



INTRODUCTION

Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial National Military Park was authorized by an act of Congress on February 14, 1927 (44 Stat. 1091). The purpose of the park, as stated in the act, is

to commemorate the Civil War battles of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania Court House, Wilderness, and Chancellorsville, including Salem Church . . . and to mark and preserve for historical purposes the breastworks, earthworks, gun emplacements, walls, or other defenses or shelters used by the armies in said battles . . . and together also with such additional land as the Secretary of War may deem necessary for monuments, markers, tablets, roads, highways, paths, approaches, and to carry out the general purposes of this Act.

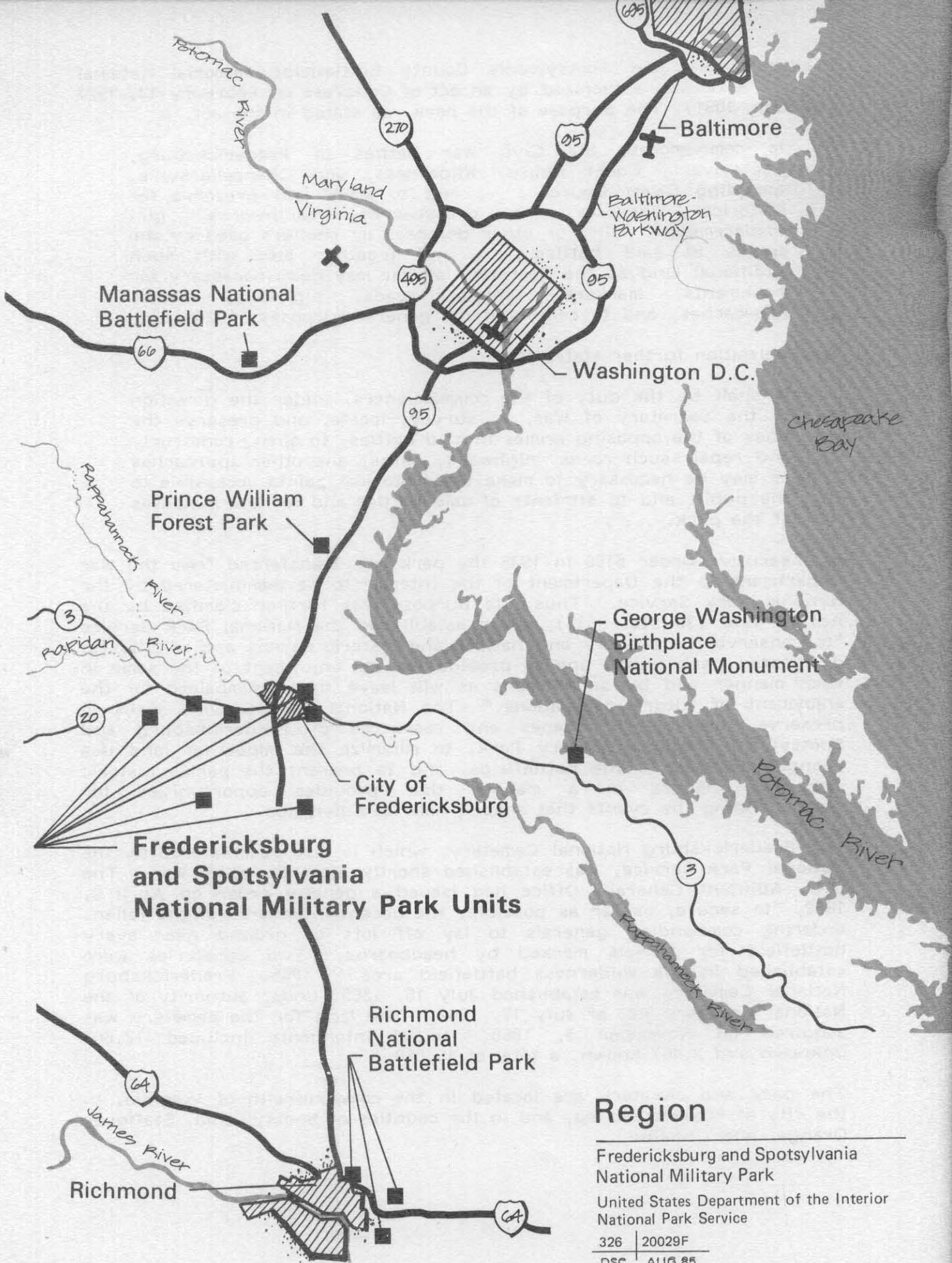
The legislation further states that

it shall be the duty of the commissioners, under the direction of the Secretary of War, to survey, locate, and preserve the lines of the opposing armies in said battles, to open, construct, and repair such roads, highways, paths, and other approaches as may be necessary to make the historical points accessible to the public and to students of said battles and for the purposes of the park. . . .

