



American Battlefield Protection Program 2010 Grant Awards

The American Battlefield Protection Program announces the awarding of 25 grants totaling \$1,246,273 to assist in the preservation and protection of America's significant battlefield lands. The funds will support a variety of projects at battle sites in 17 states or territories.

This year's grants provide funding for projects at endangered battlefields from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican-American War, Civil War, World War II, and various Indian Wars. Funded projects include archeology, mapping, cultural resource survey work, documentation, 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 mission is to safeguard and preserve significant American battlefield lands for present and future generations as symbols of individual sacrifice and national heritage. Since 1990, the ABPP and its partners have helped to protect and enhance more than 100 battlefields by co-sponsoring 429 projects in 42 states and territories.

Brief descriptions of each grant project follow, listed by grant recipient.
(Note: states/territories are location of grant project, not of grant recipient.)

Arkansas State Parks, Department of Parks and Tourism

Arkansas

\$82,000

The Civil War Battle of Prairie Grove (1862) was the last time two armies of equal strength fought for control over northwest Arkansas. With archeological investigation and GIS mapping, this project will delineate the locations and extent of major battlefield features within the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.

Ball State University

Indiana

\$70,000

The Battle on the Wabash (1791) and the Battle of Fort Recovery (1794), which occurred in Ohio, represent the largest engagement of the American Army and Native American forces in the history of the United States. Little is known about these battles. The site identification and documentation plan will define the battlefield boundaries - a first step toward diminishing the threat of private development and looting at these battlefields.

City of Burlington, Community and Economic Development Office

Vermont

\$45,000

During Burlington's engagement, the British were repelled and Thomas McDonough's Fleet moored below the Burlington Battery. This project will delineate Burlington's War of 1812 resources and develop an archeological management plan for Burlington Battlefield. Field techniques of archeology and GIS mapping were used during the completion of a previous ABPP grant project. This plan will assist the community to preserve and protect the battle remains discovered by that work.

Coastal Carolina University, Center for Marine and Wetland Studies

South Carolina

\$60,000

Horry and Georgetown Counties contain Revolutionary War and Civil War battlefield sites that will be identified and documented through this project. The findings of this project will be used to increase the awareness of battlefield sites in these two counties for the sake of future preservation planning efforts.

County of Chester

Pennsylvania

\$40,000

The Battle of Paoli was George Washington's third and final attempt to prevent the British from taking the colonial capital city during Howe's Philadelphia Campaign of 1777. This project will identify and inventory threatened parcels at the Paoli Battlefield. The project findings will be used to update the county's historic atlas and create a predictive model for preservation by using GIS technology.

East Carolina University, Maritime Studies

North Carolina

\$80,000

Following America's entry into WWII, a protracted naval conflict was waged between the German and Allied naval vessels along the U.S. eastern seaboard during the Battle of the Atlantic. This project will conduct an archeological inventory of the submerged cultural resources from naval conflicts to supplement current historical records.

Friends of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

Georgia

\$32,100

In 1863, the Federal Army ended Confederate control of Chattanooga, a vital transportation hub, after several key battles during the Campaign for Chattanooga. Building on the work of a previous GIS database developed with funding from a previous ABPP grant, this project will work toward preservation advocacy and consensus building among local planners, landowners, developers, and other stakeholders within the Chattanooga Battlefield boundaries.

Frontier Heritage Alliance

Montana

\$68,800

The final battles of Sioux Indian Wars were against the Northern Pacific Railroad survey expedition on the Yellowstone River in 1873. This project will identify and document the Stanley-Custer Battles with Sioux Warriors, produce a historical report and a National Register nomination, and educate land owners about the historic significance of their properties.

Gulf Archeology Research Institute

Florida

\$49,500

The opening battles of the Second Seminole War occurred in and around the town of Micanopy. This project will identify and document the nature and extent of Fort Defiance and Fort Micanopy through field archeology, archival research, and data analysis.

LAMAR Institute

Georgia

\$40,000

In December of 1864, the Confederacy suffered a devastating loss at the Battle of Monteith Swamp. Union troops broke through the Confederate defenses and took Savannah. This project will conduct archeology fieldwork to identify and document the battlefield as well as foster public outreach.

Madison County

Kentucky

\$35,000

The Battle of Richmond is the second largest Civil War site in Kentucky and is one of three major battles that are part of the "Confederate heartland offensive" within Kentucky. A preservation plan will address the needs of local government and will suggest ways to partner with the Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD), as well as other organizations, agencies, and the community, to develop ways to protect threatened battlefield land.

Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center

Connecticut

\$19,000

The Battle of Saybrook Fort consisted of more than a dozen discrete battles, ambushes, and actions that are a part of the Pequot War (1636-1637). This project will identify areas for future archeological testing, revise maps of Study and Core Areas, develop a preservation advocacy partnership, and educate the public about this important event in American history.

