

From Global to Local: Collaborating for Mysore's Sustainable Future and Cultural Preservation

About Namma Mysore Foundation:

Namma Mysore Foundation® is an independent, non-profitable trust in Mysore, Karnataka. The NGO has indulged itself in various campaigns promoting cleanliness in the city, taking up regular clean up drives in prime areas and involving the youth of the city in such drives. The NGO has stood strong with the people of Mysore at the time of disasters by reaching out to those in need of help. The team comprises of highly qualified professionals and enthusiasts from various fields, whose mission is to see a Clean and Green Mysore on the Global Tourism and Heritage map, which they are trying to accomplish by using innovation and technology, to help build up the depleting heritage, before it is lost as ruins of time.



Compounding the infrastructural challenges is the issue of heritage conservation. Mysore, one of India's prime heritage cities, is replete with buildings that showcase a blend of Indo-Saracenic, Greco-Roman, Traditional Hindu, Gothic, and European Classical architectural styles. The Mysore Heritage Area Development and Preservation Expert Committee has identified numerous heritage buildings that require preservation under the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961. This includes a variety of structures such as palaces, institutions, residential and commercial buildings, religious places, educational institutions, and government offices, all of which contribute to the city's historical and cultural landscape.

Scholar Impact:

Namma Mysore Foundation faces ongoing challenges with resource limitations and the complexities involved in managing urban growth and environmental sustainability in Mysore. My role involved utilizing my project management skills to support the Foundation's initiatives. We expanded the seedbomb project from an initial 10,000 to 100,000 plantings, enhancing the local ecosystem and community involvement significantly. I also contributed to the preservation efforts by documenting the historical 1805 Government House, which provided a basis for future heritage education and promotion. These efforts, I believe, aided in bridging the existing knowledge gap, supporting the Foundation's goals to enrich Mysore's cultural landscape and promote environmental awareness.



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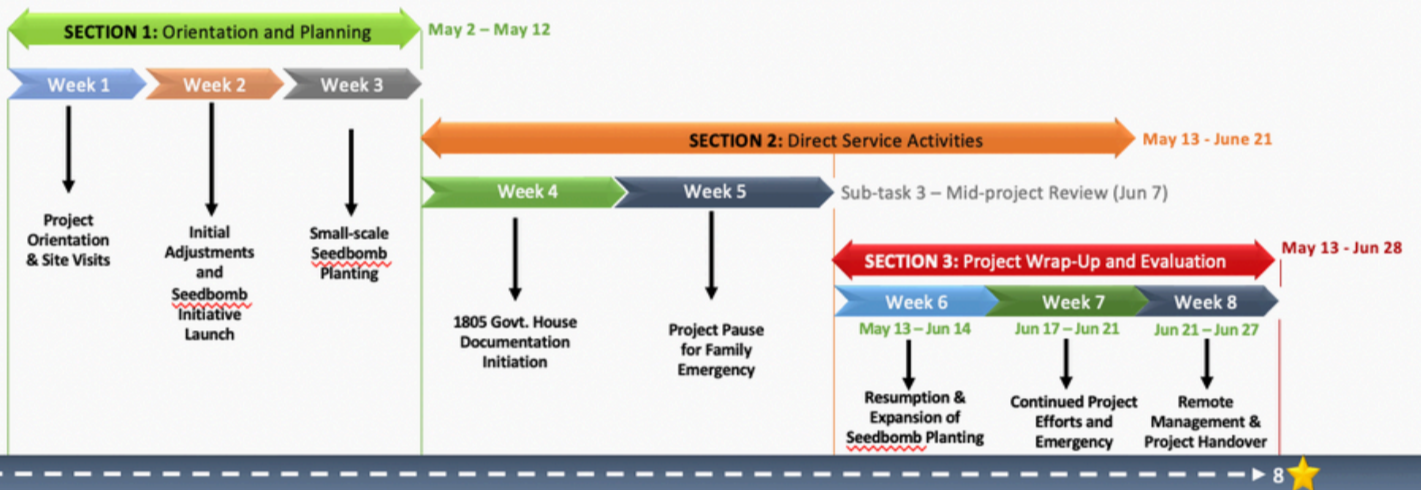
Issue Description:

Mysore, renowned for its rich history and scenic landscapes, stands at a pivotal point in its urban evolution. Covering an area of **509 sq. km**, the Mysore Local Planning Area is anticipated to support a population of **2.1 million by 2031**. This expansion results in **considerable urban sprawl**, exerting considerable pressure on the city's infrastructure and resource management capabilities. In tandem, initiatives led by the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) spotlight the necessity for robust systems to effectively manage the increasing environmental and heritage conservation demands that accompany Mysore's rapid development.





Project Dashboard



My project with Namma Mysore Foundation, initially mapped out for an 8-week period, adapted significantly due to unforeseen events. It kicked off with an initial meeting to establish objectives, followed by site assessments. While planned activities included park cleanups and historical restorations, heavy rainfall shifted the focus towards a seedbomb planting initiative aimed at reforestation with local species like figs, guava, and custard apple trees. Concurrently, I documented the heritage-rich 1805 Government House for educational and promotional uses. Despite interruptions from a family emergency, I managed the project's final stages remotely, ensuring local stakeholders were equipped to continue similar initiatives with this framework. This approach remained aligned with the project's original objective of improving Mysore's environmental and cultural landscape.