By Executive Order 6166 in 1933 the park was transferred from the War Department to the Department of the Interior to be administered by the National Park Service. Thus, its purpose was further clarified by the Act of 1916 (39 Stat. 535), which established the National Park Service "to conserve the scenery and natural and historic objects and wildlife [in designated park units] and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." The National Park Service seeks to preserve the historic scenes and resources of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, to minimize the impact of land use changes adjacent to the battlefields, and to present the park's historic sites to visitors in a manner that provides opportunities for understanding the events that shaped America's heritage.

The Fredericksburg National Cemetery, which is also administered by the National Park Service, was established shortly after the Civil War. The U.S. Adjutant General's Office had issued a general order on April 3, 1862, "to secure, as far as possible, the decent interment" of the fallen, ordering commanding generals to lay off lots of ground near every battlefield for burials marked by headboards. Two cemeteries were established in the Wilderness battlefield area in 1865. Fredericksburg National Cemetery was established July 15, 1865, under authority of the National Cemetery Act of July 17, 1862. The land for the cemetery was acquired on November 5, 1868. Initial interments included 12,601 unknown and 2,467 known, a total of 15,068.

The park and cemetery are located in the commonwealth of Virginia, in the city of Fredericksburg, and in the counties of Spotsylvania, Stafford, Orange, and Caroline.



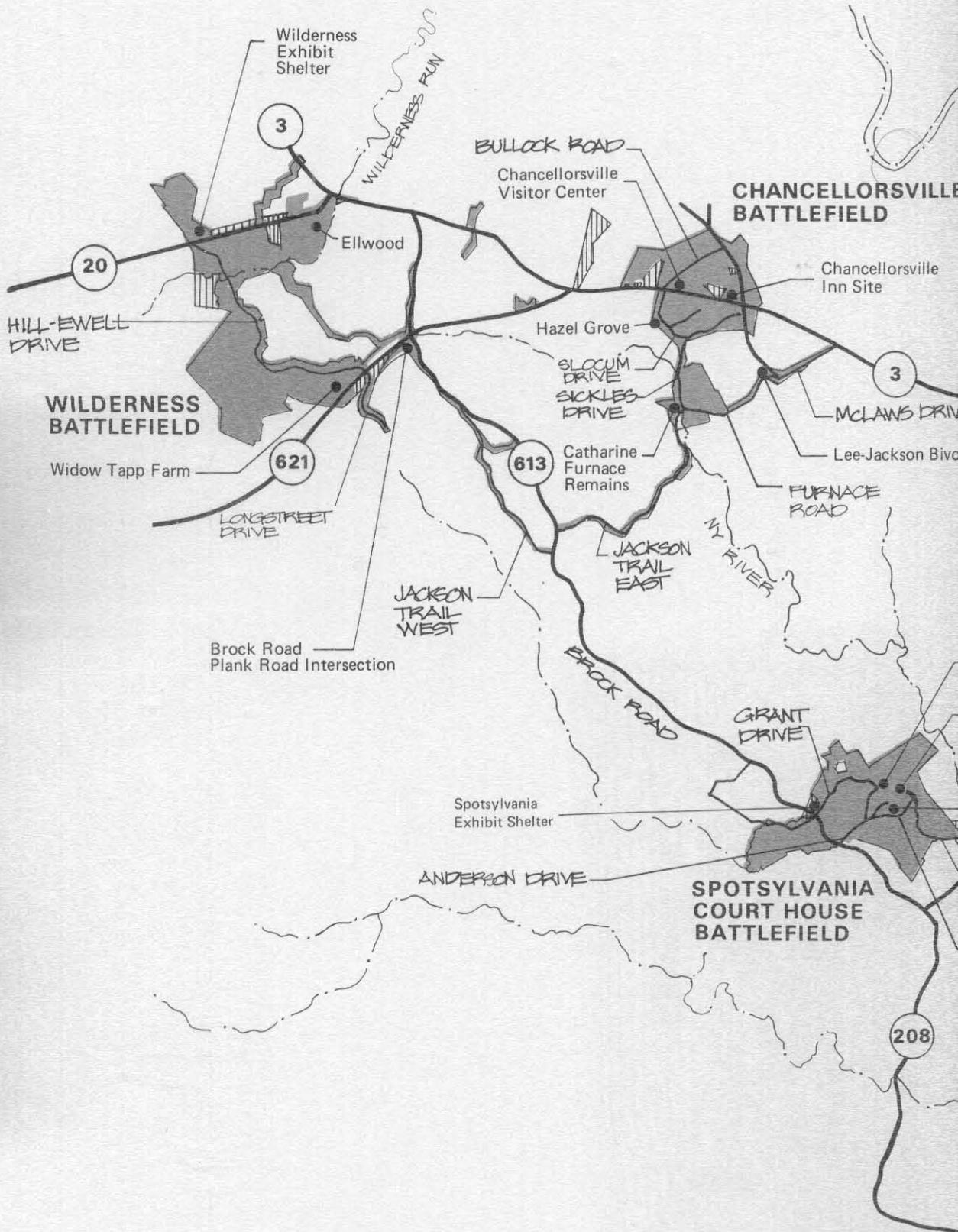
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WILDERNESS BATTLEFIELD

