



PROPOSED FORMALIZATION OF SOSHANGUVE MAZAMBANENG EXT. 30 AND EXT. 31 ON PART OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM RIETGAT 611-JR, CITY OF TSHWANE, GAUTENG PROVINCE.

(PROPOSED LOW-COST RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT)

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MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

Project Name and Location

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MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

The purpose of the management summary is to distil the information contained in the report into a format that can be used to give specific results quickly and facilitate management decisions. It is not the purpose of the management summary to repeat in shortened format all the information contained in the report, but rather to give a statement of results for decision making purposes.

This study focuses on the proposed formalization of Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 30 and 31 on Part of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Rietgat 611-JR, City of Tshwane, Gauteng Province.

This study encompasses the heritage impact investigation. A preliminary layout has been supplied to lead this phase of this study.

Scope of Work

A Heritage Impact Assessment (including Archaeological, Cultural heritage, Built Heritage and Basic Palaeontological Assessment to determine the impacts on heritage resources within the study area.

The following is required to perform this assessment:

- A desk-top investigation of the area;
- A site visit to the proposed development site;
- Identify possible archaeological, cultural, historic, built and palaeontological sites within the proposed development area;
- Evaluate the potential impacts of construction and operation of the proposed development on archaeological, cultural, historical resources; built and palaeontological resources; and
- Recommend mitigation measures to ameliorate any negative impacts on areas of archaeological, cultural, historical, built and palaeontological importance.

The purpose of this study is to determine the possible occurrence of sites with cultural heritage significance within the study area. The study is based on archival and document combined with fieldwork investigations.

Findings and Recommendations

The study area, located on Part of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Rietgat 611-JR within the City of Tshwane, Gauteng Province (Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 30 and 31) was investigated during a field visit and through archival studies.

The study areas were found to be devoid of any heritage sites with significance and severely altered from the natural landscape. It is recommended that obscured, subterranean sites be managed, if they are encountered.

Fatal Flaws

No fatal flaws were identified.



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ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Meaning
BP	Before Present
С.	circa
BCE	Before the Common Era
Вр	Before Present
CE	Common Era
ECO	Environmental Control Officer
EIA	Early Iron Age
ELO	Environmental Liaison Officer
ESA	Early Stone Age
ESMS	Environmental and Social Management System
ESSS	Environmental and Social Safeguard Standards
Fm	Femtometre (10 ⁻¹⁵ m)
GPS	Geographic Positioning System
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
ICP	Informed Consultation and Participation
LIA	Late Iron Age
LSA	Late Stone Age
KZN	KwaZulu-Natal
MSA	Middle Stone Age
MYA	Million Years Ago
NHRA	National Heritage Resources Act
PHRA	Provincial Heritage Resources Agency
PIA	Palaeontological Impact Assessment
PS	Performance Standard
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resource Agency
SAHRIS	South African Heritage Information System
SAPS	South African Police Service
SHE	Safety, Health and Environment
SHEQ	Safety, Health, Environment and Quality
S&EIR	Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting
Um	Micrometre (10 ⁻⁶ m)
WGS 84	World Geodetic System for 1984



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

'Archaeological' means:

- Material remains resulting from human activity which are in a state of disuse and are in or on land and are older than 100 years, including artefacts, human and hominid remains and artificial features and structures;
- b) Rock art, being a form of painting, engraving or other graphic representation on a fixed rock surface or loose rock or stone, which was executed by human agency and is older than 100 years including any area within 10 m of such representation; and
- c) Wrecks, being any vessel or aircraft, or any part thereof, which was wrecked in South Africa, whether on land or in the maritime cultural zone referred to in section 5 of the Maritime Zones Act 1994 (Act 15 of 1994), and any cargo, debris or artefacts found or associated therewith, which are older than 60 years or which in terms of national legislation are considered to be worthy of conservation;
- d) Features, structures and artefacts associated with military history which are older than 75 years and the sites on which they are found.

'Circa' is used in front of a particular year to indicate an approximate date.

'Grave' means a place of interment and includes the contents, headstone or other marker of and any other structures on or associated with such place. The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) will only issue a permit for the alteration of a grave if it is satisfied that every reasonable effort has been made to contact and obtain permission from the families concerned.

'Paleontological' means any fossilised remains or fossil trace of animals or plants which lived in the geological past, other than fossil fuels or fossiliferous rock intended for industrial use, and any site which contains such fossilised remains or trace.

A 'place' is defined as:

- a) A site, area or region;
- b) A building or other structure (which may include equipment, furniture, fittings and articles associated with or connected with such building or other structure);
- c) A group of buildings or other structures (which may include equipment, furniture, fittings and articles associated with or connected with such group of buildings or other structures); and (d) an open space, including a public square, street or park; and in relation to the management of a place, includes the immediate surroundings of a place.

'Structures' means any building, works, device, or other facility made by people and which is fixed to land and any fixtures, fittings and equipment associated therewith older than 60 years.



1. General

1.1 Project Description

G&A Heritage was appointed by *Noksa 23 Development Planners* to undertake a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the proposed formalization of Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 30 and 31 on Part of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Rietgat 611-JR, City of Tshwane, Gauteng Province. A low-cost residential development is proposed.

The combined extent of the study area is approximately 25.2ha.

1.2 Project Location

The study area is located on Part of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Rietgat 611-JR within the City of Tshwane, Gauteng Province (Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 30 and 31). Extension 31 is located approximately 5,5km south-southeast of the Tswaing Crater.



Figure 1. Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 30 and 31 Location Map

1.3 Technical Scope of HIA

This HIA focused only on the areas to be directly affected by the proposed development and is meant to deliver, evaluate and inform on the following aspects:

- (a) The identification and mapping of all heritage resources in the area affected;
- (b) An assessment of the significance of such resources in terms of the heritage assessment criteria set out in the relevant legal descriptions, development proponent requirements and as per international best practise approaches and charters;
- (c) An assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage resources;
- An evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development;
- (e) The results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed development and other interested parties regarding the impact of the development on heritage resources;
- (f) If heritage resources will be adversely affected by the proposed development, the consideration of alternatives; and



(g) Plans for mitigation of any adverse effects during and after the completion of the proposed development.

The following categories of heritage objects are considered.

Graves: Places of interment including the contents, headstone or other marker of and any other structures on or associated with such place. This may include any of the following:

- 1) Ancestral graves,
- 2) Royal graves and graves of traditional leaders
- 3) Graves of victims of conflict i.e. graves of important individuals
- 4) Historical graves and cemeteries older than 60 years
- 5) Other human remains, buried or otherwise.

The removal of graves is subject to the following procedures:

- Notification of the impending removals (using local language media and notices at the grave site);
- Consultation with individuals or communities related or known to the deceased;
- Satisfactory arrangements for the curation of human remains and / or headstones in a museum, where applicable;
- Procurement of a permit from the relevant controlling body;
- Appropriate arrangements for the exhumation (preferably by a suitably trained archaeologist) and re-interment (sometimes by a registered undertaker, in a formally proclaimed cemetery);
- Observation of rituals or ceremonies required by the families.

Movable objects: This includes objects such as historic or rare books and manuscripts, paintings, drawings, sculptures, statuettes and carvings; modern or historic religious items; historic costumes, jewellery and textiles; fragments of monuments or historic buildings; archaeological material; and natural history collections such as shells, flora, or minerals. Discoveries and access resulting from a project may increase the vulnerability of cultural objects to theft, trafficking or abuse. This may include any of the following:

- 1) Objects recovered from the soil or water including archaeological and paleontological objects and material, meteorites and rare geological specimens;
- 2) Ethnographic art and objects
- 3) Military objects
- 4) Objects of decorative art
- 5) Objects of fine art
- 6) Objects of scientific or technological interest
- 7) Books, records, documents, photographic positives and negatives, graphic, film or video material or sound recordings
- 8) Any other prescribed categories, but excluding any object made by a living person.

Protection of Historic Battlefields

Heritage "Places": A 'place' is defined as:

- a) A site, area or region;
- b) A building or other structure (which may include equipment, furniture, fittings and articles associated with or connected with such building or other structure);
- A group of buildings or other structures (which may include equipment, furniture, fittings and articles associated with or connected with such group of buildings or other structures); and
- d) An open space, including a public square, street or park; and in relation to the management of a place, includes the immediate surroundings of a place.
- e) Traditional Buildings used in cultural ceremonies.

Heritage Structures: Refers to single or groups of architectural works found in urban or rural settings providing evidence of a particular civilisation, a significant development or a historic event. It includes groups of buildings, structures and open spaces constituting past or contemporary human settlements that are recognised as cohesive and valuable from an architectural, aesthetic, spiritual or socio-cultural perspective.



