



# Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development State Department for Lands and Physical Planning

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NAIROBI RIVERS REGENERATION PROJECT - DEMARCATION OF RIPARIAN RESERVES, WETLANDS AND SPRINGS ALONG THE NAIROBI RIVERS CORRIDORS.

Pursuant to the **Cabinet Memorandum - Issue No. 6 of 2024, dated 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**, the Public is hereby notified of the commencement of activities to complete the **demarcation and harmonization of riparian reserves** along the Nairobi Rivers Corridors (**Nairobi, Mathare, Ngong, Miotoni, Mokoyeti, Mbagathi, Ruaka, Gethathuru, Kibagare rivers and their tributaries**) right from their sources.

The public is hereby informed that demarcation exercise will be carried out in conformity with the provisions of **Article 5, 62, 66 and 69 of the Constitution of Kenya - 2010, the Land Act 2012, The Water Act 2016, The Survey Act 299, The Environmental Management and Coordination Act, 1999 EMCA Cap 387, The Physical and Land Use Planning Act (PLUPA) 2019** – including the harmonized regulations contained in **The Physical and Land use Planning (Development Permission and Control) (General) Regulations, 2021** regarding the protection, planning, and sustainable management of riparian reserves, wetlands and springs.

The demarcation exercise, will be conducted by a **Multi-Agency** team led by the Director of Physical Planning and Director of Surveys – State Department for Lands and Physical Planning, State Department for Interior and National Coordination through the National Government Administration Officers (NGAO), the Water Resource Authority (WRA), National Environment and Management Authority (NEMA), the Nairobi City County Government, and the Nairobi Rivers Commission.

The demarcation exercise to be carried out will **cover all 3 of the Nairobi Rivers (Nairobi, Ngong and Mathare rivers), the Miotoni River, the Mokoyeti River, the Mbagathi River, Ruaka River, Gethathuru River, Kibagare River** and their tributaries and will include wetlands and springs.

**This exercise will start on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025.**

The Public is required to note and observe the following:

1. The Constitution of Kenya 2010, guides that the demarcation of riparian reserve will consider the high and low watermark of the rivers- and not the center of the river.
2. This notice serves as an appeal for co-operation in granting access to properties located along the entire Nairobi Rivers and their tributaries. Authorized officers and technical teams will require entry to conduct surveys, inspections, and demarcation activities. Property owners and occupants are urged to facilitate this process by allowing unhindered access to their premises.
3. In furtherance of this exercise, bona-fide landowners and occupiers of properties adjacent to the Nairobi Rivers Corridors may be requested to submit for verification and authentication - copies of their ownership documents, including - title and survey/ deed plans, certificates of lease, all building development and boundary construction plan approvals, any riparian demarcation, including use permits and clearances obtained from the respective City or County Planning and Development Control departments, the National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) and the Water Resource Authority (WRA) (or previously Water Resource and Management Authority -WRMA). The required documents should be submitted within **fourteen (14) days** of such requests being made.
4. To ensure that none of the proscribed activities under the Water Act (2016) and The Physical and Land Use Planning (Development Permission and Control) (General) Regulations, 2021 are carried out within the riparian reserve, wetlands and springs.
5. Where persons living in flash-flood prone areas, illegal, un-permitted developments, encroachments and incompatible land-uses are found, their removal shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the law. This includes adherence to due process, public participation, issuance of appropriate notices, and observance of the rights of affected parties.

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