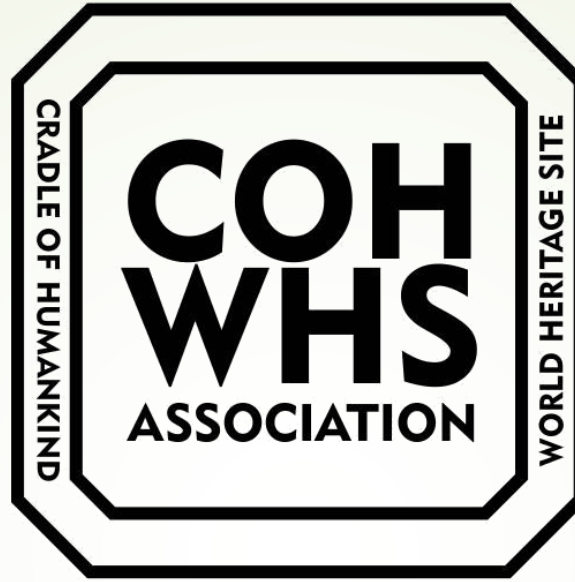




Cradle Conservancy Establishment

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Who is the **COHWHS Association**?

- The Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site Association (COHWHS Association) is a community based forum who's aim it is to protect the cultural and environmental integrity of the cradle of humankind world heritage area.
- The COHWHS Association is a non-profit section 21 entity and the members participate on a voluntary no fee basis. The members are elected from a pool of actively involved local residents.
- Initiatives
 - Illegal Occupiers on Portion 26
 - Realignment of a Section of the Planned PWV8 Route
 - ***Cradle Conservancy***



What is a conservancy?

- A voluntary co-operative environmental management of an area, by its community and user groups
- A group of individuals, landowners or businesses who are concerned with the state of their environment or who wish to monitor and enhance it
- Volunteers to be a part of a committee that is registered with their local nature conservation agency
- Co-operative environmental management with sound environmental principles as prescribed by the various laws and policies
- A conservancy need not be vast tracts of land stocked with wild animals
- There is no set rule as to how large your conservancy has to be or where it may be, it may be rural, peri-urban, urban, marine, industrial or township

Why form a conservancy?

To protect our environment

- Monitoring of river and catchment pollution
- Aiding the authorities in being a "watchdog" and reporting to them instances of illegal dumping, poaching, barkstripping and illegal harvesting of indigenous plants
- Invasive alien plant eradication and problem plant control
- Education and awareness campaigns
- Monitoring of waste disposal sites
- Input into environmental impact assessment processes
- Reporting bad agricultural practices
- Indigenous landscaping in your district
- Waste recycling and reduction campaigns in your district
- Identification and monitoring of rare and endangered species
- Reducing industrial pollutants
- Community upliftment projects by finding ecological and viable solutions to issues within previously disadvantaged communities

