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FREE STATE PROVINCE

CENTENARY HERITAGE PROJECT

The history of the Free State province forms an important chapter and rich heritage of our county and cannot be left unprotected and undocumented for it to be bequeathed for current and future generations.

This national liberation struggle history could only be preserved, conserved and managed through the building of the memorial wall in Waaihoek, restoration of houses of cultural significance, the establishment of the Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Museum in Brandfort, building of the bridge to close down the history of racial divide and to serve as a symbol to redress past inequities as well as declaration of places of significance in the province.

The following are key projects that will be undertaken;

- Restoration of houses of Mr Doyle Modiakgotha and Dr. S. Moroka (Thaba Nchu), Mrs. M.M. Motlhakoana (Bloemfontein), Mr. Peter Phatlane (Bloemfontein), Winnie Madikizela-Mandela (Brandfort) and Thomas Mapikela (Bloemfontein)
- Building of the Memorial Wall at Waaihoek that depicts the timeline of people who were involved in the founding of the ANC
- Building of the railway bridge linking Batho to town as a symbol of bridging the divide among the different racial groups caused by the forceful removal of black people from Waaihoek,
- Establishment of the Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Museum in Brandfort
- Declaration of significant places as heritage sites such as Waaihoek, Mapikela House

Mzansi' Golden Economy

The national Department of Arts and Culture has initiated a project known as Mzansi' Golden Economy which is about the contribution of Arts Culture and Heritage to the new Growth Path. The objective is to identify/establish a limited number of nationally supported cultural precincts with anchor attributes of comparable advantage. The Waaihoek Precinct has been identified as one such area. It will also be incorporated into the National Liberation Heritage Route (NLHR). The NLHR is about narrating our road to freedom, giving recognition to those sites which were part of the epoch. Finally the Liberation Heritage Route project will be submitted for nomination to UNESCO World heritage committee.