



Stellenbosch Municipality Heritage Survey & Management Plan

Cape Winelands Professional Practices in Association

LAUNCH OF THE PROJECT: PREPARATION OF THE TANGIBLE HERITAGE RESOURCES INVENTORY AND THE RELATED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPAL AREA (WC024), STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

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Dear Stakeholder,

We are pleased to make the public announcement that, following a successful tender process, the Stellenbosch Municipality awarded the project to the Cape Winelands Professional Practices in Association (Pty) Ltd. The lead practices are: *Liana Jansen, Landscape Architect and Heritage Practitioner (mulliana@gmail.com)*; and *Fabio Todeschini, Architect, City Planner, Urban Designer and Heritage Practitioner (fabiodesigncape@gmail.com)*. The project area does not include the core of the town of Stellenbosch, that has already been the subject of heritage inventories approved by Heritage Western Cape. Because of the wide scope of the project, including the need to engage with all interested and affected parties and the public at large, a number of consultants with specialist skills will also be involved in the project. Preparatory work on the project was commenced in January 2016 and it is planned that the project will be concluded by June 2018.

It is common cause that an appropriate heritage resources inventory, on the one hand, and a related management plan, on the other, for the entire Stellenbosch Municipal area that comprises a wide array of wilderness, rural and urban domains are essential for two main reasons. Firstly, so that surviving heritage resources and their significance are properly identified and managed in the broad and longer-term public interest: all in accordance with the South African Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999), as well as in terms of the aims of the Stellenbosch Municipality and of affected communities and groups. Secondly, such heritage inventory and management plan are necessary so that current and future development needs, considered at many scales and time-frames, may be shaped effectively, with due regard to the significant heritage resources that have survived and that should be respected. These landscapes have long been inhabited by diverse peoples and the adaptations that have resulted over the centuries encompass both very positive landscape and settlement layerings, as well as some negative intrusions.

Both the territorial geography that frame it spatially and the cultural history that have 'clothed' and produced these settled landscapes and domains over the centuries have been, and are, quite complex. Consequently, the preparation of the heritage inventory and the related management plan have to be approached in a sensible, well-informed and practical way, based on best international practice.

The main features of the project are:

- The undertaking of all the necessary heritage resources survey fieldwork and the entry of all the appropriate information onto an electronic GIS-database;
- The compilation and delivery of an updated electronic heritage resources inventory, inclusive of proposed gradings of significance, open to the municipality and to the public via the existing website of the Stellenbosch Heritage Foundation;
- The undertaking of all public consultations that are required and that can add value to the project, to be undertaken as a consultant by Sustainable Futures ZA;
- The derivation of an assessed monetary value of heritage tourism in the area;
- Strategic spatial proposals relative to 'no-go' development zones and possible development zones, as defined by considerations of heritage resources by the core team;
- Liaison with the municipality and representatives of the parallel planning project in the rural areas, so that heritage will feature adequately in both projects;
- The strategic formulation of a heritage resources management plan;
- The submission to and approval of the heritage inventory and the management plan by Heritage Western Cape;
- The training of municipal staff so that heritage resources and their implications for development applications and municipal planning may be dealt with effectively into the future.

How can you get involved?

This letter serves to inform interested and affected parties (I&APs) of the commencement of the Public Comment, and afford all interested and affected parties access to, and an opportunity to comment on the Stellenbosch Heritage Inventory and related Management Plan in writing. Interested and affected parties are hereby invited to register as a stakeholder for this Project. I&AP's must provide their comments together with their name, contact details (preferred method of notification, e.g. e-mail address or fax number) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the application, to the contact persons indicated below.

The Stellenbosch Municipal Heritage Inventory documentation is available for download at the following link: **Stellenbosch Heritage Foundation**

www.stellenboschheritage.co.za

All comments can be made as written submissions via fax, post or e-mail to:

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We look forward to your valued participation in this Project.

Sincerely,

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Map of study area – Stellenbosch Municipal Area