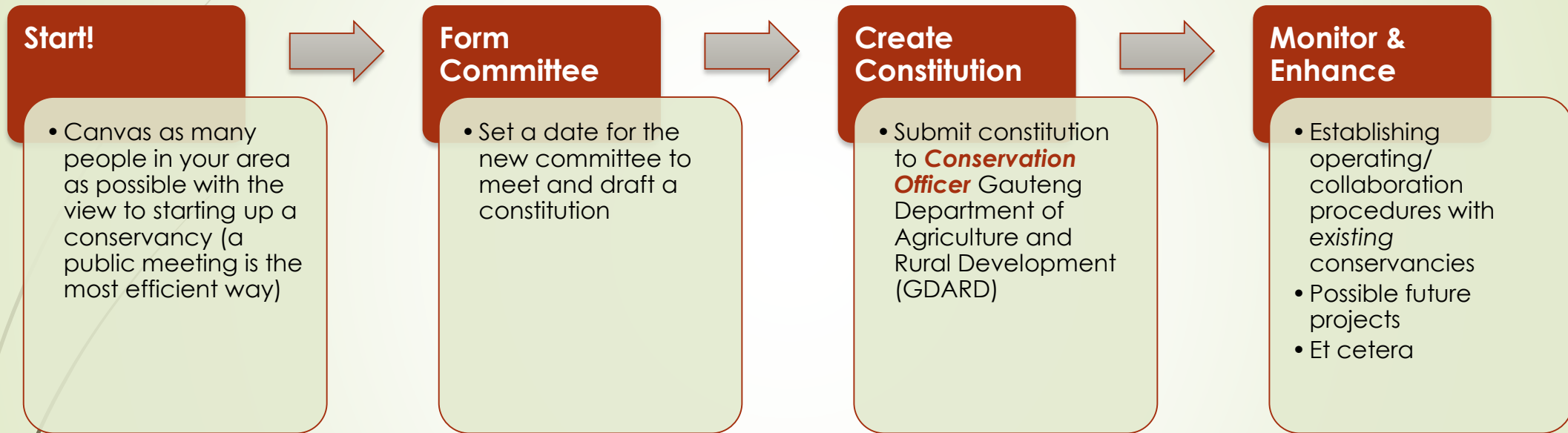
To improve the natural environment to encourage wildlife back

- Use and encourage others to plant more indigenous vegetation in their gardens and other more formal landscapes
- Lobby road and rail authorities to remove invasive vegetation along rail and road verges and centre meridians and plant indigenous instead
- Lobby local councils to leave or establish indigenous areas within public parks