Natural Heritage Trust

New York

\$75,000

British General Burgoyne surrendered his sword to Colonial General Gates during the end of Battles of Saratoga on October 17, 1777. As a defining military engagement during the Revolutionary War, the sword surrender proved to the French government that Colonial forces were capable of winning the war. This led the French to ally with the Americans. The project will produce a cultural landscape treatment plan and site development plan for the preservation and interpretation of the Sword Surrender site.

Northwestern State University of Louisiana

Louisiana

\$41,000

During the Red River Campaign of 1864, a fierce engagement occurred between Admiral David Dixon Porter's fleet, the Confederate land batteries, and several hundred sharpshooters on Deloach's Bluff Battlefield. This project will identify the location of subsurface resources and the extent of the historic battlefield through a cultural resource survey, GIS/GPS fieldwork, remote sensing, and minimal archeology testing.

Research Foundation of State University of New York at Binghamton

New York

\$50,723

The Revolutionary War Battle of Newtown was among the Continental Army's most significant battle during the Sullivan and Clinton Campaign against British allied Iroquois in the New York frontier. This project will conduct an archeological field survey to identify material remains associated with the Battle of Newtown to better define the integrity and the battlefield's main defining features. After this study is complete, findings will be used to formulate a general preservation plan for the battlefield.

Rutherford County

North Carolina

\$40,000

Between 1776 and 1783, Gilbert Town was a staging ground and campsite for various British and Patriot commands. It played an important role in several Revolutionary War campaigns in the Carolinas. This project will complete an archeological survey of key properties that will most likely be impacted by development at the Gilbert Town Battlefield site. In addition, a long-term archeological plan for the site will be produced.

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation

Virginia

\$61,500

This project will create a new battlefield preservation and planning website for the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District and Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation. This is in preparation for the Civil War Sesquicentennial. The website will build awareness and support for the preservation of fifteen battlefields in the Shenandoah Valley and will include a mapping application.

Shenandoah Valley Network

Virginia

\$21,500

The goal of this advocacy project is to secure improved local zoning and planning in two Shenandoah Valley Counties. This effort will preserve the rural character, agricultural base, and natural and historic resources on which the future of six nationally-significant Civil War battlefields depend. The project will include public outreach, GIS mapping depicting the impacts of proposed local ordinances, and technical support for preservation programs.

South Carolina Research Foundation

South Carolina

\$64,200

In 1865, the Union army, led by General William T. Sherman, began a campaign to subdue South Carolina. Sherman's army marched across the state fighting battles and skirmishes, disrupting rail traffic, and destroying property. This project will identify and document multiple battlefields, skirmish sites, and camps associated with this campaign to provide the South Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial Advisory Board with baseline data for preservation.

St. Thomas Historical Trust

U.S. Virgin Islands

\$44,500

In 1801, Fort Frederik participated in a battle with two British ships - the only well documented battle with an enemy force on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. This project will conduct an engineering study for the stabilization of ruins at Fort Frederik as it is threatened by frequent hurricanes and other natural forces. There will be documentation of Fort Frederik, the battle, and the ships, as well as an underwater survey of the adjacent seabed.

Stafford County

Virginia

\$77,700

The Battle of Aquia Creek was one of the first naval engagements in the Civil War. Union vessels and Confederate batteries exchanged roughly one thousand rounds over Aquia Landing, which was a pivotal gateway between the capital cities of Richmond, VA, and Washington, DC. This project will conduct an archeological survey that will include underwater archeology, and will produce a National Register Nomination application.

Tennessee State Library and Archives

Tennessee

\$40,750

This statewide project will take a comprehensive GIS database of 38 Civil War sites and make it available online for federal, state, and local planning agencies and preservation organizations. The geospatial database with economic and demographic overlays will be accessible to the public on the web through the Tennessee GIS server. Greater access to historical information should lead to increased public advocacy.

Tebbs Bend Battlefield Association

Kentucky
\$35,000

The Civil War Battle of Tebbs Bend was the first major engagement of Confederate General John Morgan's Great Raid, a push into the northern Midwestern states intended to capture supplies and erode support for the Union war effort. Building on the work of a previous ABPP grant, an archeology survey will be developed for the Tebbs Bend Battlefield.

University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College
Texas
\$26,000

The Siege of Fort Brown during the U.S.-Mexican War highlighted traditional siege tactics and earthwork construction techniques, and featured numerous men who would assume important military leadership roles in subsequent battles in American history. This project will produce a cultural landscape inventory that will include GIS mapping, a historical overview, military terrain analysis, and an analysis of present conditions on the site.

Wood Lake Battlefield Preservation Association
Minnesota
\$47,000

Wood Lake was the final major battle of the U.S. Dakota War of 1862. Preoccupied with the Civil War, the U.S. government violated treaties to Minnesota's Dakota Indians, leading to hardships for these tribes. Building on the work of a previous ABPP grant, a comprehensive preservation plan will be developed for the Wood Lake Battlefield.

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