This may also include any building, works, device, or other facility made by people and which is fixed to land any fixtures, fittings and equipment associated therewith older than 60 years.

Archaeological Sites

Archaeological sites comprise any combination of structural remains, artefacts, human or ecological elements and may be located entirely beneath, partially above, or entirely above the land or water surface. Archaeological material may be found anywhere on the earth's surface, singly or scattered over large areas. Such material includes burial areas, human remains, artefacts and fossils. Archaeological sites may include:

- a) Material remains resulting from human activity which are in a state of disuse and are in or on land and are older than 100 years, including artefacts, human and hominid remains and artificial features and structures;
- Rock art, being a form of painting, engraving or other graphic representation on a fixed rock surface or loose rock or stone, which was executed by human agency and is older than 100 years including any area within 10 m of such representation; and
- c) Wrecks, being any vessel or aircraft, or any part thereof, which was wrecked, whether on land or in the maritime cultural zone, and any cargo, debris or artefacts found or associated therewith, which are older than 60 years or which in terms of national legislation are considered to be worthy of conservation;
- d) Features, structures and artefacts associated with military history which are older than 75 years and the sites on which they are found.

Paleontological resources: Refers to any fossilised remains or fossil trace of animals or plants which lived in the geological past, other than fossil fuels or fossiliferous rock intended for industrial use, and any site which contains such fossilised remains or trace.

Sacred or Spiritual Sites: Refers to natural features with cultural significance, which may include sacred hills, mountains, landscapes, streams, rivers, waterfalls, caves and rocks; sacred trees or plants, groves and forests; carvings or paintings on exposed rock faces or in caves; and paleontological deposits of early human, animal or fossilised remains. This heritage may have significance to local community groups or minority populations.

1.4 Geographical / Spatial Scope of HIA

The geographic and spatial scope of the HIA centres on the proposed formalization of Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 30 and 31 on Part of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Rietgat 611-JR, City of Tshwane, Gauteng Province.

Any sites within the directly impacted study areas that can be affected by the proposed development and, where known, are included in this report. Mitigation or secondary investigations take this footprint as the spatial parameters of the study area.

1.5 GPS Track Path

The following image shows a plotting of the GPS track paths recorded during the fieldwork. Several files were combined, and this does not represent a single uninterrupted recording. GPX Files are available.





Figure 2. Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 30 GPS Trackpath



Figure 3. Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 31 GPS Trackpath



1.5 Temporal Scope

The proposed project will consist of three phases;

- 1) Planning
- 2) Development
- 3) Operational

Due to the nature of the proposed development, impacts on heritage sites are only anticipated during the development phase of the proposed project. The operational phase will not result in any further alterations to heritage on any significant scale.



2. Legislative Context

2.1 National Legislation

Section 38(1) of the South African Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) requires that a heritage study is undertaken for:

- (a) Construction of a road, wall, power line, pipeline, canal or other similar form of linear development or barrier exceeding 300 m in length;
- (b) Construction of a bridge or similar structure exceeding 50 m in length; and
- (c) Any development, or other activity which will change the character of an area of land, or water –
 (1) Exceeding 10 000 m² in extent;
 (2) Involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions thereof; or

(3) Involving three or more erven, or subdivisions thereof, which have been consolidated within the past five years; or

- (d) The costs of which will exceed a sum set in terms of regulations; or
- (e) Any other category of development provided for in regulations.

While the above describes the parameters of developments that fall under this Act., Section 38 (8) of the NHRA is applicable to this development. This section states that;

(8) The provisions of this section do not apply to a development as described in subsection (1) if an evaluation of the impact of such development on heritage resources is required in terms of the Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act 73 of 1989), or the integrated environmental management guidelines issued by the Department of Environment Affairs and Tourism, or the Minerals Act, 1991 (Act 50 of 1991), or any other legislation: Provided that the consenting authority must ensure that the evaluation fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage resources authority in terms of subsection (3), and any comments and recommendations of the relevant heritage resources authority with regard to such development have been taken into account prior to the granting of the consent.

In regard to a development such as this that falls under Section 38 (8) of the NHRA, the requirements of Section 38 (3) applies to the subsequent reporting, stating that;

- (3) The responsible heritage resources authority must specify the information to be provided in a report required in terms of subsection (2) (a): Provided that the following must be included:
 - a) The identification and mapping of all heritage resources in the area affected;
 - b) An assessment of the significance of such resources in terms of the heritage assessment criteria set out in section 6 (2) or prescribed under section 7;
 - c) An assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage resources;
 - d) An evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development;
 - e) The results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed development and other interested parties regarding the impact of the development on heritage resources;
 - f) If heritage resources will be adversely affected by the proposed development, the consideration of alternatives; and
 - g) Plans for mitigation of any adverse effects during and after the completion of the proposed development.
 - 1) Ancestral graves,
 - 2) Royal graves and graves of traditional leaders,
 - 3) Graves of victims of conflict (iv) graves of important individuals,
 - 4) Historical graves and cemeteries older than 60 years, and
 - 5) Other human remains which are not covered under the Human Tissues Act, 1983 (Act No.65 of 1983 as amended);
 - h) Movable objects, including;
 - 1) Objects recovered from the soil or waters of South Africa including archaeological and paleontological objects and material, meteorites and rare geological specimens;



- 2) Ethnographic art and objects;
- 3) Military objects;
- 4) Objects of decorative art;
- 5) Objects of fine art;
- 6) Objects of scientific or technological interest;
- 7) Books, records, documents, photographic positives and negatives, graphic, film or video material or sound recordings; and
- 8) Any other prescribed categories, but excluding any object made by a living person;
- i) Battlefields;
- j) Traditional building techniques.

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- a) A site, area or region;
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'Grave' means a place of interment and includes the contents, headstone or other marker of and any other structures on or associated with such place. The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) will only issue a permit for the alteration of a grave if it is satisfied that every reasonable effort has been made to contact and obtain permission from the families concerned.

The removal of graves is subject to the following procedures as outlined by the SAHRA:

- Notification of the impending removals (using English, Afrikaans and local language media and notices at the grave site);
- Consultation with individuals or communities related or known to the deceased;
- Satisfactory arrangements for the curation of human remains and / or headstones in a museum, where applicable;
- Procurement of a permit from the SAHRA;
- Appropriate arrangements for the exhumation (preferably by a suitably trained archaeologist) and re-interment (sometimes by a registered undertaker, in a formally proclaimed cemetery);
- Observation of rituals or ceremonies required by the families.



The limitations and assumptions associated with this heritage impact assessment are as follows;

- Field investigations were performed on foot and by vehicle where access was readily available.
- Sites were evaluated by means of description of the cultural landscape, direct observations and analysis of written sources and available databases.
- It was assumed that the site layout as provided by Noksa 23 Development Planners is accurate.
- We assumed that the public participation process performed as part of the Basic Assessment process was sufficiently encompassing not to be repeated in the Heritage Assessment Phase.

Act	Section	Description	Possible Impact	Action
National Heritage	34	Preservation of buildings	No impact	None
Resources Act		older than 60 years		
(NHRA)	35	Archaeological, paleontological and meteor sites	No impact	None
36		Graves and burial sites	No impact	None
	37	Protection of public monuments	No impact	None
	38	Does activity trigger a HIA?	Yes	HIA

Table 1. Impacts on the NHRA Sections

Table 2. NHRA Trigger	Table	2.	NHRA	Trigger
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Action Trigger	Yes/No	Description
Construction of a road, wall, power line, pipeline, canal or other linear form of development or barrier exceeding 300m in length.	No	N/A
Construction of a bridge or similar structure exceeding 50m in length.	No	N/A
Development exceeding 5000 m ²	Yes	Proposed Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 30 and 31
Development involving more than 3 erven or sub divisions	No	N/A
Development involving more than 3 erven or sub divisions that have been consolidated in the past 5 years	No	N/A
Re-zoning of site exceeding 10 000 m ²	No	N/A
Any other development category, public open space, squares, parks or recreational grounds	No	N/A



3. Methodology

3.1 Heritage Management

This study defines the heritage component of the EIA process being undertaken for the proposed formalization of Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 30 and 31 on Part of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Rietgat 611-JR, City of Tshwane, Gauteng Province.

It is described as a first phase (HIA). This report attempts to evaluate both the accumulated heritage knowledge of the area and information derived from direct physical observations.

3.2 Inventory

Inventory studies involve the in-field survey and recording of archaeological resources within a proposed development area. The nature and scope of this type of study is defined primarily by the results of the overview study. In the case of site-specific developments, direct implementation of an inventory study may preclude the need for an overview.

