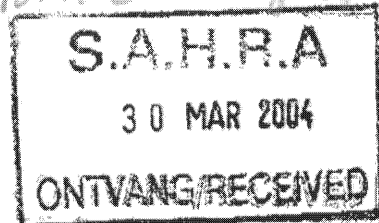


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FAERIE GLEN & WAPADRAND COUNTRY ESTATE PORTIONS 349 - 351 CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCE SCOPING REPORT

1. DEFINITION

The broad generic term *Cultural Heritage Resources* refers to any physical and spiritual property associated with past and present human use or occupation of the environment, cultural activities and history. The term includes sites, structures, places, natural features and material of palaeontological, archaeological, historical, aesthetic, scientific, architectural, religious, symbolic or traditional importance to specific individuals or groups, traditional systems of cultural practice, belief or social interaction.

2. PHILOSOPHY

Conservation as a worldwide practice stems from a long history of overexploitation made possible by Western technology and science. Conservation developed in reaction against overexploitation of mainly natural and later cultural resources. Western technology became an enemy of nature, leading to discord between nature and development.

In this sense development is a Western cultural expression. In the African context nature is culture. Places, animals and plants have cultural meanings and values. In this report African values with regard to plants and animals will be taken into consideration. The Western distinction between nature and culture is not made. Intangible heritage is far more important to African people than the tangible heritage, stories about places, legends, beliefs and cultural

processes are more important than objects or sites, which is preserved by Western concepts of conservation.

3. METHODOLOGY

The site was visited, inspected on foot. All appropriate documents on the area were studied. Further research also included previous reports on the Bronberg by Dr J. van Schalkwyk of the Cultural History Museum and Dr U.S. Kusel's report on the Bronberg.

4. RESULTS

Late Iron Age stonewalling was found on portion 350 and 351. The vegetation is very dense and it is difficult to determine the exact size of the site. At S25° 46' 50" and E28° 20' 05.9" a stonewall circle of approximately 20 metre diameter was found. Another stonewall circle of approximately the same size was found at S25°46' 50.9" and E28° 20' 06.4". A number of other stonewalls also occur (see photograph 1).

No other archaeological of historical sites or material was found.

These stonewalls most probably are part of the early Manala Ndebele settlements which occur throughout the Bronberg in large numbers. This specific settlement is small compared to the average sites and might have housed only a single family. The site might have been substantially larger. It is common practice that where new township development takes place people use the stones from the walls of archaeological sites for gardening purposes.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the site be cleared of dense vegetation and that the site be properly recorded and a small portion be excavated for the retrieval of cultural material and dating purposes. Unfortunately—the site is situated in the area where housing development is planned.

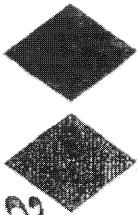
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PHOTOGRAPH



Portion of stonewall in dense vegetation



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RE: DEVELOPMENT ON PORTIONS 349-351 OF THE FARM THE WILLOWS 340 JR

Dear Sir

We have been appointed by the applicant, Mr Neil Schalkwjk, to conduct an exemption application to Gauteng DACEL for the above mentioned development. The existing rights on the property is for two dwelling units per hectare. The applicant wishes to increase this number to 4 units per hectare. The site is situated at the foothills of the Bronberg Ridge in Pretoria East.


Dr Udo Kusel did a phase 1 heritage impact assessment of the site and found a settlement of Late Iron Age stonewalling. (See attached report) According to Dr Kusel, the site is small compared to the average sites in the Bronberg.

It will not be possible to devalnph the site according to the proposed rights if the stonewalling is to be preserved. Please instruct us as soon as possible as to the correct course of action.

Regards

Johan Vosbesen
 African EPA
 (on behalf of the applicant)



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TO: Archaeologist
FROM: Provincial Manager Gauteng
SUBJECT: Phase 1 HIA
DATE: 06 April 2004

Dear Mary Leslie,

Receive herewith a phase 1 heritage impact assessment conducted by Dr. Udo Kusel. I personally support the recommendation that the site be cleared of dense vegetation, recorded and then part of the site be excavated before it gets destroyed.

What do you suggest? Can I go ahead and advise the developer that Udo Kusel should apply for an excavation permit? Please advise.

Thanking you,


 Thabo Kgomommu,
 Provincial Manager, SAHRA Gauteng.

From: Mary Leslie
To: Thabo Kgomommu
Date: 02/06/04 3:36pm
Subject: Dear Thabo

Dear Thabo

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Please can you approve this document for gazetting.. If you OK I will take it through the grading committee and give it to Dingaan for gazetting.

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Yes Kusel should apply for a permit. The permit application should have full motivation, report and map and site plan attached. Form attached.

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I would prefer that you do what we have always done with them for these things. They must get an archaeologist on site. The archaeologist must decide whether to give them a letter saying there are no significant archaeological sites that will be disturbed by this route or whether to indicate they need a Phase 1 survey. Either way we need to see that documentation and they must wait our response.

Thanks

Mary

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