

Johan van der Westhuysen

Professional Town & Regional Planner

PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth	:	30 April 1968
Nationality	:	South African
Employer	:	Urban Dynamics EC
Designation	:	Director
	:	Professional Town & Regional Planner

PROFILE STATEMENT

Johan van der Westhuysen is a graduate from the University of Pretoria and a registered Professional Planner with the South African Council for Planners (Registration 1996). He has extensive experience on Local Government and Provincial Government level in the Eastern Cape where he gained sufficient experience to register as a professional planner. He has been a town and regional planning consultant and Director of Urban Dynamics EC since 1997. Services and expertise include land use management, strategic planning, planning legislation, urban design, public participation and Geo Information Systems.

Johan van der Westhuysen gained extensive experience during his career in the Eastern Cape since 1994. He has been actively involved with the people and communities of the Eastern Cape and facilitated a wide spectrum of projects, policies and strategic processes for various clients, including private developers, municipalities, government departments and state enterprises. Through these processes, he built an extensive database and knowledge network of the Eastern Cape with its unique challenges and opportunities.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

- **Baccalaureus in Town Planning (University of Pretoria)** : 1991
- **Registered Professional Planner (SACPLAN)** : Number A/923/1996 : 2007 to date
- **Registered Professional Town and Regional Planner (SACTRP)** : Number A/923/1996 : 1996 – 2007
- **Corporate Member (SAPI)** : Number 11325 : 1996 to date

EMPLOYMENT

- **1999 to date** : Director : Urban Dynamics EC Inc. (Town & Regional Planning Consulting)
- **1999 to date** : Director : Garwood Investment
- **1997 to 1999** : Senior Town Planner : Urban Dynamics EC Inc. (Town & Regional Planning Consulting)
- **1996 to 1997** : Assistant Director : Town Planning : Department of Housing and Local Government
- **1994 to 1996** : Senior Town Planner : Eastern Cape Department of Housing and Local Government (Port Elizabeth)
- **1992 to 1994** : Town Planner : South Cape District Council
- **1988 to 1991** : Town Planner in Training (Student) : Midrand Municipality

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MEMBERSHIP

- **Corporate Member** : South African Planning Institution (1996 to date)
- **Professional Town and Regional Planner** : South African Council for Town and Regional Planners (1996 – 2007)
- **Treasurer** : Eastern Cape Branch of the South African Planning Institution (1998 – 2009)
- **Board Member** : Eastern Cape Branch of the South African Planning Institution (1998 to date)
- **Board Member** : Eastern Cape Planning Advisory Board (2004 to date)
- **Director** : Urban Dynamics Eastern Cape
- **Director** : Garwood Investments

KEY AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- **Land Use Management**
- **Spatial Planning** (Integrated Development Plans, Spatial Development Frameworks, Precinct Plans)
- **Planning and Development Legislation** and Policy Formulation
- **Scheme Regulations** and Land Use Management Systems
- **Urban Design** and **Township Establishment**
- **Capacity Building, Public Participation** and **Development Facilitation**
- **Project Management Co-ordination**, Facilitation and Advisory Services
- **Geo Spatial Analysis** and Services

EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE (RECENT)

- **Land Use Management**
 - Evaluation of various applications for **Rezoning, Subdivision, Departure, Consent Use and Removal of Restrictive Title Condition** applications on District, Municipal and Provincial level (approximately 200 applications and recommendations).
 - Serving as an active **Member of the Planning Advisory Board to the MEC for Local Government & Traditional Affairs since 2004**, assessing various land use appeal matters and applications for Removal of Restrictive Title Conditions (**approximately 600 matters**).
 - Extensive experience as a Professional Service Provider in design, preparation and submission of **applications for development**, including coastal resort development, urban development, commercial, industrial and residential applications for National, Provincial and Private clients (approximately 200 applications from 1997).
 - Consulting on various levels (Provincial, Local Government and Private Sector) over the last **15 years for Land Use Management, Land Development and Land Development Control / Management**.

