

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF PROPOSED
DEVELOPMENT IN HILTON**

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INTRODUCTION

Umlando was contracted by Laurusco Developments (Pty) Ltd to undertake a heritage survey of four areas in Hilton, Pietermaritzburg.

The area is adjacent to the N2 and is currently in use by Mondi for the afforestation of Blue gum and wattle trees (fig.1). Four development nodes were surveyed in these afforested areas, and no heritage sites were observed. One sensitive area occurs on the border of the development nodes.

RESULTS

No heritage sites were observed in the proposed areas. However, several historical buildings exist just outside the southwestern border of Block A. These buildings are related to the Cedara railway station and probably date to the 1880s (D. Whelan pers. comm.). The railway buildings are thus protected by legislation, and may not be affected by any development in the area. Since the buildings are on the border of the development, Block A may yield rubbish dumps related to the buildings inside the development node. Any rubbish dumps exposed in Block A need to be reported to Amafa KZN as these may be historical and thus protected by legislation.

Figure 1: Locality of the proposed development