- Eliminate toxic air, ground and aquatic emissions
- Encourage your community and local council to set aside greenbelts so as to insure free movement of wildlife
- Avoid fencing over rivers
- Conserving natural wetlands

Current threats to the Cradle area

- PWV 8
- Acid Mine Drainage
- Urban Sprawl
- High Density Developments
- Mining & Industrialisation
- Security

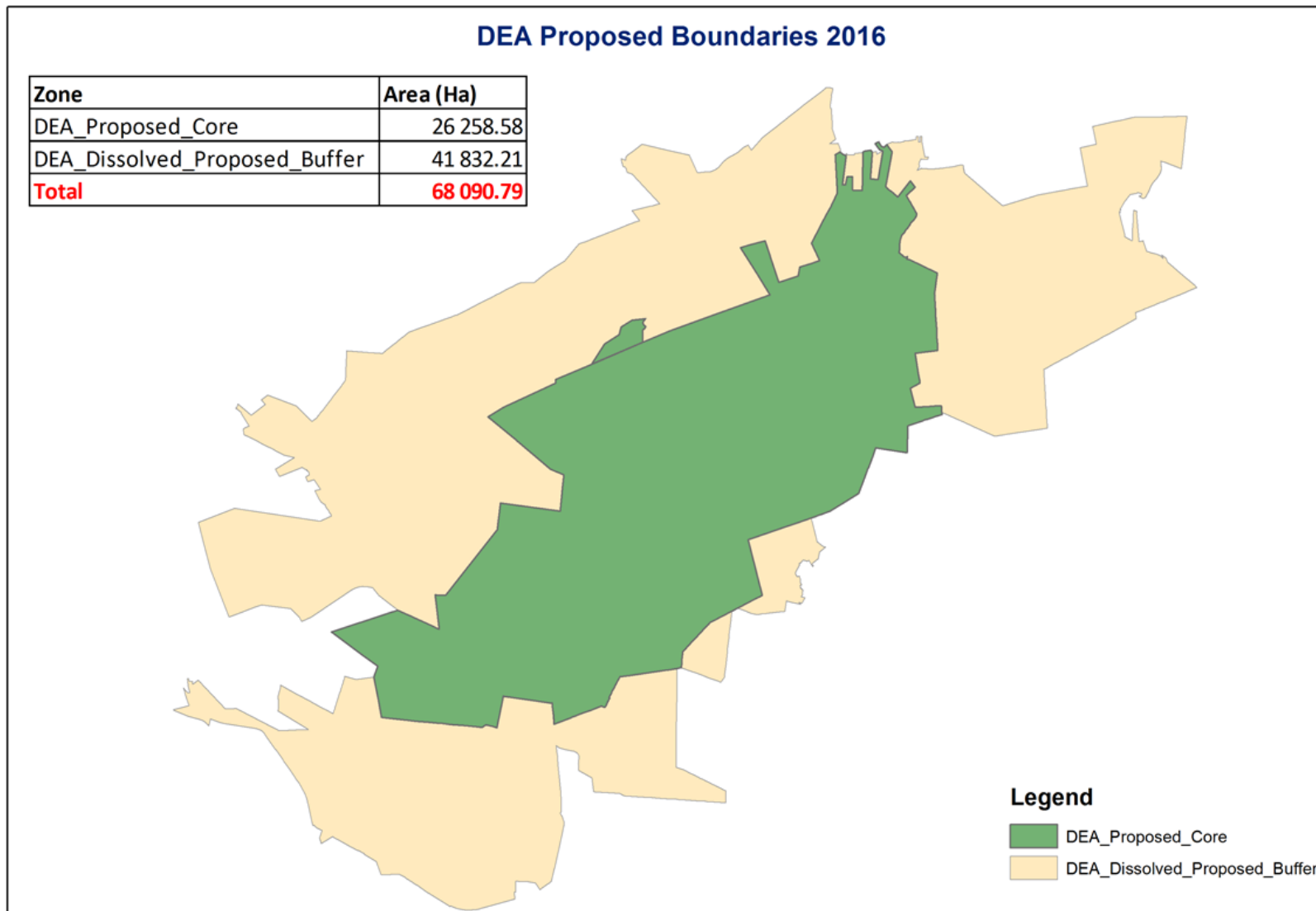
How do we start a conservancy?



