

CITY OF CAPE TOWN  
ISIXEKO SASEKAPA  
STAD KAAPSTAD

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REPORT TO SUBCOUNCIL  
[SUBCOUNCIL 1]

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1. ITEM NUMBER : **01SUB08/05/2019**

2. SUBJECT

PROPOSED NOMINATION OF THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN'S  
BLAAUWBERG NATURE RESERVE AS A PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE  
IN TERMS OF SECTION 27 OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES  
ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999).

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VOORGESTELDE NOMINASIE VAN DIE STAD KAAPSTAD SE  
BLAAUWBERG NATUURRESERVAAT AS 'N PROVINSIALE ERFENIS  
TERREIN INGEVOLGE ARTIKEL 27 VAN DIE WET OP NASIONALE  
ERFENIS HULPBRONNE (WET 25 VAN 1999).

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ISIPHAKAMISO SOKUCHONGWA KWEZIKO LOLONDOLOZO  
LWENDALO LESIXEKO SASEKAPA I-BLAAUWBERG NATURE  
RESERVE NJENGOMMANDLA WOKULILIFA LEMVELI KWIPHONDO  
NGOKUNGQINELANA NECANDELO 27 LOMTHETHO WESIZWE  
ONGEMITHOMBO YOKULILIFA LEMVELI (UMTHETHO 25 KA-1999).

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3. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek support from Subcouncil 1 for the City of Cape Town Spatial Planning and Environment Directorate, Environmental Management Department to nominate the Blaauwberg Nature Reserve as a Provincial Heritage Site in terms of Section 27 of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA) (Act 25 of 1999), in order to effect the formal protection of the cultural heritage resources which are contained within the nature reserve.

The Blaauwberg Nature Reserve includes a number of heritage resources which have cultural significance and value for the present community and warrants preservation for future generations. In terms of Section 3(2) of the NHRA, the Blaauwberg Nature Reserve' cultural heritage resources include landscape and natural features of cultural importance (Blaauwberg and

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Kleinberg hills), archaeological sites (shell middens and Khoisan pottery and artefact scatters) as well as graves of victims of conflict (Battle of Blaauwberg, 1806).

The Blaauwberg Nature Reserve in its entirety is being proposed for declaration as a Provincial Heritage Site.

#### 4. FOR SUPPORT BY

Subcouncil 1

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#### 5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Provincial Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning in the Western Cape, Mr Anton Bredell, under section 23(1)(a)(i) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, (Act 57 of 2003), declared Blaauwberg Nature Reserve in the Provincial Gazette 7837 on Friday 20 October 2017. The provincially-owned portions of the reserve were proclaimed as Blaauwberg Provincial Nature Reserve by means of P.N. 06/2007 dated 2 March 2007. The City of Cape Town manages both its' own and the provincially-owned land as a single entity called Blaauwberg Nature Reserve (refer to Annexure A).

Vision of the Blaauwberg Nature Reserve:

To conserve, protect and enhance the unique diversity of natural, historical and cultural resources of this area for the sustainable enjoyment and development of present and future generations through education.

It is located in the Cape Floristic Region, an area of global biodiversity significance. The reserve conserves a unique combination of habitats, ecosystems and species, many of which are either rare or endemic to the area. BBNR contains three threatened vegetation types, namely the Cape Flats Dune Strandveld (endangered); the Cape Flats Sand Fynbos (critically endangered) and the Swartland Shale Renosterveld (critically endangered), together with their corresponding ecotones. The vegetation types in the nature reserve are classified as 100% irreplaceable. Previous on-site botanical work indicated that the nature reserve is home to at least 47 Red List or threatened plant species.

The archaeological, historical and cultural heritage of the nature reserve is both rich and varied, adding immensely to the value of BBNR and its contribution to regional diversity on a landscape scale. Regarded as an area of historical and cultural significance, more than 25 sites have been recorded and mapped within and adjacent to the nature reserve. The rich cultural and historical tapestry of the area spans various periods of history, as described below:

**Stone Age** – Late Stone Age deflated sites with Stone Age tools, pottery and ostrich egg shells were found east of Blaauwberg Hill on Joyce's Dairy Farm.

**Khoisan** – Shell middens and archaeological remains along the coastline as well as to the east of Blaauwberg Hill are testament to the indigenous Khoikhoi communities who once inhabited this landscape. Small caves located in the vegetated kloofs of Blaauwberg Hill apparently served as lookout points to the Khoikhoi, to alert them to ships coming into Table Bay.