There are several different methodological approaches to conducting inventory studies. Therefore, the proponent, in collaboration with the archaeological consultant, must develop an inventory plan for review and approval by the SAHRA prior to implementation (*Dincause, Dena F., H. Martin Wobst, Robert J. Hasenstab and David M. Lacy 1984*).

3.3 Evaluating Heritage Impacts

A combination of document research as well as the determination of the geographic suitability of areas and the evaluation of aerial photographs determined which areas could and should be accessed.

After plotting of the site on a GPS the areas were accessed using suitable combinations of vehicle access and access by foot.

Sites were documented by digital photography and geo-located with GPS readings using the WGS 84 datum. An aerial drone was used to evaluate the site from different heights and to improve coverage of the area.

Further techniques (where possible) included interviews with local inhabitants, visiting local museums and information centers and discussions with local experts. All this information was combined with information from an extensive literature study as well as the result of archival studies based on the SAHRA (South African Heritage Resource Agency) provincial databases.

This Heritage Impact Assessment relies on the analysis of written documents, maps, aerial photographs and other archival sources combined with the results of site investigations and interviews with effected people. Site investigations are not exhaustive and often focus on areas such as river confluence areas, elevated sites or occupational ruins.

The following documents were consulted in this study;

- South African National Archive Documents
- SAHRIS (South African Heritage Resources Information System) Database of Heritage Studies
- Historic Maps
- 1984, 1995 and 2001 Surveyor General Topographic Map series
- 1952 1:10 000 aerial photo survey
- Google Earth 2021 imagery
- Published articles and books
- JSTOR Article Archive



3.4 Site Visit / Fieldwork Details

Fieldwork for the HIA was done on the 7th of February 2022. Most of the areas were found to be accessible by foot and vehicle. Areas of possible significance were investigated on foot. The survey was tracked using GPS and a track file in GPX format is available on request.

Where sites were identified it was documented photographically and plotted using GPS with the WGS 84 datum point as reference. GPX files are available on request from G&A Heritage.

The study area was surveyed using standard archaeological surveying methods. The area was surveyed using directional parameters supplied by the GPS and surveyed by vehicle and on foot. This technique has proven to result in the maximum coverage of an area.

Standard archaeological documentation formats were employed in the description of sites. Using standard site documentation forms as comparable medium, it enabled the surveyors to evaluate the relative importance of sites found. Furthermore, GPS (Global Positioning System) readings of all finds and sites were taken. This information was then plotted using a *Garmin Colorado* GPS (WGS 84- datum).

Indicators such as surface finds, plant growth anomalies, local information and topography were used in identifying sites of possible archaeological importance. Test probes were done at intervals to determine subsurface occurrence of archaeological material. The importance of sites was assessed by comparisons with published information as well as comparative collections.

Test excavation is that form of archaeological excavation where the purpose is to establish the nature and extent of archaeological deposits and features present in a location, which it is proposed to develop (though not normally to fully investigate those deposits or features) and allow an assessment to be made of the archaeological impact of the proposed development. It may also be referred to as archaeological testing' (DAHGI 1999a, 27).

'Test excavation should not be confused with, or referred to as, archaeological assessment which is the overall process of assessing the archaeological impact of development. Test excavation is one of the techniques in carrying out archaeological assessment which may also include, as appropriate, documentary research, field walking, examination of upstanding or visible features or structures, examination of aerial photographs, satellite or other remote sensing imagery, geophysical survey, and topographical assessment' (DAHGI 1999b, 18).

3.5 Assumptions

It was assumed that the impacted areas will be limited to the proposed development. It is furthermore assumed that the *PalaeoSensitivity* Map provided on the SAHRIS platform is comprehensive enough to inform on actions in this regard.

3.6 Gaps / Limitations / Uncertainty

Due to the intensive sickle bush cover in the study area, it was difficult to make surface observations of heritage deposits in some areas.

3.7 Specialist Specific Methodology

The scope of work includes:

- the identification and assessment of archaeological, cultural, historic and built sites within the study area.
- Archival study of existing data and information for the study area.
- Site inspection and fieldwork.
- This site work includes communicating with local inhabitants to confirm possible locations of heritage and cultural sites.
- Impact assessment has been performed according to the methodology as described in the relevant Impact Evaluation



This HIA Methodology assists in evaluating the overall effect of a proposed activity on the heritage environment. The determination of the effect of a heritage impact on a heritage parameter is determined through a systematic analysis of the various components of the impact. This is undertaken using information that is available to the heritage practitioner through the process of heritage impact assessment. The impact evaluation of predicted impacts was undertaken through an assessment of the significance of the impacts.

3.8 Visual Impact Assessment Methodology

Visual impacts of developments result when sites that are culturally celebrated are visually affected by a development. The exact parameters for the determination of visual impacts have not yet been rigidly defined and are still mostly open to interpretation. CNdV Architects and The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (2006) have developed some guidelines for the management of the visual impacts of wind turbines in the Western Cape, although these have not yet been formalised. In these guidelines they recommend a buffer zone of 1km around significant heritage sites to minimise the visual impact.

Visual impacts to scenic routes and sense of place are considered to be low as the proposed low cost residential development will be constructed in areas that have already been developed.



4. Findings

4.1 Built Environment

Some structures associated with rural living were identified;

- Dirt and tar roads
- Fences
- Power lines
- Residential dwellings
- Business premises
- Footpaths

Mitigation

These structures are not historically significant.



Figure 4. Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 30



Figure 5. Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 30



4.2 Cultural Landscape

The cultural landscape in Extension 30 is strongly associated with urban and rural living with formal and informal dwellings and business premises. Extension 31 is less disturbed from its natural state, but not pristine. Illegal dumping takes place on both study areas, but to a larger degree on Extension 31. The Soshanguve landfill is visible from both sites.

Long term impacts on the cultural landscape are considered negligible as the proposed low-cost residential development will be located in places that have previously been disturbed by developments and modern human activities.



Figure 6. Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 30 - illegal dumping on site



Figure 7. Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 31 - illegal dumping on site





Figure 8. Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 31 – illegal dumping on site



Figure 9. Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 31 – Soshanguve landfill in view





Figure 10. Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 31 – Soshanguve landfill in view

4.3 Natural Landscape

The natural landscape of Extension 30 is associated with urban development with little to no natural elements, while Extension 31 can be classified as mixed wetland.



Figure 11. Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 31

The Tswaing Nature Reserve which hosts the famous Tswaing Meteorite Crater (formerly Soutpan Crater) is located approximately 5,5km south-southeast (\pm 160°) from the study areas. The crater was formed c. 220 000 years ago when a meteorite crashed into the earth. Tswaing is currently on the tentative list for consideration as a World Heritage Site (<u>www.unesco.org</u>). Stone tools from the Middle Stone Age show that the crater was regularly visited by people from as far back as 100 000 years ago in order to hunt and collect salt. A single ESA site – Wonderboompoort – is known from the area (Mason, 1957), while several LSA sites occur (Bergh 1999: 4 & 7).





Figure 12. Tswaing Meteorite Crater (www.atlasobscura.com)

Landscape Type	Description	Occurrence still possible?	Likely occurrence?
1 Paleontological	Mostly fossil remains. Remains include microbial fossils such as found in Baberton Greenstones	No	No
2 Archaeological	Evidence of human occupation associated with the following phases – Early-, Middle-, Late Stone Age, Early-, Late Iron Age, Pre-Contact Sites, Post- Contact Sites	No	No
3 Historic Built Environment	 Historical townscapes/streetscapes Historical structures; i.e. older than 60 years Formal public spaces Formally declared urban conservation areas Places associated with social identity/displacement 	No	No
4 Historic Farmland	 These possess distinctive patterns of settlement and historical features such as: Historical farm yards Historical farm workers villages/settlements Irrigation furrows Tree alignments and groupings Historical routes and pathways Distinctive types of planting Distinctive architecture of cultivation e.g. planting blocks, trellising, terracing, ornamental planting. 	No	No
5 Historic rural town	 Historic mission settlements Historic townscapes 	No	No
6 Pristine natural landscape	 Historical patterns of access to a natural amenity Formally proclaimed nature reserves Evidence of pre-colonial occupation Scenic resources, e.g. view corridors, viewing sites, visual edges, visual linkages Historical structures/settlements older than 60 years Pre-colonial or historical burial sites Geological sites of cultural significance. 	No	No



