters. There is nothing else.

RT: OK. So what would you do then at the water?

RP: Get in. [laughs]

RT: Get in, swim?

RP: Get in. Get fresh water. Well I can't swim I'll be just standing there ... Yeah. In a way it's like medication- Meditation.

RT: Yeah. OK, that's very nice. So you mentioned now water features, are there any other things in nature or in the landscape that you like? Maybe like mountains or rivers or certain types of trees or grass like.

RP: Mmm [disagrees] Well, I don't like grass.

RT: You don't like grass? OK. Why? Why is that?

RP: It's just irritating to my skin.

RT: Does it itch?

RP: Yeah, so I prefer the water or where there is wind... Just that

RT: What do you like about the wind?

RP: It's... I don't know... It's comforting, I guess.

**04:04** RT: OK. That's beautiful. You said you are a very spiritual person. Do you have any other- If you feel comfortable to share- any spiritual activities that you would do in nature, not necessarily now in this park. Maybe when you are home or maybe somewhere else? Do you have any other spiritual activities?

RP: Sometimes I do visit the bushes, especially where there's like ant holes. Yeah, that is our way of connecting to the ancestors...Yeah. So I visit those- the bushes, but it's mostly the bushes and the rivers... only. I've never been to the mountains, though I wish to go sometime soon.

RT: Oh ok. So I just want to make sure you said you go to the ant holes? [respondent agrees] OK. And that's how you connect with your ancestors?

RP: Hmm [agrees]. Whenever I feel bad and- I just go there and then I speak my heart out because I prefer being alone most of the time. So that's the only place I get ... peace I guess.

RT: So do you have spaces in the city that you're able to do that as well?

RP: Here? Here it is only in location- but they are not the same. It's just it's those abandoned bushes on the outskirts of the township. Yeah where I get to kind of get closer to what I do at home. Those are the things.

RT: Thank you for your insight for us to understand. Would you mind like describing the bushes that you're talking about now specifically? How do the bushes look? Is it just a natural setting? Or is it a special - a specific tree or it's just away from everything else?

RP: It's mostly away from the noise away from location or town or anything like that. Yeah, anywhere where there's like tall trees or there's grass where you can access the ant holes, like anywhere- where you're far away from all the noise and all the people, especially where there's not a lot of traffic where a lot of people pass.

RT: So is it almost like a sacred place?

RP: It is, but back at home. Yes, it is. But here you know, a lot of people go across such places, especially coming back from work. So, I cannot say it's that sacred, but. It is something.... More like a substitute place. Yeah.

RT: Like a in between?

RP: Yeah.

RT: Would you then otherwise go home for these types of activities?

RP: Yeah, I prefer going home. For me it's ... it's like recharging. Yeah.

**06:45** RT: And do you see other people than doing similar or...?

RP: Yeah, there are other people there. Especially people who go there to pray. Sometimes it's people who go there to seek help. Well, sometimes back at home there are people, you know, those mischievous ones, who go there to do their dealings in secret places where nobody goes. They usually go to that spot. But in most cases there's good people who go there for good intentions.

**07: 15** RT: Hmm. So I'm just going to show you now six different pictures, they're not in a particular order. You can just go through them and then- you can pick two or more pictures that remind you of home maybe?

RP: This one is more familiar. [Refers to photo 4].

RT: The one with the water? [respondent agrees] OK. What is the familiar about it?

RP: We sometimes go to places like this, even though this one- it's simple to go down and go up. The ones that we usually visit are more like ... hiking structures, but they're the same thing- also for praying and all those things. And then I guess this one is from here. [Refers to photo 1]. And then this one reminds me of where I used to work. [Refers to photo 3]. I used to work at Fourways, Monte Casino. So we do have a bird garden. So it's something like this.

RT: Did you work in the garden or-?

RP: No, I worked inside the casino. Just we did have access to the bird gardens.

<10> [Shuffles through the rest of the photos]

RP: This is more or less like a park. Neh? [Refers to photo 2]

RT: Well, whatever you think of it.

**08:58** RP: I would say, I would- I can only relate to these two. [Refers to photo 4 & 6].

RT: OK. The one with the water and this one. OK, so with the one with the animal, what stands out for you there?

RP: This is more or less like the places we visit when we go pray. Like the ones that I said with the ant holes.

RT: Hmm. OK. And are there any pictures that you don't like something in it or something that you don't like?

RP: I love nature so I cannot-

RT: You love nature. Ok.

RP: I cannot say there's nothing that I love about this... Because most of them I can tell they are quiet, except for the one that looks like a park, there's a lot of people there. [refers to photo 2]

RT: So you wouldn't prefer this one, the one with a lot of people... And even here, do you think there's a lot of people now?

RP: It's the same- just now It's not like I have a choice. Now I don't have a choice.

RT: So this is where you can go?

RP: I have to settle for this.

Rt: OK. But you would you prefer going home and to those nature spaces or just spaces that's a bit more quiet?

RP: I prefer going home because I lost my job, last year, June, neh? So I sat down with myself, thinking of what I wanna do, and I think the best place is to go home... because the life here is too fast. There's a lot of people. There's a lot of noise. Yeah, one can get polluted very fast and corrupted, so I prefer home than all these crowded spaces.

[conversation about research team sitting more comfortable - laughter]

RT: Are there other spaces in nature in Pretoria or Tshwane, that you know of? That you would like, or that you go to?

RP: There is one... place in Tembisa. It used to be deserted, but now they have like improved it to something like a park. Like park ... fun park... Water Park kind of thing. Yes, where people can go fish and swim, and there's also water slides for kids. So it's something that looks like nature but modernised. Yeah. So those are the type of places that I visit. But other than that, I've never been to many places-many in Gauteng.

**11:50** RT: You said that Thembisa place, it's a place with a lot of activities to do. But you're saying it's nature in modernised? [respondent agrees] OK, that's very interesting. Is there something that would make you more comfortable to be here or something that you would change in this particular park?

RP: In this particular park? More comfortable chairs. [laughs]. More shade. And if only maybe they could have... like controlled access. Yeah, that would have been better.

**12:14** RT: OK. So are you saying there's maybe people that you see in the park that- maybe you don't like their activities or are their people that bother you?

RP: Like before you got here, there was a guy asking for money. I'm here to relax. Ease myself, you know, and there are people bothering you. They're not here for the same reasons that we are here. Some here are chilling. Relaxing. Some are sleeping, you know, and then there is just somebody coming here to bother you... asking for money so that is what I'm saying, I hope there was like... access control on the entrances for such-

RT: Yeah, cause it's funny, all the entrances are- ok not that one now- but most of the entrances the gate is locked, but you can enter from all the other sides you know.

RP: Yeah you see. There's people sitting here every day, every time when I come to town, I always come here to relax before I go to the train or before I go to the taxis. But eish- sometimes people just come here for nonsense, I guess, to bother others.

RT: But your main reason is to wait for a taxi or train. [Respondent agrees]. Relax, be on your own. Think. OK? Are there any other-

RP: Read my stories. That's what I do most of the time.

RT: Read your stories. Ok. Is there other things that you also like to do in the park?

RP: Other than drinking... other than bev (beverage) and reading my stories, there's nothing else ... basically relaxing, reading my stories, feeling the air, and then drinking my bev. That's all.

RT: Your bev? Is that like your beverage?

RP: Yeah. [laughs]

**14:05** RT: Ah ok. And you said you don't like the park benches. Are there anything else that you don't like the look of or-? You said you don't like the grass.

RP: No, not that I hate it. I just I don't like the texture towards my skin and I can- I don't know if should I say I have phobia or I'm allergic. But me and ants we just don't. We don't feel each other.

RT: So you won't sit on the grass. Yeah. We were also at a park and we had all of these ants biting us.

RP: Yeah mmm. Me and ants, shame we don't meet.

RT: Is there any features that you do like?



RP: Probably the trees.

RT: Ok, the trees. Is there one that maybe stands out for you or-?

RP: No.

RT: OK. And do you know any of the history of this park?

RP: No. You know, I don't know any. [laughs]

**15:07** RT: No, that's fine, that's fine. OK, so I'm gonna ask you now to rate things from a score of don't know. Strongly disagree, disagree, agree and strongly agree. Would you say the park is well looked after?

RP: No.

RT: Is that a strongly disagree?

RP: Strongly disagree.

RT: What is it that's not looked after?

RP: Because a lot of people chill here, but I don't understand why they're not taking care of it. OK? Their rubbish is collected and all those things, but you can see the grass... somewhere...it's rich somewhere... it's not. Yes, there's not a lot of chairs. OK, the tidiness... I would say fifty percent of it is- half tidy and half not. So a lot of people chill here, but I feel like they're not taking it into more consideration or not that seriously.

RT: OK. Is it a place- you said you're very spiritual. Does it meet your spiritual needs?

RP: No it doesn't.

RT: No. Ok. What would you want to change?

RP: Well, the noise... but we cannot do anything about it cause it's in town. So there's bound to be noise around it, but other than...Mhmm... It doesn't meet my spiritual needs, but I don't think there's anything they can do about it... unless if they fix the other part... it's like a plant housing sort of-

RT: Mmm. The greenhouse?

RP: Yes the greenhouse, it's not taken care of. Most of the plants that side are dead. So maybe if I were to say I would visit that side, yeah, that's the part that would meet my spiritual needs. I would go in there. It's more quieter. There's a glass around it, but it's abandoned. They don't take care of it.

RT: Would you have liked to walk through it and look at the plants, maybe sit there?

RP: Yeah, yes yeah.

RT: OK, like a quieter space.

RP: Mhmm. That would do.

RT: And is this park a place that you feel that you can identify with, or you feel that you belong?

RP: ... Uh... The only thing that it does, it helps me to navigate my way because whenever I'm lost I can just identify the park then I know where I am, that's all.

RT: OK. So you identify in terms of- you know then where you are ok.

RP: Yeah. In terms of navigation, yeah. But other than that, there's nothing.

RT: So would you say that's a strongly disagree or disagree? Or don't know?

RP: Don't know. In between.

RT: And do you think the community should take care of places like this or the park?

RP: They should ... they should.

RT: Ok. like, keep it clean if they have litter or anything. OK.

RP: So that it can still be open in the future, yeah... because I just saw a lady being picked up from here. I think she comes from home. Yeah. So she was picked up from here. So you can say maybe it's like a space of safety for most people. They know if you are in the park, you are safe. I can easily navigate where you are and then get you there, so they should just keep it clean and keep it alive.

RT: Yeah, I like what you're saying. It's a good point for people just to say, OK, I'm at Burgers Park. If you need to find me, I'm here like it's a point of reference.

RP: Mmm... And I believe there's not a lot of crime activities here because there's a lot of people.

RT: Mmm. And then So what would you say is your overall experience within the park? Are you somewhat dissatisfied, dissatisfied, neutral, somewhat satisfied or satisfied?

RP: I'll say...Satisfied.

RT: Is there anything else that you want to share about nature or anything else that you think we didn't mention?

RP: ... Well I can say maybe nature is a place where kids can learn a lot. Like you can see now here these are different trees, off which some of them we don't have home. So if I had a chance, I would bring my daughter here because she's somebody that loves plants and trees and what not. I don't know what's fascinating about them, but she loves them, especially flowers. So if she wants to get here, she will see a lot of trees and she's very inquisitive. She will ask, "what is that one? What is that one?" and all those things? So I would say that it's a great place. I would bring my daughter here.

RT: And would you then there's maybe - [interruption of an ant] Ohh are you OK? An Ant. Hmm. Maybe more information about like what type of tree it is or things like that?

RP: Yeah, yeah.

RT: OK. Do you see any of that here or not really?

RP: There is none. There is not even signs here. There is none.

RT: OK. But you haven't seen signs you think that would be - maybe interesting to add?

RP: Hmm.

**20:36** RT: Just maybe on access control. What other activities have you noticed that happened on the park? Besides, maybe just people chilling. What other activities have you noticed that happened here, how other people use the park?

RP: Some they do photo shoots, cause they have different trees and cute views. I would say, yeah .... Yeah.

RT: Even there, there's a photo shoot or something going on... Yeah.

RP: Ah those guys. Making a video. Maybe they're making skits? Yeah. But this side is really nice for photos, for relaxing. All those things. It's more or less like a free... zoo package thing? Yeah, free access.

RT: So you would like to keep it free?

RP: Yeah, I would like to. It free. But of course, if they could improve some of the things, it would be worth paying for... It will be worth paying for.

RT: Thank you for your time.

## MD\_01\_2024

<b>Participant:</b>	<b>MD_01_2024</b>
<b>Age: (estimated)</b>	Adults x 2
<b>Gender:</b>	Females x 2
<b>Race / ethnicity:</b>	Black
<b>Interview type / info:</b>	Group discussion
<b>Date:</b>	04/05/24
<b>Time:</b>	12h30
<b>Location:</b>	Magnolia Dell

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## 00:00

RT: Do you know this park well? And did you grow up around here?

RP\_01: I'd say I don't know it that well. I started coming here because of work, we are based at the other building. So I used to just come and buy food, then we realised we could just come and sit as well. So we started coming at lunch time to sit and relax, it's quite nice to be here.

RT: Are you from Pretoria?

RP\_01: Yes

RT: How would you describe your home?

RP\_01: It's a township, It's very busy. So it's not quiet. So when I come here it's like my peace of mind. Where I come from it's not peaceful, it's busy and there's noise everywhere.

RT: OK, so how do you define nature and how would you describe nature to someone?

RP\_01: Peace of Mind, nature is Peace of Mind. These kinds of sounds, the bird sounds. Just the trees, the wind. That's my peace of mind.

RT: So would you describe this spot as a good example of nature?

RP\_01: Yes, definitely it is.

RT: What role does nature play in your life?

RP\_01: Like I said, for me it's peace of mind. I get peace of mind from it. I can relax more, be calm and think better. Less stress.

RT: Like a calming space.

RP\_001: Yes!

## 02:01

RT: How do you use nature? Are there any activities that you like to do in public outdoor settings?

RP\_001: Yeah, like in a park you can sit and relax or play with the kids. It's a nice environment for kids. Some people exercise like she's saying, some people I know there are other boys who used to come and play rugby there. They practice their rugby, so it's quite nice to come and sit and watch them. You can do a lot in a park, in nature actually.

RT: So, what is your favourite landscape feature. So, plants, animals, where there's mountains? Maybe this stream?

RP\_01: I like the grass because usually when I come here, I take my shoes off and walk around so I love walking around the grass and listening to the sound of the water.

## 02:56

RT: So maybe we can then go to the photos. So from these photos, we would like to know which of these remind you of nature places that you've been to or if you look at it, which of them makes you feel comfortable or it looks familiar? Or is there maybe something that you like in them or stands out? They're not in any order so maybe you can choose your favourite one.

RP\_01: Yeah, I like this one [Image 04]. The waterfall. I love it. I enjoy the sound, the streaming, as well as going through it. So yeah.