**Early maritime history of Cape Town** – Shipwrecks on the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean in Table Bay dating back to the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century represent an important period of the early maritime history of South Africa and Europe. A number of forts and trading outposts were established during the Dutch East India Company period. The Riet Valley outpost was also used as a camp for the Khoikhoi regiment during the first British occupation of the Cape (1795–1803). Blaauwberg Vlei is an historic 'outspan' and stopover on the old wagon route between Cape Town and the West Coast.

**Battle of Blaauwberg (1806)** – The site of the Battle of Blaauwberg (1806) is located on the farm Blaauwbergsvlei, to the east of Kleinberg. Gazetted on 26 January 1996, the National Monuments Act (Act 28 of 1969) designated the Blaauwberg battlefield site and adjacent subsections of land as conservation area. The battle marked the start of the second British occupation of the Cape and the end of final Dutch rule. Casualties of war were buried in the dunes in grave sites yet to be located.

**World War II** – The World War II buildings on top of Blaauwberg Hill still stand and are of historical significance. In addition to an artillery post, diesel station, accommodation and mess building, South Africa's first radar station can be seen here.

This archaeological and historical heritage is a sensitive, fragile and non-renewable cultural resource. Large-scale development between Bloubergstrand and Melkbosstrand has already resulted in the loss of many archaeological and historical sites, including shell middens, forts and trading outposts.

The effective management and conservation of the cultural, historical, archaeological and paleontological heritage are essential to conserve the historical character and characteristics of the area for future generations.

In terms of Chapter 1 Part 1 Section 3(2) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999), Blaauwberg Nature Reserve meets the following criteria:

- (a) places, buildings, structures and equipment of cultural significance;
- (c) historical settlements and townscapes;
- (d) landscapes and natural features of cultural significance;
- (f) archaeological and palaeontological sites;
- (g) graves and burial grounds
- (i) movable objects

In terms of Section 27 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999):

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(3) Any person may submit a nomination to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for a place to be declared a national heritage site or to the provincial heritage resources authority for a place to be declared a provincial heritage site. The heritage resources authority concerned may prescribe the format and procedures for such nominations

## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- a) Subcouncil 1 supports the nomination of the City of Cape Town's Blaauwberg Nature Reserve as a Provincial Heritage Site in terms of Section 27 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999).

## AANBEVELINGS

Dit word aanbeveel dat:

- a) Subraad 1 ondersteun die nominasie van die Stad Kaapstad se Blaauwberg Natuurreservaat as 'n Provinsiale Erfenisterrein ingevolge Artikel 27 van die Wet op Nasionale Erfenishulpbronne (Wet 25 van 1999).

## IZINDULULO

Kundululwe ukuba:

- a) IBhungana 1 malixhase ukuchongwa kweZiko loLondolozo lweNdalo leSixeko saseKapa i-Blaauwberg Nature Reserve njengoMmandla wokuLilifa leMveli kwiPhondo ngokungqinelana necandelo 27 loMthetho weSizwe ongeMithombo yokuLilifa leMveli (uMthetho 25 ka-1999).

## 7. DISCUSSION/CONTENTS

### 7.1. Constitutional and Policy Implications

*None.*

### 7.2. Sustainability implications

Does the activity in this report have any sustainability implications for the City?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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7.2.1 The City of Cape Town's Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the period July 2017 to June 2022 Spatial Priority 1 is to build an inclusive, integrated and vibrant City by identifying, conserving and managing the heritage resources, cultural landscapes, scenic routes

and special places fundamental to Cape Town's unique sense of place in line with legal requirements, including those of the National Heritage Resources Act.

The City recognises the importance of heritage in building bridges between communities, fostering public pride and making everyone feel valued in Cape Town. Cape Town's natural and cultural heritage is also a fundamental component of its identity, its tourism appeal, and its attraction to business and investors.

### 7.3. Legal Implications

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In terms of section 59 of the Systems Act, Council delegates the following powers, functions and duties to the Executive Director: Spatial Planning and Environment including the power to sub-delegate:

National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

(10) To exercise the powers, duties and functions vested in the Municipality, in terms of section 8, 25, 26(1), 27, 29(2) and (10), 30(5), (10) and (13), 31(7)(a) and (c), 39(3)(b), 42(1), 44, 49(2), 51(1) and (9), and 58.

### 7.4. Staff Implications

Does your report impact on staff resources or result in any additional staffing resources being required?

No

Yes

### 7.5. Other Services Consulted


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## ANNEXURES

Map of the Blaauwberg Nature Reserve

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REPORT COMPLIANT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF COUNCIL'S DELEGATIONS, POLICIES, BY-LAWS AND ALL LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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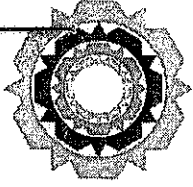
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Comment:

Confirmed as legally compliant.  
 Based on the contents of the report.



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