

**A proposal for climate-positive
development**

MAJU FOREST CLIMATE RESILIENCE CENTRE



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For PMO | HDB | MND | URA | NParks

**Presented by
Concerned Residents of Sunset Way**

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Maju Forest Climate Resilience Centre will double as a research centre and a recreational space. With the forest fully preserved, Maju Forest could serve as a model site for urban forest research, placing Singapore at the global frontier of research on urban cooling, biodiversity, nature-based climate infrastructure, and human-wildlife interaction. Research at Maju Forest could show what an urban forest, left standing, can do for Singapore's climate resilience. The forest could double as an educational space on biodiversity and climate resilience for Singapore's schools, while vacant shopfronts in the surrounding HDB estate could be repurposed as learning galleries, laboratories, or classrooms, bringing new life and footfall to the neighbourhood centre.



POLICY ALIGNMENT

Based on stated objectives from URA's Draft Master Plan 2025

Shaping a Happy and Healthy City

The **Maju Forest Climate Resilience Centre** will provide an intergenerational recreational and learning space for ageing-in-place and active lifestyles within nature.

Enabling Sustainable Growth

The **Maju Forest Climate Resilience Centre** will attract more local and foreign visitors to local heartlands, reviving Sunset Way's neighbourhood economy without sacrificing wild nature.

Strengthening Urban Resilience

As climate infrastructure, **Maju Forest Climate Resilience Centre** will strengthen urban resilience against heat waves, urban floods, and haze events,, buffering children and elderly from climate impacts.

Stewarding Nature and Heritage

The **Maju Forest Climate Resilience Centre** conserves Singapore's natural heritage, included globally endangered species such as the Sunda pangolin and straw-headed bulbul.

URBAN FOREST AS CLIMATE INFRASTRUCTURE

Maju Forest is already climate infrastructure, and has been for decades. The forest buffers against rising urban heat, haze, and flood risk, often more effectively than costly built alternatives such as heat-resistant paint or air-conditioned cooling centres. A **Maju Forest Climate Resilience Centre** would let Singapore formalise and study this function, in direct support of both the City in Nature vision and the adaptation priorities set out by the National Climate Change Secretariat and the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment.



DEMONSTRATING CLIMATE ADAPTATION IN THE HEARTLANDS

MSE recently broke ground on Changing Course, Asia's first experiential climate adaptation hub, at Sentosa. A **Maju Forest Climate Resilience Centre** would bring that same vision into Singapore's heartlands — a place where residents live alongside the adaptation effort daily, rather than visit it. This would also complement the placemaking push that Minister Chee Hong Tat has championed to bring greater vibrancy and footfall to heartland neighbourhoods. A Climate Resilience Centre in Sunset Way would bring placemaking, development, and sustainability into a single, visible reality — one Singapore could point to, not just describe.

PROPOSED BROWNFIELD SITES

Housing is important. According to current plans, Maju forest would yield 8-15ha of public housing. A combination of brownfield sites near Maju Forest will provide the equivalent or more area.

HHOM and Sky Park
Area @ Holland: 9.1 ha

Not addressed by HDB

Protective Security
Command: 11 ha

Zoned for housing,
timeline not given

Albert Winsemius Lane
and Blk 109A HDB
Carpark: 1.3 ha

Used for MRT tunnelling
works, available in 2032

Medway Park (low-
density SLA residential
estate): 12ha

Zoned for homes,
timeline not given

53 Mount Sinai Road
Former Raffles JC site:
1.48ha

Zoned for housing for
the near-time, timeline
not given

Green site behind
Masjid Darussalam:
0.64ha

Not addressed by HDB

Maju camp: 22ha

HDB: Reserved for
national defense

Former New Town
Primary & Secondary
School Site: 7.6ha

Zoned for housing,
timeline not given

Clementi Woods Park:
13.7ha

Nature park, not a
secondary forest

Given that residents have no exact data on development timelines, projected housing demand, and projected housing yield, we hope that the government will resequence housing development to prioritise other brownfield sites before Maju Forest.

In other words, we urge the government to wait for more brownfield options to open up before considering developing Maju Forest for housing.

OUR COMMUNITY DECLARATION

01. AVOID

Explore every viable alternative before clearing a forest.

02. INCLUDE

Give affected communities a meaningful say.

03. DEMONSTRATE

Explain why the forest, why now, and why no alternative.

THE STANDARD

Put avoidance before mitigation.

THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES TO DEFORESTATION

We ask government agencies to co-design this plan with us, those who know Maju forest and this neighbourhood well.

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