RP\_02: I'd say this one [Image 03] reminds me of the botanical gardens.

RT: And is there maybe something that reminds you specifically about Botanical Gardens?

RP\_02: Yeah, the plants and these marks about the plants, the history of the plants.

RT: Do you see it as maybe a place that you learn things from?

RP\_02: Yeah.

RP\_001: Do we still have to go on with the pictures?

RT: If there's anything that stands out.

RP\_01: Oh yeah. No, I'm not a fan.

RT: Is there a reason that you're not a fan? [Image 01]

RP\_01: I'm actually from the village in Rustenburg. I'm not originating from Pretoria, so I just came because of work. So, I'm from a village, it's quiet there's mountains. There's too much nature. So, I like that. With this picture, it reminds me that I'm in Pretoria because there's flats, it's busy.

RT: So it doesn't remind you of home?

RP\_01: No. So this kind of space I would say I like because then it reminds me of home it's nature.

RT: And do you like seeing animals and what do you think about about the wild grass that's growing there?

RP\_01: Animals, yes I love animals. I don't mind it. Yeah, I really don't mind it. It's nature. We need that.

RP\_02: As long as it doesn't catch fire.

RP\_01: I think that's it for me on pictures.

RT3: So the Union buildings was the least favourite one.

RP\_01: Yes, it reminds me of the busyness of Pretoria, the sounds of cars and bells. It's too busy and too loud.

RT: OK. So is there any other nature spaces in the city that you know and like to visit?

RP\_02: Like close to where we live or?

RP\_01: Anywhere around the city, there's that Botanical Garden that I've been to where I usually go and sit like this, it's a park as well, a government park.

RT: Is it near the highway or a busy road?

RP\_01: No, it's near the busy road. not the highway. It's near the busy road. It's very quiet as well, and if you sit you will enjoy it.

RT: Is it the National Botanical gardens? So you like going to that?

RP\_01: Yes, even the Pretoria Zoo is nice as well because I like animals.

RP 3: So, it's Pretoria Zoo and the National Botanical Gardens?

RP\_01: Yes, and this park because I'm everyday here.

RP 2: So, at the botanical gardens, do you just go and relax?

RP\_01: Yeah. We usually go there and do our picnic there and we take the ball with, and we play with my son.

RT: Yeah. So, do you think it's easy to get there? It's not a problem?

RP\_01: It is easy, it is. And it's safe. I like the main fact that it's safe and it's easy.

RT: What do you think will make people use this space, this park more?

RP\_01: I don't know about other people, but like I said, I've seen other kids practicing their rugby here, which is big enough, which is nice. They do it on the other side, I think as well, people who do Gymnastics, they will enjoy coming here and doing that because there's nature. It would be nice for that as well.

RT: Imagine doing jumping jacks here. You can do it on the grass.

RP\_001: Yes, yes, yes, yes, as well as the swings for kids. So you can just bring your kids and sit and watch them. Which is nice.

RP\_02: And also for yoga.

RP\_01: Yes, so there's a lot that people can do in this park, and it's big.

RT: So, do you think it already has these spaces for that to happen?

RP\_01: Yeah, it has a lot of space. I mean, if a group of kids can do play the rugby, the other ones can do their own gym stuff here. The others, they sit there and do their picnics like those. It's nice. There's enough space for everyone to do whatever they want.

RT: Do you know anything about the history of this park?

RP\_01: No, not at all, I don't want to know

RT: Do you know who looks after it maybe?

RP\_01: I know it's City of Tshwane because I always see their car. I don't know. I believe they do look after it. Yeah, looks like they're chilling. So, I don't know who looks after it. I don't know whether it's a government park or it's a private park.

RT: What do you think about the plants that are around here?

RP\_01: They are beautiful. They bring the nature. So, I like that as well.

RT: And are there any that you would want to add or not?

RP\_001: No, it's perfect this way.

RT: Does it make you think of home?

RP\_01: It still makes me feel like home, because then there's trees, there's wind, you can see there's grass.

RT: Actually, how do you feel about these gardens over here compared to the ones there at the back?

RP\_01: At the back it's nature, I love that because I come from that. So, it's natural it's fine. The front is just beautiful because it's made, so at the back, it's natural it was not made, this side was made so it's nice.

RT: Do you like both of them? Do you prefer one of them in this park?

RP\_01: No, the way it is set up, it's fine. It's actually nice because if I want to take pictures then I can just stand there and take my beautiful pictures at the beautiful garden.



RT: Okay, I've actually got one question. What do you feel about the other people using this park? And do you sometimes feel some people cause problems?

RP\_01: Yeah, previously I heard there was *Nyaopes*, I don't know what they're called in English. Yeah, they used to sit at that side and they used to cause problems. So yeah, but I think now there isn't. I haven't heard anything this year.

RT: *Nyaopes* are Drug users.

RP\_01: So, so far so good. But normally people who come here I've never had issues with people bothering me or giving me problems, we usually come and sit here and then after one we go back.

RT: Do you go to that side of the park?

RP\_001: We've been to that side. Yes, we have been and we found those guys who sleep there and will it will be awkward because you think maybe they might bother you, but they don't. They're minding their own business.

12:17

RT: There's a quick check box that we can maybe do. So do you feel that this park is well looked after?

RP\_01: It is well looked after.

RT: From a scale to one to five, one where you say it's totally not, and five it's very very good.

RP\_01: Very very good 5.

RT: What is something that looks like well looked after for you?

RP\_02: The plants.

RP\_01: They look after this grass very well, they cut it now and then, the plants you can see there's no weed in them they look after them, they clean them. I mean, it is clean.

RT: And the water?

RP\_001: Yeah, the water is just the water. But yeah, but it's clean. It's not that bad. It doesn't smell.

RT: Do you feel that this park meets your needs in terms of your emotions and your spirituality and religion?

RP\_001: It does meet my needs, especially in spiritual when I want to have my own moment, I come here, take my shoes off I walk around.

RT: And is it a place that you identify with and you feel that you belong?

RP\_01: Yes

RT: Do you feel like this park is a place where the community should be responsible for?

RP\_001: No, not for the community, we community we don't do well with looking after stuff, we'll say we'll do, but we don't. So whoever's looking after it is doing a good job, not the community. We like to say we'll do things, but we don't.

**14:08**

RT: Is that a strong disagreement?

RP\_01: Strong disagreeing on community.

## MD\_02\_2024

<b>Participant:</b>	<b>MD_02_2024</b>
<b>Age: (estimated)</b>	Adult
<b>Gender:</b>	Male
<b>Race / ethnicity:</b>	Black
<b>Interview type / info:</b>	Single Interview
<b>Date:</b>	04/05/24
<b>Time:</b>	13h30
<b>Location:</b>	Magnolia Dell
<b>Interview #:</b>	2

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RT: Do you know this park very well?

**RP:** Yes

RT: OK. Did you grow up close to it or?

**RP:** Every day when I knock off, I come here with my kids.

RT: Did you grow up in Pretoria?

**RP:** No, I just come here 5 years now

RT: Is there a way that you would describe nature, like what does nature mean to you?

**RP:** Nature is, the environment, it's the weather, let me say it just like that.

## 02:01

RT: So, if you think of home and what you do outside, is it important for you to be outside and what do you do outside.

**RP:** Yeah, it is important if I run away from my country, coming here to see how we can change our lives, to get better. That is why we are here, to see how we can improve. It's important for us to see other countries, to see how we're going to get benefits.

RT: But you're saying you come to these types of places every day with your kids?

**RP:** Yes, yes. For them to see also other things, so that they can be happy and see how other people prevail.

RT: Got it, so what do you see people doing in nature or what do you do in it? Like are you saying prayer and playing? Is there anything else?

**RP:** Learning about people watching them enjoying life, they you are the picnic. They do whatever.

RT: Do you enjoy like relaxing or sitting?

**RP:** Yeah, relaxing here. It's great fresh air. And I see people doing not picnic.

**04:16**

RT: We're going to show you a couple of pictures now and then you can go through them, and if there's something that stands out or something that you like or something that you don't like and you can tell us.

**RP:** [Image 06] This is my choice to choose this one because I like farms. Most of the time, I like the animals like this. Remember, wherever I go, say that maybe I meet with the other animal somewhere like this. I will remember. OK, this is. I saw it somewhere.

RT: And is it something that you would want to see in the city? what do you think?

**RP:** And actually, in the city you cannot find the animals. You cannot find these type of bushes. This is farms, game reserves, it's where you can find these type of animals.

RT: And any of the other pictures that stood out for you?

**RP:** Of course it's my job I can like this, like good garden, you see. I like it, it's a beautiful garden.

RT: Which of those pictures do you like the least? Or which one don't you like?

**RP:** Let me say I like it all because it's like habitat. Some people can go. That is, not everybody cannot go. But if you have something to see new, you can go and visit.

[Image 05] This also is nice that all the pictures this it shows us so that you keep the nature there like you are saying to keep the fresh air so that the trees can give us pleasure like this. Now we are here because of shade, so they are fine old like this.

RT: Are there other places in Pretoria which you know? Like other parks

**RP:** Yeah, they by the waterkloof park, it's a nice place.

RT: What do you like about it?

**RP:** It's quiet and there is no other people that they can troubling you. They can do something bad for you. You can enjoy your life day. Then you go back without any stress.

RT: Is there anything you would change about this park.?

**RP:** To change this park, It needs the municipality. They don't come and clean it. You can see the dust bin and there are street people who sleep in this, so then people get scared. Those people. They sit there so other kids; they cannot come and play here. They (Park users) getting stressed out because they (homeless) are not good people, then they can be scared for them.

**10:40**

RT: OK, so other people that maybe are staying here, living here, sleeping here, you know, it's not. What do you think about them?

**RP:** There are the people that even us who come here with our aim to play with kids. You get scared. You cannot put even a cell phone next to you because they can come and take it.

RT: Does this place meet your emotional needs? Like, are you happy here?

**RP:** Yeah, I'm happy because it's not very far from me to come and have my picnic with my kids.

RT: And do you feel like belong here? Do you feel comfortable here?

**RP:** Yeah, I feel comfortable. I'm happy.

RT: Do you think the community should be responsible for it, or should it be the municipality or other people?

**RP:** Well If I had money, I can call my people to come and clean here because it's my responsibility, because it's where we get pleasure but it needs the municipality to look after it

because we pay our tax for those people [Points and Municipality workers sitting under the tree] they just come and sit there in the car. Yes, is over there, we pay for them. They don't do it.

**11:54**

RT: Do you know about the history of this park? Or how it came to be?

**RP:** No I don't because I don't have enough time, you are lucky to even find me here.

## MD\_03\_24

<b>Participant:</b>	<b>MD_03_24</b>
<b>Age: (estimated)</b>	Adult
<b>Gender:</b>	Male
<b>Race / ethnicity:</b>	Black
<b>Interview type / info:</b>	Single Interview
<b>Date:</b>	05/04/24
<b>Time:</b>	13:54
<b>Location:</b>	Magnolia Dell
<b>Interview #:</b>	3

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RP: Did you grow up in Pretoria or anywhere around here in Pretoria?

**RP\_01:** Yeah I grew up in Pretoria, born and bread here, in Soshanguve.

RT: How would you describe Soshanguve, or where you grew up?

**RP\_01:** Uh, Pretoria as a hole, It's a good place. I've learned a lot of things around. There are many activities. Such as like. Besides criminal activities, there are many good things about Soshanguve and Pretoria. I like it, It's more enticing, unlike in the rural areas, like in Limpopo, KwaZukuNatal, Eastern Cape, Pretoria is good. Same as Gauteng.

RT: So for you, rural areas are not that enticing and not that exciting?

**RP\_01:** Sorry to say this, but people, they are more like stereotype their mind, their minds are locked. It's because of their location, their landscape.

## 01:34

RT: So how do you define nature or what does that mean for you?

**RP\_01:** Nature is part of God, like diversity, like Biodiversity like animals, plants, people, they have this dynamic between animals and nature. We feed on animals and plants. That's it, Everything is connected, automatically you're connected to nature.

RT: And what is you're feeling about that about that relationship of nature?

**RP\_01:** It's just good, I have a good feeling about nature, I like nature. Even now I'm here at the park, sitting at the park, enjoying the scene, the location, the view.

RT: I wanted to ask the question; how do you use nature?

**RP\_01:** To me it's about enjoying the park, enjoying the views, the silence, the bird sounds.

RT: What's your favourite feature? And since maybe you are from Pretoria, from Soshanguve, it can be maybe a natural one or something that reminds you of home in Soshanguve.

**RP\_01:** Uh, I will say the traffic mostly, the traffic, the sounds, people moving up and down.

**03:52**

RT: I'm going to show you a couple of pictures now and I would like you to maybe pick out your favourite one that that you look at and it resonates with you.

**RP\_01:** I like this one [image 6]

RT: Why?

**RP\_01:** Because I like National Geographic. I like watching animals, how they're living, their way of life. I like animals, I learn a lot from animals.

RT: Is there any other picture besides this one [Image 6]

**RP\_01:** This one [Image 4]

RT: What about this one [Image 4] do you like?

**RP\_01:** OK, this one is basically about leisure, It's like tourism. You see these people, they're watching a waterfall. Is this a dam or a lake? I like it, it's good nature, hills and valleys, that's nice.

RT: Is there a picture which is your least favourite?

**RP\_01:** OK. Yeah, obviously this one [Image 2]



RT: What about this one don't you like?

**RP\_01:** OK, here, I think these people, they are gambling they are rolling dice like obviously yeah, this one they are lazy.

RT: OK. So you don't like the activity that people are doing?

**RP\_01:** Because this is where I'm from, In Soshanguve, you find these things, whenever you enter Soshanguve, this is all you see.

RT: Is there a picture that you look at and think, no you don't like the setting.

**RP\_01:** They are good, this one [Image 5] is nature, its good. Also this one [Image 03] is good here. There are different kind of plants and here, I think there are names of the plants, this one is the message for the tourist, if you are new here, you will read about these plants. This one also [Image 01] CBD.

RT: What about this one [Image 01] do you like, compared to the other ones.

**RP\_01:** What I like the most is the landscape, everything looks rosy, there's no littering. There you can see it's decent. There's discipline.

**11:09**

RT: Do you think this park is well looked after?

**RP\_01:** Disagree

RT: Why?

**RP\_01:** Because there is a difference between the side by the restaurant and this side.

RT: Do you feel like it meets your spiritual and emotional needs?

**RP\_01:** Yes, Strongly agree

RT: Is it a place where you feel like you belong? You know, a place that you can identify with this part?

**RP\_01:** Yes

RT: Do you feel like the community can play a role in ensuring that the Park is well maintained?

**RP\_01:** Yes in ensuring that it's well maintained.

RT: Are there any other parks that you have visited in the city of Tshwane, that you really like besides this one? [Image 01]

**RP\_01:** Burgers Park

RT: Do you like Burgers Park?