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JACKSON TRAIL EAST

FURNACE ROAD

MY RIVER

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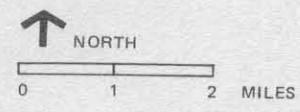
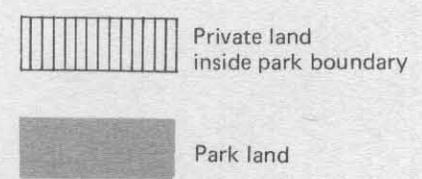
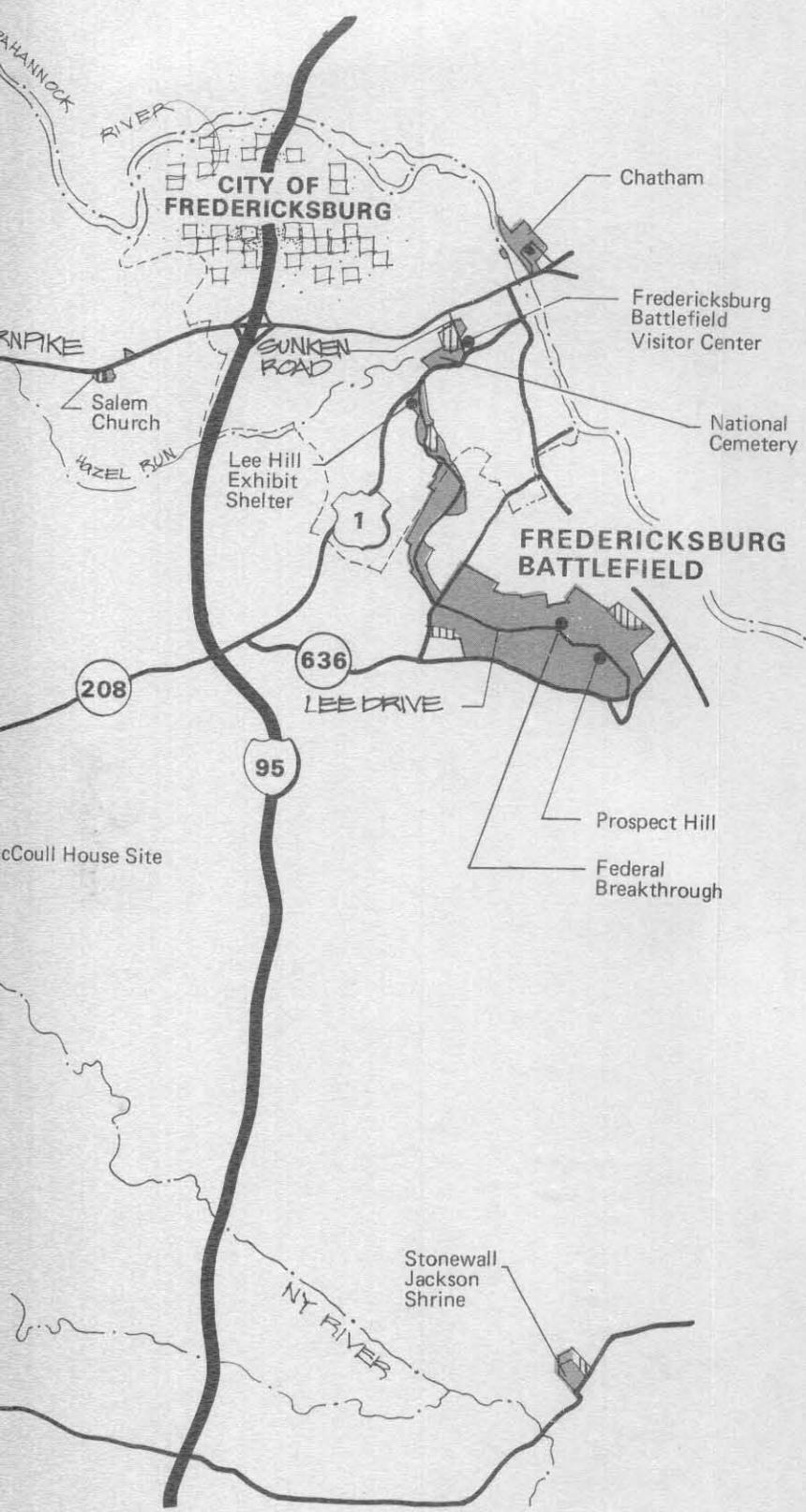
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