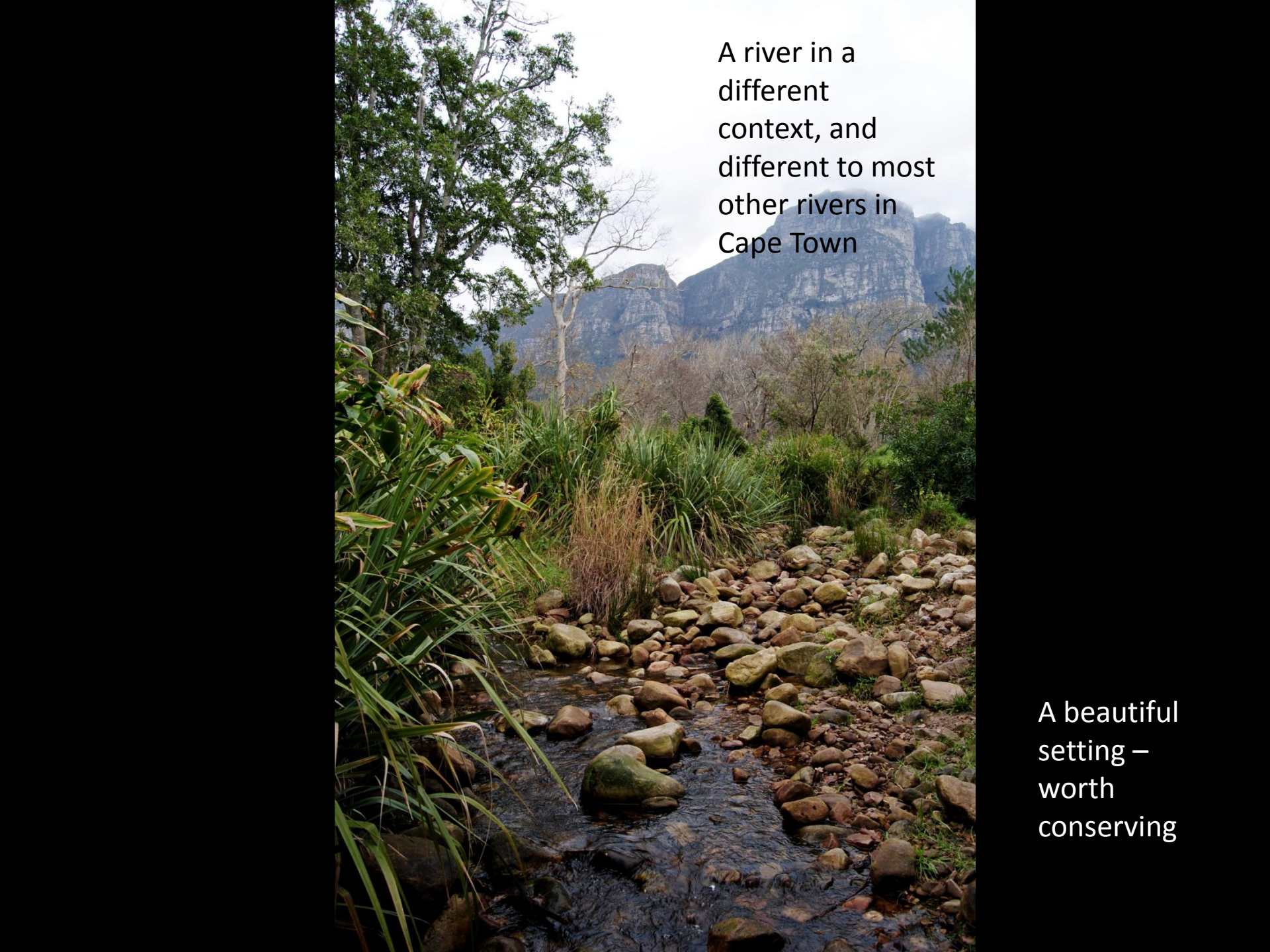


# Interest-based groups involvement in urban river systems

What should we do?  
What can we expect from groups?  
What might be achieved?

A scenic view of a river flowing through a rocky, vegetated landscape. The river is shallow and flows over numerous smooth, rounded rocks. The banks are lined with lush green vegetation, including tall grasses and various shrubs. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains with flat tops, characteristic of the Table Mountain area in Cape Town. The sky is overcast and grey.

A river in a  
different  
context, and  
different to most  
other rivers in  
Cape Town

A beautiful  
setting –  
worth  
conserving





What have the Friends of the Liesbeek learnt over 20 years? These next slides illustrate some practical outcomes

# Learning from others



# Making the river accessible



# Partnering with City officials & councillors



# A dedicated Project Team







# Building capacity and expertise



# Finding innovative ideas



# Working with the City in operations



# Exploring multiple uses



# Creating awareness



# What we can expect from civic-minded action groups? This is what theory and experience shows:

People don't act only out of self interest



Actions often emerge from deeper knowledge and understanding

Actions often result from an acceptance of norms and values of a civic minded group

People can be expected to co-operate and act collegially