**RP\_01:** No I like this one, but I've been to Burgers Park. But I like this one because it has a river there. There's a river, there's a restaurant there. And there are these big trees, it's amazing, I really connect with it. And there are not many people, unlike in Burgers Park. Burgers Park doesn't look good now, it lacks maintenance. Also here, there's not much maintenance but at least they are trying.

RT: How do you how do you feel about this side of the park that side?

**RP\_01:** There it looks great because it's closer to the restaurant, there where people are gathered. Here it's neglected. I don't like this part, I wish this park was similar that.

RT: OK. How do you feel about other people using the park? What other activities have you seen happening in the park.

**RP\_01:** Not all of them use the park right.

RT: Maybe you can give us both in your view, those who don't use the park right and those who do in your view.

**RP\_01:** OK, I see some. Some are working with dogs, they are training dogs, some are just looking like those guys, they are just sleeping. Some even urinate, just there, using the Park in the wrong way. And some come for leisure.

RT: Do you know the history of this park? Do you have any information about it?

**RP\_01:** No, I am still looking for it.

RT: Is there anything that's you'd like to share about your experience of the park that maybe we didn't ask?

**RP\_01:** OK, another thing I wish this park had public toilets, taps for drinking water because If I don't have water I have to go and buy it somewhere in the store

RT: Do you wish there was certain types of plants or animals maybe in this park?

**RP\_01:** Yeah

RT: Do you have examples of plants maybe.

**RP\_01:** yeah, roses because they are attractive.

**17:40**

RT: You mentioned that you like animals, are there animals that you'd like to see?

**RP\_01:** Ok, most animal that I like, are wild and we can't have wild animals here.

## MD\_04\_204

<b>Participant:</b>	<b>MD_04_204</b>
<b>Age: (estimated)</b>	Youth
<b>Gender:</b>	Male
<b>Race / ethnicity:</b>	Africans
<b>Interview type / info:</b>	Single interview
<b>Date:</b>	05/04/2024
<b>Time:</b>	14:45
<b>Location:</b>	Magnolia Dell
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RP: Are you from Pretoria? Or yeah, Yes. OK, that's really cool. How would you define nature? What is nature for you? I promise.

**RP:** Yes, I'm born and bred in Pretoria.

RP: Where about in Pretoria?

**RP:** Soshanguve.

RT: How would you define nature, or what is nature to you?

**RP:** The Park can be described as nature

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RT: What role does nature play in your life?

**RP:** It helps me distress.

RT: How do you use nature.

**RP:** I use it to distress, and to come and chill

RT: Do you have any favourite feature in this park in that you like? Maybe the tree or something.

**RP:** The playing area and the water flowing.

**05:50**

RT: I'm now going to give you these pictures that I have here, and I'd like you to just go through them and then tell us which picture is your favourite.

**RP:** I like this one [Image 04] The waterfall, I would visit here.

RT: Is there any other picture that you like?

**RP:** Also, this one [Image 01] The view is very nice.

RT: You can also tell us if there's something that you don't like in the picture.

**RP:** I think this one [Image 02] I don't like the activity, are they not gambling?

RT: Is this an activity that you have noticed in this park?

**RP:** No, I haven't noticed something like this. I wouldn't come if there was something.

RT: Which of these pictures remind you of home?

**RP:** This one [Image 02], it makes me feel uncomfortable.

RT: And is there any other Parks or outdoor places that you like in the City of Pretoria that you that you visit?

**RP:** Yeah, I think the Union building there, I hardly go there but I know it.

RT: Is there a reason you don't go much to Union Buildings?

**RP:** Yes I think its far from here.

RT: Is there anything else that would make you feel more comfortable In this Park?

**RP:** No.

RT: Everything is perfect for you?

**RP:** Not really everything, because sometimes you can get like those *nyaope* guys chilling here. So that's the reason why I am not 100% comfortable.

RT: Is there a place in the park where you would see them?

**RP:** They normally chill that side, on the not so maintained side of the park.

RT: Do you go to that Side of the park?

**RP:** No I don't, I'm mostly here.

RT: Do you sometime come with friends?

**RP:** Yeah, I do sometimes, and I come with my sisters' kids Aswell.

**06:50**

RT: Do you think this park is well looked after?

**RP:** Yeah, I think so. It's always clean.

RT: Do you think it meets your emotional spiritual needs?

**RP:** Yeah it does

RT: Do you feel like you identify with this park, like you belong?

**RP:** Yes

RT: Do you think do you feel the community can take responsibility and In ensuring that it is looked after.

**RP:** I'm not sure about that one.

RT: Are there any other ways in which the park is used, good or bad?

**RP:** I think they use it for good things, some people do events

RT: Do you know about the history of the park?

**RP:** No, I don't.

RT: How do you feel about the garden on that side compared to the garden this side?

**RP:** I feel like this side is not safe compared to that side and it's not well maintained.

**10:10**

RT: Don't you prefer the more natural look?

**RP:** No.

## MD\_05\_2024

<b>Participant:</b>	<b>MD_05_2024</b>
<b>Age: (estimated)</b>	Adults x 2
<b>Gender:</b>	Males x 2
<b>Race / ethnicity:</b>	Black Africans
<b>Interview type / info:</b>	Group Discussion
<b>Date:</b>	05/04/2024
<b>Time:</b>	14:45
<b>Location:</b>	Magnolia Dell
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## Transcript

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RT: Are you from Pretoria? Did you grow up in Pretoria?

RP 01: No, I'm just here for studies.

RT: OK. And do you know this park quite well?

RP\_01: Yes, myself, I've been around since 2020.

RT: And you visit here a lot?

RP\_01: Yes, including weekends.

RT: Where you're from, how would you describe your home compared to here?

RP\_01: I'm from the village in KZN and this one, I just noticed that this one is a little bit of a Township or suburb, so different environment.



RT: And yourself?

RP\_01: Of course I am from the township.

**01:09**

RT: How do you define nature? How do you think or feel about nature?

RP\_01: Myself, I think nature is everything that surrounds us.

RT: How would you describe nature to somebody else?

RP\_01: I'd described nature as creation itself. Everything that was created so that's the water, the river we have here, something that makes nature good, the trees and the environment itself is nature.

RT: Do you feel that this park can be described as nature?

RP\_01: Yes, it is.

**02:05**

RT: What role does nature play in your life?

RP\_01: To be in this park, it gives you a nice experience. I mean, even if you don't come here for drinks, but to be around in nature, you will get some fresh air some time to relax and recharge.

RP\_02: You can do some meditation, some kind of purification, mind purification. Just seeing the environment, how quiet it is here and feel that now you can come back into your inner self.

RT: So, can you maybe tell me more about the type of activities that you like to do maybe in nature?

RP\_02: Myself. Apart from today, I like doing meditation, s most of the time when I want to do meditation, I can just get my phone and I play some special music for meditation, and I go to a place where there are trees and it's quite especially like here complete. It's fine. So I find it accommodating when it comes to my meditations. Sometimes I just want to be relaxed on my own and I can go to places like the parks. It's quite cool, no noise.

RT: When you come here for meditation, do you feel that the traffic and the cars bother you or not?

RP\_02: because I become focus to myself, whatever is happening around is not part of what is happening to me.

RT: Do you have things you grew up doing around nature?

RP\_01: We would be coming in the river for swimming. Unfortunately, it's not we cannot use this one [Points at the river in the park].

RP\_02: We gather here sometimes for fun and we gather with the friends for social.

**04:28**

RT: In terms of landscape features do you prefer rivers, mountains, trees, grass. Is there one that you prefer more than the other?

RP\_02: Myself, I prefer this.

RP\_01: No, myself, I am in favour of the park like this, If you can mention them as one of the landscape.

RT: Are there any plant species or animals that you prefer in spaces like this

RP\_01: No, sometimes you can connect to see how good is the creation. Creation, nature. everything is beautiful. Just as God created them.

RT: Do you guys visit any other parks or nature places in Pretoria?

RP\_01: There is this one up there, I once went there, around Groenkloof, I forgot you it's name.

RT: Is that the only other one you know, or are there others?

RP\_01: Yeah, there are others in the side of Sunnyside, but they are not being taken care of.

RT: What do you think one can add in this park, to make you feel more comfortable here.

RP\_01: I think if you can think of things like socials, I think you should must be allowed to do things like braai's, also that the place where we can prepare our meals you know.

RP\_02: Most of the parks I have visited before, there's some gym equipment there, here its just mostly for kids.

RT: Do you feel like the park meets your cultural needs?

RP\_02: To me it does

RP\_01: It depends on what you mean when you speak about culture because it's a very broad word but the place can give you some time to relax and it can satisfy you, it's a good place to be.

07:41

RT: So now we just want you to look at some photos and I want you to pick one that reminds you mostly of home.

RP\_01: Myself it's more like this [Image 04]

RP\_02: It's not my original home of birth but it's where I stay now, there is this side of PE where we usually go for hiking. This one [Image 03] reminds me of the place, I've forgotten the name. What's the name? OK, I am from summer strand. So we go down to summer strand.

RT: Is it the vegetation that remind you of PE?

RP\_02: Yes the vegetation and the flowers here.

RT: Oh, but you said that's not where you are originally from?

RP\_02: No, I live remote from South Africa.

RT: Alright. And you, which one? You said the one with the water?

RP\_01: Yeah, the one with the river there.

RT: Why that one?

RP\_01: Because I as I mentioned that I'm coming from a village place there in KZN. And so the place is very familiar, will be taking cows and then to drink there and and even ourselves we go there for swimming whatever.

RT: And if you look at the photos again, which of the photos do you like the most and makes you come comfortable?

RP\_02: It's this one [Image 06], because I like vegetation.

RT: And for you, besides the water one and you have another one maybe.

RP\_01: Yeah, but even this one [Image 01] looks very beautiful, see it's around Township but the place looks quiet and very nice.

RT: Do you prefer a quiet Park?

RP\_01: Yes

RT: And which of those photos do you like the least?

RP\_001: I think this one [Image 02] would be the one, it doesn't look like it's being take care of.

RP\_002: Myself it would be this one [Image 06] because there is no vegetation as I like. So you can see even the trees are drying up. They are not replanting them. Even the grass is drying up.

RT: Why did you say you dislike this one?

RP\_01: It looks like the protection is not there too much. Even these ones look like they are gambling.

RT: So is there any activities or any people in this park that cause problems or that you feel uncomfortable when they are around.

RP\_01: Although I'm not a victim, but I've been hearing stories that when it becomes dark this side, it's not safe. There were stories that there were bodies found here. I'm not sure how true that is.

RT: But during the day, do you feel safe?

RP\_01: I think yeah, we are safe.

RP\_02: You can only hear stories about these guys taking nyaope that some is staying around. So they just wait and when the sun goes down, they will come and attack and rob people.

RT: But during the day they don't bother you?

RP\_01: Yeah.

RT: Where do you hear from the people or unsafe or getting attacked?

RP\_01: As I mentioned, that's during the weekends, most of the time I'd come here and I'd hear stories.

RT: Do you know anything about the history of this park?

RP\_01: No

**14:24**

RT: Do you feel like this park is well looked after?

RP\_01: Yes

RT: Do you feel this park meets your needs, emotionally or spiritually?

RP\_01: Yes

RT: Is this a park that you identify with, and you feel that you belong here?

RP\_02: Yes, that is why we usually come here.

RT: Do you feel that the community should be responsible for this park? For the maintenance?

RP\_01: The municipality must be responsible, if it's a public park

RT: Why do you say the municipality?

RP\_01: I think it's them who are having the responsibility to look after our communities.

RT: Do you prefer a more natural side or look of the park or the manmade side, with new planting?

RP\_01: The manmade part

RP\_02: I prefer both

RT: Is there a reason why you prefer the man made one?

RP\_01: It's safe, you might find a snake there.

**18:36**

RT: What do you think should change for this park? Anything they can add?

RP\_02: Maybe security, especially at night.

RP\_01: Yeah, but that would also be a disadvantage for us because you see now, we are even drinking, and we might not be allowed to drink if there is securities. But yeah, I think they can also.

## MS\_01\_2024

<b>Participant:</b>	<b>MS_01_2024</b>
<b>Age: (estimated)</b>	<i>Adult 20's</i>
<b>Gender:</b>	<i>Male (student)</i>
<b>Race / ethnicity:</b>	<i>Black</i>
<b>Interview type / info:</b>	<i>Single interview (with friend sitting next to him)</i>
<b>Date:</b>	<i>6/4/2024</i>
<b>Time:</b>	<i>10:20 am</i>
<b>Location:</b>	<i>Maunde Square</i>
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### Transcript

RT: So you said you grew up here? Do you live in the area?

**RP:** Yeah, I live around. I do live in the area.

RT: OK. Have you always been here?

**RP:** No, sometimes

RT: OK, so do you know this park well or this area well?

**RP:** Yeah, I know this area well.

RT: Ok. So but you weren't born here?

**RP:** Yeah, I was born in Atteridgeville.

RT: OK, Oh, ok.

**00:00:37**

RT: How would you define nature? If you think of like explaining nature to me, what would you say is it?

**RP:** We talk about maybe living animals, plants, and etcetera.

RT: OK. Do you think this park is like an example of nature?

**RP:** Yeah, I do. It's an example of nature.

RT: So what role does nature play in your life? Do you want it to be part of your everyday? Is it important to you?

**RP:** Yeah, it is important to us because [cars hooting] I can see [laughing]. Yeah it is important to us because we get fresh air and then it for trees it protects us from rains and, so yeah.

RT: Ok but it is important to you?

**RP:** Yeah, it is important.

RT: So is there some things that you do in nature? Like what activities would you do or in parks like what do you like to do?

**RP:** OK. Cleaning parks... watering the garden.

RT: OK. And do you like doing that often?

**RP:** Yeah.

**00:02:12**

RT: Do you think there's other ways of using nature like other activities that you would want to do?

**RP:** Yeah, maybe some exercises around the parks. Maybe some... let me say after school lessons.

RT: So have you seen like outdoor gym or exercise equipment?

**RP:** Yeah, they do, but, even though if you don't have equipment, you can also exercise.

RT: Hmm, like just running... stretching?

**RP:** Yeah.

RT: So if you think of nature, is there anything that stands out to you? Maybe like, mountains or rivers, or maybe plants or animals, like is there something that is your favourite or something that you really like?

**RP:** Yeah, I do like animals. I do like animals.

RT: Is it important for you to see animals or learn from animals and things like that?

**RP:** Yeah, it is important to learn because you must know what to do and not what to do.

**00:03:30**

RT: So we're going to show you a couple of pictures now and they're not in a order. You can look at them and you can tell us which one is your favourite, maybe- or something that stands out for you.

[looks at photos]

**RP:** This is a Botanical Garden, neh? [picture 5]

RT: That one, I think that one is just a forest. I think it's in... it's also in Pretoria if I'm right.

[looks at photos]

**RP:** Let me say this one. [picture 1]

RT: Is that your favourite? Is there a reason for it or what do you like about it?

