

# INCLUSIVE URBAN REGENERATION IN JOHANNESBURG:

The Case of Ekhaya Residential City Improvement District in Hillbrow



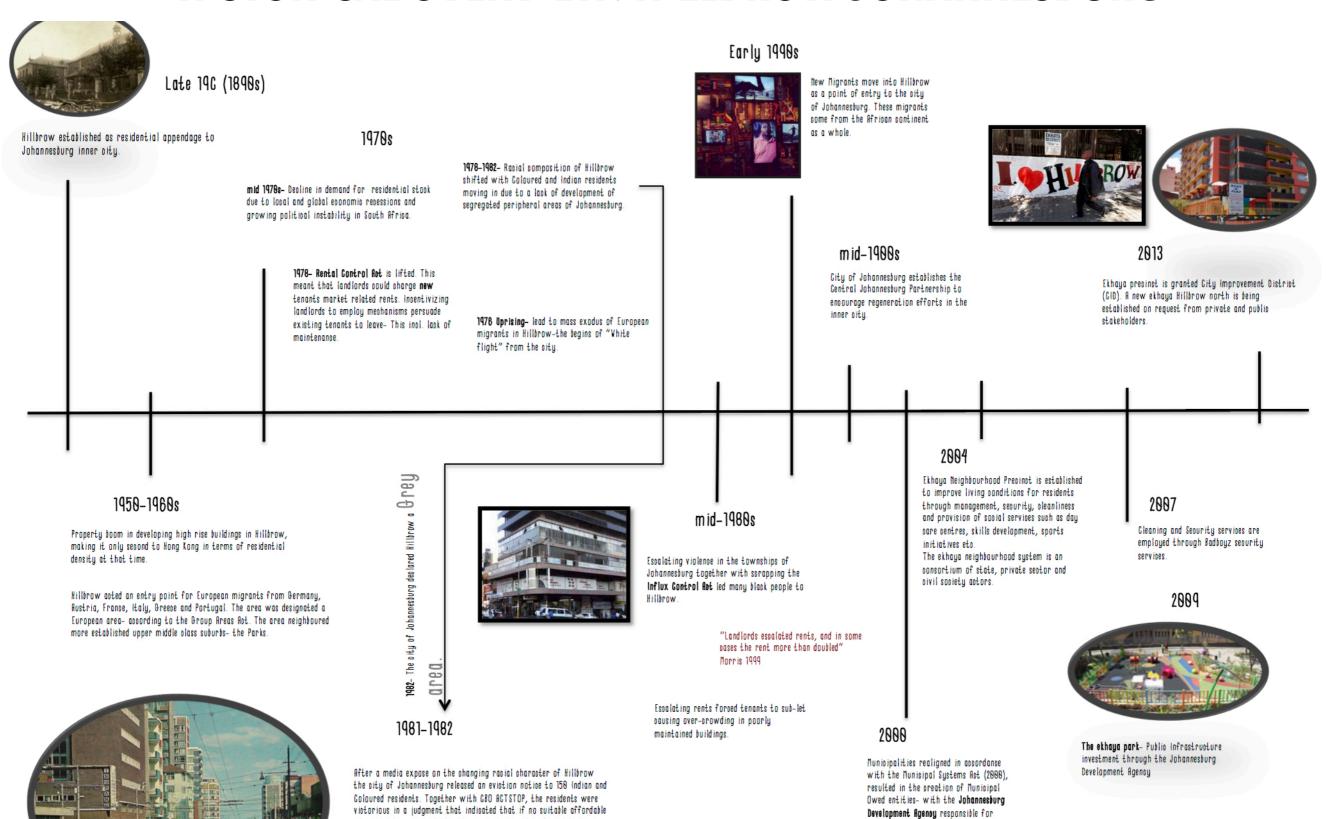








## **HISTORICAL OVERVIEW: HILLBROW JOHANNESBURG**

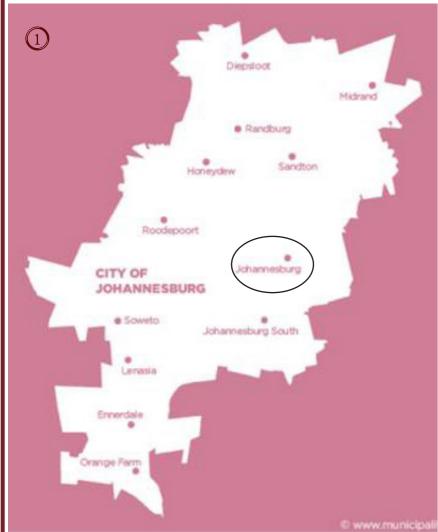


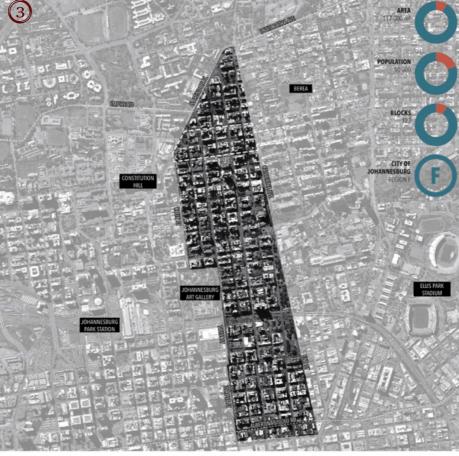
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regeneration efforts.

accommodation is available- the residents cannot be forced to leave.

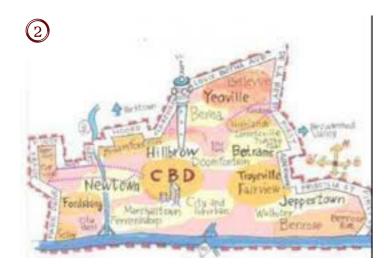
## **SPATIAL CONTEXT: HILLBROW JOHANNESBURG**





Hillbrow Neighbourhood

City of Johannesburg



Johannesburg Inner City

Ekhaya North and South boundaries

#### **POLITICAL IMPERATIVES & POLICY**



Former mayor - **Amos Masondo** (2000-2011)

"We seek to actively use the instrument of local government the municipality - to improve the quality of life of all residents and citizens. The City will, through its improved Multi-Disciplinary Daily Operations, alleviate any kind of lawlessness in the inner city."

#### **KEY INNER CITY POLICIES DEVELOPED:**

Inner City Regeneration Charter 2007-2012 (2007)
Inner City Urban Design Implementation Framework (2009)



Former mayor - **Parks Tau** (2011-2016)

"A City in which today is clearly better than yesterday; which every day finds new ways to work with its people to ensure tomorrow will be better than today."

#### **KEY INNER CITY POLICIES DEVELOPED:**

Inner City Roadmap (2015) Problem Properties By-Laws (2014)



