



**KWA VONZA,
KITUI COUNTY**

Our Town: A thriving university town
with vibrant economy and sustainable green environment
whose people delight in its habitability

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Urban Sustainability Review



20 years from now, we want Kwa Vonza to be a thriving university town with a vibrant economy and sustainable green environment.


A range of stakeholders – including residents and local leaders, county and national government officials, university staff and students, faith and community based organizations – have come together to formulate this vision.

We have identified Kwa Vonza's main sustainability challenges, their solutions, and our own priorities, in an Urban Sustainability

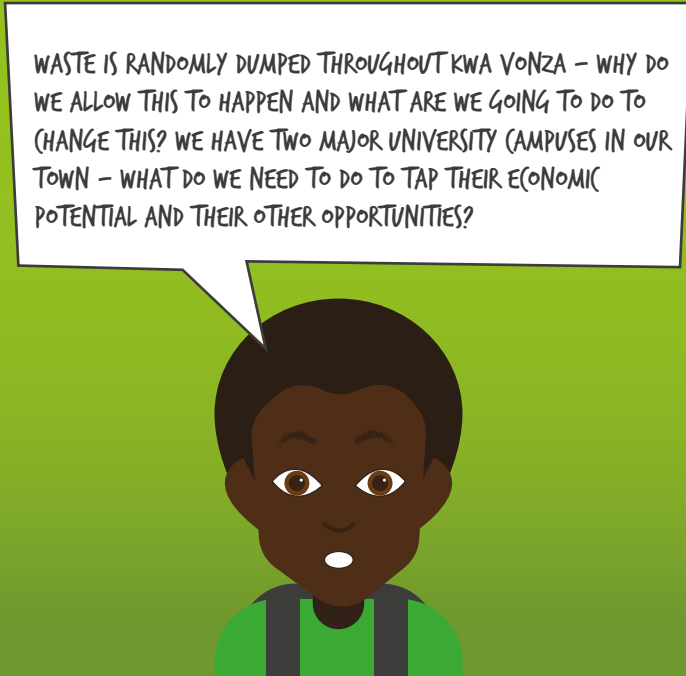
Review. The report is available on symbiocitykenya.org and www.kitui.go.ke.

Our town is in its infancy, as are its basic urban services. The Urban Sustainability Review is our manifesto for Kwa Vonza and under the SymbioCity programme we will begin implementing change on the ground. Stakeholders recognise that development is a long journey, but each step we take will help us realise our aspirations.


An Urban Sustainability Review involves reflecting over how our town can become an even more delightful place to live in for all of us.



OUR NEED FOR WATER IS INCREASING AS OUR TOWN GROWS – WHAT CAN WE DO TO ADDRESS THIS SUSTAINABLY?



WASTE IS RANDOMLY DUMPED THROUGHOUT KWA VONZA – WHY DO WE ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN AND WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO TO CHANGE THIS? WE HAVE TWO MAJOR UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES IN OUR TOWN – WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO TAP THEIR ECONOMIC POTENTIAL AND THEIR OTHER OPPORTUNITIES?




OUR BUSTLING TOWN CENTRE IS SO EASY TO MOVE AROUND ON FOOT – WHY IS THE PROVISION FOR PEDESTRIANS SO POOR AND WHAT CAN WE DO TO PROMOTE A WALK FRIENDLY TOWN?

Our Priorities


Together we identified three priorities for action:

- 1 The urgent need to address water supply and distribution issues
- 2 The development of a sustainable university town through efficient solid waste management services and provision of green and recreational spaces
- 3 The urgent need to control and manage the development of our town


We will begin to address our priorities by **strengthening water supply and safety** at our public facilities, starting with **rain-water harvesting and floodlight provision** at the Kwa Vonza Primary School, Dispensary, and Secondary School.



WE WANT A UNIVERSITY TOWN ENVIRONMENT TO BE PROUD OF - WHY ARE THERE NO PUBLIC PARKS FOR US TO SPEND LEISURE TIME IN, AND TO BEAUTIFY OUR TOWN?



THERE IS STAGNANT, DIRTY WATER NEAR OUR HOMES - WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?



HOW CAN WE PUSH FOR THE PRIORITY ACTIONS IDENTIFIED IN OUR URBAN SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW TO BE TAKEN UP IN THE COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN ((IDP)?



Objective 1

Promote: a) adequate, safe and fairly distributed water for domestic, industrial & agricultural use, b) hygienic sanitation



Objective 2

Adopt an effective, sustainable and efficient waste management system in Kwa Vonza



Objective 3

A well-planned town and strengthen development control process and enforcement



Objective 4

Develop an attractive urban landscape with recreational opportunities



Objective 5

Develop a diversified economy by providing access to business opportunities & support business development



Objective 6

Enhance the capacity, accessibility, affordability of main public social services



Objective 7

Enhance safe local mobility for all users through a strengthened local road network



Objective 8

Ensure reliable, efficient and sustainable energy sources

The objectives provide us with a sense of **direction** on how we can achieve our vision. They are **reasonable**, and capable of being taken seriously by all. They provide an **integrated** approach to the development of Kwa Vonza so everyone can benefit. These objectives are **visible**, understood and can be shared. They are **encouraging**, to motivate commitment by all stakeholders. To achieve each objective we have identified targets and actions. Some actions need to happen soon, while some are more complex and costly and will need to be dealt with later.

You can find all the targets in our Urban Sustainability Review on symbiocitykenya.org and www.kitui.go.ke