**RP:** Yeah, this place look (the same it displays, it's at the best place) or let me say, it is so big. Where you can, or maybe the commercial place or maybe can make a shops, schools, different things I can make. Yeah. It's a place where you can make money. You can learn a lot from this place.

RT: Ok. And what do you think about like the overall look of that park? Do you think it is- does it look nice to you?

**RP:** It looked nice to me.

RT: Do you know where this is?

**RP:** Yeah, in Pretoria CBD. This is... eh... what you call = Mandela = The Union Buildings.

RT: Yes. OK. So you know it, you like this one. You've been there?

**RP:** Yeah, we've been there before, yeah.

**00:05:19**

RT: Is there anything or any of the other pictures that stand out to you or other things that you like in the other pictures?



[friend interrupted] = No, mostly me. I like that picture of the forest. Yeah, I like walking in the forest. Yeah =

**RP:** Yeah, this one [picture 3].

RT: What do you like about it?

**RP:** Just to learn about different types of plants in nature.

RT: With these boards you can see, you can learn so you like that?

**RP:** Different kinds of plants... And some information that I will find.

RT: OK. And what do you think about like these structures maybe-?

**RP:** Or maybe they represent that maybe they represent houses just for camping at night, or maybe I'm not sure, but, it seems there's a place where people they can camp there.

= No, mostly I think it reminds you of the history, you know, mostly when you look at the, you know, the structure =

**00:06:41**

RT: Is there any of the pictures that you don't like?

**RP:** I do like all pictures.

RT: All of them? Ok.

And you said you like the animals, for instance. And do you like activities [picture 2] that are happening here? What do you think about this?

**RP:** Yeah, it's OK.

RT: This one you said you liked [picture 5]? And what about like water? Does this look like a nice picture for you? [picture 4]

**RP:** This is a nice place. Even the forest.

**00:07:25**

RT: So you said you've been to the Union Buildings. Is there other places in Pretoria that you've been to or like other parks, areas like that? Can you give us an example maybe?

**RP:** Let me say Echo park.

RT: Echo park? OK. Is that in Pretoria?

**RP:** It's around Pretoria.

RT: Ok, and what do you do there or what do you like about it?

**RP:** It's a place where you can get fun, lot of entertainment. Yeah, you meet lot of friends.

RT: Socialize?

**RP:** Yeah.

RT: So what type of entertainment is it?

**RP:** Maybe, listening to music. Playing chess.

**00:08:17**

RT: So would you play with that? [pointing to chess board in park] I know they don't have the actual chess things now but if they were there, would you play chess there?

**RP:** I don't know a lot about chess, but-

RT: OK, but you can do it if you want to.

**RP:** Yeah, I would like to try it maybe one day.

RT: OK, maybe it's a chance to learn it then.

**RP:** Yeah.

RT: But it's important for you to go to these types of places?

**RP:** Yeah.

**00:08:43**

RT: Is there something that you would change about this park to make you feel more comfortable.

**RP:** Yeah.

RT: OK. Like what?

**RP:** Like cleaning parks.

RT: You said you enjoy that as well.

**RP:** Planting more flowers cause we have trees here. We don't have flowers, you see. Install some (things).

RT: OK, maybe more things to play with?

**RP:** Yeah, even safety maybe. Cameras around the parks to ensure everyone is well secured. To avoid maybe petty crimes, or maybe prevent the robbery crimes use.

RT: Do you think that happens a lot here?

**RP:** Yeah, sometimes because we can't predict. We can't predict sometimes, but we must ensure that there is safety around all parks (around here).

**00:09:40**

RT: Do you come here during the night or late in the day, or do you prefer-?

**RP:** Sometimes. Late night, because, it's part of maybe ensuring that people are not being robbed or even though some they do smoke at night, but they ensure that people are not robbed.

RT: Do you visit- do you come here at night?

**RP:** Aaah, Sometimes.

= No we don't come at night times =  
Maybe around half past six to 7 o'clock.

**00:10:19** RT: Is there places you said people smoke here at night? Is there places that they do it?

**RP:** Yeah, there are some places they are not far, but there are some places where they, do smoke there, but here they don't.

**00:10:34**

RT: And what do you think about like these fences, you can see, do you know why they're there? Or like you can see, some of them are in strange places. What do you think about that?

**RP:** Maybe for protecting children that maybe is the territory where children must play.

RT: Like it says this is where they play? Ok.

**00:11:06**

RT: So we're just gonna ask you now to rate things out of five. So one is saying you don't know or you don't agree. And then five is yes you agree strongly. So do you think this park is well looked after?

**RP:** Yeah. Yes. Let me say five, yeah.

RT: Is it a place that meets your emotional needs?

**RP:** Yeah. Let me say five. Yeah.

RT: Is it a place that you feel that you belong or you identify with?

**RP:** Yeah, let me say five.

RT: And do you think the community or the people that are living around it or people that visit the park should be responsible or do you think it's more the municipality that should look after?

**RP:** No, they are both included. They must be responsible for the park to be clean. They are the municipality and the community.

**00:12:33**

RT: So you said there's other people that also come to the park that might- there's maybe petty theft that goes on or is there other people that might cause problems in the park?

**RP:** No.

RT: So are there things that you're seeing around the park now that you like to use, like maybe the benches or like playing in the grass or maybe these areas that you can 'braai' are there things that you like?

**RP:** Yeah.

RT: Can you give us an example?

**RP:** Maybe playing soccer, street soccer. Yeah, we do play street soccer somewhere. Even that side. [pointing] Yeah on the paving.

**RT:** And is there things that you don't like? And what would that be?

**RP:** Maybe those petty crimes.

**00:13:40**

**RT:** And do you know like how this park came to be, or like, what's the history of this park?

**RP:** Yeah, it used to be a dumping site =used to be a jungle= Yeah, you won't even see it like this.

**RT:** So it was completely different. And then when did it change?

**RP:** Let me say how many years should ten =two thousand and eight= let me say ten years.

**RT:** OK. And who came to change it?

**RP:** The municipality came, even the community members, came to help.

**RT:** Where you maybe part of it?

**RP:** Nooo, I was studying, I was a student at that time.

**00:14:39**

**RT:** What is your main reason for coming to this park and not other parks?

**RP:** For some, for me neh. I'm a smoker, neh. I come maybe to smoke some cigarettes here to avoid parents shouting [laughter] you see. And enjoy seeing people. Different cars on the street.

**RT:** People watching?

**RP:** Yeah.

**RT:** I also just wanna ask do you like- someone painted here, they made changes like do you like it?

**RP:** [friend interrupting] Yeah, we were also talking about it here. Yeah its dope, it's very dope =talented yeah=

**RT:** So you wouldn't mind if people make it their own space like they can make changes to it?

**RP:** Yeah, we don't mind =yeah it's a great thing=

**RT:** Yeah, it makes it personal to the people.

**00:15:40**

**RT:** And do you mind the cars? [hooting]

**RP:** Nah, we don't mind about the cars.

**RT:** I just have one more question. There's a- we've seen a traditional healer on that side. Do you know of him or of them?

**RP:** No, we don't know what about.

=Which side, which side? No I think I think it's a funeral there. Oh, at the corner? Shack there?=-

RT: At this moment. But so you don't go there?

**RP:** No, eeeh = but there are some people [laughter]. Several people go there. [laughing] We ask ourselves there, what you gonna do there? (You gonna go sell for yourself?) = I don't want to see ghost.

## MS\_02\_2024

<b>Participant:</b>	<b>MS_02_2024</b>
<b>Age: (estimated)</b>	<i>Adult 20's</i>
<b>Gender:</b>	<i>Male (student)</i>
<b>Race / ethnicity:</b>	<i>Black</i>
<b>Interview type / info:</b>	<i>Single interview (friend sitting next to him)</i>
<b>Date:</b>	<i>6/4/2024</i>
<b>Time:</b>	<i>10:43 am</i>
<b>Location:</b>	<i>Maunde Square</i>
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## Transcript

RT: So did you grow up here? Born and breed?

RP: Yeah I did.

Yeah. Born and bred here. But mostly, I think when I was two years, I left, went to Soweto. Yeah, went to Jabulani and mostly came back when I was four years. Came back here in four years. Yeah, this is when I went to the other creche. This is like mini, mini, mini school I think yeah. Seven years old. Yeah. I went to school at 7 years old. Starting my primary. Yeah.

RT: But then you came back now. So do you know this park well?

RP: Yeah, I know it well, I know it well.

RT: OK, so you visit often.

RP: Yeah. Yeah. Like mostly, I grew up here. So I saw a lot of things here. Yeah.

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RT: How would you define nature or explain it to someone?

RP: Nature? OK. Well, nature is a good thing though. You could, like, absorb a lot of things, you know, absorb a lot of things. There's hemisphere there's a lot of things are happening in nature right now. Yeah. It's a good thing for people.

RT: And do you think this park is part of nature? Is their elements that are nature to you?

RP: Yeah. Nature to people. Yeah. Nature to a person, you know, like you could like, come here and sit and see a lot of things here like you could see a lot of things.

RT: And is there things for you that say 'nature'? What would you say?

RP: Well, like I would say, like trees, there are a lot of trees you see like there are a lot of things like. We have... let me say mountains. We're close to mountains [pointing at mountains behind him] mostly like I would travel like I would cross that mountain, you know, like, see a lot of other mountains would see a river, you know, like I would even be scared of climbing that river, you know, like. Yeah. So like a lot of things here. We're close to many things like this place... small but lot of natures. Like many, many. Yeah, I've seen a lot of animals also, yeah.

RT: What type of animals?

RP: Yo, we have fishes. We could go that side and fish that north yeah, we go right, fish man. We see a lot of things. Horses. We see lot of things. Living animals I've seen. Bulls I've seen bulls. I've seen a lot of things, even tiger. The other guy was having a tiger that side. That north!

RT: Yo, we need to go there then tigers and things.

RP: You see, there are things are going there. That north. Yeah.

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RT: So is nature important to you? You like it? What do you want to do in nature?

RP: Yeah, it's important to a person, very very important. Well, there are lot of things, man. Like you would maybe like tour. See a lot of things maybe like people you know, me mostly like me I like to tour, man. Like, I've seen a lot of things here. Maybe like I would like to go to Germany, you know, explore, maybe, like, can see a lot of things.

I haven't. I haven't go anywhere, you know, just tour and come back home, you know? Yeah.

RT: So do you think nature in Germany looks a bit different or-?

RP: Yeah, different from South Africa. There are a lot of things we don't see you know. Like here we don't have a lot of things to done there what they have, you know? Yeah. Like seriously.

RT: Is there maybe something that you think is different? Like is there an example that you think might be different?

RP: Yeah man, there are a lot of different things here. Yeah, I could say we're developing mostly here. You know, back there we never had parks. We never had wifis. You know, we never had lot of things, you know. So we had to hustle. So even the malls were not here. They were just built now now now just develop, you know. Yeah. So now we just developing a lot of things are just coming through.

RT: And do you think maybe in Germany it's different like-?

RP: Yeah, maybe like things are different there, you know, like, yeah.

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RT: So you said you like the mountains, the rivers. Is there like other ones that stand out to you, other things of nature that stand out?

RP: Uuh? I don't know, man. I don't know what to say though.

RT: OK. No, that's fine. That's fine. But you said there's horses that you've seen, you've seen fishes and tigers. Is there maybe plants and plant species that you like, like trees, specific tree maybe?

RP: Yeah, we do have species here. Yeah, we do like to see them though. Yeah. Which is of, like, you learn also from them and actually like know that which the place that you live, you also have species, creatures. You know, you need to know how they live also, yes.

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RT: Is there a name of a plant species that you maybe know that's important to you?

RP: Mostly I've not ever seen, you know, mostly I'm at the work, you know, these times. Yeah. So yeah.

RT: But it's it is important for you to see.



**RP:** Most important.

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**RT:** We're gonna show you the pictures now and then you can tell us which one is your favourite or what do you like in the pictures?

**RP:** [picture 3] Yeah, it seems like it's a different types of gardens here. I mean, it's like different sections. Yeah, I see maybe like trails here. I see buildings behind. Yeah, trees, structures. I see the boards.

**RT:** That you can learn from?

**RP:** Yeah, yeah, that you could learn maybe tells you about maybe like the Khoi-khoi Sans were living here back then. Yeah. The bones, I see the bones. Yeah. Skeleton bones. Yeah. Maybe for of an animal. Yeah. You could see that the stones. And they're like they created like a round like circle.

Yeah, it looks like it was a fireplace though, yeah.

**RT:** Do you wish to see more things like this? Like let's say in this park where you can also learn from what the people do.

**RP:** Yeah, yeah, yeah. What was happening back then like I would say, maybe like 30 decades back. What you know? Yeah.

[looks at pictures]

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**RP:** [picture 6] OK, animals. Yeah, maybe like bucks. I've seen bucks before. Yeah, that R55 there Swartkop. Yeah I've seen them.

This looks like a jungle. Maybe like you would maybe like hike and see animals. Yeah, it's secured. Yeah. Yeah. It's a good thing, though.

**RT:** What do you think of the grass that's growing? Would you want to see something like that here?

**RP:** The grass. Yeah, it's good, though. It's good good. Yeah. Yeah.

Yeah, you will travel though. I would like to. Yeah, I will go in the inside of the jungle. = food chain, sun, grass and a buck = You will see the trees.

**RT:** Do you want to hunt that buck? Catch it? You said it's the food chain [laughing]

**RP:** [Participants talking over each other] I would do that. I would do that. I would also want to feel how the ancestors were living. You know, like how to hunt and eat the raw meat, you know? Yeah. [looks at photos]

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**RP:** [picture 2] It looks like a park here.

People are playing *madice*, they playing *madice*, I could see.

The crew, the crew, how they're standing. Yeah. It's like they made a circle. They playing *madice*.

Yeah, it's nice. It's like a park and also see kids here, they just sitting there. Yeah, the structures of swings.

RT: Do you think things like this helped for people to do certain activities?

RP: Yeah, for kids. Yeah. Kids could play here. I see the 'droms' here.

RT: So do you like that type of activity?

RP: Yeah, yeah, this one [picture 2]. You see this activity, man? In the night is not good, no. This activity is not good basically it's like maybe like we play gambling. It's like they're gambling though.

RT: So you don't like [unable to hear]?

RP: Nah. For me, man, like I don't gamble. Most of most of the time. Most like I am at work.

[looks at photos]

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RP: [picture 1] I've been here before we took pictures. Yeah, it's a nice place though.

It looks like a vineyard.

RT: A vineyard. OK. What makes it look like that?

RP: The trees. Yeah, the trees. And how they made it, how they build it, you know, like the paving, yeah.

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RT: Can I ask you, do you like this paving?

RP: Yeah, it looks like steps. You know like when you walk, you just go down, just go down.

RT: Or would you like something that's more like ground. Or do you like both?

RP: Yeah, both of them, yeah.

Yes, it's a nice place. Nice place.

[looks at photos]

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RP: [picture 4] Yeah, this one looks like... mountains, neh?