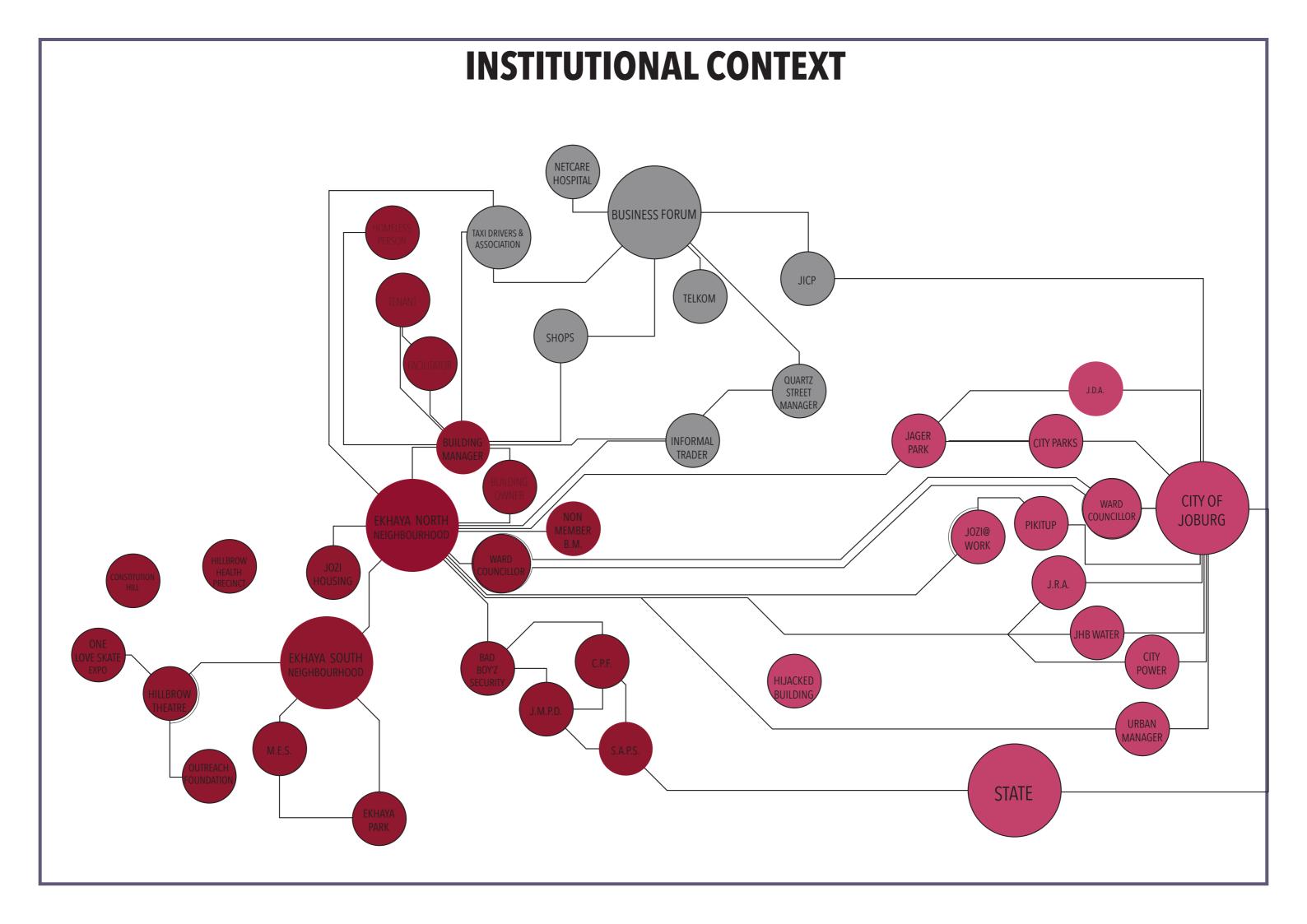
Current Mayor - **Herman Mashaba** (2016-present)

"I am determined to deliver the change the residents of our city demand. We as government are your servants. You are our bosses. We serve at your pleasure. We are here to hear you tell us your needs. We want to build a social contract with our residence