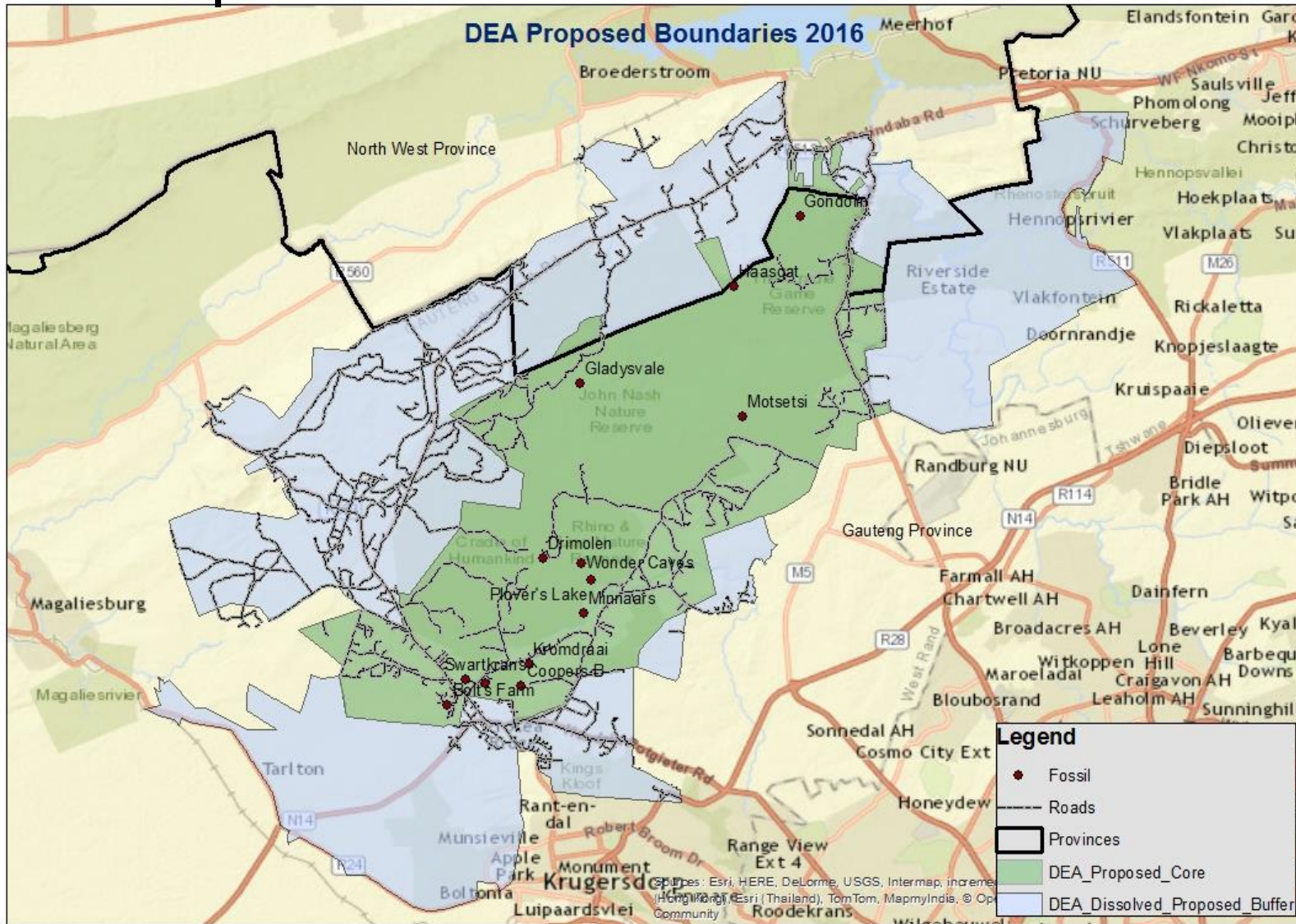
**** NOTE: If you are not registered, then you are not yet a properly constituted conservancy and your authority will not recognise you as such.***

