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CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF QUALITY VACATION CLUB AND A GOLF COURSE AT SUN CITY (FARM LEDIG 909 JQ) NORTH WEST PROVINCE

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. PROTECTED SITES IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT, ACT NO. 25 OF 1999

The following are the most important sites and objects protected by the National Heritage Act:

- 2.1 Structures or parts of structures older than 60 years.
- 2.2 Archaeological sites and objects.
- 2.3 Palaeontological sites.
- 2.4 Meteorites.
- 2.5 Ship wrecks.
- 2.6 Burial grounds.
- 2.7 Graves of victims of conflict.
- 2.8 Public monuments and memorials.

- 2.9 Structures, places and objects protected through the publication of notices in the Gazette and Provincial Gazette.
- 2.10 Any other places or object, which are considered to be of interest or of historical or cultural significance.
- 2.11 Geological sites of scientific or cultural importance.
- 2.12 Sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa.
- 2.13 Objects to which oral traditions are attached.
- 2.14 Sites of cultural significance or other value to a community or pattern of South African history.

3, METHODOLOGY

The site was visited and inspected on foot. All appropriate documents on the area were studied.

4. RESULTS

The area is typical mountain bushveld. The proposed new site lies between two mountains in a valley. A large portion of the area is used as dumping sites for rubbish.

The facilities of Top Turf are also in the area as well as their dumping site. The southwestern portion of the area has a large road quarry. Right east of this quarry the remains of a large construction camp can still be seen.

The following heritage sites were found:

1. Small Iron Age stonewall circle five diameter and a single wall (S25° 20' 32.8 and E27° 04' 27.4") see photograph 1.
2. Single Iron Age stonewall twenty metre long and fifty centimetre high (see photograph 2. (S25° 20' 30.7" and E27° 04' 30.4")
3. Low circle enclosure with wall hardly visible (S25° 20; 29.0" and E27° 04' 32.4") see photograph 3
4. Possible grave – looks modern at S25° 20' 28.4" and E24° 04' 32.4" (see photograph 4).
5. Square modern foundation (S25° 20' 31.7" and E27° 04' 30.4")
(See map 1 and 2).

Of the above cultural heritage resources the three Iron Age stonewall sites most probably represent early Tswana settlements. In the Pilansberg area Francois Coetzee has recorded over one hundred early Tswana settlement sites. These sites are very small compared to the general size of sites.

6. CONCLUSION

The three archaeological sites are not important and can be mitigated if threatened by development.

The possible grave also needs mitigation if development is to take place near the site.

6. RECOMMENDATION

If the development takes place near the archaeological sites and the possible grave an application must be made for mitigation.

Should any cultural heritage resources or graves be unearthed during construction all work has to be stopped till a cultural heritage practitioner has inspected the site.

7. REFERENCES

- Coetzee F. 2006. Early Tswana settlement and landmarks in Pilansberg National Park M.A. Unisa unpublished.
- Map 1/50 000 2527 AC SUN CITY
- Archaeological database of the National Cultural History Museum Pretoria
- Küsel U.S. 2004 Survey of the heritage sites of the Eastern portion of the North -West Province. Unpublished report

8. SITE DATA

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<p>Type of development (e.g. low cost housing project, mining etc.)</p> <p>Vacation Club and Golf Course</p>
<p>Whether rezoning and/or subdivision of land is involved:</p> <p>No.</p>
<p>Full location of Province, Magisterial District/Local Authority, property (e.g. farm, erf name and number):</p> <p>Sun City Complex, North West Province Ledig Farm 909 – JQ 9043/2003 and 9040/2003</p>
<p>Location map must have the polygon of the area to be surveyed on it and full geographical coordinates for all relevant points and where applicable indication of the area to be developed (footprint):</p> <p>Please find attached conceptual diagram of proposal - co-ordinates: 25° 20' 9''S 27° 6' 4'' E.</p>
<p>If possible an aerial photograph of the specific area showing the location of all site.</p> <p>CAD Mapping is producing an aerial of the site. This shall be forwarded in due course.</p>

