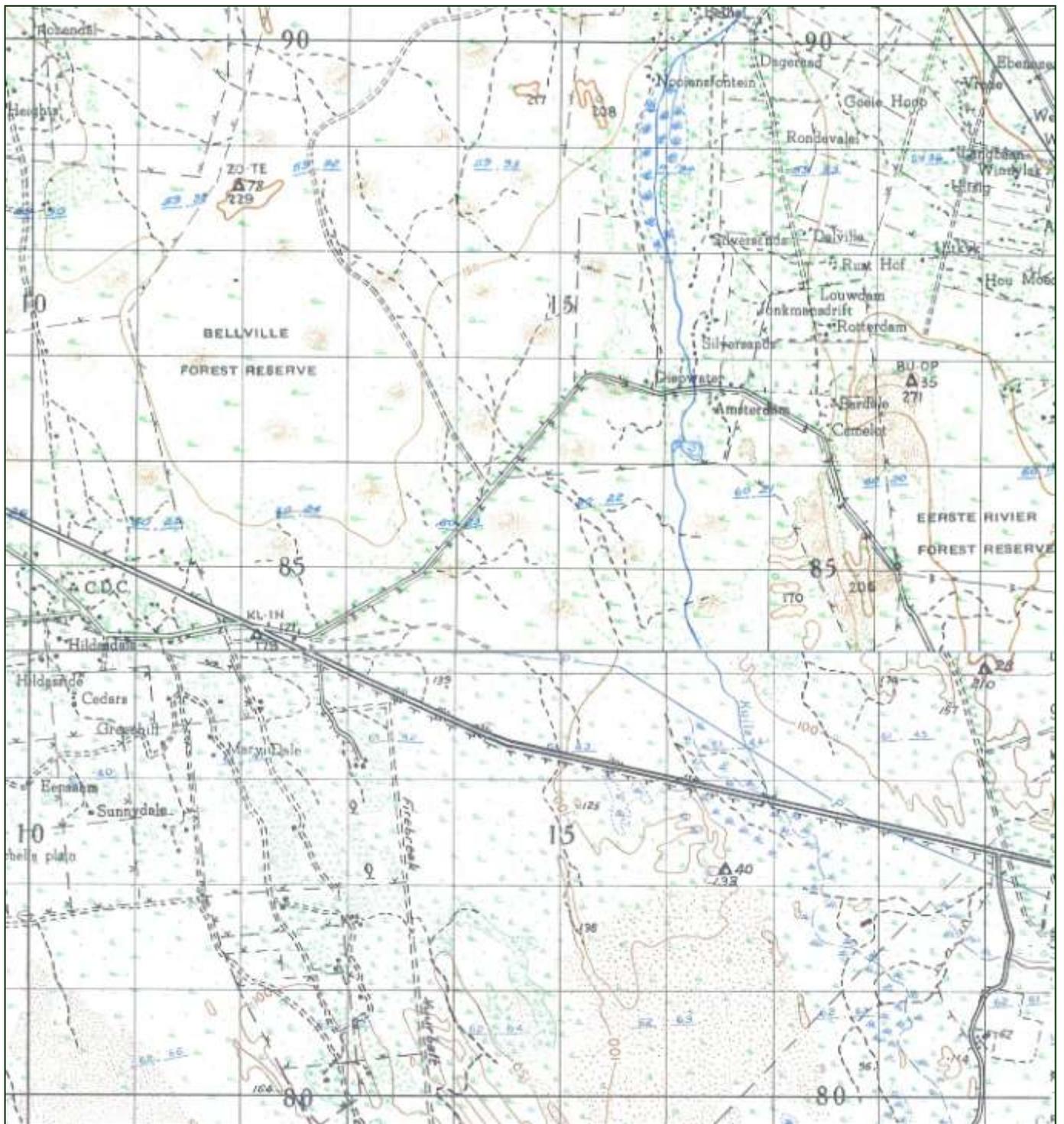


1938 Aerial photograph of the study area, with the Kuils River floodplain on the right



1941 Topographic 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.