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**ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT  
GEORGE COUNTRY CLUB AND GOLF ESTATE  
GEORGE**

Prepared for

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## **Executive summary**

No archaeological remains were located during an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) of the proposed George Country Club and Golf Estate in George.

The proposed project envisages a residential and golf estate development.

Current development on the property comprises a few modern buildings and kennels of the George SPCA.

An old pump station and reservoir are also located on the site.

The bulk of the mainly vacant site comprises old, disturbed agricultural fields. A large portion of the property is infested with alien vegetation.

The impact of the proposed development on archaeological sites/remains is considered to be low to negligible.

The probability of locating important archaeological sites/remains during implementation of the project is also considered to be low.

The receiving environment is not considered to be archaeologically sensitive, vulnerable or threatened.

With regard to the proposed George Country Club and Golf Estate in George, the following recommendations are made.

1. No archaeological mitigation is required.
2. Any plans to demolish the sewerage tank at the entrance to the site must first be approved by the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA). The structure may be older than 60 years, and is therefore protected under the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999), and may not be demolished without a permit issued by SAHRA.  
  
For an assessment of the structure, call Ms Joanna Marks of SAHRA on 021 462 4502.
3. No further detailed archaeological studies are required.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background and brief**

Hilland & Associates have requested the Agency for Cultural Resource Management to undertake an Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) of the proposed George Country Club and Golf Estate, in George, in the southern Cape.

The proposed project envisages a residential and golf estate development.

The aim of the study is to locate, identify and map archaeological remains that may be negatively impacted by the proposed project, and to propose measures to mitigate against the impact.

## **2. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The terms of reference for the AIA study were:

1. to determine whether there are likely to be any archaeological sites of significance on the proposed site;
2. to identify and map any sites of archaeological significance on the proposed site;
3. to assess the sensitivity and significance of archaeological sites on the proposed site;
4. to assess the status and significance of any impacts resulting from the proposed development, and
5. to identify mitigatory measures to protect and maintain any valuable archaeological sites that may exist.

## **3. THE STUDY SITE**

The study site for the proposed development is illustrated in Figure 1.

The property is bounded by residential development on the northern boundary, by the George Golf Course on the eastern boundary and by the Fancourt Golf Course on the western boundary.

Current development on the property comprises a few modern buildings and kennels of the George SPCA.

An old pump station (now converted into a labourers cottage) and reservoir also occur near the entrance to the site.

The bulk of the mainly vacant site comprises old, disturbed agricultural fields. A large portion of the property is infested with alien vegetation.

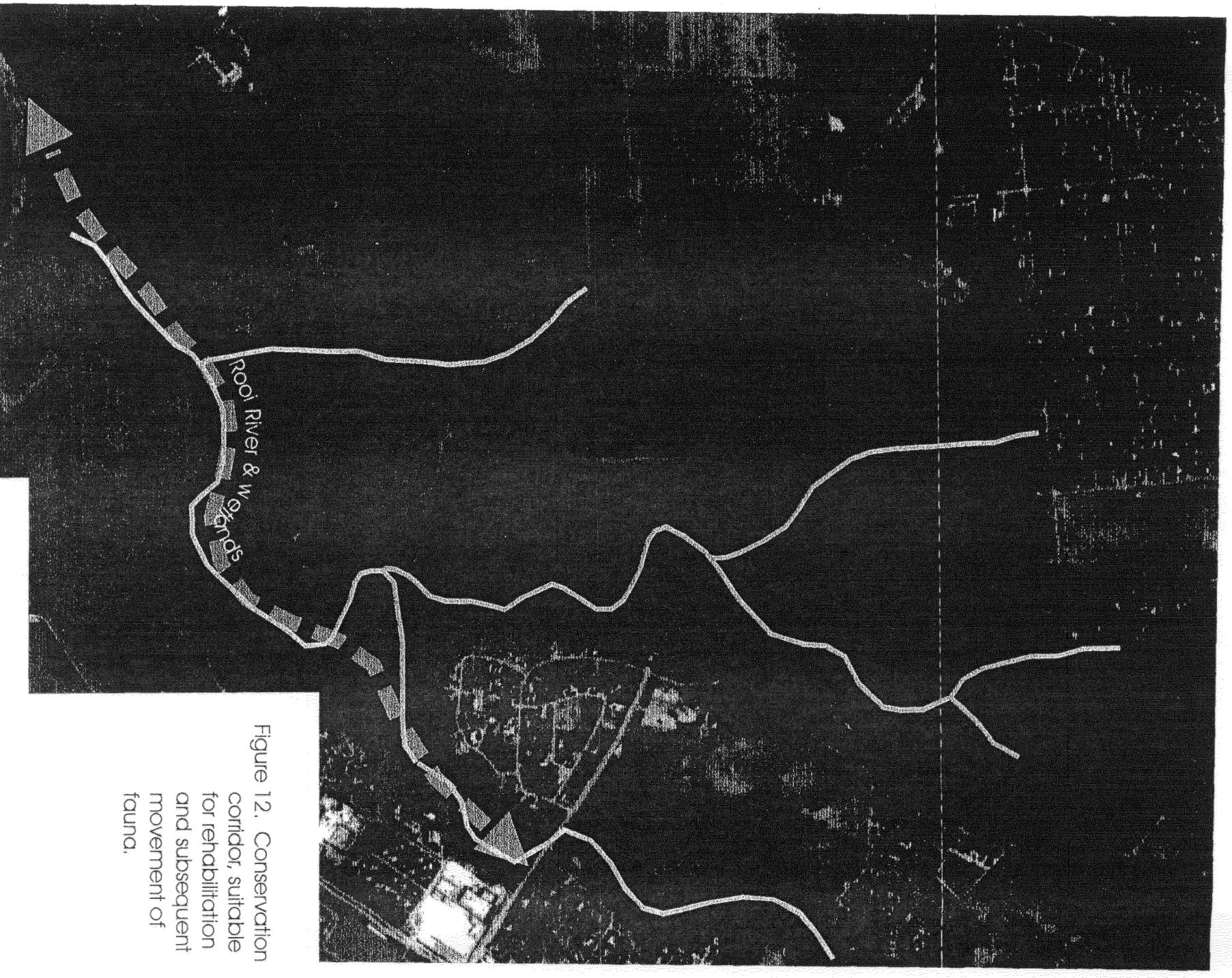


Figure 12. Conservation corridor, suitable for rehabilitation and subsequent movement of fauna.



