



## American Battlefield Protection Program 2005 Grant Awards

The American Battlefield Protection Program announced in July 2005 the awarding of 12 grants totaling \$350,854 to assist in the preservation and protection of America's historic battlefields. Funded projects include battlefield surveys, site mapping, updating National Register of Historic Places nominations, preservation and management plans, educational materials, and archeological studies.

The American Battlefield Protection Program funds projects conducted by federal, state, local, and tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions. The ABPP's mission 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, listed by grant recipient.

### **Arlington Heritage Alliance**

**Virginia**

**\$ 31,750**

The Arlington Heritage Alliance will conduct a cultural landscape and archeological analysis for Fort Ethan Allen. Project activities include gathering GIS mapping, historical and archeological information in order to develop a management plan and public presentation. Fort Ethan Allen is one of the "Circle Forts" built to defend the Nation's capital during the Civil War.

### **Civil War Preservation Trust**

**Washington, DC**

**\$ 20,000**

The Civil War Preservation Trust will develop rapid assessment mapping for several battlefields in Virginia. The project will result in a GIS database that integrates historical information and current land use patterns to better characterize battlefields that require protection. The GIS database will include information about the Civil War battlefields of Boynton Plank Road, Hatcher's Run, Peebles' Farm, Ream's Station, Deep Bottom I and II, Chaffin's Farm/New Market Heights, Five Forks, Globe Tavern, and White Oak Road.

### **Friends of Cedar Mountain**

**Virginia**

**\$ 21,038**

The Friends of Cedar Mountain will develop a comprehensive land protection plan for Cedar Mountain Battlefield. Project will involve collecting spatial data about the battlefield, developing a public outreach program, and updating the battlefield's National Register of Historic Places information. The battle of Cedar Mountain took place on August 9, 1862. The Confederate victory shifted fighting in Virginia from the Peninsula to Northern Virginia.

### **Friends of the Texas Historical Commission**

**Texas**

**\$ 46,690**

The Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, working with the THC's State Marine Archeologist, will reevaluate the boundaries of the Sabine Pass battlefield. Archeologists will gather land and underwater data about the six sunken vessels

lost near Fort Griffin in the Civil War. Researchers will document the shipwrecks over 400 linear miles in both Texas and Louisiana. Fought on September 8, 1863, the second Battle of Sabine Pass saw a small Confederate command at Fort Griffin turn back a U.S. Navy flotilla attempting to reduce the fort and occupy Texas.

### **Mill Springs Battlefield Association**

#### **Kentucky**

**\$ 6,657**

The Mill Springs Battlefield Association will update the National Register of Historic Places documentation for the Mill Springs Battlefield. The revised information will help bolster public advocacy and planning efforts for battlefield preservation. The Union victory at Mill Springs in 1862, along with the decisive Battle at Fort Donelson, forced the Confederacy to abandon Kentucky and much of Tennessee.

### **Montana Preservation Alliance**

#### **Montana**

**\$ 46,075**

The Montana Preservation Alliance will develop a strategic plan to protect areas of Rosebud Battlefield. Project goals include gathering historical, archeological, and ethnographic data about the battle, mapping the full extent of the battlefield, identifying stakeholders, and developing strategies to protect the battlefield. Rosebud battlefield is currently threatened by proposals for coal bed methane extraction. The June 17, 1876, engagement between Cheyenne and Lakota warriors and the U.S. Army and its Crow and Shoshone scouts was one of the largest of the Great Sioux War.

### **Palmetto Conservation Foundation**

#### **South Carolina**

**\$ 25,000**

The Palmetto Conservation Foundation will develop a plan to protect areas of the Eutaw Springs battlefield. The Foundation will compile known historical and archeological information data about the site, conduct a survey to determine public understanding about the battle and site preservation issues, map the full extent of the battlefield, and update the battlefield's National Register of Historic Places information. The September 1781 battle of Eutaw Springs was the last major engagement between Continental and British forces in South Carolina during the Revolutionary War.

### **Partners In Parks**

#### **Colorado**

**\$ 18,000**

Partners in Parks is a nonprofit organization founded to promote community partnerships that strengthen resource management and education programs. Through this grant, highly skilled volunteers and interns will be placed at several battlefields across the country to expand research and add expertise to preservation projects.

### **Saratoga Preserving Land and Nature**

#### **New York**

**\$ 45,000**

Saratoga Preserving Land and Nature (PLAN) will develop a public plan that will propose preservation partnerships to protect the scenic qualities of the battlefields at Saratoga. PLAN will build on previous viewshed analyses used by the National Park Service to define goals for protecting scenic lands around the battlefield and craft a public plan to guide preservation efforts. The two battles, siege, and ultimate British surrender at Saratoga amounted to a decisive chapter of the Revolutionary War.

### **Spotsylvania County**

#### **Virginia**

**\$ 46,500**

Spotsylvania County will develop a public plan to guide land use around the

Chancellorsville Battlefield. During the 18-month project, planners will consider traffic use and needs, land development patterns, and public input to craft the battlefield preservation plan. Preservation of the Chancellorsville battlefield, scene of one of the Confederate army's greatest victories, has received national attention in recent years because of ongoing local development of unprotected but historic lands.

**University of South Carolina Research Foundation**

**South Carolina**

**\$ 24,807**

The University of South Carolina's Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology Research Foundation will conduct an archeological survey and prepare a shoreline preservation plan for Civil War resources at Folly Beach, South Carolina. Archeologists will document battle-period artifacts, define the extent of the battlefield, and develop a report indicating which areas of beach need erosion controls. Folly Beach is part of the Lighthouse Inlet battlefield, where fighting took place on July 9, 1863 during the siege of Charleston.

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