which will excite us in delivering the contract with our residence."

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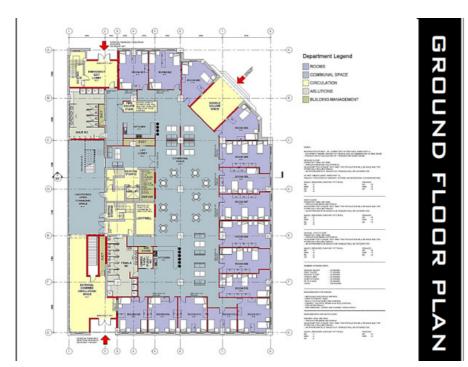
Inner City Housing Implementation Plan (2017)



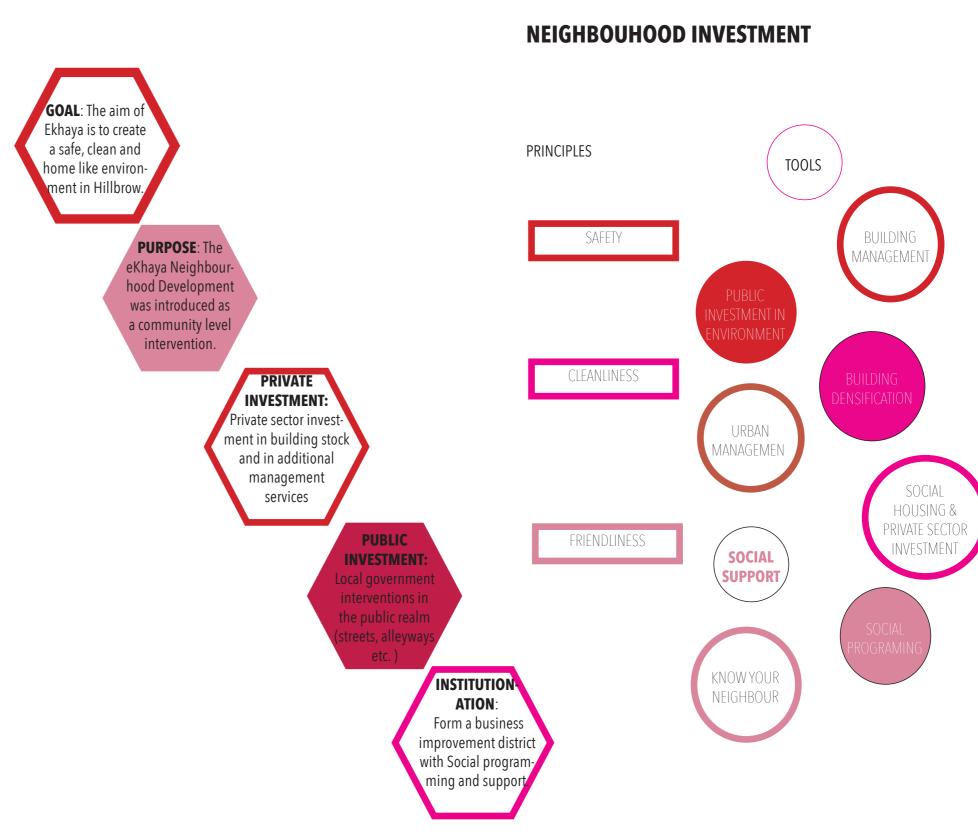
## FOCUS: NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT WITHOUT GENTRIFICATION