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Figure 1. Archaeological Impact Assessment, proposed development, George Country Club and Golf Estate. Aerial photograph of the site.

#### **4. STUDY APPROACH**

The approach used in the archaeological study entailed a vehicle and foot survey of the study site.

#### **5. RESULTS OF THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

No archaeological remains were located on the site.

##### **5.1 Other finds**

The pump station and reservoir (Figure 2) near the entrance to the site are not considered to be historically significant. However, these structures may be older than 60 years and therefore protected under the South African Heritage Resources Act (Act No 25 of 1999).

Plans to demolish the structures must first be approved by the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).

#### **6. IMPACT STATEMENT**

The impact of the proposed development on archaeological sites/remains is considered to be low to negligible.

The probability of locating significant archaeological remains during implementation of the project is considered to be low.

#### **7. LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

##### **7.1 The South African Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 29 of 1999)**

###### **7.1.1 Structures (Section 34 (1))**

No person may alter or demolish any structure or part of a structure, which is older than 60 years without a permit issued by the SAHRA, or the responsible provincial resources authority.

##### **7.2 Application requirements and procedure**

Permit applications must be made on the official form:

*Application to destroy, damage, deface, excavate, alter, remove from its original position, subdivide or change the planning status of a Provincial Heritage Site or demolish a structure 60 years old or more, as protected in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999).*

Permit application forms are available from SAHRA or any provincial heritage resources authority.

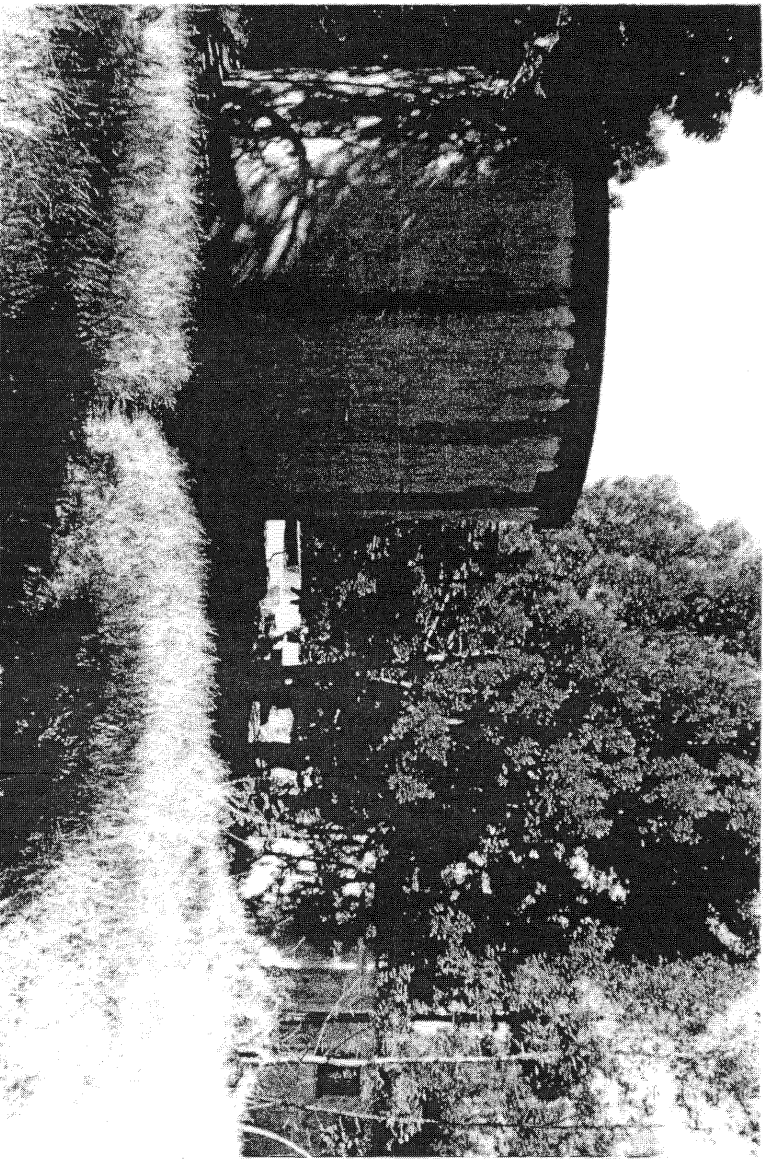


Figure 2. Archaeological Impact Assessment, proposed development, George Country Club and Golf Estate. Reservoir and pump station.

## **8. CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

The receiving environment is not considered to be archaeologically sensitive, vulnerable or threatened.

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

With regard to the proposed George Country Club and Golf Estate in George, the following recommendations are made.

1. No archaeological mitigation is required.
2. Any plans to demolish the reservoir must first be approved by SAHRA. The structure may be older than 60 years, and is therefore protected under the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999), and may not be demolished without a permit issued by SAHRA.  
  
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