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- **Spatial Planning (Integrated Development Plans, Spatial Development Frameworks, Precinct Plans)**
 - Preparation and Project Management for the development of various **Integrated Development Plans**, for various municipalities (**approximately 20 Local Authorities**).
 - Team Leader for Eastern Cape Integrated Development Plan **Evaluation Task Team**.
 - Preparation of various **Structure Plans**, prior to implementation of Municipal Systems Act.
 - Preparation and revision of various **Spatial Development Frameworks**, including **Kouga, Sundays River Valley, Ikwezi, Gariep, Inkwanca, Mnquma, Mbhashe**.
 - Urban and **Precinct Spatial Development Frameworks** (Uitenhage, Despatch, Happy Valley, Summerstrand, Jeffreys Bay Central Business District, Lorraine)
- **Planning and Development Legislation and Policy Formulation**
 - **Lead consultant** and Project Manager for drafting new **Planning and Development Legislation for the Eastern Cape Province (2000)**.
 - **Team member** for drafting new Planning and Development Legislation and Regulations for the Eastern Cape Province (2013).
 - Preparation and formulation of various land use related policies and guidelines (**Renewable Energy Implementation Strategy, Small Town Revitalisation Strategies, i.e. Tarkastad, Senqu, Port St Johns, Coffee Bay, Jeffreys Bay and Kouga Urban Regeneration Strategy**).
 - Kouga **Urban Densification Strategy**.
 - Nelson Mandela Bay Metro **Urban Densification** and **Urban Edge Strategy**.
 - **Amathole Land Use Management System** and Capacity Building for 7 LM's.
- **Scheme Regulations and Land Use Management Systems**
 - Drafting of an **Integrated Land Use Management System** for the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, incorporating 12 different Zoning Schemes and Scheme Areas.
 - Drafting of **Integrated Land Use Scheme** for Kouga Municipality, commissioned by the Department of Rural Development & Land Reform and for Ndlambe Municipality, commissioned by the Sarah Baartman District Municipality.
 - Town Planning Scheme Regulations for Jeffreys Bay.
 - Preparation, updating and digitising of various **Zoning Scheme Maps** for towns and municipalities in the Eastern Cape, including Gariep, Tsolwana, Senqu, Nkonkobe, Blue Crane Route, Kouga, Ikwezi, etc.

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- **Urban Design and Township Establishment**

- Extensive experience in **Layout Design and Planning** for various housing typologies in towns throughout the Eastern Cape.
- **Township Establishment** processes including Site Identification, Public Participation, Layout Design and Legislative Approvals for Township Establishment process.
- Key and relevant projects include :
 - o Dordrecht Housing Project : 1000 units
 - o Burgersdorp Housing Project : 2000 units
 - o Steynsburg Housing Project : 800 units
 - o Hofmeyr Housing Project : 1000 units
 - o Tarkastad Housing Project : 500 units
 - o Chatty - Port Elizabeth Housing Project : 8000 units
 - o Illinge Rural Village Housing Project : 1200 units
 - o St Marks Rural Village Housing Project : 650 units
 - o Fort Beaufort Housing Project : 600 units
 - o Molteno Housing Project : 2400 units
 - o Kirkwood Cadastral Rectification : 1200 sites
 - o Addo Housing Project : 800 sites
 - o St Francis : 2000 sites
 - o Jeffreys Bay : 1000 sites
 - o Queenstown : 1000 sites
 - o Eco-Estates & Golf Estates : 900 sites
 - o General Spatial Planning and Layout Design : ±10 000 units

- **Capacity Building, Public Participation and Development Facilitation**

- As a **Service Provider** and **Professional Advisor** to various development processes through capacity building and public participation.
- Facilitation of an integrated public participation and capacity building processes through preparation of various Integrated Development Plans, Spatial Development Frameworks, Policies and Township Establishment processes.

- **Project Management Co-ordination, Facilitation and Advisory Services**

- **Facilitating development processes and work flow** over the last 20 years as part of Town Planning Services, Urban Design, Strategic Planning and Development Facilitation.

- **Geo Spatial Analysis and Services**

- **Geo Spatial analysis services** form the basis for many spatial planning and land related strategic project, i.e. Spatial Development Frameworks, Layout Plans, Land Use Management and Policy Formulation.
- Key projects include management and roll-out of a **GIS and Land Audit for the Amathole District Municipality**, including capacity building for all 7 Local Municipalities.

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- Project Manager for Comprehensive Land Audit of the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro, **approximately 240 000 land units.**
- Manager and Team Leader to conduct a land audit for the **Cacadu District Municipality** as part of the Land Audit Programme, commissioned by the Department of Rural Development.
- Management of the GIS component for a Space Utilisation and Optimisation Model for the **Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University**, comprising of approximately 300 000m² of office and lecture venue space.

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