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CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED ERF 2/1083 BEYERS NAUDE STREET RUSTENBURG NORTH WEST PROVINCE

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 paleontological, archaeological, historical, aesthetic, scientific, architectural, religious, symbolic or traditional importance to specific individuals or groups, traditional systems of cultural practice, belief or social interaction.

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:

- Structures or parts of structures older than 50 years.
- Archaeological sites and objects.
- Paleontological sites.
- Meteorites.
- Ship wrecks.
- Burial grounds.
- Graves of victims of conflict.
- Public monuments and memorials.
- Structures, places and objects protected through the publication of notices in the Gazette and Provincial Gazette.
- Any other places or objects, which are considered to be of interest or of historical or cultural significance.
- Geological sites of scientific or cultural importance.
- Sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa.
- Objects to which oral traditions are attached.

- Sites of cultural significance or other value to a community or pattern of South African history.

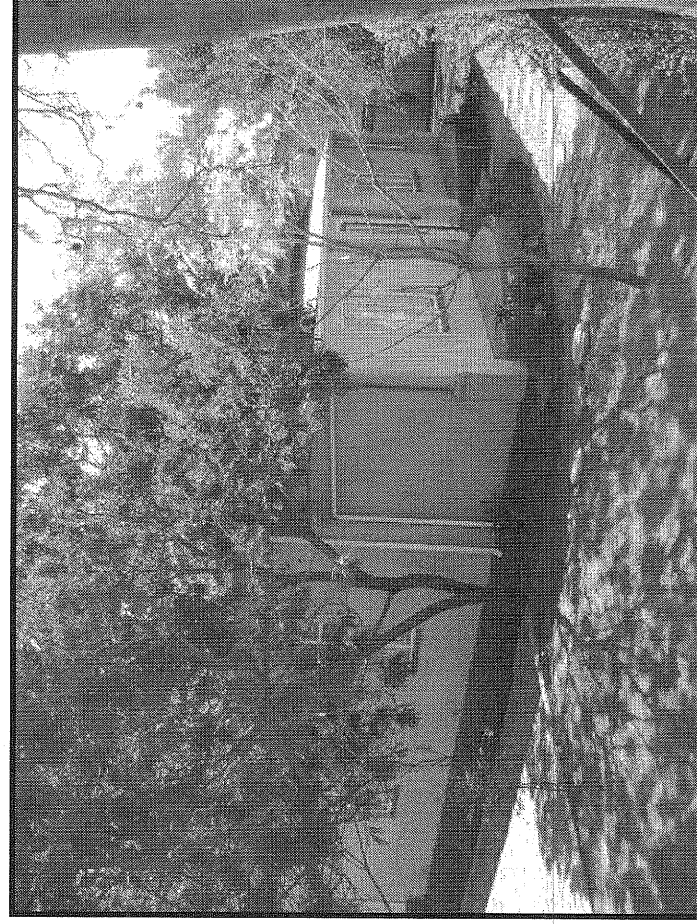
These sites may not be altered, damaged, destroyed or developed without prior approval of the South African National Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).

METHODOLOGY

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

RESULTS

The site is a security area and difficult to access. The main building on the site dates to the 1930`s and is still in a good state of preservation. The wooden windows have been replaced at a later stage with steel windows and the veranda closed in - see photograph.



EVALUATION (Field rating and significantly)

The house is older than sixty years and protected by the National Heritage Resources Act No. 25 of 1999. Very few houses of this period have survived in the CBD of Rustenburg. The house is at least of Local significance and is a grade III site which should be retained.

The house also demonstrates a high degree of technical achievement and artisanship. The foundations are of well dressed stone and the woodwork is well finished.

CONCLUSION

The house represents middle to upper class resident in the CBD of Rustenburg. As very few houses of this period have survived because of the rapid growth of the town due to the mining industry. The house should be retained and mitigation is not recommended. The house is well build and the results of good artisanship. It is also a typical example of the 1930/40's architecture with pillars at the street facade.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the house should be retained and kept in a good state of preservation as an example of a middle class residence of Rustenburg.

The building may not be altered or destroyed without prior approval of the North West Province, Provincial Heritage Resources Authority. Mitigation is not recommended.

SITE INFORMATION

Owners contact details: Emily Mokebe Unit Manager Land Sales Rustenburg Local Municipality North West Province Tel: 014 590 3018
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Type of development (e.g. low cost housing project, mining etc.) Office Building
Whether rezoning and/or subdivision of land is involved: No
Full location of Province, Magisterial District/Local Authority, property (e.g. farm, erf name and number): Portion 2 Erf 1083 JQ Rustenburg Local Municipality Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, North West Province.

