



American Battlefield Protection Program 2014 Grant Awards

The American Battlefield Protection Program announces the awarding of 21 grants totaling \$1.358 million 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 14 states.

This year's grants provide funding for projects at endangered battlefields from the King Philip's War, Second Seminole War, Indian Wars, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Civil War. 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 475 projects in 42 states and territories..

Brief descriptions of each grant project follow, listed by grant recipient.
(**Note:** states/territories indicate location of grant project.)

City of Monroe **Michigan** **\$70,700**

This project will collaboratively help preserve and maintain lands associated with the January 1813 Battle of River Raisin. The combined forces of Tecumseh's Confederation, allying with the British Army, defeated the Americans. Despite the loss, the battle became a rallying point that strengthened the nation, helped unify the cause for war, and influenced United States policy regarding tribal nations. The project includes property research and inventory, a collaborative land use plan, and identification of entities best suited to interpret, maintain, and prioritize appropriate lands for potential acquisition or easements.

Civil War Trust **Various Sites** **\$180,270**

This project will prepare troop movement maps for all Priority I and II battlefields identified in the National Park Service's 2007 Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites. The information produced by this project is intended to be distributed to the public, and be available to organizations and groups in the community for potential preservation opportunities.

Civil War Trust **Various Sites** **\$147,200**

This project will prepare troop movement maps for all Priority I and II battlefields identified in the National Park Service's 1993 Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields. The information produced by this project is intended to be distributed to the public, and be available to organizations

and groups in the community for potential preservation opportunities.

County of Gloucester

New Jersey

\$46,200

This project will include an archeological survey and mapping of Fort Mercer at the site of the Battle of Red Bank, an American Revolution battle fought in October 1777. During the British occupation of Philadelphia, Fort Mercer actively worked to keep British ships from resupplying the city and slowed the momentum of the British army. The Americans scored a surprising victory, allowing Washington's troops to winter at Valley Forge. This study will include a Phase I archeological survey, mapping, shovel testing, and a small-scale Phase II study including the opening of several test units.

County of Loudoun

Virginia, Maryland

\$60,000

This project will prepare a boundary expansion amendment of the current 76 acre National Historic Landmark at the Ball's Bluff Battlefield and National Cemetery to include approximately 2,900 acres. The crossing of the Potomac River in October 1861 by thousands of Federal troops and their disastrous defeat, coupled with the death in battle of U.S. Senator Edward Baker, led to the formation of the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War. This was a Congressional investigating committee created to handle issues surrounding the Civil War. The project will raise public awareness of the significance of land both in Virginia and Maryland in the midst of major public and private development pressure and serve as a critical element of a program to preserve this landscape for future generations.

Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot

New York

\$24,600

This project will create maps that depict archeological features of the Fishkill Supply Depot, which was George Washington's principal supply depot during the Revolutionary War. The maps will highlight the historical overview, archeological inventory, and topographic features. The depot was pivotal for winning the Battles of Saratoga, and is the largest burial ground for Revolutionary War soldiers in the country. The maps will create a baseline of all known features and contribute to increased public awareness and site preservation.

Gulf Archaeology Research Institute

Florida

\$63,800

This project will use archival research, archeology, and data analysis to locate, identify, and evaluate the nature and extent of the Battles of Camp Izard and the Withlacoochee in early 1836. These battles demonstrate the overall preparedness of the Seminole to preemptively strike the United States Military at will and bring to bear a strong sense of insecurity to the Florida frontier. The project will develop an updated historic context for the operations of U.S. and Seminole forces in the opening of the Second Seminole War, and include a nomination of the two battlefields to the National Register of Historic Places.

Inland Seas Institute

Michigan

\$60,700

This project will identify surviving cultural resources from both the British Landing of 1812 and the American Landing of 1814 and associated sites related to the Mackinac Battlefield in Michigan. The fort at Mackinac Island played a significant role in protecting the Great Lakes fur trade during the War of 1812. When the British won the island in 1812, it ended American fur trade in the area. The Americans attempted to retake the island in 1814 but failed. The project will include

an underwater survey of the landing site to identify the extent of the battlefield. The survey will allow for the assessment of submerged battlefield artifacts lying offshore.

Jefferson County Farmland Protection Board

West Virginia

\$25,300

This project will engage the public and stakeholders, including 75 battlefield landowners, to raise awareness about the preservation of three Civil War battlefields in the county: Summit Point, Smithfield Crossing, and Shepherdstown. Part of Union Major General Philip Sheridan's 1864 Valley Campaign, these battles were fought cautiously and were largely inconclusive. Portions of the landscape in all three battlefields have been altered but most essential features remain. New construction is resuming, putting those essential battlefield features under extreme pressure. Funds will support the development of a communications plan and outreach strategy to property owners for potential availability of funding for conservation easements.

Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc.

New York

\$55,000

This project will develop interpretive products that link key battles fought in northeastern New York and Vermont during the 1775-77 campaigns of the American Revolution. It includes six Priority I and eight Priority II battlefields identified in the 2007 Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States. Tasks include developing a thematic guidebook, multimedia interpretation, and a "Toolkit for Battlefield Stewardship." The objective of the project is to build awareness and appreciation of key battlefields and associated historical places with suggested ways that residents and visitors can utilize these resources through stewardship actions.

The LAMAR Institute, Inc.

