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SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

DECLARATION OF THE JUNE 16 SOWETO ROUTE, ORLANDO WEST, SOWETO, GAUTENG AS A NATIONAL HERITAGE SITE

By virtue of the powers vested in the South African Heritage Resources Agency, in terms of section 27 (5) of the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999) SAHRA hereby declares the June 16 Soweto Route as a National Heritage Site.

Statement of Significance

The significance of the 16 June Trail and the sites lies in their historical associations to the pivotal events of the Soweto Youth Uprisings. Inspired by the black consciousness movement, incensed by the compulsory use of Afrikaans as a medium of tuition and frustrated by the apathy of their parents, thousands of students took the streets to protest against the Bantu Education System and to voice their political frustrations at the government's attempt. The Soweto Uprisings become a pivotal moment in the history of the Struggle against Apartheid which led to months of rioting and protests across the country. The anger and horror of the police shootings spread rapidly across the country and within a month hundreds of communities were involved in protests against the government, including schools in Langa, Nyanga and Gugulethu. The unrest lasted for over a year and left many dead. The increased impatience of the students resulted in the continued instability of the country until the unbanning of all Liberation Movements in February 1990. Many students were forced into exile where they joined the ranks of umKhonto we Sizwe (MK) and the Azanian People's Liberation Army (APLA). The increased bombings after the Youth Uprisings were carried out by members of the MK June 16 Detachment.

Schedule

The demarcation of the sites are as follows:

Site Name	Site Description	Province	Nearest Town	Municipality
June 16 Route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The north-south axis commences at the corner of Moema and Vilakazi Street at the Orlando West High School and the Hector Pieterse shooting memorial. • At the northern end Moema Street becomes Pela Street at the junction with Khumalo Main Road, forming the northern side of the triangle. Previously the boundary extended across the intersection to end in front of the Hector Pieterse Memorial Museum. • The boundary then runs along Khumalo Main Road past Maseko Street, Makhetha Street, Lembede Street, Ngakane Street, Baqwa Street, Bacela Street to the 	GP	Orlando West	City of Johannesburg

	<p>junction with Vilakazi Street. This section was not included in the initial proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From this point, the boundaries have remained the same with Khumalo Main Road past Mampuri, Armitage and Mtipa Streets to the point where the old alignment of Khumalo Main Road is inscribed ending at the old bridge across the Klipspruit River Hastings Ndlovu was shot. • Again, the inclusion of sections of Vilakazi Street from the intersection with Moema Street remains the same. Starting at this point, the boundary heads east past Orlando West High and Phefeni Secondary Schools, and crosses Maketha Street, Lembede Street, Ngakane Street past the house of Nelson Mandela, Baqwa Street past the house of Desmond Tutu, thereafter crossing Bacela Street and ending on the far side of Khumalo Main Road. • The west-east axis commences on the north-south axis at the junction of Vilakazi and Moema Streets; • The property includes that part of Vilakazi Street to the east of the junction with Moema Street and which border the north sides of both the Orlando West High School and Pefeni Secondary School; • Continuing to the east it crosses Ngwane Street, past the houses of Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu, thereafter, crossing Bacela Street and ending on the far side of Kumalo Main Road; • Thereafter it turns to the south-east along Kumalo Main Road, passing Mapuru, Armitage and Mtipa Streets; • From Mtipa Street it follows the old alignment of Kumalo Main Road ending at the far side of the old bridge over the Kilpspruit (river) where there is a memorial at the site of the death of Hastings Ndlovu. 			
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Points	Lon.	Lat.
A	27° 54' 26.93"	-26° 14' 8.214"
B	27° 54' 28.03"	-26° 14' 7.664"
C	27° 54' 30.76"	-26° 14' 7.797"
D	27° 54' 40.70"	-26° 14' 18.97"
E	27° 54' 44.76"	-26° 14' 23.53"
F	27° 54' 44.47"	-26° 14' 23.74"
G	27° 54' 45.85"	-26° 14' 25.25"
H	27° 54' 45.48"	-26° 14' 25.55"
I	27° 54' 44.06"	-26° 14' 24.04"
J	27° 54' 43.58"	-26° 14' 24.38"
K	27° 54' 40.59"	-26° 14' 20.72"
L	27° 54' 34.72"	-26° 14' 20.72"
M	27° 54' 23.16"	-26° 14' 16.67"
N	27° 54' 22.06"	-26° 14' 16.95"
O	27° 54' 21.82"	-26° 14' 16.57"
P	27° 54' 27.32"	-26° 14' 8.904"
Q	27° 54' 28.03"	-26° 14' 9.237"
R	27° 54' 23.38"	-26° 14' 15.98"
S	27° 54' 35.09"	-26° 14' 20.07"
T	27° 54' 39.59"	-26° 14' 20.07"
U	27° 54' 39.80"	-26° 14' 19.63"

V | 27°54'30.07" | -26°14'8.658"



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