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KwaZulu-Natal kicks off the Clear Rivers Campaign

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The Department of Water and Sanitation KwaZulu-Natal (DWS KZN) in partnership with eThekweni Metro kicked off the provincial Clear Rivers Campaign on 17 July 2016 at Isiphingo River near uMlazi.

The aim of the campaign is to raise awareness through collaborative efforts with business and communities on the protection and conservation of fresh water ecosystems as well as creating awareness on the importance of volunteerism.

The campaign commenced with a social engagement meeting with the community of uMlazi M Section where members of the community were educated on the programmes that are being offered by the department.

Directorates that were part of the community engagement included Water Sector Support, Corporate Services, Water Regulation and Use Proto CMA where they presented on services that they are offering.

The activity then moved to the Isiphingo River where the clean-up took place. During the clean-up, hundreds of registered volunteers helped remove litter on the Isiphingo River and along the pathways. Over 300 volunteers collected more than 5,000 kilograms of garbage.

Prior to the event, volunteers were divided into groups, each with its own leader and designated area. During the cleanup, volunteers removed the litter within their group's assigned location. The litter was collected in bags and placed beside pathways and garbage bins. EThekweni Metro staff volunteers picked up the bags and transported them to a designated dumping site. There they were properly disposed of by Waste & Recycling Services.

The campaign also forms part of volunteer activities that are associated with Mandela Month which is in line with the call by the State President during the State of the Nation Address of 2014 where upon he called on all South Africans in the spirit of volunteerism to dedicate 67 minutes to clean up South Africa.

During the Month of July, the KZN DWS will also be participating in six (6) other campaigns in other district municipalities such as uMgungundlovu DM, Zululand DM, eThekweni Metro and uThukela DM.

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