



## What can the Local Population do to Enhance and Protect Green/Open Spaces?

### **Communities can:**

1. Form local management committees and pressure groups to protect the spaces;
2. Partner with neighbourhood or regional authorities to safeguard and create green/open spaces;
3. Organize and engage in fund-raising events to support local actions to preserve the areas; and
4. Encourage and organize visits to these spaces to create a greater sense of awareness and value of them.

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## What is a Green/Open Space?

Green or open spaces are areas of land with or without vegetation- developed, underdeveloped, or undeveloped- and are accessible to the public for leisure and recreation. These include community parks, gardens, and recreational grounds. These spaces are promoted in Guyana's Green State Development Strategy.

## Importance of protecting Green/Open Spaces

1. Improve the aesthetic quality of the environment;
2. Offer avenues for leisure and recreation especially for people living in crowded areas;

3. Filter pollutants and dust particles from the air and encourage a healthier environment;
4. Provide shade and lower temperatures for urban areas which consist of a large proportion of concrete buildings and roadways;
5. Allow the growth of trees which help to hold the soil together and reduce erosion;
6. Provide sanctuary for wildlife;
7. Encourage healthy habits for people, especially those located close to densely populated urban areas; and
8. Serve as a reservoir for storm water during periods of heavy and persistent rainfall.

## How to Enhance and Protect Green/Open Spaces

### What are public authorities doing to Enhance and Protect Green/Open Spaces?

Agencies, such as, the Protected Areas Commission (PAC) and the National Parks Commission (NPC) are:

1. Implementing education and awareness programmes that improve the understanding and value of these spaces;
2. Introducing, enhancing, and enforcing regulations to secure green spaces from careless uses; and
3. Encouraging public-private partnership management of the areas.