#### **PROPERTY INVESTMENT CASE**





Learning from informal sector densification strategies- formalising and offering improved products.

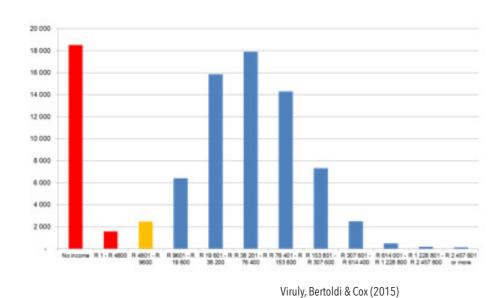


## **RESULTS**

# INCREASED CAPITAL VALUES + STABLE POPULATION BY INCOME

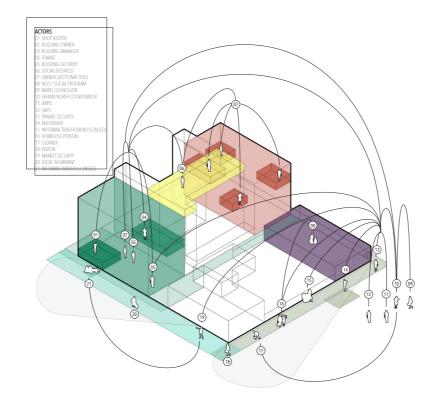
While Hillbrow neighbourhood data is not available in detail. The Inner City data is indicative of Hillbrow trends given that 1/5 of the Inner City population resides in Hillbrow. The graphs below highlight an increase in Capital values per square meter as well as income ranges for Inner City Residents.





The Inner City population is increasingly lower-middle income and employed but with large number of very poor households.

#### **IMPROVED LIVING ENVIRONMENT**



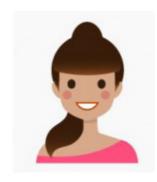








#### **CHANGE OF RESIDENT PERCEPTION**



"In the past I would often not even answer my cellphone in this area. But now with police everywhere and eKhaya security things have changed. I am still cautious...but things have definitely improved."

"If a person is looking for a place where people are friendly and like to interact with neighbours, then the place is recommended but if a person is looking for a remote and quite place then they must go the suburbs."





"I normally send my kids to tournaments even when I do not attend myself as they seem to enjoy the soccer. The sports keep them busy and away from misbehaving."

Pooe (2016)

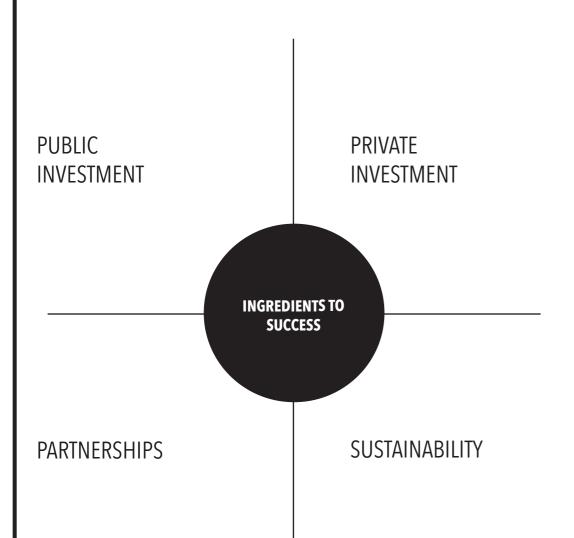
## **LESSONS LEARNT**

FORMULA TO EKHAYA SUCCESS= PHYSICAL REPAIR OF BUILDING STOCK+ PARTNERSHIP+ INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC SPACE + JOINT MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC REALM