7 Relic	- Past farming settlements	No	No
Landscape	 Past industrial sites 	-	_
	 Places of isolation related to attitudes to 		
	medical treatment		
	- Battle sites		
	 Sites of displacement, 		
8 Burial grounds	 Pre-colonial burials (marked or unmarked, 	No	No
and grave sites	known or unknown)		
	 Historical graves (marked or unmarked, 		
	known or unknown)		
	- Graves of victims of conflict		
	- Human remains (older than 100 years)		
	- Associated burial goods (older than 100		
	years)		
	- Burial architecture (older than 60 years)	Na	No
9 Associated	- Sites associated with living heritage e.g.	INO	INO
Lanuscapes	resources for traditional medicinal purposes		
	- Sites associated with displacement &		
	contestation		
	- Sites of political conflict/struggle		
	- Sites associated with an historic		
	event/person		
	 Sites associated with public memory 		
10 Historical	- Setting of the yard and its context	No	No
Farmyard	 Composition of structures 		
	- Historical/architectural value of individual		
	structures		
	 Tree alignments 		
	- Views to and from		
	- Axial relationships		
	- System of enclosure, e.g. defining walls		
	- Systems of water reticulation and irrigation,		
	e.g. turrows		
	- Sites associated with slavery and farm		
	Colonial period archaeology		
11 Historic	- Historical prisons	No	No
institutions	- Hospital sites		
	- Historical school/reformatory sites		
	- Military bases		
12 Scenic visual	- Scenic routes	No	No
13 Amenity	- View sheds	No	No
landscape	- View points		
	- Views to and from		
	 Gateway conditions 		
	 Distinctive representative landscape 		
	conditions		
	- Scenic corridors		

4.4 Battlefields and Concentration Camps

There are no battlefields or related concentration camp sites located within the study areas.



5. Measuring Impacts

In 2003 the SAHRA (South African Heritage Resources Agency) compiled the following guidelines to evaluate the cultural significance of individual heritage resources:

• Type of Resource

- o Place
- o Archaeological Site
- o Structure
- o Grave
- Palaeontological Feature
- Geological Feature

• Type of Significance

- o Historic Value
 - Important in the community, or pattern of history
 - Important in the evolution of cultural landscapes and settlement patterns
 - Important in exhibiting density, richness or diversity of cultural features illustrating the human occupation and evolution of the nation, province, region or locality.
 - Important for association with events, developments or cultural phases that have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, province, region or community.
 - Important as an example for technical, creative, design or artistic excellence, innovation or achievement in a particular period.
 - It has strong or special association with the life or work of a person, group or organisation of importance in history
 - Importance for close associations with individuals, groups or organisations whose life, works or activities have been significant within the history of the nation, province, region or community.
 - It has significance relating to the history of slavery
 - Importance for a direct link to the history of slavery in South Africa.
- Aesthetic Value
 - It is important in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group.
 - Important to a community for aesthetic characteristics held in high esteem or otherwise valued by the community.
 - Importance for its creative, design or artistic excellence, innovation or achievement.
 - Importance for its contribution to the aesthetic values of the setting demonstrated by a landmark quality or having impact on important vistas or otherwise contributing to the identified aesthetic qualities of the cultural environs or the natural landscape within which it is located.
 - In the case of an historic precinct, importance for the aesthetic character created by the individual components which collectively form a significant streetscape, townscape or cultural environment.
- Scientific Value
 - It has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of natural or cultural heritage
 - Importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of natural or cultural history by virtue of its use as a research site, teaching site, type locality, reference or benchmark site.
 - Importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of the origin of the universe or of the development of the earth.



- Importance for information contributing to a wider understanding of the origin of life; the development of plant or animal species, or the biological or cultural development of hominid or human species.
- Importance for its potential to yield information contributing to a wider understanding of the history of human occupation of the nation, Province, region or locality.
- It is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period
- Importance for its technical innovation or achievement.

a) Does the site contain evidence, which may substantively enhance understanding of culture history, culture process, and other aspects of local and regional prehistory?

- internal stratification and depth
- chronologically sensitive cultural items
- materials for absolute dating
- association with ancient landforms
- quantity and variety of tool type
- distinct intra-site activity areas
- tool types indicative of specific socio-economic or religious activity
- cultural features such as burials, dwellings, hearths, etc.
- diagnostic faunal and floral remains
- exotic cultural items and materials
- uniqueness or representativeness of the site
- integrity of the site

b) Does the site contain evidence which may be used for experimentation aimed at improving archaeological methods and techniques?

- monitoring impacts from artificial or natural agents
- site preservation or conservation experiments
- data recovery experiments
- sampling experiments
- intra-site spatial analysis

c) Does the site contain evidence which can make important contributions to paleo environmental studies?

- topographical, geomorphological context
- depositional character
- diagnostic faunal, floral data

d) Does the site contain evidence which can contribute to other scientific disciplines such as hydrology, geomorphology, pedology, meteorology, zoology, botany, forensic medicine, and environmental hazards research, or to industry including forestry and commercial fisheries?

- Social Value / Public Significance
 - It has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons
 - Importance as a place highly valued by a community or cultural group for reasons of social, cultural, religious, spiritual, symbolic, aesthetic or educational associations.
 - Importance in contributing to a community's sense of place.

a) Does the site have potential for public use in an interpretive, educational or recreational capacity?

- integrity of the site
- technical and economic feasibility of restoration and development for public use



- visibility of cultural features and their ability to be easily interpreted
- accessibility to the public
- opportunities for protection against vandalism
- representativeness and uniqueness of the site
- aesthetics of the local setting
- proximity to established recreation areas
- present and potential land use
- land ownership and administration
- legal and jurisdictional status
- local community attitude toward development
- b) Does the site receive visitation or use by tourists, local residents or school groups?
- Ethnic Significance

Does the site presently have traditional, social or religious importance to a particular group or community?

- ethnographic or ethno-historic reference
- documented local community recognition or, and concern for, the site
- Economic Significance
 - What value of user-benefits may be placed on the site?
 - visitors' willingness-to-pay
 - visitors' travel costs
- Scientific Significance
 - a) Does the site contain evidence, which may substantively enhance understanding of historic patterns of settlement and land use in a particular locality, regional or larger area?
 - b) Does the site contain evidence, which can make important contributions to other scientific disciplines or industry?
- Historic Significance
 - a) Is the site associated with the early exploration, settlement, land use, or other aspect of southern Africa's cultural development?
 - b) Is the site associated with the life or activities of a particular historic figure, group, organization, or institution that has made a significant contribution to, or impact on, the community, province or nation?
 - c) Is the site associated with a particular historic event whether cultural, economic, military, religious, social or political that has made a significant contribution to, or impact on, the community, province or nation?
 - d) Is the site associated with a traditional recurring event in the history of the community, province, or nation, such as an annual celebration?
- Public Significance
 - a) Does the site have potential for public use in an interpretive, educational or recreational capacity?
 - visibility and accessibility to the public
 - ability of the site to be easily interpreted
 - opportunities for protection against vandalism
 - economic and engineering feasibility of reconstruction, restoration and maintenance
 - representativeness and uniqueness of the site
 - proximity to established recreation areas
 - compatibility with surrounding zoning regulations or land use
 - land ownership and administration
 - local community attitude toward site preservation, development or destruction
 - present use of site



- b) Does the site receive visitation or use by tourists, local residents or school groups?
- o Other
 - Is the site a commonly acknowledged landmark?
 - Does, or could, the site contribute to a sense of continuity or identity either alone or in conjunction with similar sites in the vicinity?
 - Is the site a good typical example of an early structure or device commonly used for a specific purpose throughout an area or period of time?
 - Is the site representative of a particular architectural style or pattern?

For each predicted impact, criteria are described. These criteria include the **magnitude** (size or degree scale), which also includes the **type** of impact, being either a positive or negative impact; the **duration** (temporal scale); and the **extent** (spatial scale), as well as the **probability** (likelihood). The methodology is quantitative and generated through a spreadsheet but requires professional judgement in the application of the criteria.

When assessing impacts, broader considerations are also considered, these include the **confidence** with which the assessment was undertaken, the **reversibility** of the impact and the resource **irreplaceability**.

Calculations

(as applied in the excel spreadsheet 'Soshanguve Mazambaneng.xls') – Available on request.

For each predicted impact, certain criteria are applied to establish the likely **significance** of the impact, firstly in the case of no mitigation being applied and then with the most effective mitigation measure(s) in place.

These criteria include the **magnitude** (size or degree scale), which also includes the **type** of impact, being either a positive or negative impact; the **duration** (temporal scale); and the **extent** (spatial scale). These numerical ratings are used in an equation whereby the **consequence** of the impact can be calculated. Consequence is calculated as follows:

Consequence = type x (magnitude + duration + extent).

To calculate the significance of an impact, the **probability** (or likelihood) of that impact occurring is applied to the consequence.

Significance = consequence x probability

Depending on the numerical result, the impact would fall into a significance category as negligible, minor, moderate or major, and the type would be either positive or negative.

The following tables show the scales used to classify the above variables and define each of the rating categories.

