

Arbor City Award Competition 2008

The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) in conjunction with the Institute of Environment and Recreation Management (IERM) have reintroduced the Arbor City Award Competition during the year 2002, with the main objective of encouraging municipalities to undertake greening initiatives. The competition was kick-started in Gauteng Province, went on to the Eastern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu Natal, Limpopo and Mpumalanga Provinces and in 2008 extended to the Northern Cape Province.

The aim of the program is to recognise and provide incentives for Municipalities (towns and cities) for their greening efforts with a special focus on previously disadvantaged areas. The program is conducted as a competition and all Local Municipalities are eligible to enter.

There are 27 local municipalities and five district municipalities in the Northern Cape. In May 2008, appointments were made with all 32 municipalities to inform them of the competition and provide them with entry forms. Ten entries were received. One entry was from a district municipality. The adjudication panel consisted of 8 people representing the following organizations: DWAF; Working for Water; Department of Tourism, Environment & Conservation (DTEC); Department of Education (DoE) and TOTAL.

The following municipalities entered the competition:

Ga-Segonyana Municipality	-	Kuruman
//Khara Hais Municipality	-	Upington
Tsantsabane Municipality	-	Postmasburg
Emthanjeni Municipality	-	De Aar
Magareng Municipality	-	Warrenton

Dikgatlong Municipality	-	Barkley West
Siyancuma Municipality	-	Douglas
Thembelihle Municipality	-	Hopetown
Frances Baard District Municipality	-	Koopmansfontein
Ubuntu Municipality	-	Loxton

Ga-Segonyana local municipality emerged as the winner. The prize giving ceremony took place on 9 October 2008 at Mothibistad Stadium in Kuruman. Ga-Segonyana Municipality received a total prize-money of R200 000 (R100 000 from DWAF and R100 000 from TOTAL), a trophy and a certificate. They also received 800 indigenous shade trees from Malan Seuns, as well as 1000 fruit trees and 3060 ornamental trees from DWAF.



The Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry Ms. Lindiwe Hendricks presenting a trophy to the Mayor of Ga-Segonyana municipality during the Arbor city award ceremony.

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In the 2009 Arbor city award competition will be extended to the North West Province where all local municipalities are eligible enter and participate. Preparations of the competition are already underway and entry forms have distributed to all the municipalities in the province.