

Hatta greening project to use recycled water

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Dubai: Green Hatta is set to become greener with 40,000 different trees cropping up in the near future. The move is part of a plan to make 30 per cent of Hatta green.

Treated drainage water from Hatta's water treatment plant will be used for the project. This water is set to be doubled from 250 to 500 gallons per day in the immediate future.

The Dubai Municipality greenery drive is being implemented as part of the execution of the directives of His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, regarding an intensive plantation programme in different parts of the emirate. The campaign also includes the allocation of four hectares for a nursery for local plants.

Hussain Nasser Lootah, Director-General of Dubai Municipality, said the first phase of the plantation project included the cultivation of 10,000 trees. The project will be completed in four phases, with 10,000 trees being planted in each phase.

"Hatta has been selected for this project considering its attractive nature and related conveniences. The plantation sites include Hatta Fort roundabout, internal streets, the main road to the Hatta roundabout, and the road to the state of Oman, " said Lootah.

The plants will be selected taking into account their ability to grow in the area.

"The project targets to convert Hatta to a green land in line with the mountainous nature of the region as well as to increase opportunities for domestic and external tourism by converting 30 per cent of its land to green plots and preparing them as locations for travelling, games and related entertainments," said Lootah.

Ahmad Abdul Kareem, Director, Public Parks and Horticulture Department, said the department will provide the areas allocated for the project with a drip irrigation system enabling the roots of the plants to grow in depth and reach into the natural groundwater.

The system will be stopped after five years leaving the plants to depend on themselves. It will then be diverted to the

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