5.1 Magnitude

The magnitude refers to the degree of alteration of the affected environmental receptor. The relevant descriptor for magnitude is selected by the user (refer to Table).

Numerical	Magnitu	ude
Rating	Category	Descriptors
1	Negligible	Natural and/ or social functions and/ or processes are negligibly altered

 Table 3. Description of magnitude and assigned numerical values

2	Very low	Natural and/ or social functions and/
		or processes are signify allered
3	Low	Natural and/ or social functions and/
		or processes are somewhat altered
4	Moderate	Natural and/ or social functions and/
		or processes are moderately altered
5	High	Natural and/ or social functions and/
		or processes are notably altered
6	Very high	Natural and/ or social functions and/
		or processes are majorly altered
7	Extremely high	Natural and/ or social functions and/
		or processes are severely altered

*NOTE: Where applicable, the magnitude of the impact is related to a relevant standard or threshold or is based on specialist knowledge and understanding of that particular field.

5.2 Duration

The duration refers to the length of permanence of the impact on the environmental receptor. The relevant descriptor for duration is selected by the user (refer to Table).

Numerical	Duration			
Rating	Category	Descriptors		
1	Immediate	Impact will self-remedy immediately		
2	Brief	Impact will not last longer than 1 year		
3	Short term	Impact will last between 1 and 5 years		
4	Medium term	Impact will last between 5 and 10 years		
5	Long term	Impact will last between 10 and 15 years		
6	On-going	Impact will last between 15 and 20 years		
7	Permanent	Impact may be permanent, or in excess of 20 years		

Table 4. Description of duration and assigned numerical values

5.3 Extent

The extent refers to the geographical scale of impact on the environmental receptor. The relevant descriptor for extent is selected by the user (refer to Table).

Numerical	Extent		
Rating	Category	Descriptors	
1	Very limited	Impacts very limited / felt in isolated areas of the study area	
2	Limited	Impacts limited to specific parts of the study area	
3	Local	Impacts felt mostly throughout the study area	

Table 5. Description of extent and assigned numerical values



4	Municipal	Impacts felt outside the study area, at a municipal level	
	area		
5	Regional	Impacts felt outside the study area, at a regional / provincial level	
6	National	Impacts felt outside the study area, at a national level	
7	International	Impacts felt outside the study area, at an international level	

5.4 Probability

To calculate the significance of an impact, the probability (or likelihood) of that impact occurring is also taken into account. (Refer to Table).

Numerical		Probability
Rating	Category	Descriptors
1	Highly unlikely / None	Expected never to happen
2	Rare / improbable	Conceivable, but only in extreme circumstances, and/or might occur for this project although this has rarely been known to result elsewhere
3	Unlikely	Has not happened yet but could happen once in the lifetime of the project, therefore there is a possibility that the impact will occur
4	Probable	Has occurred here or elsewhere and could therefore occur
5	Likely	The impact may occur
6	Almost certain / Highly probable	It is most likely that the impact will occur
7	Certain / Definite	There are sound scientific reasons to expect that the impact will definitely occur

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5.5 Significance

These are auto-calculated in the spreadsheet as described above and includes the following categories in Table 11. This table is for illustration only.

Range		Significance rating	
-147	-109	Major (-)	
-108	-73	Moderate (-)	
-72	-36	Minor (-)	
-35	-1	Negligible (-)	
0	0	Neutral	
1	35	Negligible (+)	
36	72	Minor (+)	

Table 7. Application of significance ratings



73	108	Moderate (+)
109	147	Major (+)

The following, broader considerations will also be considered. These include the level of confidence in the assessment rating; the reversibility of the impact; and the irreplaceability of the resource as set out in Tables 12, 13 and 14 respectively.

Table 8. Definition of confidence ratings

Rating	Descriptor
Low	Judgement is based on intuition
Medium	Determination is based on common sense and general knowledge
High	Substantive supportive data exists to verify the assessment

Table 9. Definition of reversibility ratings

Rating	Descriptor
Low	The affected environment will not be able to recover from the impact - permanently modified
Medium	The affected environment will only recover from the impact with significant intervention
High	The affected environmental will be able to recover from the impact

Table 10. Definition of irreplaceability ratings

Rating	Descriptor
Low	The resource is not damaged irreparably or is not scarce
Medium	The resource is damaged irreparably but is represented elsewhere
High	The resource is irreparably damaged and is not represented elsewhere



5. Description of Affected Environment

5.1 Map of Key Features

No key features were identified within Extension 30 or 31.

5.2 Documented Sites

The area was accessed by vehicle and investigated on foot. The areas have been mostly disturbed from green field condition and is strongly associated with urban and rural living. The study areas were found to be devoid of any heritage sites with significance and severely altered from the natural landscape.



6. Baseline

Context Relevant to Project Location, Design, Operation, or Mitigation Decisions

6.1 Palaeontology

The palaeontology of Gauteng is well researched in areas. The discovery of the Sterkfontein skeletons put this area in the forefront of palaeontology worldwide. The rule of "absence of evidence is not evidence of absence" should be applied to this area. Taken the rich palaeontology of Western Gauteng it is conceivable that similar finds could be made in this area.

An independent palaeontological study was conducted by Rossouw (2018) and found: *"The proposed study area is underlain by palaeontologically insignificant Bushveld Complex granites capped by derived soils, coarse sands and alluvium considered to be of low palaeontological sensitivity."* (Rossouw, 2018). No further mitigation is required.

The area falls within the "Grey" demarcation on the *PalaeoSensitivity* Map. SAHRA states that in this case no Palaeontological Studies would be required.



Figure 13. Paleo Sensitivity Map

Colour	Sensitivity	Action Required
RED	VERY HIGH	Field assessment and protocol for finds is required.
ORANGE /	HIGH	Desktop study is required and based on the outcome of the
YELLOW		desktop study, a field assessment is likely.
GREEN	MODERATE	Desktop study is required.
BLUE	LOW	No Palaeontological studies are required however, a
		protocol for finds is required.
GREY	INSIGNIFICANT	No Palaeontological studies are required.
	/ ZERO	

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WHITE / CLEAR	UNKNOWN	These area will require a minimum of a desktop study. As more information comes to light, SAHRA will continue to
		populate the map.

6.2 Stone Age

South Africa has a long and complex Stone Age sequence of more than 2 million years. The broad sequence includes the Later Stone Age, Middle Stone Age and Earlier Stone Age. Each of these phases contain sub-phases or industrial complexes, and within these we can expect regional variation regarding the characteristics and time ranges. The three main phases can be divided as follows;

- Later Stone Age: associated with Khoi and San societies and their immediate predecessors. Recent to 30 000 years ago.
- Middle Stone Age: associated with Homo sapiens and archaic modern humans. 30 000 to 300 000 years ago.
- Earlier Stone Age: associated with early Homo groups such as Homo habilis and Homo erectus. 400 000 to 2 million years ago.

Stone Age sites are usually associated with stone artefacts found scattered on the surface or as part of deposits in caves and rock shelters.

No substantial number of Stone Age sites from any period of the Stone Age is known to exist in this area – primarily as a result of a lack of research and general ignorance amongst the layman in recognizing stone tools that often may occur. However, it is possible that the first humans in this area may have been preceded by Homo erectus, who roamed large parts of the world during the Aucheulian period of the Early Stone Age, 500 000 years ago. The predecessors of Homo erectus, Australopithecus, which is considered to be the earliest ancestor of modern humans, lived in the Blaauwbank Valley around Krugersdorp (today part of the Cradle of Humankind – a World Heritage Site) several million years ago.

During the Middle Stone Age, 200 000 years ago, modern man or Homo sapiens emerged, manufacturing a wider range of tools, with technologies more advanced than those from earlier periods. This enabled skilled hunter-gatherer bands to adapt to different environments. From this time onwards, rock shelters and caves were used for occupation and reoccupation over very long periods of time (Mitchell 2002). Two Middle Stone Age sites at the Withoek Spruit were researched 17 years ago, but no information on this discovery has been published.

The Late Stone Age, considered to have started some 20 000 years ago, is associated with the predecessors of the San and Khoi Khoi. San hunter-gatherer bands with their small (microlithic) stone tools may have lived in Eastern Gauteng, as a magnificent engraving site near Duncanville attests to their presence in Vereeniging. Stone Age hunter-gatherers lived well into the 19th century in some places in SA, but may not have been present in the area when the first European colonists crossed the Vaal River during the early part of the 19th century Stone Age sites may occur all over the area where an unknown number may have been obliterated by mining activities, urbanization, industrialization, agriculture and other development activities during the past decades (Morris 2004).