PHOTOGRAPHS



No. 1 Small stonewall circle



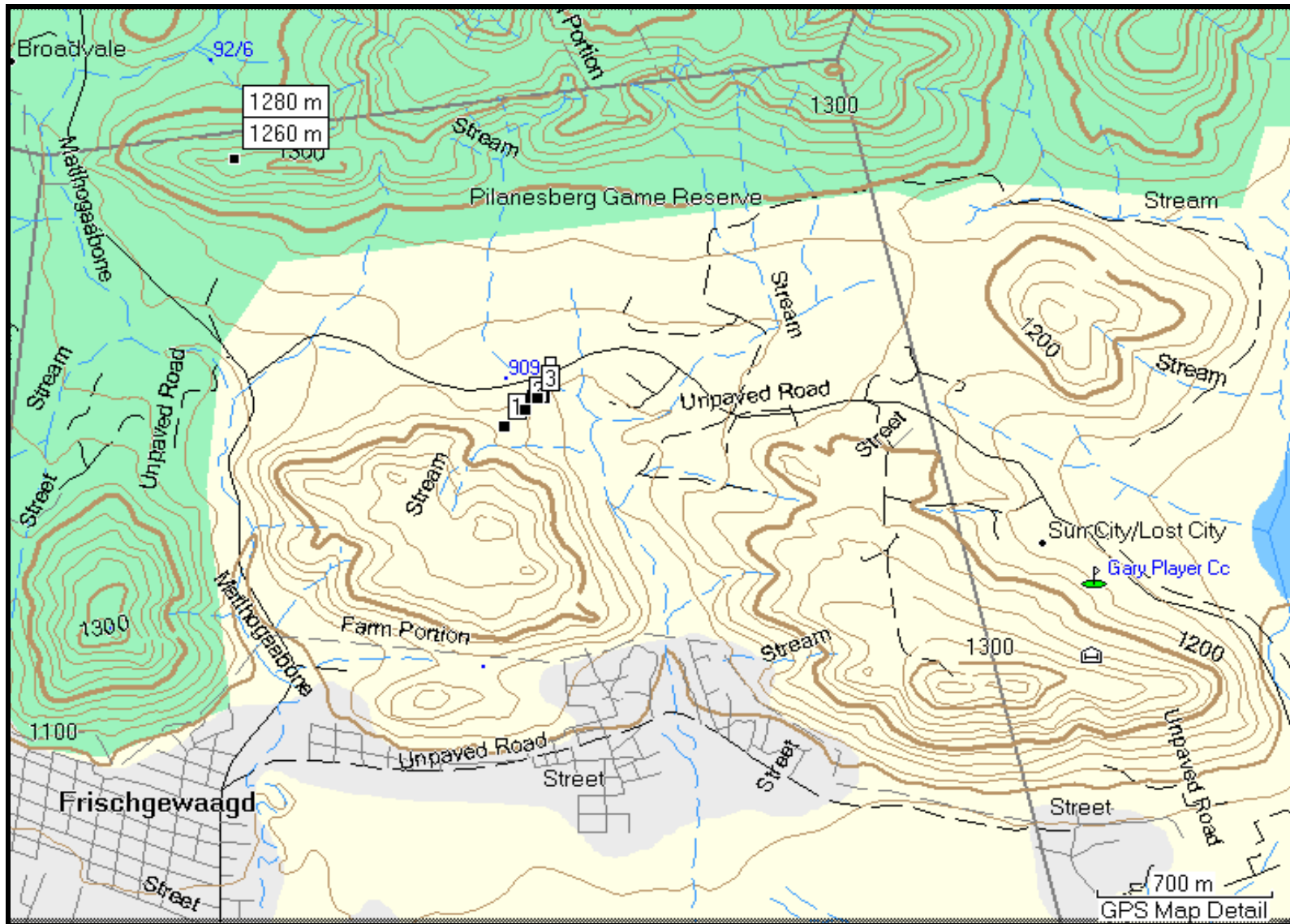
No. 2 Single stonewall twenty metres long