With the river. Yeah, it's a nice place I would like to live here. To swim. Come here mostly like on Saturdays. Early in the morning like. You would jump neh?

= It's not a resort? =

RT: It is a resort it's in Pretoria, it's called. I don't know where it is exactly, but it's called Nkwe.

RP: We must go 'thommy', we must go at Nkwe [talking to his friend next to him].

RT: So you would like to go to a place like that would you swim or walk around-?

**RP:** Yeah. Swim and see other people, yeah.

[looks at photos]

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**RP:** Ah, this is the forest [excitement in his voice]. This is what I love. [picture 5]

Yoh, I would live here. I want to build the house next to the forest. I wanna build the house next to the forest.

**RT:** What is it about the forest that you like?

**RP:** Yoh. I like walking, you know? Like I like to walk in the forest. You know. Walk and think about and have, and have, like, think about yourself, you know.

Think a lot about what you see the hemisphere, how it smells. You know, mostly I like Amazon, you know, Amazon, yoh I like that place. I wanna go there.

It's nice. Even the wood you would see me like, I would stay here buy much, much much marshmallows with this fire here I will make fire and stay there. Yeah. It's a nice place though. I would live here.

**RT:** Is there a place like this that you can go to now like close by?

**RP:** Maybe like I would I might say like I don't have ideas right now, but there are a lot of place.

= Next to that mountain there, there that type of trees there =

**RT:** So you saying it's close by like you can get to these places?

**RP:** Yeah. We can get to these places.

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**RT:** And other places that you've been to in Pretoria that you like, parks or things like that?

**RP:** Yeah. Well, I might say I've never travelled much here in Pretoria, you know? Yeah. I mean, even at Cape Town, I've never been in Cape Town, you know? Yeah. Like, I'm still growing, you know. Yeah, yeah. I would like to see.

**RT:** But you said you also went to the Union buildings, you took pictures.

**RP:** Yeah, I've seen structures of skeletons, you know?

**RT:** At the Union buildings?

**RP:** They've shown us there the dragons and the... what they call them what they call them... dinosaurs. Dinosaurs. Yeah. The museum that one. Yeah. This is what they show.

[confusion among RT and RP]

**RT:** Is it in the CBD?

**RP:** Yeah it's close to CBD.

**RT:** Is it maybe called Ditsong Natural History Museum, is it a building? And there's a giant skeleton at the outside. And then inside there's animals.

**RP:** Yeah, animals, they show you the lot of things.

**RT:** OK. So you've also been there? And you like that?

**RP:** Yeah, yeah, you grow, you know.

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**RT:** Is there something that you would change about this park?

**RP:** This park, this park? [giggles] There are a lot of things happening here in this park mainly, even though you want to change, it's going to be hard for you to change it because like mostly the teenagers, hey, so maybe like I might say, hey, too much dangerous, you know? Yeah.

**RT:** What is it about the teenagers that-?

**RP:** The teenagers you know, like it's like a (unknown) how they live man, you know, like have pistols. You know where they young, you know, they're selling drugs while they young, you know, like a lot of things that are happening here.

**RT:** So it is more the activity-?

**RP:** Yeah the activities that are happening here. Not happy.

**RT:** So what other activities have you observed that happened here? What do people like to come and do? Good and bad?

**RP:** Mostly (unknown). Yeah, we've seen people gym here. We've seen people play soccer. That's all.

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**RT:** And is there things that you wish you could do here?

**RP:** Wish to do? Yeah, there are a lot of things I wish to do man. Like I would create a lot of things, maybe like events each and every week, you know? Yeah, maybe like, bring kids to play something, maybe like music, drama. All that singing, you know? Yeah, dance all that.

**RT:** OK. Would you like to see people making art like this [pointing to graffiti on table] or things like that [pointing to graffiti on pavement]. Would that be cool for you?

**RP:** Yeah. Draw you know. Yeah, it would be cool for us.

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**RT:** And then we're also going to ask the questions out of five. So do you think this park is well looked after? So five is, yes, you agree and one is no, you don't really think so.

**RP:** I'll give it a four.

**RT:** Why do you give it a four?

**RP:** I give it because like it's a park, you know, a lot of things have happened now. Now it's not most taken care of, you know? Yeah. But now they try, you know? Yeah. That's why I give them four.

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RT: And is it a place that meets your emotional needs?

RP: No.

RT: No. Why would you say that?

RP: What would I say? Hmmm [giggles] eish

RT: Maybe there's things that you wish you could do here, or it doesn't make you feel happy?

RP: Nah, I wouldn't say that much because like this park man, I don't, I don't live here much, you know. Just come here two hours, three hours, then we're gone. You know, we don't absorb much. Yeah, we don't do much yet.

RT: Is there any other place, maybe in Pretoria would you say this one meets my emotional needs?

RP: Yeah, I would say maybe like... eeh... (unknown) I've never left many places.

RT: So you haven't found a place that you're like. Yes. I love it here.

RP: No, let me say I haven't find it. I'm still looking for one.

RT: Maybe a forest?

RP: Yeah, I'm still looking for one.

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RT: And is it a place that you feel like you belong in, or that you can identify with?

RP: Yeah, well, mostly it's home and maybe like, I would say... outside, let me say outside from home... I would say... eeh... Johannesburg, yeah. It's cool.

RT: OK. So you feel like this can be home?

RP: Yeah, home and also other places, yeah.

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RT: And do you think the community, the people living around your visitors and the municipalities should work together or should it be the municipality-? OK, but you think the community can be responsible as well?

RP: Yeah, they should work together. Yeah, they should work together.

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RT: And what is your overall experience of this park? Are you happy or are you sad or are you not happy?

RP: Well, I'm happy though I'm happy with this area, you know? Yeah I grew up here.

RT: If you would give a score out of five, what would you give?

RP: I'll give it a five.

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RT: And you said your reasons for coming here is to smoke or-?

**RP:** Yeah. We only come here to smoke. Sometimes I have a friend who raps, you know, we would come here play beatsy raps raps, then we go home. Yeah.

RT: OK, that's very cool. And you said, when you look at teenagers using the space it's maybe not as nice.

**RP:** No, they use it as a nice place. You know when they come here and chill. Some they eat, you know, some they play soccer, you know?

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RT: And are there people that use this space that maybe you don't like, or feel uncomfortable with?

**RP:** No no. I've never. Always every time, even that other park I've never felt like I'm uncomfortable, you know. Yeah. I always feel safe.

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RT: And you said things in the park that you like and or don't like?

**RP:** I will see how it is man. Like the dumping. You know, I don't like the dumping. You know, it must be clean at all times. The trees you know, like must be neat, you know? Yeah. Everything.

RT: And do you like, like on these benches you see the people have... the dragonflies [pointing to the art on the benches] you like it?

**RP:** Yeah, they did a good thing, they did a good thing. It's a nice drawing.

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RT: And do you do you know anything about the history of the park or-?

**RP:** Yeah, I know it. I've grown up here. I've seen it was a jungle before. I used to live here before, you know, like, play here the jungle. And they were selling fruits. They're selling different vegetables. Yeah. Here in the jungle back then.

Yeah, it was a passage here where they selling fruit and veggie, you know? Yeah, everyone was coming, he knows [pointing to friend next to him].

RT: Do people still do that?

**RP:** Yeah. On Sundays, yeah, we used to come here and buy veggies, fruits. Then we go.

RT: But even now?

**RP:** And now they left. You know they went there at the mall there, at the plaza.

RT: But you also said this was a dumping site? And you said something about a jungle. What made it a jungle?

**RP:** Yeah, this was a dumping site.

No, there were a lot of trees, you know, like lot of grass, you know? Yeah.

RT: Would you like markets to come back to this park?

**RP:** Markets? Yeah, it's cool = hawkers maybe =

RT: So you wish people could sell more things here?

**RP:** Yeah.

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## Transcript

RT: So do you know this place very well? Are you originally from here? Were you born and bred here? So you're very, very familiar with the place and everything that's going on around?

RP: Born and bred here, yeah. Very familiar. I know what's going on.

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RT: So in terms of like nature, how would you describe nature?



**RP:** Nature? Well, it's good now that it's got some trees that's good for nature and CO2 it's very good, but the parks are good for small little kids only. As far as I'm concerned, that of teenagers and others. No. These parks are used as a drug den.

People smoke here. If they want to smoke, teenage drinking, they come to the park.

Everything happens in the park because it's not well supervised. It's very rare you'll see policemen coming to patrol here. They just pass by.

Drug peddlers use parks.

That's what these parks are meant for, but even sometimes chase the small kids away, but they should also put swings.

**RT:** Play equipment for children?

**RP:** For small children to come and play here. Because there are many parks, keep these small kids away from the streets. If they got swings they know. You know, kids love to play and they love to play, but they don't have a playing equipment here.

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**RT:** So according to you the kids don't have playing equipment here. It's very limited?

**RP:** Very. It's none! Not limited. It's none. With limited it is something else, but absolutely nothing. No playing equipment for kids here.

**RT:** Anything like it can be added to make it more comfortable for kids.

**RP:** Yeah. (Kids can use for their life, period).

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**RT:** And of course, you've spoken about other people who have used the park and other uses, is there anything good besides kids that you think they should say anything good that you observe that can that happen? How people use the park?

**RP:** Yeah, you see. These townships, when they were initially designed, they've got small streets.

You don't even, at least it's better you've got a pavement, you've got a pavement of about a meter from the street. But when you know African funerals you go as a crowd. You don't go as 14 or 15 it is a big thing.

When we make a send off for somebody you love, but they also use it to put tents here and have some feast at the park. Sometimes they use it for weddings. They come and put tents here they run weddings here, but that's because of space. Even maybe at home they don't have enough space. They neutralize the park.

Even realize now that even the political parties are using these parks.

They are using it in their campaigning. If they can come and put flags here and go around campaigning and tell people to come at the park here.

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RT: Oh wow, that's very interesting. And then besides drug use are there other bad things that you see people doing in the park, which you don't like?

**RP:** No. Drugs. Kids drink it. We have a problem in the township. Very, very big problem. Small kids are drinking.

And at the moment there's a...

[reaches for a small bottle lying on the ground] Just one step.

You'll come across all these bottles around here. Astra-pain or Still-pain. = couch syrup or something = These things have got codeine in them.

Kids are consuming codeine like... ai... like it's the end of the world.

It's been consumed by kids and students this thing. If you walk around and you'll see that there are these bottles, they're all over here.

RT: I see them now that you've made me aware of it, yeah.

**RP:** So this is where they come. You see there's another one. Even if you walk around, you will find them. The other one is Still-pain.

They both have codeine.

And kids come here. They mix it with cold drink.

They drink and they get drunk.

They bunk schools. They come to the park to come and do these things. Hence I say there's no = monitoring =, monitoring, there's no police, are not patrolling this place. If you see them, even those ones drinking, drinking this thing, they mix it in a 2l bottle and they share it and they get high.

They get to school, they fight with teachers now, that are coming from this park.

This park they don't have a problem. Just only if the police can patrol these parks = every now and then = you see even students are up from Saturday schools, they come here. I can tell you they're coming to smoke.

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RT: Well, thank you very much. Do you know the history of this park and how it came about?

**RP:** No. Not so well.

I just saw them making parks and they said it's standards. It was just an open field = Just open fields = Yeah. But I don't know the history behind that. How did it come back? Or maybe they saw the need that we need a park here, but they just did a park without any swings. Nothing. Absolutely nothing.

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RT: And what's your reason for mainly coming to the park?

**RP:** For me? No, I'm waiting for someone. (I'm waiting fast). So I'm just waiting for this old man here we are just waiting for something and then we will go.

But we do sometimes when it's hot, we come and chill here because I mean, there are no trees around there. There are no trees. When it's really hot we do come here.

RT: Come just and chill and enjoy this space.

RP: Yeah.

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RT: What's your favourite feature of the park?

RP: Well, is this, little monument here.

(unknown speech)

That's the only feature we have here otherwise now they brought in a chess board. But we'll never see people playing chess there.

RT: Also, you never see anyone using the actually designed play space?

RP: Yeah, they play soccer in fact small kids come and play soccer = soccer over the chess board =

[laughter]

That's because they don't have football grounds any open space they utilize to play football.

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RT: OK, so what's your general feeling then of maybe not only this park, but just nature in general and yeah, open outdoor space?

RP: Police patrols.

Are very, very important, we got problem with these kids, really. I mean.

They are drunks, to be honest, this kids they are drunks.

I wish you to come here during the week and see kids who have bunked schools, right here smoking, dagga, drugs and drinking this thing [referring to bottle].

I can actually even those girls are here too smoke [pointing to students under tree]. Those girls are here to smoke.

That's the problem. It's a (damn). The (damn) for all those things now we go to the park, but the police will just pass here. No problem.

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RT: Are there any other parks that you have visited before that you like? Maybe you've seen things there which you maybe wish they were here.

RP: Ah, they're all the same. Other parks is gambling, then playing dice.

All of them. They don't take care of them, they don't maintain them.

RT: What do you feel need to change so that you come here more often? For you to come here more often?

**RP:** You see, for me, I've got grandkids. I can bring my grandkids to come and play here. Sit here. Watch them, you see. But even if I come with them, they've got nothing to play with. Nothing to play. I mean they should...

You see, even like a kindergarten creche, you find there's a space like this. There's sand in there, you know kids love to play.

They should just have some swings for kids to come and play here. It should be meant for kids. I mean we do sometimes... festive season come May. Braai's here and all those things here, but normally these elderly people go away when they see these young kids. They say they know that there'll be dagga all over the place, there'll be smoke of dagga all over the place here.

So normally you don't come we know it's meant for them, it's as if it's meant for them.

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RT: OK. I'm going to show you pictures now. They're not arranged in any particular order, but just take a step back and for you to look at them and see what if there is any picture that you like that resonates with you and just yeah. And just maybe, let's talk about it you can look at all of them and see if there is a picture that you like and then we'll discuss the one maybe you think you don't like maybe the activity it's the way that it looks you can give us a reason why you don't like it, but let's start with your favourite one from those ones.

**RP:** [picture 6] Well, we won't have game in the township. Oh, they will kill them and eat them. They in the township, no.

[picture 4] I think that maybe they can have a fountain for water, kids love- we have a swimming pool here, always full of kids, always, it's overflowing to find about 300 or 400 kids in there. It's just down the street, no just down the street.

There's a swimming pool.

Even I think even today. If they feel like swimming, you'll find lots of kids now. If they can have something like this, maybe a small fountain just for kids to swim, it will be fine and trees at least we've got some few here. Not so bad.

RT: So for you, you like that one? [picture 4]

Any other one maybe?

[looks at photos]

**RP:** So this one is fine and this one.

RT: What about that one do you like?

**RP:** Yeah, also this one.

**00:12:02**

RT: [picture 1] Let's start with the that one. What about this one do you like?