6.3 Iron Age

The Iron Age as a whole represents the spread of Bantu speaking people and includes both pre-historic and historic periods. It can be divided into three distinct periods:

- Early Iron Age: most of the first millennium AD.
- Middle Iron Age: 10th to 13th centuries AD.
- Late Iron Age: 14th century to colonial periods.

The Iron Age is characterized by the ability of these early people to manipulate and work iron ore. Very few archaeological studies have been conducted in the area, but van der Walt (2012) and van Schalkwyk (2013, 2015) did not find any archaeological sites during their surveys. However, van Schalkwyk (2013, 2015) identified some burial sites in Winterveld.



A considerable number of Late Iron Age, stone walled sites, dating from the 18th and the 19th centuries (some of which may have been occupied as early as the 16th century), occur along and on top of the rocky ridges of the eastern part of the Klipriviersberg towards Alberton. These settlements and features in these sites, such as huts, were built with dry stone, reed and clay available from the mountain and the Klip River (Mason 1968, 1986).

The Late Iron Age sites within Ekurhuleni's south-eastern border are a 'spill-over' from a larger concentration which are located further towards the west, in the Witwatersrand, while large concentrations of stone walled sites are also located directly to the south of Johannesburg, in the mountainous area around the Suikerbosrand in Heidelberg. The stone walled settlements are concentrated in clusters of sites and sometimes are dispersed over large areas making them vulnerable to developments of various kinds. A site consists of a circular or elliptical outer wall that is composed of a number of scalloped walls facing inwards towards one or more enclosures. Whilst the outer scalloped walls served as dwelling quarters for various family groups, cattle, sheep and goat were stocked in the centrally located enclosures. Huts with clay walls and floors were built inside the dwelling units. Pottery and metal items are common on the sites. However, iron and copper were not produced locally on these sites (Killick 2004).

Some 100 years earlier, African farmers in the Fokeng cluster built stonewalled settlements in the Tshwane area that emphasised the centre/side axis. From the air, these earlier settlements resemble a 'fried egg'; that is, a smooth outer ring about 60 metres across enclosed in a central cattle byre about 20 metres in diameter. This type has its origins among BaFokeng living near the hill Ntsuanatsats in the Free State (see pre-history of Bloemfontein). When these early BaFokeng people moved north across the Vaal River, they met the ancestors of Southwest Sotho-Tswana, such as BaRolong and BaThlaping. Their interaction helped to create a new type of stonewalling called Klipriviersburg. Besides Johannesburg, Klipriviersburg walling is also found around Pretoria. All these people were mixed farmers; that is, they herded cattle as well as sheep and goats, and they cultivated sorghums, millets and various beans and peas. They were also capable of making metal tools and jewellery.

The earliest evidence of metal working in the region comes from the site Broederstroom west of Pretoria. Archaeologists have uncovered the remains of at least two stratified villages there that date back to between AD 550 and 700, each with evidence of iron forging. Two major technological steps characterise ancient iron production: smelting and forging. Technically, iron ore is reduced in a furnace to create a bloom. During this smelting process, silica in the host rock melts, flowing off as slag leaving the bloom behind. The bloom has to be forged in an oxidised atmosphere, usually in an open hearth. In both smelting and forging, bellows attached to clay pipes help the operators reach the necessary high temperatures. Culturally, Bantu-speaking people in the recent past compared the smelting process to childbirth, a private and sacred affair. Consequently, the smelter was usually secluded outside the settlement. Forging, in contrast, was comparable to raising the child; and so, the forge was located in a public area in the centre of the homestead. The forges at Broederstroom follow this pattern. (http://www.sahistory.org.za/topic/prehistory-pretoria)

6.4 Historic Era

The Southern Transvaal Ndebele occupied the river valley, which was to become the location of the city of Pretoria by around 1600. The Difaqane (*forced migration*) or Mfecane was a period of widespread chaos and warfare among the indigenous people of southern Africa between 1815 and 1840. A band of refugees, under the leadership of Mzilikazi, arrived in the area in 1825. Mzilikazi was defeated by the Voortrekkers in 1837 and was forced to flee across the Limpopo.

Voortrekkers arrived in the area in the early 19th century, establishing settlements and claiming sovereignty over the area as part of the South African Republic. One of the earliest farms to be inspected and proclaimed in the general vicinity of the study areas was the farm De Onderstepoort. It was quite common during the 19th and early 20th centuries for the warmer bushveld farms north of Pretoria to be used as winter grazing.

In 1852, the Sand River Convention is signed, granting the Transvaal Boers independence and the Zuid Afrikaanse Republiek (ZAR) is established. On the 15th of November 1853, the first Volksraad is established. Marthinus Wessel Pretorius purchases the farms Elandspoort and Koedoespoort and the two farms are declared a town.



Pretoria was founded in 1855 by Marthinus Pretorius, who named it after his father, General Andries Pretorius, who had become a hero to the Voortrekkers for his victory over the Zulus in the Battle of Blood River. Marthinus Pretorius is elected as the first President of the ZAR in 1857 (forced to resign in 1860, but then re-elected in 1864).

Pretoria became the capital of the South African Republic (ZAR) on 1 May 1860. The founding of Pretoria as the capital of the South African Republic can be seen as marking the end of the Boers' settlement movements of the Great Trek.

The town proper began to take shape in 1856 as a result of Andries du Toit, a presidential advisor, exchanging of one of his Basutho ponies for the entire area known, today, as Arcadia. In 1888 J.D. Cilliers, a resident ad avid gardener, imported Jacaranda trees from Rio de Janeiro to plant in his Myrtle Grove garden. These trees flourished and as a result the city is now aptly known as the 'Jacaranda City', with about 50 000 Jacarandas lining its streets.

The British annexed the Transvaal in April 1877, which resulted in a steady flow of immigrants and migrants. During the Transvaal War of Independence, the British withdrew, and Paul Kruger took over. In 1880, the Boers declared themselves independent at Paardekraal and after the Battle of Majuba in 1881, the war ends with the restoration of the Transvaal Republic under the Pretoria Convention. Paul Kruger is elected President in 1883.

Within the heart of the city stands Church Square, initially named Market Square. The first church in Pretoria was built here however burnt down in 1882. The square marks what used to be the centre of Pretoria and is now home to many historically significant buildings, like the *Ou Raadsaal* (Council Chamber) and the Palace of Justice. The square is also famous for the large bronze statue of Paul Kruger, which stands at its center. In the 1880's and 1890's Pretoria is expanded to include a number of new suburbs, i.e. Arcadia in 1889, Sunnyside in 1890 and Pretoria West in 1892. Pretoria also sees a boom in construction hospitals, schools, churches and government buildings erected. On the 1ste of January 1895 the Delagoa railway is opened and electricity introduced in 1892. In 1899 the Pretoria branch of the Transvaal University College (TUC) was the forerunner of the University of Pretoria.

During the Boer War of 1899 to 1902, the city was surrendered to the British, despite being surrounded by four forts to defend the city, including Fort Wonderboom. The war was ended by the signing of the Treaty of Vereeniging, which took place on 31 May 1902 at Melrose House in Pretoria. No evidence for battles from within the study area or its direct surroundings could be found during the fieldwork or archival research. However, evidence was found for the presence of both British troops and Boer commandoes close to the study areas during the war. The British forces appear to have been especially active in the surrounding area in the months following the British occupation of Pretoria on the 5th of June 1900 and then to a lesser extent during the remainder of the guerilla phase of the war. Examples are provided below:

- During August 1900 the Elswick Battery moved past Hebron to Zoutpan, and from there to Warmbaths (Briggs, 1901).
- On the afternoon of Friday, 7 September 1900 Major Lewis and his men of the 1st Tasmanian Bushmen departed from the Pienaars River on a night march in the general direction of the Salt Pan. The marched until 1am on the morning of Saturday, 8 September 1900 where they rested for three hours before patrolling in search of Boers who were believed to be in the vicinity. Two Boers were encountered but managed to escape capture. That afternoon the Tasmanians reached the Salt Pan where they rested until late that afternoon from where they left on another night march back to Waterval. A few days later (likely on Thursday, 13 September 1900) Lewis and his men left Waterval and went on a patrol toward the Crocodile River, which they reached three days later. On their way to this destination, they passed through the Hebron Mission.
- On 12 September 1900 Plumer's Column (including C Battery) met Paget's supply column at Zoutpan from where they moved to Hebron (Miller, 1993).
- On an unknown date the mission station at Hebron was burnt down by British forces as it was believed that the missionaries at Hebron had given shelter to a Boer Commando (Spies, 1977).

The Boer Republics of the ZAR and the Orange Free State were united with the Cape Colony and Natal Colony in 1910 to become the Union of South Africa. The Union Buildings, housing the administrative offices of the new state, are completed in 1913.