***** While not mandatory, it is advisable to have a membership fee.***

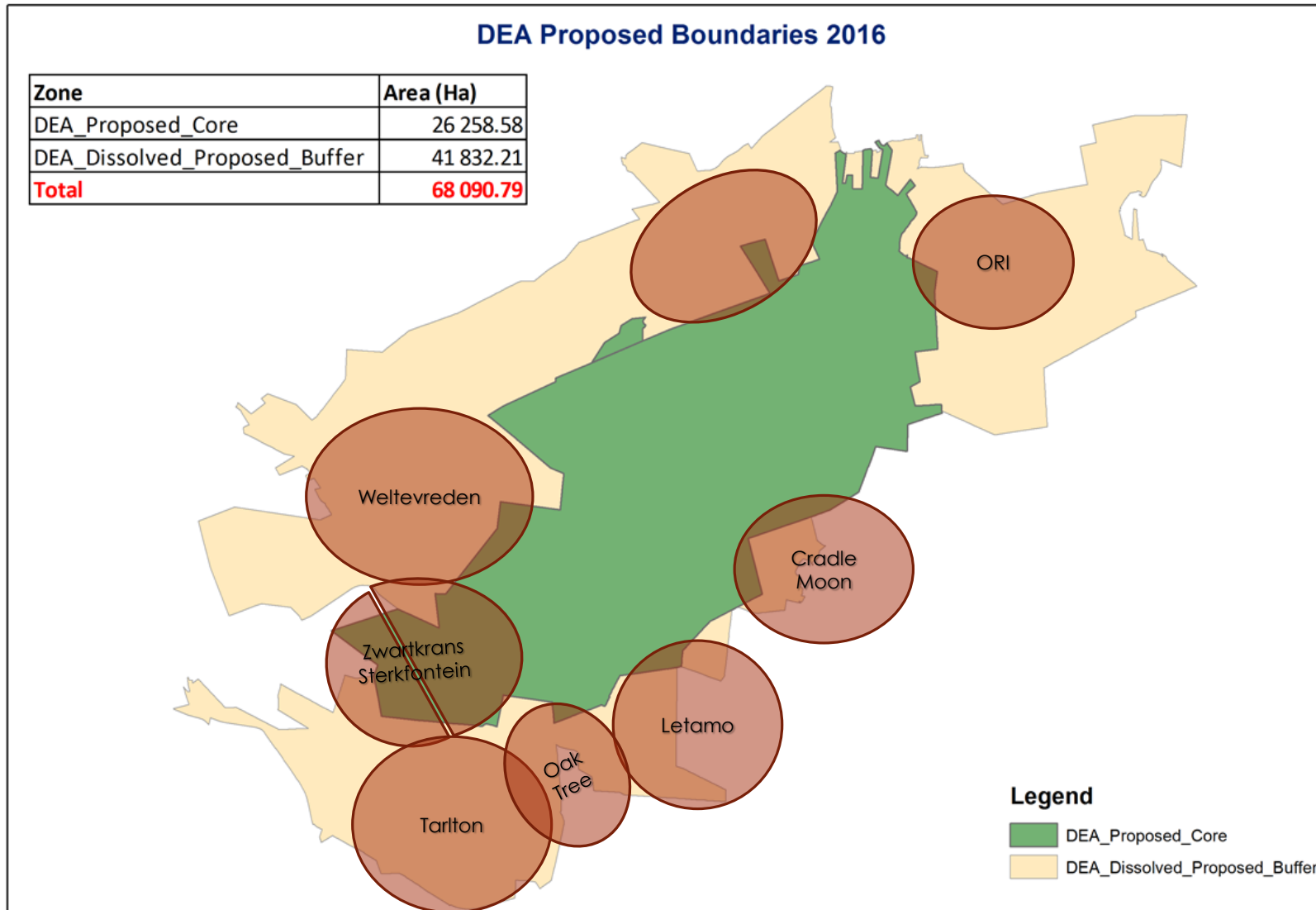
Proposed Area



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Proposed Area - Nodes







General & Questions

➤ *House Rules*

➤ *Indicate you have a point/question - Once acknowledged, please give your name and the area/location/conservancy you represent*

➤ Kromdraai Conservancy

➤ Tourist Map

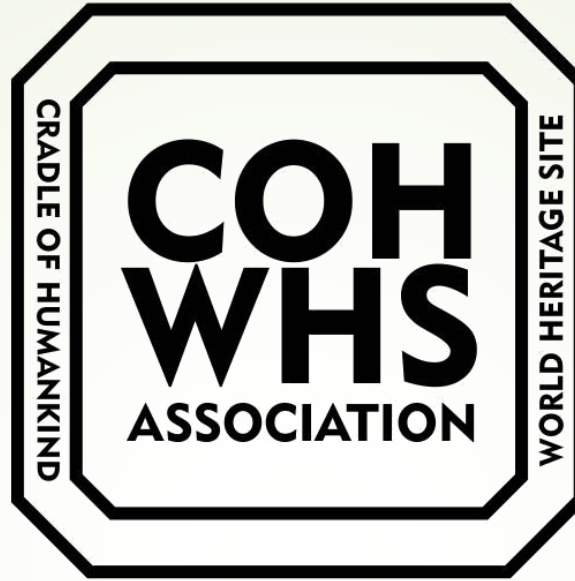
➤ Hiking Trails

➤ Existing Constitution

➤ Funding

Next Steps

- COHWS Association act as umbrella organization
- Committee Volunteers / Nominations
 - Officers of the Conservancy: *Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer* and other Committee Members
 - 1 member node
- Hold the first Committee meeting
- Register the conservancy
 - The name of the conservancy
 - Name and contact details of the conservancy secretary
 - Signed constitution
 - The minutes of the first committee meeting
 - Conservancy data sheet
 - Location and area which your conservancy covers
 - Details of any national monuments, noteworthy environments, rare or endangered species



Thank you

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