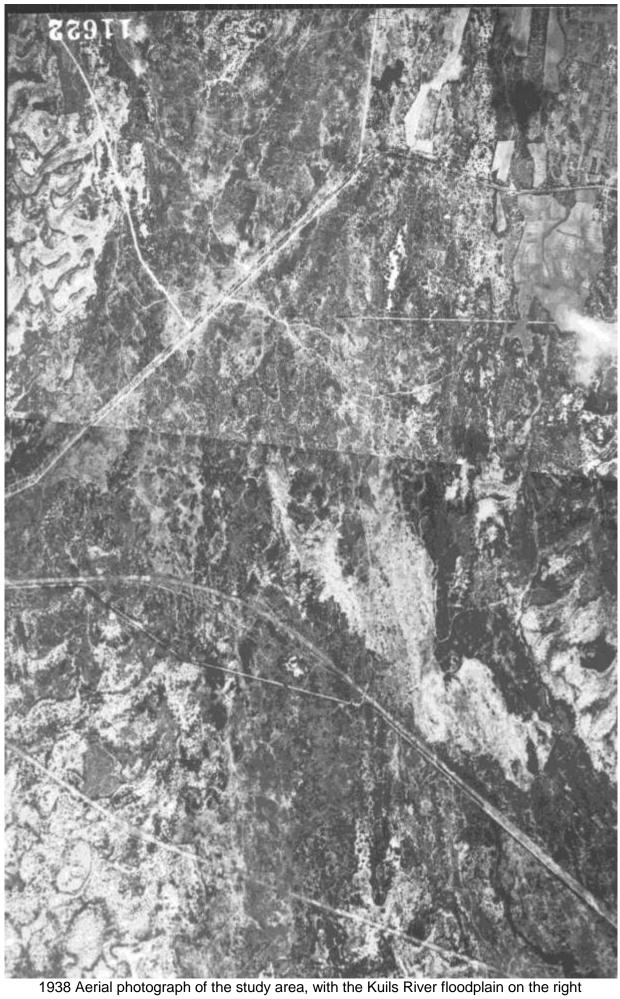
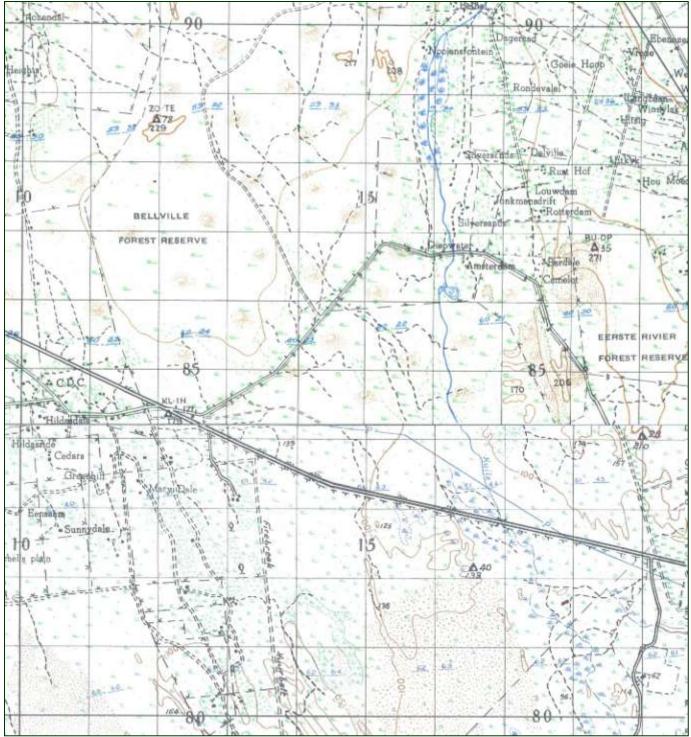
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A survey of 1813 indicates the extent of settlement of the Cape Flats at the time (after Cape & Malmesbury 1&13 False Bay and Flats)





1941 Topograhic map showing the Cape Flats. The study area lies roughly between the two roads. The large wetland (draining the Kuils Rivier) referred to as the Buffelsvlei in old deeds is clearly visible to the south-east.



By 1968 when this aerial photograph was taken the study area was largely undeveloped and consisted of semi-vegetated dunes.



This aerial photograph of the study area was taken in 1988. The illegal sand mine (now a wetland) is clearly visible in the middle of the reserve, the medical waste facility is visible as is urban development to the south.