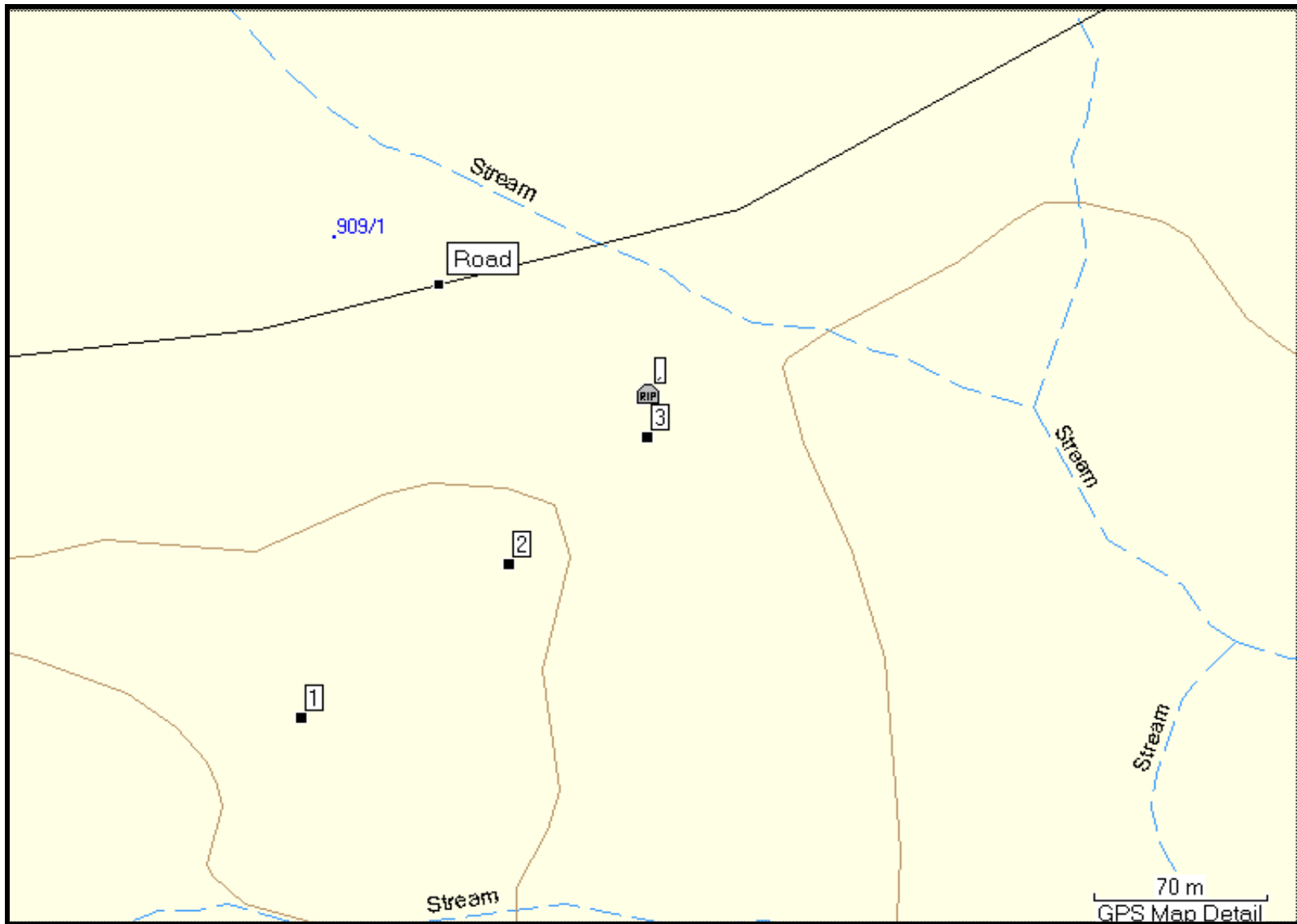
No. 3 Low stonewall of circular enclosure



No. 4 Possible grave



MAP 1 – General map showing position of recorded sites



MAP 2 – Detail positions of archaeological sites 1,2 and 3 as well as the possible grave.