



American Battlefield Protection Program 2003 Grants

The American Battlefield Protection Program announced in July 2003 the award of 21 grants totaling \$464,560 to assist in the preservation and protection of America's significant battlefield lands. In keeping with the ABPP's mandate to assist in the preservation of significant battle sites from all wars fought on American soil, this year's grant recipients represent a historical cross section ranging from the mid-18th century conflict known as the War of Jenkins Ear to World War II. Funded projects include delineation and evaluation of sites, planning, education, and interpretation.

The American Battlefield Protection Program funds projects conducted by federal, state, local, and tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions. The ABPP's goal is to safeguard and preserve significant American battlefield lands for present and future generations as symbols of individual sacrifice and national heritage.

Brief descriptions of each grant project follow.

- **Citizens Committee of Loudoun County, VA**
\$3,000
Loudoun County battlefields were named among the most endangered in the United States by the Civil War Preservation Trust in 2001. This grant will support mapping and inventory of three Civil War battlefields – Aldie, Middleburg and Upperville. In addition to the ABPP grant, the National Park Service will provide more than \$15,000 in direct in-kind field support in GIS services.
- **Civil War Preservation Trust, DC**
\$20,000
The Civil War Preservation Trust will design an interpretive plan, base map inventory, and wayside signage for the site of the Third Battle of Winchester. The 1864 battle is recognized as the most important conflict in the Shenandoah Valley.
- **Cynthiana-Harrison Chamber of Commerce, KY**
\$25,071
The Chamber of Commerce will create a preservation and management plan for the Civil War Battlefield at Cynthiana. The Chamber used a previous ABPP grant to nominate the battlefield successfully to the National Register of Historic Places, and now will take the next steps to plan for the site's appropriate management and protection.
- **Fort Phil Kearney/Bozeman Trail Association, WY**
\$25,750
Although the Fetterman Battle of 1866 between the US Army and the Lakota, Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian Tribes along the Bozeman Trail is well known historically, the site boundary is not as well defined. This archeological study will identify the battlefield for better site preservation.
- **Friends of the Vicksburg Campaign Trail, MS**
\$25,000

This education and interpretation project will focus on six Civil War battlefields in a brochure for public distribution. Among the six sites are Milliken's Bend (the site of the first major battle involving African-American Troops) and Port Gibson Battlefield (the first battle fought in Mississippi.)

- **Great Bridge Waterway Foundation, VA**
\$24,000
The battlefield at Great Bridge is the site of the first land battle of the Revolutionary War in Virginia. This grant provides for historic research and a cultural landscape inventory that will record surviving battlefield features.
- **Historic Preservation Group, NC**
\$30,000
A product of this grant will be a cultural resource study for the Battle of Wyse Fork (1865) and the Battle of Kinston (1862.) This project will research and inventory the extent of both Civil War battlefields, and will lead to improved documentation of battlefield features.
- **Historic RittenhouseTown, PA**
\$6,730
This Revolutionary War project will create an interpretive wayside exhibit for the Historic Rittenhousetown National Historic Landmark district. The theme will highlight the 1777 Philadelphia Campaign's Battle of Germantown in the Wissahickon Valley.
- **Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, NY**
\$25,000
This underwater archeology grant supports an education and survey project for the Battle of Valcour Island (1776.) Along with training volunteer scuba divers, the grant will support the compilation of five years of underwater survey and remote sensing inventory of the battlefield.
- **LAMAR Institute (Sansavilla Bluff Battlefield), GA**
\$24,000
This grant will support both historical and archeological identification research at Sansavilla Bluff, GA, the site of an attack of the Spanish-allied Yamassee Indians in 1741. This site is under threat by timbering, looting and erosion and has not been adequately identified for preservation management.
- **LAMAR Institute (Sunbury Battlefield), GA**
\$25,364
Sunbury, Georgia, was the location of several Revolutionary War engagements in 1778, 1779, and 1782. Under this grant, the LAMAR Institute will begin the process of historical and archeological research at the Sunbury site.
- **Logan's Fort Foundation, KY**
\$30,598
The Foundation will prepare a preservation management plan for the 1777 Battle of Logan's Fort site. Project activities will include GIS mapping of the site, an inventory of cultural resources, and analysis of flood plan abatement.
- **Madison County Historical Society, KY**
\$34,430
The Historical Society will develop a comprehensive interpretive plan for the Richmond Battlefield (1862). A driving tour, signs, and brochures will be developed. This project implements a recommendation of a preservation management plan prepared with previous ABPP funding.

- **Montpelier Foundation, VA**
\$24,000
The Foundation will archeologically inventory and map the associated resources of Confederate General McGowan's encampment. Troops deployed from this area into the Battle of the Wilderness in 1864, and the site was occupied throughout the winters of 1863 and 1864. This area is threatened by looters and timbering. The archeological information will be included in a forest management plan to help protect the archeological resources.
- **Palmetto Conservation Foundation, SC**
\$25,000
The Foundation will create a preservation and interpretive plan for the Battle of Camden National Historic Landmark. This plan will provide for continuing archeological analysis, interpretive and acquisition planning, and viewshed restoration research at the 1780 battlefield. This project follows the recommendations of a strategic management plan previously funded by the ABPP.
- **Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, VA**
\$35,000
The Foundation will produce an interpretive plan for Shenandoah Civil War battlefield sites. In addition to informing residents and tourists about the significance of the battles, the plan will educate landholders, visitor service professionals, local officials, and the public about "best practices" in resource preservation.
- **South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, SC**
\$7,377
This digital mapping project will record the remains of the Civil War Rivers Bridge Battlefield (1865). Features to be digitized and documented in a GIS database include earthworks and the remnants of a causeway.
- **Tennessee Wars Commission, TN**
\$6,000
A Tennessee Civil War Documentary sourcebook has been created after six years of research. Information about 2,931 military engagements in Tennessee will be made available on a CD-ROM. This grant will allow 4,000 copies of the CD-ROM to be made for the public.
- **USDA Forest Service, Siskiyou National Forest, OR**
\$22,000
The Wheeler Ridge Japanese Bombing Site (1942) is one of two World War II sites in the contiguous 48 states. This grant will help the USDA Forest Service complete an archeological inventory, develop fire-hazard reduction and visitor management plans, and design of 12 interpretive signs for this unique site.
- **Warren County Historical Society, NY**
\$21,240
This project is the continuation of a previously successful grant award to research and map the Colonial Road from Fort Edward to Lake George Battlefield in New York. The project will focus on battlefields dating from the French and Indian War to 1783 and result in a GIS



base map of historic resources
associated with the Colonial Road.

- **Washington State Parks & Recreation Department, WA**
\$25,000
Washington State Parks will conduct a cultural resource and archeological survey for the Steptoe Battlefield (1858.) This project will help better identify areas of engagement and battlefield boundaries, and will result in a report indicating resource preservation needs.

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