Georgia

\$87,600

This project will discover and share new information about the American Revolution in the backcountry of South Carolina and Georgia, and weave this into the broader context of military strategy recently identified at Briar Creek, Carr's Fort, Ebenezer, and Kettle Creek Battlefields. The grantee will conduct historical research, archeological survey, collector survey, and public outreach to locate and delineate the Purrysburg Battlefield, where, in April 1779, the British were able to advance into South Carolina.

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation

New York

\$80,000

This project will develop a cultural resource survey to inventory and locate the cultural resources of the Battle of Bennington, fought in August 1777. The American militia's victory at Bennington contributed significantly to the defeat of British General Burgoyne's army at Saratoga two months later. The site will be examined using historical accounts and GIS analysis. Site boundaries will be re-delineated. All known and newly discovered resources will be inventoried and entered into a GIS database. Nominations of the battlefield to both the State Register of Historic Places and National Register of Historic Places will be prepared. Funding will also be used to initiate a public awareness and outreach strategy.

Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund, Inc.

Pennsylvania

\$58,500

This project will fully document and authenticate prior findings related to the battle, document new findings, and establish the context of the battle in order to update the battlefield's National Register of Historic Places documentation. The Battle of Paoli, fought in September 1777, was a successful nighttime attack. British General William Howe attempted to dislodge General Anthony Wayne's Continental Division whose position in Paoli threatened the rear of the British encampment. This work ultimately will lead to nominating the site for further designation on the National Register.

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Pennsylvania

\$52,400

This project will document the location and boundaries of the Thompson's Island battlefield site through archeological metal detector survey. Part of the 1779 Campaign against the Iroquois and the only Revolutionary War battle in northwestern Pennsylvania, Thompson's Island was a skirmish between the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment and a party of Allegany Seneca. The site is currently on Allegheny National Forest land and is open to resource extraction which could damage or destroy the site.

Piedmont Environmental Council

Virginia

\$21,000

This project will work with local preservation partners and county officials to secure land use and transportation plans to better preserve the integrity of the Civil War Battlefields at Cross Keys and Port Republic in Rockingham County. This project will examine information about Confederate General Stonewall Jackson's dual victories against federal forces at these battles in June 1862. They concluded the first Shenandoah Valley campaign and freed his army to move east to reinforce General Robert E. Lee in the defense of Richmond. The project will provide strategic public outreach materials and technical assistance to support farmland preservation and economic development programs that encourage compatible land uses on and around the two battlefields.

Princeton Battlefield Area Preservation Society

New Jersey

\$47,100

This project will include an archeological study on 29 acres of land at the Battle of Princeton. After defeating the Hessians at Trenton, George Washington's Continental Army scored its first victory against the British at Princeton, raising morale and increasing the number of enlistments. This project will also prepare an application to expand the boundaries of the American Revolution-Stonybrook Settlement Historic District to include the property.

The Research Foundation for the State University of New York

New York

\$28,600

This project will develop consensus among stakeholders on the history and cultural landscape of the Newtown and Chemung Battlefields, leading to the development of a strategic preservation plan. The Revolutionary War Battles of Newtown and Chemung were the main military engagements of the Continental Army's 1779 Sullivan-Clinton campaign against British-allied Iroquois. Loyalist Rangers and allied Iroquois and Delaware warriors were defeated. This helped to quell Iroquois raids on American settlements for a period, allowing the Continental Army to refocus their attention on other fronts in the war. The project includes conducting civic engagement meetings to identify stakeholders, develop consensus on a historical narrative, and address questions and concerns of community members about potential preservation options, including land acquisitions or easements.

South Carolina Battlefield Preservation Trust, Inc.

South Carolina

\$74,300

This project will create a master database of battlefields and associated Civil War sites in South Carolina. This first phase will record sites in Charleston and Jasper counties, identifying all historic battlefield sites, integrate State databases, write nominations for qualifying sites for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and develop a management plan for site acquisition or conservation easements for the unprotected sites. The Charleston Civil War Confederate fortifications were fixed defensive positions designed to defend the city and its multiple access points. Many of these sites are currently at risk from residential development.

Town of Montague

Massachusetts

\$60,000

This project proposes a pre-inventory project to identify the likely locations of the Great Falls Battlefield, and its associated sites, which were part of the King Philip's War in 1676 and located in the area known as Turners Falls. This site was a tribal gathering place but was turned into a multi-tribal war refugee camp that the Colonialists attacked multiple times. The project includes a phased plan to protect the site, and provide well-sourced information for a locally-proposed park.

University of Tennessee

Tennessee

\$45,130

This project will locate and document remaining resources using military terrain analysis, including associated historic properties, extant earthworks, and potential archeological resources, at the Battle of Fort Sanders site. This Civil War battle ended the Siege of Knoxville in November 1863 and secured the city under Union control. The resulting maps will be used to inform preservation efforts, develop a research design for further archeological investigations, and enhance public interpretation of the site.

Wood Lake Battlefield Preservation Association

Minnesota

\$69,600

This project will conduct a Phase I professional archeological investigation at the Battle of Wood Lake site. This was the final major engagement fought within the borders of the state of Minnesota in the United States-Dakota War of 1862-64. As a result of the U.S. victory, the Dakotas were forced to give up their captives and ultimately fled the state. The project includes locating and documenting artifacts and associated sites that will inform a future erosion mitigation strategy.

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