**RP:** When you look at the... what do you call it? Horticulture. The way it's being made, flowers, trees it is well trimmed. You can see the grass is well kept. There are flowers. It's beautiful. It's beautifully. That's some beauty.

RT: Do you know where that is?

RP: I think it's Union Buildings.

You see, the grass must be made. I mean, even this grass is not maintained. They come after, when the grass is so big [indicating height]. They come and cut, cut. They just go.

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RT: [picture 2] And then let's speak about the next one because you also had-.

RP: Yeah, this one. At least we have trees, at least we've got some CO2 going around.

RT: It was that one which you said you like?

RP: [picture 2] Yeah, at least you see here they've got. You see what they're doing? This is the daily occurrence. Playing dice. This is what happened to our parks. But it's meant for kids. If kids are here, they won't be doing this. But even if kids are there, they come and chase them away.

Yeah. I mean, they kids, they, I mean you can look at this one here. This chair, this seating you see on top, there's a board [pointing to table in park]

It's for dice. They play dice here. If they wanna gamble.

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RT: Do you think there should be separate areas for kids to play? And then also for guys to be able to play dice or don't you like that activity?

RP: Well, in separate because while it can be separate, if we are there with them to supervise them, because kids need supervision. Yeah, kids need supervision, but we shouldn't allow them to = play dice = yeah, to do that, to do this, I mean, we will all go out because they will come also at the kids park and they will chase them away.

You see, you see just chase these guys away from here. These gamblers and drug smokers here.

RT: So with this picture [picture 2], it's more about the activity that you don't like. You don't like that they're playing dice, but if you look at it, it is nice things behind.

RP: Yeah, you can come chill with your girlfriends here with your boyfriend. It's fine.

And another thing, I think they should just make some ablutions here.

At the parks, yeah.

And then maybe they have a caretaker at night locks it when he goes home. Come in the morning, open again.

RT: Why is that? RP: For ablution? (mumbling) = relieve themselves =

Urinate everywhere if it's pressed, doesn't know what to do, just they urinate anywhere, because there are no ablution facilities here.

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RT: Do you like the paving around or do you feel there should be more grass or trees or other plants?

**RP:** Feeling fine, because if we have grass, they don't maintain them. Sometimes you will think you're passing through a jungle, so the paving is fine.

You see all these bottles here? Plastic bottles.

Cold drink, I mean soft drinks.

It is what they mix these things with. They mix them with two litre they drink, they get high.

**RT:** So this thing it's actually a cough mixture, but then they use it to get high?

**RP:** Codeine is a drug itself. It's got codeine in them. They just need codeine and they get high.

There's another one is still-pain.

That's what they are consuming, I think even at the factory the sales are going are rocketing sky high with these things because it's not scheduled, yeah.

Yeah, but its got a drug inside, the main ingredient is a drug in there.

To treat the cough.

**RT:** Yeah, and people get addicted to cough syrup.

**RP:** Yeah, because it makes them drowsy, sleep and we do all those things.

I think even at the firm own marketing, sales are rocketing sky high. They think these guys are working. No, they are not working, it's been drunk by students, small little kids.

You give them money for lunch, they come and buy this and buy dagga.

**00:17:01** **RT:** So there's a problem of drug use?

**RP:** Yeah, new small little kids, our future. Our future parents aaah they're being destroyed.

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**RT:** Is there anything else that you would to do more in parks, not necessarily just your grandkids, but you yourself?

**RP:** Yeah, if I feel like coming? If my wife makes me angry, I come here and she leave me alone.

**RT:** Get a bit of relaxation sensation, quiet?

**RP:** Relaxation. Yeah.

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**RT:** So is it important for you to have spaces like that to break away?

**RP:** Very, very important, yeah.

**RT:** Do you feel this space caters for that for you to break away and relax?

**RP:** Yeah, (because I don't stay far), if I'm pressed, I just go home and relieve myself and come back.

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RT: OK, I'm going to now ask you the questions from 1 to 5 and this is our last section from 1 to 5, with 5 is you strongly agree and 1 is you don't agree or you don't know. But do you feel like the park this one is well looked after?

**RP:** No. I disagree, totally disagree.

Because I mean, look, there are no rubbish bins here. If people come here with their drink, they should have a rubbish bins to throw the dead inside.

Unlike littering, I mean they drink and litter they drink and litter.

RT: Oh you did say you do feel like the park meets your needs to come out and relax, so is it a strongly agree that it does meet your emotional needs to just get away?

**RP:** Yeah. I strongly agree.

RT: When you come, do you feel like you know havn' grown up here it's part of where you belong, where you can just come-?

**RP:** Yeah, strongly agree.

RT: Do you feel like the community has a role to play in the parks wellbeing or do you feel like the city alone or it's a combination of the two? What's your feeling on that?

**RP:** Both the combination of both community and the city council.

I mean, it's our park we should look after it. We shouldn't wait for the city council to come, because we should also look after it. Yeah.

RT: So you agree that the community must engage?

**RP:** Exactly.

RT: What is your overall experience of this park? Are you not satisfied or are you satisfied, or are you in the middle somewhere?

**RP:** Middle of the road (half satisfied).

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RT: In nature, that stands out for you. Maybe mountains or rivers or a certain type of tree species or plants or animals?

**RP:** Now you see. We grew under the Bantu education. We never thought of to care about trees. And so, so guys. They never taught us of that park.

As you go around travelling, you can see I was once again was that place in Eastern Transvaal... God's Window. It was fascinating. Was beautiful scenery. Yeah, but we, our people needed education, especially about trees, that they are very, very important.

RT: You feel like you haven't gotten that-? [truck noise]

**RP:** I mean, even if you talk of rivers, they will pollute them.

You see, that's the problem here. They will pollute those rivers with all this dead [referring to empty plastic bottles].





## MS\_04\_2024

<b>Participant:</b>	<b>MS_04_2024</b>
<b>Age: (estimated)</b>	<i>Adult 50's</i>
<b>Gender:</b>	<i>Female</i>
<b>Race / ethnicity:</b>	<i>Black</i>
<b>Interview type / info:</b>	<i>Single interview</i>
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<b>Location:</b>	<i>Maunde Square (at the funeral)</i>
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RT: Alright, so I want to know did you grow up here? Do you know this place well?

RP: Yes.

RT: How would you describe your home? You don't have to give like a address or anything, just what does home mean to you? Is it close by to the park?

RP: It is close to the park, but the parks nowadays are not safe just because most of the young kids, especially these drug dealers, they use the parks, to smoke those [unclear speech] they no more safe.

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RT: But you say you live very close by? How would you describe nature to somebody if you are outside and you have to give them an explanation of what it is?

RP: Nature is fine, nature is fabulous. We enjoy the nature. It's nice to be in the park.

But as I said currently, it's no more safe.

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RT: Would you say that this spark is an example of what nature is?

RP: Exactly. It is.

RT: What of this park makes it nature?

RP: Just because in (funeral) like this, there's a funeral now, we can enjoy in our parks, even at the Christmas we got events also, we also enjoyed at our parks.

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RT: What role does nature play in your personal life, what does nature mean for you in your personal life?

RP: Nature is nice, something that is, eish, I don't know how to explain... it's fabulous. Yeah, I like it.

RT: Is it important-?

RP: Very much important.

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RT: Is there any activities that you prefer to do outside in nature?

RP: Yeah I like to (play on close).

RT: Maybe playing, hiking, praying, meditating any activities that you like to do?

RP: Yes, sometimes you have to, before, these thing of drugs, we were doing aerobics here at the parks.

We were gathering together, and doing the aerobics, so this nowadays, as I said, there is no more safe just because, when you do the aerobics, they come, they rob you the cellphones, all those things.

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RT: How do you feel about the vegetation in the park and the paving in the park. Would you like to see more vegetation or more paving, or do you feel that it is-?

**RP:** I think paving is better, yeah. Paving is better just because most of the people now they've got allergies of the green grass and whatever. So when you its paved, it's gonna be simple and better.

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RT: What features of nature do you like the most? So do you like rivers, mountains, trees, grass. What is your one that stands out?

**RP:** Oh, I like rivers and mountains. I like rivers and mountains.

RT: Is there any other nature that you like?

**RP:** Hiking

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RT: I want you to look at the photos now they are in no specific order. I want you to pick one of the photos that you like the most, just pick one.

[looks at photos]

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RT: The one with the water? [picture 4]

**RP:** Like I said, I like the water, some rivers and mountains.

RT: Do you think some of these features that you see in this picture can be included into this park or how would you like to see water in this park?

**RP:** Aah, it won't be. Unless that's over the mountains, there. Yeah, not this side that side. Yeah.

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RT: So if you look at the same 6 pictures again which of them do you like the least, that you don't like at all? And then also tell me why?

**RP:** I don't like this one. [picture 1]

RT: Do you know where this is?

**RP:** It's too quiet.

RT: Too quiet? So you would like to see more people?

**RP:** OK, this is not the Union Buildings? Yeah, it's too quiet. It's not that much. It's a lot of artificial. Yeah.

RT: So you would like to see more, would you-?

**RP:** Something like this! Something like this maybe? [picture 4]

RT: More water and this one with the long gras? [picture 6]

**RP:** Yes, you see this is nature. [picture 6]

**RT:** And do you want to see this more in this specific park?

**RP:** [unknown speech] Inside the city it won't be. Unless that side. I can go to the mountains.

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**RT:** How do you think this park should look like if you look at these pictures? Which of these pictures do you think, or this park should look like which of these pictures?

[looks at photos]

**RP:** Picture like this (entertainment) [picture 2]

[funeral band starts playing]

**RT:** Play equipment and where people can gather?

**RP:** Yeah. Kids can play.

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**RT:** What other parks do you know in Pretoria?

**RP:** (Moroe park) When you enter it, Atteridgeville, there is a park. When you enter it.

**RT:** Is it in this street as well?

**RP:** Yeah, it's the main street.

When you enter at Atteridgeville, there is a bridge, on your right hand side, there is a park, we call it (Moroe) park. M – O – R – O – E

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**RT:** And do you visit that park a lot?

**RP:** Normally we come on 16<sup>th</sup> of December and 25. You won't even enter the Atteridgeville. They park even outside the church even that side, the way its full. People from outside, from Limpopo from other countries, they come to Moroe park, to come and enjoy.

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**RT:** What do you like about that park?

**RP:** It's nice, it's nice, but this nowadays they don't, they don't consider it anymore, they just leave it like this. It's no more neat, clean. Yeah, they don't take-

[loud funeral band playing – interview stopped due to music at funeral]

## MS\_05\_2024

<b>Participant:</b>	<b>MS_05_2024</b>
<b>Age: (estimated)</b>	<i>Adult (student)</i>
<b>Gender:</b>	<i>Male</i>
<b>Race / ethnicity:</b>	<i>Black</i>
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RT: So I guess our first question is, are you from Atteridgeville did you grow up here? Are you originally from-?

**RP:** No I am not from here, I'm from (Dannelton), but currently I'm staying in Hatfield. I just came here to panel beat my car actually.

RT: So you staying in Hatfield now? But you are here to have some work done on your car and then you just spend some time on the park?

**RP:** Not pretty much. Just sitting here for shade. But yeah the car is just over there, so I know those guys are good with their job and so someone just referred me there.

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RT: Oh, nice. So let's take it back a little bit. You know, just away from the park and away from here. What is nature to you?

**RP:** Nature how do I define nature? I think it's just generally refers to the flora and fauna and are also actually environment that's what nature I think is to me and, but you know, at some point, nature gets modified by people because, you know, like as we continue living, we are obviously, you know, leaving some footprints on it, and then that in a way, kinda degrade the nature. And now it becomes difficult to explain what nature is because of our footprint on the environment.

But generally I would think it's just the environment.

Yes. Well, plants and animals.

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RT: And what role does nature, what you've described just now play in your life would you say?

**RP:** Oh, it actually plays quite a lot of things. I'm actually a geography teacher so, so I think it's, for example when we talk about climate change.

I think nature helps to kind of minimize the impact of climate change in a sense that, for example, the floras that helps to regulate, you know the carbon emissions, you know, just to renew the oxygen for us as human, but also for example, now I'm sitting here, I could have, why not sit in the sun? You know? So I need the plants, the trees also for the shade, clean air. But also, yeah, it's just quite a lot actually of what it means.

And how do we live about nature? It is so important that extend for me to say that as much as we are so interested in development and all those kind of things but we how about we also spend time like you guys you know just to care for the nature. We take a lot from nature, but we contribute less to make sure that it's good, it's well taken care of.

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RT: I guess the following question was how do you use nature you already told me the tree just chillin. Yeah, but are there any other uses of nature? Maybe uses of plants?

**RP:** No there's quite a lot because I grew up in the villages. So in the villages we used to go to the bush to cut for wood for fire and at some point we have to build you know those traditional houses, the rondavels and all that and we need woods from the nature.

What else?

We sometimes will have this, you know, fruits from the mountains towards the mountains, you get some fruits here, prickly pears and all those kind of things. So there's food in the nature, there's-

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RT: Any other plant uses? Maybe medicinal uses?

**RP:** Yes, this. Yeah. Actually in medicine, I'm actually love more of, you know, the natural medicine than the one in the pharmacist and all that.

And also one of my friends, he did, I think it's natural path or something like that it deals with this traditional medicines are not like from the herbal list or something, right? Just the nature just extracting from nature and use it maybe boil it and drink it. I know quite a few but here... there's nothing here. Yeah, but where I come from-.

RT: So you can't find anything like that here?

**RP:** Yeah, you see the surface are paved. So obviously (to add) for settlement, they had to get rid of the of the plants and all those so they can build houses but also for the desire for men to look for spaces. Urbanization also it's here you know that people have to cut off the trees at some point to make a settlement and all those kind of things so we kind of losing those you know important plants that we need for maybe for food, for medicines and all that.

Now we just plant this as we call them alien, alien plants that are consuming a lot of water and all that.

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RT: We're now going to look at a couple of pictures. They're not in any particular order, but I'd like you to just go through them and maybe pick out two that stand out for you, or why you feel like you connect with or you like? Yes just go through them and then pick up the two that you think these ones I feel like they connect with me or they remind me of home, you know?

[looks at photos]

**RP:** I think this two [picture 4 and 6].

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RT: What about this one [picture 6] do you like or reminds of home or makes you like it?

RP: Well, for one. You see, there's quite a lot of plants and animals also can find food for them.

But the only thing is you see that this plants seems like it was cut off, so meaning that people could be practicing deforestation and all that, but not in a large scale. But animals, they can still find grazing land-

RT: Sorry, is it the one with the animal?

RP: Yes.

RT: So he said that he likes it because they it feels like there's sufficient food for animals to graze and that is not heavily manipulated by people.

RP: Yes, and there's quite a lot of trees, varieties of them. You can see even by the leaves they are different and meaning that also water could be there could be enough water here. Because how green they are. And yeah, pretty much (like the ones they are best).

