



A careful cut-and-fill design and management created the ten-kilometre-long, 80 to 100 metre wide escarpment edge of the *Wadi Hanifah*. Beautiful Riyadh limestone was used to create features in the so-called, extensive landscape areas along approximately 40 kilometres of car-free pedestrian and bicycle trails.

LANDSCAPING AROUND THE TUWAIQ PALACE ECHOES THE ROCKY DESERT SURROUNDINGS, WITH INDIGENOUS PLANT AND ROCK WALLS.

The formal heritage of the so-called intensive landscape areas reflects the rich cultural heritage of Arab history.

Stormwater run-off from all sealed and asphalted areas in the Diplomatic Quarter is guided and channelled to planted swales and retention areas in the extensive landscape to provide irrigation for the vegetation there, just as happens in nature.

In conclusion, these principles have been formulated on the strength of over 20 years experience in Riyadh's Diplomatic Quarter and the success of the project serves as testament to their relevance.