On 14 October 1931, Pretoria achieved official city status. When South Africa became a republic in 1961, Pretoria remained its administrative capital.

The majestic Voortrekker Monument was inaugurated in 1949. It was designed by architect Gerard Moerdijk. In the Hall of Heroes is the world's longest historical marble frieze. A tapestry with more than three million stitches is housed in the Cenotaph Hall.

Today it is the most visited heritage site of its kind in Gauteng and one of the top ten cultural historical visitor attractions in the country. It is also the only Grade 1 national Heritage Site in Pretoria. The Monument also manages the Blood River Heritage Site.

After the promulgation of the Native Trust and Land Act of 1913, the Union of South Africa government under General Jan Smuts acquired a farm by the name of Jacksons Farm. The subsequently subdivided the property into plots that were sold to black farmers (<u>www.kopitori.co.za</u>). The property became known as Winterveldt. Mabopane was established as a black township and the area fell under the control Bophuthatswana in 1976 and presently forms part of the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.

Soshanguve was established as a black township in 1974 and the land was earmarked for inclusion in Bophuthatswana. Initially known as Bopane East, but after Bopane West (Mabopane) was included in Bophuthatswana, the name Soshanguve was accepted. It is derived from the first wo letters of the words Sotho, Shangaan, Nguni and Venda.

On the 26th of March 1986, more than a thousand residents of Winterveldt were gathered on a sport stadium to get feedback in terms of the detention of school children. The stadium was surrounded by members of the Bophuthatswana police and army. Teargas was thrown into the crowd and members of the police and army shooted randomly, killing 11 and injuring 200 people. This day is known as the Winterveldt Massacre (www.nwhist.co.za)

In 1994 Peter Holmes Maluleka was elected as transitional mayor of Pretoria, until the first democratic election held later that year, making him the first black mayor of this capital of South Africa. Maluleka later became the chairman of the Greater Pretoria Metropolitan City Council (later Tshwane Metro Council), then was elected Speaker of the Tshwane Metro Council and in 2004 was chosen to be a member of the South African Parliament for the Soshanguve constituency. Today the area has been renamed the City of Tshwane, but the CBD keeps the name Pretoria, which continues to be the administrative capital of South Africa.

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6.5 Archival Research

Three main sources of information regarding the heritage sensitivity of this area could be identified. These were;

- o Scientific publications on heritage related research in the area
- Previous heritage studies in the area as per the SAHRIS database
- Historic maps and figures as available in the National Archive

Scientific publications

Several publications on heritage related work in this area could be sourced. These include, but are not limited to;

• Metwally, A. A., Scott, L., Neumann, F. H., Bamford, M. K., & Oberhänsli, H. (2014). Holocene palynology and palaeoenvironments in the Savanna Biome at Tswaing Crater, central South Africa. Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology, 402, 125–135.



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6.6 SAHRIS Database Studies

An extensive search into the SAHRIS database resulted in the identification of the following heritage related studies that have been performed over the last decade in the study area. Only studies within a radius of 50km from the study area were considered.

- Küsel, U. 2007. Cultural Heritage Resources Impact Assessment of the Farm Sterkwater 106 JR Bultfontein Area Tshwane Gauteng.
- Birkholtz, P. 2015. Heritage Impact Assessment Proposed Development of Portions 68, 69 112, 113, 114, 115, and 116 of the farm Onderstepoort 266-JR, Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province.
- Murimbika, M. 2009. Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Study for the proposed BP Soshanguve VV and ZZ filling stations in Soshanguve, Tshwane Metropolitan, Gauteng Province.
- Gaigher, S. 2018. Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Establishment of a Mixed Use Township Development to be known as Winterveld Extension 5 by Maluleke, within the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province.
- Gaigher, S. 2018. Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Metsimanana Mega City Development on the Remainder of the Farm Sterkwater 106 JR in Soshanguve, within the City of Tshwane Municipality, Gauteng Province.
- Pelser, A. 2011. A Heritage Impact Assessment Study for the Proposed Ruth First Mall, Erf 2458 (Rietgat 611 JR), Soshanguve M Ext 1, Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.
- Van der Walt, J. 2013. Archaeological Impact Assessment Report for the proposed Soutpan Low Cost Housing Development close to Pretoria, Gauteng.
- Van Vollenhoven, A. 2010. A Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Faerie Glen Nature Reserve, City of Tshwane.
- Kusel, U. 2004. Faerie Glen and Wapadrand Country Estate Portions 349-351.
- Du Piesanie, J. Nel, J. 2016. Notification of Intent to Develop: Application for Environmental Authorization for the proposed Township Development on part of the Remainder of Portion 284 of the farm Garsfontein 384 JR, City of Tshwane, Gauteng.
- Kusel, U. 2008. Cultural Heritage Resources Impact Assessment of Holding 205 Swavelpoort Tshwane Gauteng.
- Roodt, F. 2003. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment Report Swavelpoort Subdivision Gauteng: Pretoria.
- Kusel, U. 2008. Cultural Heritage Resources Impact Assessment of Portion 206, 300 and 301 of the Farm Zwavelpoort 373 JR Swavelpoort Tshwane Gauteng.
- Van Schalkwyk, J. 2013. Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Montana Park Ext 127 Pretoria.
- Pelser, A. 2013. HIA for Proposed Residential Development on Erven 1483, 1299 and the Remaining Extent of Erf 453, In Arcadia, Pretoria.
- Kruger, N. 2016. Heritage Scoping Assessment for the Proposed LC De Villiers Culvert Upgrade Project on the Remainder of Portion 0 of the Farm Koedoespoort 456 JR, Pretoria, Tshwane Municipal Area, Gauteng Province.
- De Kamper, G.C. 2002. Pretoria "Out of the Ashes". Report on the 1880-1900 Dump in Pretoria.
- Coetzee, F.P. 2012. Cultural Heritage Survey of the Loftus Park Power Substation, Clydesdale, Pretoria, Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng.
- Birkholtz, P. 2012. Heritage Impact Assessment Proposed Development of Portions 68, 69, 112, 113, 114, 115 and 116 of the Farm Onderstepoort 266-JR, Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province.



- Kusel, U. 2014. Phase 2 Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed BRT Service, Paul Kruger Street, Pretoria, Tshwane Including Church Square.
- Kruger, N. 2016. Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) of Areas Demarcated for a Proposed Mixed Use Development on Erven 1 and 2 of a Portion of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Waterkloof 378JR, and Associated Upgrade of Solomon Mahlangu Drive, City of Tshwane, Gauteng Province.
- Van Vollenhoven, A. 2014. A Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Voortrekker Monument Nature Reserve, City of Tshwane.

Relevance of Listed Heritage Studies for the Study Area

Of specific value for this project is the 2018 reports from S. Gaigher "Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Establishment of a Mixed Use Township Development to be known as Winterveld Extension 5 by Maluleke, within the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province" and "Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Metsimanana Mega City Development on the Remainder of the Farm Sterkwater 106 JR in Soshanguve, within the City of Tshwane Municipality, Gauteng Province" as these are geographically very close to the areas under investigation in this report (under 5km from the study areas). Neither study identified any sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.

6.7 Historical Typographical Maps

Especially during the evaluation of historic structures, the use of archived historic maps is very handy. They give a direct chronological reference for such sites and lead the investigation on the ground. Unfortunately, the earliest map set is dated 1984, thus any structures pre-dating the map cannot be aged in this way.

The following historic map sets are relevant for this study (in chronological order).

- 2528AC_1984
- 2528AC_1995
- 2528AC_2001

The historic maps show no heritage significant site indicators within the study area.



Figure 14. 2528AC_1984 Topographic Map





Figure 15. 2528AC_1995 Topographic Map



Figure 16. 2528AC_2001 Topographic Map



7. Potential Heritage Impacts and Proposed Mitigation

Heritage Impact Assessment

7.1 Introduction and scope

This component will evaluate the potential impact that the proposed development could have on heritage sites and objects of community, cultural or scientific value. This includes archaeological, cultural heritage, built heritage and basic paleontological assessments to determine the impacts on heritage resources within the study area.

The scope of work includes:

- Identification and assessment of archaeological, cultural, historic, built and paleontological sites within the study area
- Archival study of existing data and information for the study area
- Site inspection and fieldwork: 7 February 2022. This site work includes communicating with local inhabitants to confirm possible locations of heritage and cultural sites.
- Compilation of a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Report.



8. Public Participation

Public participation will be included in the larger environmental study stakeholder engagement process. Posters to this effect was placed on site in visible areas.