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RT: And then what about this one [picture 4] do you do you like? = waterfall one =

RP: It looks clean. That's why. Yeah, it looks clean because you know, like most of the rivers now they are filled with plastics = pollution = polluted and that also it's causing the (fight to plankton plants) and the rivers and the species, the animal species that are residing within the water, is it aqua, whatever they call them. So it's clean and but also the tranquillity that you get here when the you know when the water falls and then there comes some steam, you know, that comes you. Yeah. There's some shade, looks more natural and that's not manipulated also like you said. Yeah, it's good it's quite a scenery, it's nice. It's attraction. It's beautiful. So nature could be, can also benefit economically if you look on the tourism perspective. So people travel to see such places. So it's quite nice.

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RT: And then which ones do you think are your least favourite when you look through these pictures?

[looks at photos]

RP: This one [picture 1]. Is it Union Building or what?

RT: What about it, don't you like?

RP: Obviously there's only like, I think the reason why maybe here, there's quite a lot of plants is just because of maybe it's a government institution or something. But if you look around the city, it's just tall buildings and all those kind of things.

So there's no room for nature so like I did say, people that are just looking for a place to stay. So they have to get rid of the plants.

And all those things, so here it's just... I don't know... so they had to like to plan how to put this trees here, how to make it look good and all that. But this is not really, well for me, I can't say this is nature. Nah, can't say this is nature.



RT: Does it look manipulated?

**RP:** Yes, it is manipulated. I mean like if the plants you see... I don't know what do I say... it's like they are, they are part of how they are planted, so it's like they had some sort of a plan, landscaping thing type of a thing to say this is how we want them to look like and all that, but nature, it's not like a person gets to decide how nature should look like. I think nature has a way of shaping itself, but also in the process of shaping itself. It's a way to sustain itself.

You know, so without men getting having to interact, to intervene with nature. Having to trim the plants and make them look favourable to us and attractive, we can take nice pictures and all that. But nature has it's beautiful as how it shapes itself, so it requires no men to actually, you know, intervene to make it maybe look nice and all that.

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RT: Do you think this park can represent more of a natural nature landscape?

**RP:** Nah! They just try, you know, to make it look natural. But there's nothing natural about it.

RT: But do you think our parks can be more natural or do you think it should more be like this now?

**RP:** I think they should be natural. They should be natural.

You mean this one, right? Oh, no this one, it's not.

= (what about other parks, feelings, they think they natural or not?) =

= he was also asking about other parks, (if you think they should be natural?) =

RT: Yeah, I specifically want to know do you think this park can be more natural or what do you think this park should look like or if you compare it to the pictures-?

**RP:** So you're saying if maybe they try to do efforts to make it look natural or like how it is now?

RT: No. What do you think it should look like?

**RP:** There has to be more trees, I think, and yeah, there has to be more trees.

Grasses of course. I think the reason why it's not looking like more natural because of, you know, they can't just allow a lot of trees to go and maybe they could be havoc for snakes and all that, I don't know, it's a residential area and it's a residential. But I think.

There's another park in Groenkloof. You know Jan Cilliers park? That one looks more natural.

That one it's more natural because of the [interview interrupted] So it looks more natural, because of some ponds, fishes, so it's not just only the trees and the grasses and all that. But there's actually, there's a source of life. There's life there that fishes. There's some birds, you know. So it gives you that natural that sense of nature you know so I think that one is better than this one.

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RT: So that's currently, it was always open I remember my mom took her wedding photos there. But now it's enclosed, so you can still go in. But what do you think about that? = Access to parks = Do you think that's a problem, the access?

**RP:** So like I say, it's a problem if it's closed?

RT: I'm asking you what do think of it now?

**RP:** I don't know. It should just be you know accessible. It doesn't need to want to close it, you know, but I think the reason why they close it is just for preservation purposes because of you know that there are some people that they don't even care about nature. And they just... someone could just go in there and just fish those fishes in the ponds out. So I think that's the reason why they actually... I think it's one of the those that are doing tourism.

Is it (SAHRA), what?

They preserve the natural resources and all those kind of things, they conserve the parks and all that so I think it's for those reasons, but for me, well, it shouldn't be like that, you know, because as people we should be able to relate with our nature.

You know, and get to understand better, like the importance of nature.

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RT: So if it's maybe closed, they don't get that opportunity to learn or understand why it should be protected.

**RP:** When I was doing my third year, my lecturer Dr. [unclear], she was doing environmental science 301.

So he, I think we had a scenario whereby I don't know where which guy was from. So he built, they attempted to build like their own biodiversity, you know, because of they're trying to avoid the emissions and all those things that are degrading the environment and all that.

So they attempted so that, to see like, can it really last if we can try to build, you know, biodiversity within the Earth and all that and what it could, it could not, it didn't last it collapsed because of-.

It's a human efforts, you know, so we can do to such an extent. And I think what we can do is just not to, to impose alien things on the nature. That's how I think that's how best we can preserve the nature, just leave it as it is, you know, allow it to grow itself, allow it to, because once we start, trying to plant our own plants and all that. Some you know, there's just going to be a competition for water with this, you know, alien species, plants and all that. So meaning that the nature ones, they might end up, you know, getting dry and all that. So I think allowing it to, to grow, how it grows, I think that's the best way to also preserve it.

But not everyone understands that hey.

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RT: Let's talk about this park. Since you're chilling here waiting for your car to get sorted. Do you feel like comfortable here? Do you feel comfortable?

**RP:** Comfortable in the sense of safety or-?

RT: Like do you like it?

**RP:** The park? Yeah. I don't, really, I don't like it.

It's dirty one. Two, you see, there's not really trees you can go sit under. And maybe this one, but inside.

Oh, so this is the park all of it?

I was actually looking just at this one. But of course, I feel like a park [unclear speech] but I feel like a park should be [unclear speech] paved surfaces and all that.

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RT: Are there any physical changes that you will make? Obviously paving your route, planting what other physical changing?

**RP:** If I was to care for this, definitely I was going to remove all this paving. Maybe I can have paving for like a foot path, that one, yes. So that people don't step on the grass and all that. That's the only changes that- otherwise, all those things it's going to remove them and just plant more vegetation. Then it will look more of a park than what it looks now.

It's like a playground.

(kids can play now) [unclear speech]

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RT: OK. we're getting towards the end now. I think you've answered this one, it can be like where you don't know it can be like a one, where you strongly agree is there, but do you feel like it's well looked after this park?

**RP:** I disagree. Strongly disagree.

RT: Do you feel like it would meet your emotional personal needs?

**RP:** Not at all. Disagree.

RT: Is it a place that you identify with you? Remember, we showed you pictures of places that you identified with?

**RP:** Uh. No.

RT: And then is it a place you feel the community must take care.

**RP:** Yes, the community should be, you know, taking care of it. I mean, who else?

Nature serves us.

Yes, strongly agree.

RT: And then your overall experience, where would you rate it? Is it neutral, is it dissatisfaction, are you satisfied or somewhat satisfied?

**RP:** Dissatisfied, yes.

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RT: Have you observed other activities in the park and how other people are using the park?

Why they're visiting the park?

**RP:** I don't know. They're just using it as a parking lot [laughing].

[unknown speech]

= This one is a parking lot. It's a car wash. It's just a chill spot =

But when we talk about nature, we can't refer to this. Unless if you just talking cause park, you know car park, it's also a park, you know. Unless, but when you talk about the nature of park like this, you see these ones? Then we can't compare it like this.

With these ones. No, we cannot.

So this is far away.

Like it's modified to meet the needs of the people. Maybe that's what they want, they want it to look like.

We might be more interested in the natural look and all that, but that's not how they want it. So the first, maybe the reason why they built it like this, it's because of they knew that they're going to use it for parking and all those things.

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RT: Do you know about the history of this park?

**RP:** No, I don't know. It's for the first time actually, yesterday it was for the first time I came in this Atteridgeville. I've never been here before.

(Today is my second day) because yesterday I just came for the quotation.

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RT: This is now just for interest sake... do you know, like botanical gardens?

**RP:** Yes, I know one in Silverton.

RT: And like, what would you say is overall of a Botanical Garden just from the top of your head?

**RP:** I think it's more of conservation. Conservation. Yes, it's more conservation, but also, for the fact that we say it's a garden. You know there should be variety of plants and animals, you know.

Maybe that are kept there, but like I said, for conservation purposes and yeah, I mean if one if a person is interested in nature, I should be able to go to that place to find that, you know, that emotional satisfaction that you were talking about where I can just sit under the tree and actually relate with the nature.

You know and if you check people like poets, they actually like, go to sit and where they're just birds, you know, chirping and all those kind of things. I think that's where we even find ourselves most of the time, but places where it's always, you know, like this, you know, because when you get there one thing, you're already concerned about the littering and all those things.

Then you can't even think straight.

When we get to such places, then that's where you can start thinking you know properly and you can relate with the nature you get to admire the beauty of nature and actually maybe the roles that it plays, get to breathe clean air and all those things. So yeah.

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RT: Because I'm looking at ways that botanical gardens can maybe be used in new ways, so you're talking about maybe planting more medicinal plants, having people have access to things like that, maybe in a Botanical Garden or seeing more diverse plants, plants that are from here, but they maybe don't see as often. So yeah, I'm just interested what you think of botanical gardens. And if you visit them.

RP: Now when I say access not to say they have access to just taking plants there and all that. No, just for sightseeing to see the plants. Yes. Just for that.

RT: So you don't want people to take the plants, for instance?

RP: You know, there's some indigenous plants that and now they're getting extinct.

Because of this invasive plants and all that that I've met demanding a lot of water, so we can't risk that.

Say, and now we have a lot of, you know, sick diseases that are coming in and those plants they can actually help. Yeah. I never used to use the grandpa's [referring to the headache powder] and all that at home.

We've never. I've never. When I grew up, my grandpa was like, just go and take a walk in the bush and we got this plant, *Hlonya*, there's a plants in Sepedi. I'm Pedi.

It's called, *Hlonya* [refer to interview guide].

You just dig it, and then you boil it, then you drink it.

It's very sour, and within a day you are completely healed. Yes, even we use the *aloe*, you know the *aloe*. Yes, those kinda things. We use those.

But you see, one other thing, but at least this tree from the big ones [referring to the pepper trees in the park], where there's some benches, that one I know it can be used for flu. So we used to steam with it. So you just put it in the pot and then you maybe kind of close and then boil it, then you inhale the steam. Then in a day, aaah, you're good.

You can even drink the water.

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RT: What do you mean you can drink the water?

RP: If you boil the leaves, then the water is.

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RT: Would you mind just writing down? That's a plant that's maybe important to you? Something that you know.

You can write the language and write the way you said it and also I'll write my language you said.

[refer to interview guide]

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RT: So is there other activities that you can tell us about that you did when you were younger and specifically in nature?

**RP:** Yeah, it's in primary. Actually, we used to have maybe on Wednesday or Sports Day, but it was like they would give us a task where we each get to plant the tree and then we need to care for that plant, you know, I think that's when this green, is it green, green what?

Forget. That's when it started, you know, getting popular. You know where we they are practicing more afforestation and all that. So we each had a plant so we planted it like plant in front of our classes. So it's like a garden row. So we just plant it and then every day at school you water the plant in the morning before you leave you also water that. That was quite fun.

But, I didn't understand like the role and why we're doing that in the first place, but now I get to understand like why actually we supposed to do such?

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RT: I wonder how the trees are now. They still there?

**RP:** Ah, (I don't know) they're not even there. They're not.

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RT: Any other activities, maybe playing, the type of games you used to play? What did you see?

**RP:** Yeah, I used to be bad in the sports. I don't even play. I don't even like sports, even now. I'm just trying to learn rugby, but other sports, I used to tell my friends like I used to be bad in soccer.

And you know, how you are so bad.

I have a bit of knock knees.

Aye, I was not that good. So every time we, like, I keep leaving you guys, but I've always stay in the practice. Looks like this guy is gonna mess us up, so. Leave me.

So I got angry towards sports. I left sport.

So I was like, I maybe just focus on (gymming).

Yeah, there's no one to judge me at gym.

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RT: And are there things that you wish you could do here?

Do you think living in the city makes it difficult, maybe compared to being at home, in the village?

**RP:** Yeah, I think, in the city, it's more, kinda small.

It's more competitive, but also it's expensive living in the city.

At home, you never used to stress about a lot of things, and here if you want food, you have to buy and that's one. But in the villages there's a lot of trees there every season we know we have something to, you know to reap.

My homes they have a huge yard, so they ploughed maze. There's guava trees, peach, mangoes, bananas and so forth, even potatoes = you making me hungry = I'm really hungry, that's why I'm so in details with those food.

So yeah, it was nice, and you can even go into the bushes and eat what we call *machili*, *mahlatswa*, and those kind of things, those fruits, like wild fruits. It's very nice, yeah.

But I think here the only thing that is nice is convenience. You know, there's information, everything is bit fast, but at homes for you to get information, it's difficult. One network is not good then everything else, it's gonna be bad.

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RT: What makes you uncomfortable to visit parks?

[Research team being attacked by ants, realised we were sitting on an ant nest]

RP: What makes me uncomfortable?

So you're saying what makes me uncomfortable?

RT: Is there anything that makes you comfortable visiting parks?

RP: Nah, no, for now. I think it's more you know these guys that are using drugs and all that because now they like stay in parks for example the, you know, the Springbok park in Hatfield. Yeah, that one. You can't just go there and just to sit, you know, but I think we had a picnic last, when was it? Jan Cilliers? [referring to park]

Yeah three weeks ago we had a picnic. It was nice. In Jan Cilliers park in Groenkloof. Yes, we had a picnic. It was nice. So it depends in which park I'm visiting because some they have those, you know.

= that one is more taken care of =

Yes. So it's really nice you can just literally spend the whole day there just enjoying the, the birds and all that.

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RT: I just want to ask you to write the fruits that you mentioned [refer to interview guide]

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<b>Participant:</b>	<b>BP_05_2024</b>
<b>Age: (estimated)</b>	Adult
<b>Gender:</b>	Female
<b>Race / ethnicity:</b>	Black African Speaks Sepedi
<b>Interview type / info:</b>	Single interview. On grass near Southern entrance – eating lunch
<b>Date:</b>	10/04/2024
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<b>Location:</b>	Burgers Park
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RT: Thank you. Just tell me about where you are from and where you grew up? Yeah.

RP: About myself? OK.

RT: Just where you grew up. What does it look like? Just explain- talking about home? What is home for you? And what does it look like?



RP: ... I did grow up in... Limpopo, Bochum. It's a village where ... ah by that time- while I was still young, there was no library. There was no... ... Ok. Library was not there. What was there? It was police station ... uh... clinic. Uh... (mumbles)

RT: But what does the landscape look like? Is it mountainous? Is it grassy? Or are there animals? The landscape. What does it look like there?

RP: Ah, no, it's just sand everywhere.

RT: Sand everywhere?