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):
Attached
If possible an aerial photograph of the specific area showing the location of all site.
Attached

REFERENCES

- 1/50 000 Map
- Archaeological database of the National Cultural Museum Pretoria
- Fisher R & Le Roux S 1989, Die Afrikaner Woning
- Fisher R & Le Roux S 1998, Architecture of Transvaal

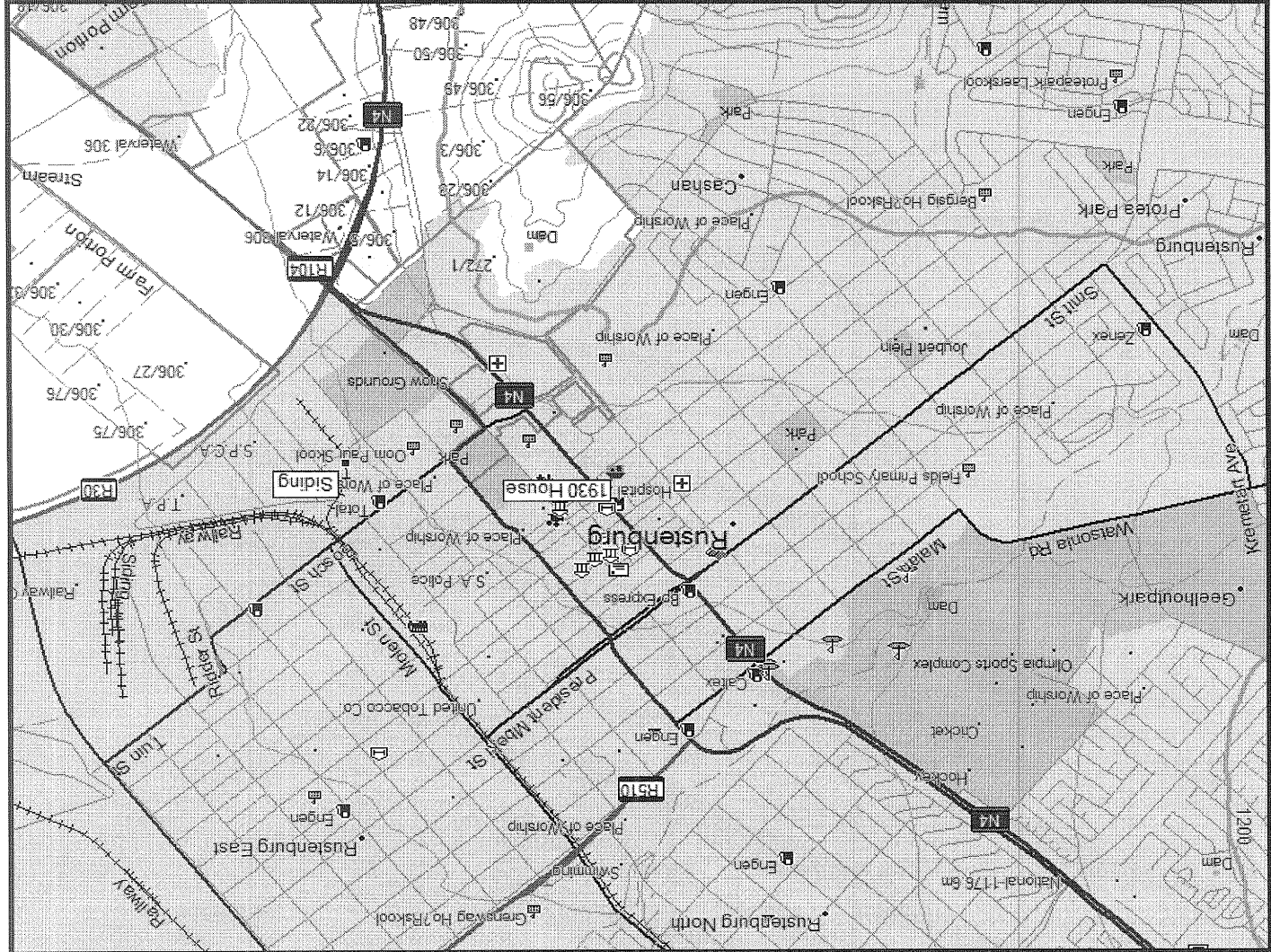


Yellow marker indicates position of 1930 house



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Locality Map with position of house under investigation



Locality Map