Figure 17. Site Signage on Ext. 30



Figure 18. Site Signage on Ext. 31





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NOTICE OF PHASE 1 HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA) APPLICATION



Notice is hereby given that an application for a Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) in terms of Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) will be lodged with the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA). PROJECT NAME: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 30 and 31. Proposed Low-Cost Residential Development on Part of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Rietgat 611-JR, City of Tshwane, Gauteng Province. NAME OF THE PROPONENT: Ditsamai Investment and Projects LOCATION: City of Tshwane, Gauteng Province. Soshanguve South Ext 30 and Soshanguve South Exit 31. ANY ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE REFERED TO: G&A Heritage Properties (Pty) Ltd. Public Participation Registration and Enquiries Stephan Gaigher (stephan@gaheritage.co.za) +27 73 752 6583 Q. Box 522 Louis Trichardt, 0920

Figure 19. Site Signage



9. Conclusions and Recommendations

The sites for the proposed formalization of Soshanguve Mazambaneng Ext. 30 and 31 on Part of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Rietgat 611-JR, City of Tshwane, Gauteng Province were investigated during a field visit and through archival studies.

The study areas were found to be devoid of any heritage sites with significance and severely altered from the natural landscape. It is recommended that obscured, subterranean sites be managed, if they are encountered.

Provided the recommendations in this report is followed there is no reason, from a heritage point of view, why this development cannot continue.



10. Chance Finds Protocol

It is important to note that, although unlikely, sub-surface remains of heritage sites could still be encountered during construction of the project. Such sites would offer no surface indication of their presence due to the high state of alterations in some areas as well as heavy vegetation cover in other areas. The following indicators of unmarked sub-surface sites could be encountered:

- Ash deposits (unnaturally grey appearance of soil compared to the surrounding substrate);
- Bone concentrations, either animal or human;
- Ceramic fragments such as pottery shards either historic or pre-contact;
- Stone concentrations of any formal nature.

The following recommendations are given should any sub-surface remains of heritage sites be identified as indicated above:

- All operators of excavation equipment should be made aware of the possibility of the occurrence of sub-surface heritage features and the following procedures should they be encountered.
- All construction in the immediate vicinity (50m radius of the site) should cease.
- The heritage practitioner should be informed as soon as possible.
- Mitigation measures (such as refilling etc.) should not be attempted.
- The area in a 50m radius of the find should be cordoned off with hazard tape.
- Public access should be limited.
- The area should be placed under guard.
- No media statements should be released until such time as the heritage practitioner has had enough time to analyze the finds.

Should any archaeological, palaeontological, or cultural heritage resources, including graves or human remains (as defined and protected by the NRA 1999) be identified during the vegetation cleaning, surface scraping, trenching, excavation or construction phases of the development, it is recommended that the process as described below is followed.

On-site Reporting Process:

- The identifier should immediately notify his / her supervisor of the find(s).
- The identifier's supervisor should report the incident to the on-site SHE / SHEQ officer within 24hours of the find(s).
- Should the find(s) relate to human remains, the on-site SHE / SHEQ officer should immediately notify the nearest SAPS station of the find(s).
- The on-site SHE / SHEQ officer should report the find(s) to the appointed ECO / ELO officer within 24 hours after the find(s) was / were reported by the relevant supervisor.
- Within 72 hours of the find(s) being reported to the SHE / SHEQ officer, the ECO / ELO officer should ensure that the find(s) is reported on the SAHRIS Database, and the relevant heritage specialist is contacted to make arrangements for a heritage inspection.
- Should the find(s) relate to human remains, the ECO/ ELO officer should ensure that the heritage inspection coincides with the SAPS inspection, to verify if the find(s) is / are of forensic, authentic (informal / older than 60 years) or archaeological (older than 100 years) origin.
- The heritage specialist should compile a heritage site inspection report based on the site-specific findings. The report should make recommendations for the destruction, conservation or mitigation of the find(s) and prescribe a recommended way forward for the development. The report should be submitted to the ECO / ELO officer, who should ensure submission thereof on the SAHRIS database.
- SAHRA / the relevant PHRA will state legal requirements for the development to proceed in the SAHRA / PHRA comments on the heritage inspection report.
- The developer should proceed with implementation of the SAHRA / PHRA comment requirements, which may well stipulate permit specifications to proceed.
 - Should the permit specifications stipulate further Phase 2 archaeological investigations (including grave mitigation), a suitable accredited heritage specialist should be appointed to conduct the work according to the applicable SAHRA / PHRA process.



- The heritage specialist should apply for the permit.
- Upon issue of the SAHRA / PHRA permit, the Phase 2 heritage mitigation program may commence.
- Should the permit specifications stipulate destruction of the find(s) under a SAHRA / PHRA permit, the developer should immediately proceed with the permit application.
- Upon the issue of the SAHRA / PHRA permit, the developer may legally proceed with the destruction of the archaeological, palaeontological or cultural heritage resource(s).
- Upon completion of the Phase 2 heritage mitigation program, the heritage specialist will submit a Phase 2 report to the ECO / ELO officer, who should in turn ensure the submission thereof on the SAHRIS database.
- Report recommendations may include that the remainder of a heritage site be destroyed under a SAHRA / PHRA permit.
- Should the find(s) relate to human remains of forensic origin, the matter will be directly addressed by SAPS. A SAHRA / PHRA permit will not be applicable.

NOTE: the SAHRA / PHRA permit and process requirements relating to the mitigation of human remains requires suitable advertising of the find(s), consultation, mitigation and re-internment / deposition process.

Duties of the Supervisor:

- 1. The supervisor should ensure that all activities in the vicinity of the find(s) are ceased immediately upon the reporting thereof by the identifier.
- The supervisor should ensure that the location of the find(s) is secured within 24 hours of the reporting thereof by means of a temporary fence allowing for a 5 10m heritage conservation buffer zone around the find(s). The temporary conserved area should be sign-posted as a "No Entry Heritage Site" zone.
- 3. Where development was impacted on the resource, no attempt should be made to remove artefacts / objects / remains further from their context and should any artefacts / objects / remains that has / have been removed should be collected and placed within the conservation area or kept for safekeeping with the SHE / SHEQ officer.
- 4. It is imperative that where development has impacted on any archaeological, palaeontological or cultural heritage resources, the context of the find(s) be preserved as much as possible for interpretive and sample testing purposes.
- 5. The supervisor should record the name, company and capacity of the identifier and compile a brief report describing the events surrounding the find(s).
- 6. The report should be submitted to the SHE / SHEQ officer at the time of the incident report.

Duties of the SHE / SHEQ officer:

- 1. The SHE / SHEQ officer should ensure that the location of the find(s) is recorded with a GPS. A photographic record of the find(s), including implementation of temporary conservation measures, should be compiled. Where relevant a scale bar, or object that can indicate the scale, should be inserted in the photographs for interpretive purposes.
- 2. The SHE / SHEQ officer should ensure that the supervisor's report, GPS co-ordinate and photographic record of the find(s) are submitted to the ECO / ELO officer.
- 3. Should the find(s) relate to human remains, the SHE / SHEQ officer should ensure that the mentioned reporting be made available to the SAPS at the time of the incident report.
- 4. Any retrieved artefacts / objects / remains should, in consultation with the ECO / ELO officer, be kept in a safe place (preferable on site).

Duties of the ECO / ELO officer:

- 1. The ECO / ELO officer should ensure that the incident is reported on the SAHRIS Database. (The ECO / ELO officer should ensure that he / she is registered on the relevant SAHRIS case with SAHRIS authorship to the case at the time of appointment to enable heritage reporting.)
- 2. The ECO / ELO officer should ensure that the incident report is forwarded to the heritage specialist for interpretive purposes at his / her soonest opportunity and prior to the heritage site inspection.
- 3. The ECO / ELO officer should facilitate appointment of the heritage specialist by the developer / construction consultant for the heritage inspection.
- 4. The ECO / ELO officer should facilitate access by the heritage specialist to any retrieved artefacts / objects / remains that have been kept in safekeeping.



- 5. Should the find(s) relate to human remains, the SHE / SHEQ officer should facilitate coordination of the heritage site inspection and the SAPS site inspection.
- 6. The ECO / ELO officer should facilitate heritage reporting and heritage compliance requirements by SAHRA / the relevant PHRA, between the developer / construction consultant, the heritage specialist, the SHE / SHEQ officer (where relevant) and the SAPS (where relevant).

Duties of the Developer / Construction Consultant:

 The developer / construction consultant should ensure that an adequate heritage contingency budget is accommodated within the project budget to facilitate and streamline the heritage compliance process in the event of identification of incidental archaeological, palaeontological and / or cultural heritage resources during the course of the vegetation cleaning, surface scraping, trenching, excavation or construction phases of the development, when resources not visible at the time of the surface assessment may be exposed.



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