RP: Yeah, It's houses and sand... And... There was what again? ... Schools where we attend. Now that clinic is changed. Now it's a... it's a hospital. Yeah, ah... another thing, let me see... There is no mall ... we go to supermarket if you want to buy something or you go to Bochum... ... uh ... How do they call it? It's little town, little town where we go to buy groceries for home. Bochum. Yeah. And there are... there are no different languages. It's only Sepedi, because we have Pedi people. Yeah.

RT: Yes, yes. Ok.

RP: It's a big, big, big village. Yeah, so... in... like... then somewhere it's Eldorado where I come from- somewhere is Thlona next to us... somewhere is (Ha-Mashaumayithe... Langudje) (Ha-Mashaumayithe Langudje) is next to us as well. We just walk when we going there. (mumbles)

**02:26** RT: Oh OK. So what did you do as kids, when you're growing up in Limpopo? What activities, did you do?

RP: OK, OK. We used to play with... What do they call it?... rocks... we... we play the game. We -... what ... they call it (maskhutah)... it's girls who play it... boys ... they will play with ball, doing... soccer, soccer, soccer. Yeah so... I grew up in Eldorado under Bochum in Limpopo. I attended my primary there. My high school there, my primary is (Rasgalah) it's a primary school. My high school is... Mapinga Secondary School so... I attended primary and ... and secondary. And then I went to Unisa.

RT: Ohh. So is that why you came to Pretoria?

RP: Yes, and I'm working at the same time. Yeah. So I came to your Unisa to study the social work. I came when? ... I started ... uh ... 2006. Yeah, but. I didn't finish the- you know, it's part time. It's hard to finish. Yeah, I didn't finish. Then I'm working a... social work.

**04:00** RT: OK. So how would you define nature? When you hear the word nature what things come in your mind- when you hear the word nature?

RP: Nature...OK... Like animals? Yeah. Yeah. Animals, goats, cows? Uh... Yeah, and... Game.... Ah animals. Donkeys, you know? Yeah, yeah, we have donkeys. We have pigs. All the animals at home.

RT: Yes, yes. So how did you use nature at home? So you mentioned animals or... did you grow your own animals? [laughter] Grow your animals? Or did you have your own animals? Ah yes that's what I wanted to say ...Grow them ... like you plant them.

RP: [laughs] Yeah. Yeah, we bought them. Yeah, at home. At home. They have at home. They have... goats-

RT: Yes. At home?

RP: Yeah, at home. Now they have cows as well.

RT: Did you have your own garden at home?

RP: Yes. You know what they do at home? They are somewhere... whereby every, every house they give them the land.

RT: Portion of land. Oh, wow.

RP: Yeah portion of land. So we used to go there, they ... we- What do they call it? ... (Ovuala?)...

RT: The one you plant?

RP: Yeah plant using... 'trekker'... what is a 'trekker'?

RT: Ohh yes, a tractor.

RP: Yes yes yes. A tractor -they plough... So we go there, then we plough... watermelon ... 'mielie', do you know 'mielie'?

RT: Yeah corn.

RP: Yeah, and the other one for... brown bread-

RT: Wheat?

RP: ... not brown bread... brown pap.

RT: Oh... I see it, I see it. Mabele?

RP: Ey Mabele. We did grow mabele. Yeah. Those kinds of things.

RT: I don't know what it is called in English? (Sorghum)

RP: There will be a time- [laughs] where ... whereby ... we ... to plough ... to (uguna)

RT: (Uvuna). Oh...To harvest.

RP: Yeah, wherever there will be a time to harvest, then we take those... uh mabele, we will take them somewhere. It become porridge. Yeah.

RT: Yeah, yeah, yeah. So for you nature is a place where you could go and grow your own food. It's a place where you could grow your own animals. [laughs] to graze in nature. Growing up as a child. That's amazing.

RP: Yeah.

RT: You said you had a portion of land. Was it your family or- ?

RP: Every family.

RT: Community land. Every family, yeah.

RP: Yeah, every family.

RT: So she said there's a spot where as a community, everybody would go and be allocated land and you'll go and farm. There. Together.

RP: Mmm. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

RT: Ok. Thank you.

RP: So yeah, and sometimes they... they plough at home and at the house... at the house we have big stand, so they plough there and where they gave them the land.

**07:17** RT: Yes. Ohh wow. So you had gardens even at home and then in that plot where you're given and you were sharing with the community. [respondent agrees] Wow. That's amazing. So what is your favourite landscape feature? So is it maybe, I don't know, a river at home or it's a tree or is it a mountain or is it a plant? What is your favourite thing that you look at in nature and you like?

RP: Mmm... planting.

RT: Plants, neh? Is there a specific plant that you like? Maybe you used as a child or-

RP: Oh Yeah keratan... morog... I don't know what ... Morogo-

RT: Morogo [laughs] Which one is morogo... like spinach?

RP: Like spinach. Yeah.

RT: So do you like plants that you can harvest and that you basically can farm? Is that the plants you would say you prefer?

RP: Yeah.

RT: That you can eat?

RP: That I can harvest. Yeah, that I can harvest.

**08:21** RT: Wow, that's really cool. We want to show you a couple of pictures. They're not arranged in a particular order, so you can look at them, and I want you to select minimum two. If there's more than two, it's fine. That you look at and it reminds you of home.

RP: OK.

RT: You know those pictures that you look at... like ah this reminds you of home. You can select them and put them on the side. And you can just chat about them.

RP: OK. Let me see this one. [shuffles through pictures]... Mmm... <15> OK, I like this one [refers to photo 6]... At home this one- they... they... what do they call it? (Speaks Sepedi) OK. But the hunter.

RT: They hunt?

RP: Yeah hunter.

RT: Yes, yes.

RP: Then they sell them. You see people hunted them. Then they sell it to us and they... what do they call it? (speaks Sepedi)

RT: Ohh so she says- they used to have these animals at home as well. They used to have them.

RP: (inaudible) Mmmm... because we were girls we can't... hunt them. [laughs]

RT: Yes, yes, yes. But it's- so when you look at this picture, it tells the story about home and how you lived at home. Is there another one that you like? Like oh also this one.

RP: [excited] Yeah [laughs] This. [Refers to photo 4] You know as kids, we would go there. We-

RT: Swim?

RP: Yeah we swim- we tried to swim. [laughter]

RT: Without the parents knowing.

RP: When you come back...

RT: In trouble?

RP: No you see water, this water. They don't see- Then you can show ... ah. [laughs] ... ... We can show that ah... we are 'stout' kids. [laughter]

**10:31** RT: Stout... And then maybe just look at the pictures again and show me pictures that you think this place must look like.

RP: ... Mmm... I think that one. [Refers to photo 2]

RT: OK. What about that picture would you like this place to look like?

RP: Which one... This one? [Refers to another photo]

RT: No, the one that you have.

RP: You were saying?

RT: What about it do you like? That you want this place to look like this?

RP: I can see that it is clean... Yeah, and... there is- where you can sit, you see? Yeah, it is... It's nice. Other than here... here I- there are some places that side... I can't sit that side. I can see that here it is not clean. [Refers to North Eastern side, closer to toilets]

**11:30** RT: These ones that remind you of home, do you think this park can look more like these two? More natural and wild. Would you like that if it was more like that?

RP: Uhm... Let me see... Yeah, I think- there was somewhere... was water... So that you know- people go there and swim. You know. And there'll be people who teach us to swim. [laughs] Yeah, yeah.

RT: And which of these pictures don't you like?

RP: I don't like? ...Ah...

RT: If you can't find any-

RP: I think this one. [Refers to photo 3]

RT: OK. What don't you like about this one?

RP: Aye... I feel like there's something short ... short there. Yeah, I feel like that. Or no man, there's something that is... not hundred percent. Yeah.

RT: What do you think of this one closest to you? [Refers to photo 1].

RP: Yeah, it's nice...It's nice, but yoh... Even if I say... the existing municipality can do it, they will never do it... They would never do it. It is nice and... nice and clean. But ah... you know our... our leaders, ANC ah... they don't do anything like this.

**13:08** RT: Are there any other parks that you know, in the city of Tshwane, that you visit? Or that you like?

RP: I'm staying in... Atteridgeville neh. I do go to another park there in Atteridgeville. Like ... like when I go there and sit there. See people passing. You just refresh your mind.

RT: Which one is that one?

RP: Atteridgeville.

RT: Oh the park that you go to is in Atteridgeville. Do you know the name?

RP: Yeah, yeah, I don't know the name... I just know it's a park.

RT: OK. But some people go there, to refresh there. Ok.

RP: Kids play there, yeah.

RT: Do you know Maunde Square?

RP: Maunde?

RT: In Atteridgeville.

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RP: Eh... It's a plaza... this other one- But it's not- Maunde is the Main Street.

RT: Yes. There is a small park where taxis change.

RP: Yeah, there is another- Yeah. It's a Plaza there. I know it. [laughs]

RT: What do you think of that one?

RP: [Refers to Maunde plaza] It's nice because there are banks there, but what I don't like about it is that the Shoprite close... early.

RT: Oh the plaza is before the park, neh.

RP: Because ... I go home, I ... knock off at four. When I arrive at home, it's 18:30. Yeah. [laughs]

RT: Yes. So you must quickly go but they close.

RP: Yeah, you want to cook? You want to go there? So if you don't know which one you must do. Because now- There's this thing of loadshedding, you know. I think if they will... extend the time say... At 20:00 you see... it will be better.

**14:52** RT: Hmm. OK. We're nearly there. Do you feel comfortable when you come to this park?

RP: Ah. I feel comfortable. [laughs] I always come here.

RT: You always come here. [Respondent agrees] To have your lunch?

RP: To have my lunch and then I go back -

RT: And relax?

RP: Yeah. And to listen a little bit (mumbles). Then go back.

RT: Ok. Are there any people in the park that bother you or that you feel uncomfortable around?

RP: Mhmm [disagrees] I- ... here I do not feel ... uncomfortable... I feel safe. Yeah, there is no such a day- I feel like they will take my phone. No.

RT: Oh, OK, but primarily cause you work in the city, you just come to have lunch and just relax and go back?

RP: And then go back.

**15:38** RT: OK. Are there any other people that you notice use the park in a certain way? ... I don't know. Maybe people come and gather or what? Any other activities that you notice when you come- that people do in the park?

RP: Yeah. When they eat... [laughs] then they don't throw away like me. I did eat. I'll leave this... papers here or what? And other people do like that, yeah.

RT: Besides people that are eating, are there any other people doing anything else? Maybe I don't know...playing or whatever?

RP: Yeah, kids, kids, they do play ball ... soccer, they play soccer here. Some ... some other kids, they do come and relax. [clears throat]... Girls they come and relax ... and they go home late.

RT: OK. Do you feel like you know the history of the park? This one?

RP: No... I don't know [laughs]

**16:38** RT: No, it's fine. It's fine. It's fine. Just the last one from me. There is... this rubric that we have here, where it's, I don't know, strongly agree, disagree, agree or strongly agree. So these are the questions, so you have to tell me if you don't know, you strongly agree, disagree, whatever. So do you feel like the park is well looked after? This one is well looked after. Do you feel like-?

RP: Yeah... its' well looked after but... not. They look after it after a long time... it can take ...three months, you know. Then after three months, they come. They ... they cut the... the green. Yeah. They sweep. Yeah, I just-

RT: So do you say you said agree not strongly agree, just an agree?

RP: Yeah, just an agree.

RT: OK. And then, do you feel like it's meet your emotional needs when you come here? You know as a place that you can come to-

RP: Yeah. Yeah. Here, when I come-

RT: So that's an agree?

RP: I feel... refreshed ... uh...

RT: Hmm... it's an agree? It meets your emotional needs?

RP: Mmm... when I come- go back then I feel ... tsss...at least fine. You know, when I was coming here, I was like feeling not well, but now after eating, I'm fine. [laughs]

RT: Maybe you were just hungry. [laughter]

RP: Yeah.

RT: OK. And is it a place that you feel like you belong when you're here? Like... ah this feels like a place that I belong to.

RP: Yeah, I feel like... I'm at the suburb because it's quiet, you know, so I used to stay with my family at Kempton Park, so I used to go to the park that side. So it reminds me of- .

RT: It gives you that feeling mmm?

RP: Yeah it gives me – tsss [deep breath] ... I'm at the suburb. [laughs]

RT: OK. Do you feel that the community has the responsibility to take care of the park?

RP: Yes, they do. At least- (Speaks Sepedi) Mmmm... we have to help them.

RT: Essentially, she is saying, the municipality must be assisted as well, because they can't do it alone. So the community must also help them. So just the last question is, what is your overall experience of this park? Is it somewhat satisfied? Satisfying? Or are you dissatisfied about your overall experience here?

RP: I am satisfied. [laughs]

**19:06** RT: Satisfied. Wow, that's beautiful. Is there anything in the park that you particularly like, maybe the building? The statues? The grass? Is there anything like that?

RP: Yeah, the the, the, the,... (speaks Sepedi) I think the way- Can you translate?

RT: I'm not Sotho, I'm Zulu by the way [laughs]. So I try...

RP: These trees. [laughter]

RT: The trees, yeah she says she loves the trees. Mmm... Yes, yes, yes, yes. So (Sotho word) means trees?

RP: Yeah, (Sotho word) is trees. Oh yeah it's Zulu. (Sotho).

RT: Yeah I'm trying [laughter].

RP: Like is your course (inaudible)?

RT: Eh... Architecture.

RP: Ohh Architecture.

RT: Yeah. Architecture and Landscape Architecture, yes.

RP: Ohh my, my sister's child want to be architect?

RT: Ohh really? You can tell him you met students who is doing-

RP: Yeah, he's doing grade... Grade 11? Yeah.

RT: Ohh she's close.

RP: Yeah, she's close. She knows maths. [laughs]

RT: No, she must visit. She must visit UP and meet us. And yeah, yeah. Take care around and everything-. Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

RP: Yeah, I'll tell her. I'll tell her.

**20:19** RT: Is there anything that you don't like in the park?

RP: Eh... These people, whose who-? They're street kids. That's one thing I don't like about them. Yeah, because they like park and. No, they don't... They don't do anything. Yeah, sometimes... eish



RT: They make the park feel uncomfortable for you? [respondent agrees]. Do they bother you? Have you experienced that?

RP: No, I just- [laughs]. They don't ... bother me as such, but I feel like... I'm a little bit...

RT: Uncomfortable?

RP: Yeah... You never know.

RT: You're aware... you are aware- because you never know what's going to happen. [respondent agrees]. You did earlier mention that side of the park [refers to North Eastern side]. You don't go to that side. What's your main reason for not going there?

RP: Eish... I used to see... [laughs] I don't know if I must talk about it-

RT: Yeah, you can talk about it.

RP: I used to see faeces that side. You know, so that's why I don't like that side.

RT: Mmm yes, it's dirty.

RP: Yeah, it's dirty. So I think... Even when they cut the... the grass, they don't go that side, they don't clean very well that side.

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RT: Hmm. I'm also now very relaxed.

RP: Yeah. You see.

RT: Thank you for your time.