Neighbourhood level governance mechanisms play an integral role:

- Localising state agendas
- Allowing for direct citizen engagement and co-production
- Creating unique partnerships across state, business and civil society
- Being responsive and often accurate to improve local problems
- Key interface between formal and informal structures and engagement
- Formalised partnerships developed over time

# "Focus on building communities as key to building cities"



#### **CHALLENGES**

There are still major challenges in the Hillbrow context including:

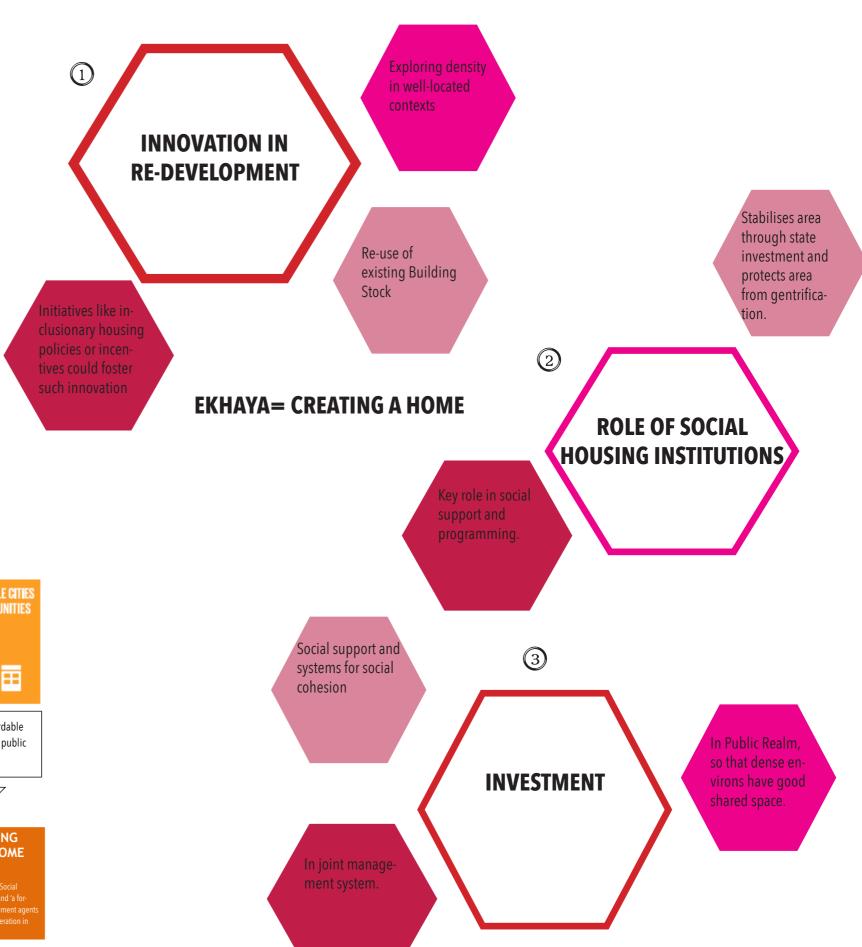
- "Hi-jacked" buildings
- High levels of drug use
- Unemployment and poverty
- Aging engineering services
- Fragmented Institutional structures

## **TRANSFER & REPLICABILITY**

#### REPLICABILITY TO OTHER PARTS OF THE INNER CITY & BEYOND

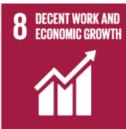


This model of regeneration has infuenced the re-development of declining areas through out the City of Johannesburg.



SDG

**EKAYA** 



Promoting policies that encourage entrepreneurship and job creation.



#### **ATTRACTING INVESTMENTS**

**PRINCIPLES** g to walk the streets of Hillbrow



Creating opportunity for



#### **EMBRACING INFORMALITY**



public housing and public transport

#### SOCIAL HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS