



## American Battlefield Protection Program 2015 Grant Awards

The American Battlefield Protection Program announces the awarding of 25 grants totaling \$1.198 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 16 states.

This year's grants provide funding for projects at endangered battlefields from the Second Seminole War, Indian Wars, Revolutionary War, Pequot War, World War II, 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 500 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.)

### **1781 Foundation**

**Virginia**

**\$32,600**

This project will develop a comprehensive planning and management document. Products will include a detailed research design for the British ships sunk off of Yorktown and Gloucester Point during the Battle of Yorktown. Part of the Siege of Yorktown, this was the last major battle of the Revolutionary War and was fought over a two month period in the fall of 1781 in Virginia. The planning document will include objectives for investigating, protecting, and interpreting the more than two dozen shipwrecks in the area.

### **Appomattox 1865 Foundation**

**Virginia**

**\$30,200**

This project will raise public awareness of the importance of protecting and preserving the Battle of Appomattox Station, fought in Virginia in April 1865. A decisive Union victory, this was the second to last Civil War battle Confederate General Robert E. Lee would fight before surrendering to Union General Ulysses S. Grant days later. The Foundation will conduct military terrain analysis, GIS field mapping, and hold a series of public meetings to support a future effort of obtaining the site's registry on the National Register of Historic Places.

### **Ball State University**

**Ohio**

**\$45,000**

This project will develop a Wayside Exhibit Plan to detail the use and design of 12 to 15 exhibits that will be used to interpret the Battles of Fort Recovery in Ohio. The November 1791 Battle of the Wabash and the June 1794 Battle of Fort Recovery were two of the largest engagements between the American Army and Native

American forces during the Indian Wars. This Plan will be part of an ongoing educational program that will provide information to the public through presentations, open houses, and social media.

### **Borough of Fort Lee**

**New Jersey**

**\$13,000**

This project will create a battlefield study report to complement new interpretive signage to educate the public about the little-known Battles of Fort Lee, New Jersey. The Fort was the site of a British victory in November 1776 during the Revolutionary War. However, the Fort was also the site of three battles in May 1781 between Loyalists and Bergen County Militia over wood supply rights. The report will be used to interpret this chapter of the Fort's history, and create long-term preservation goals for a future effort of obtaining the site's registry on the National Register of Historic Places.

### **Chester County**

**Pennsylvania**

**\$55,000**

This project will develop a local battlefield strategic landscape preservation plan for two landscapes at the Battle of Brandywine in Pennsylvania. Fought in September 1777, the battle was one of the largest single-day battles of the Revolutionary War and saw British General William Howe defeat American General George Washington. The Plan will provide guidance for local implementation for protection of the battle site through archeological analysis and resource mapping.

### **Civil War Trust**

**Various Sites**

**\$122,940**

This project will involve preparing troop movement maps for all priority battlefields identified in the National Park Service's *2007 Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites*. These maps will identify troop positions and movements, artillery positions, battlefield fortifications, contour data, and current property owner boundaries for 147 battlefields. Having these maps will allow the American Battlefield Protection Program to better identify threatened battle sites.

### **Dinwiddie County**

**Virginia**

**\$55,800**

This project will educate citizens and decision-makers on the importance of the Civil War battlefield sites in and around Petersburg, Virginia. This area saw over nine months of fighting from summer 1864 through the spring of 1865, leading up to the Confederate surrender in April. The County wants to establish a battlefield support group that identifies and advances short and long-term goals for the preservation of battlefields in Petersburg.

### **Fairfield Historical Society**

**Connecticut**

**\$43,000**

This project will conduct pre-inventory research and documentation to identify the locations of the engagements and ancillary sites related to the Battle of the Pequot Swamp, fought in Connecticut in July 1637. This was the last battle of the Pequot War and saw the English and their Native allies defeat the Pequot tribe. The archeological research design is the first step towards a cultural resource study and will produce GIS mapping of the site, a historical narrative report, and a battlefield protection plan.

### **Friends of Cedar Mountain**

**Virginia**

**\$30,050**

This project will create a landscape study for the ten Civil War battlefields located near the Upper Rappahannock River in Virginia. The battlefields are Cedar Mountain, Mine Run, Morton's Ford, Kelly's Ford, Rappahannock Station I, Rappahannock Station II, Auburn I and II, Buckland, and Brandy Station, the largest cavalry battle of the war. The study will include military terrain analysis landscape evaluation, zoning and planning analysis, website updates, and community meetings.

**Gulf Archaeology Research Institute**

**Florida**

**\$67,700**

This project will use archival research and archeological data to develop a GIS model of how the Fort King Road functioned as a critical piece of the landscape for multiple battles fought during the Second Seminole War in Florida from 1835 to 1842. The model will look at three battles – Dade Massacre, Welika Point, and Black Point – and how the road shaped and affected those battles. The GIS database will be supported by a management plan that will help preservation efforts for similar military roads.

**Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area**

**Maryland**

**\$36,300**

This project will establish the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area as a hub for student group travel. Preservation-themed lesson plans will be created as part of an online education portal to include classroom activities and hands-on experience at eight Civil War battlefields in Maryland: Monocacy, Antietam, South Mountain, Maryland Heights, Boonsboro, Williamsport, Corbit's Charge, and Union Mills. The lesson plans will complement a planning guide made available to students on preservation education awareness.

**Lewes Historical Society**

**Delaware**

**\$45,280**

This project will survey the geomorphology of the Swanendael Battlefield site in Delaware. A Dutch settlement, this site lasted one year and was destroyed by the Native population in 1631. Historical research will be conducted to identify all primary and secondary accounts of the largely under-researched site and battle. The project will help inform the planning and execution of the archeological survey and excavation of the site.

**Manassas Battlefield Trust**

**Virginia**

**\$20,000**

This project will provide funding to hire a part-time Executive Director position to head Virginia's Manassas Battlefield Trust for two years. This position's duties include administrative decision-making, grant management, partnering initiatives, membership drives, community engagement, and the development of an education plan. The Trust helps protect and interpret the two Civil War battles fought at the site: First Manassas in July 1861 and Second Manassas in August 1862.

**Middletown Historical Society**

**Rhode Island**

**\$67,200**

This project will define the location of Colonial and British fortifications involved in the Battle of Rhode Island in August, 1778. This was the first battle to involve a combined French-Colonial force in the Revolutionary War and contributed to Britain's withdrawal from Newport the following year. A map, timeline and narrative will be produced and form the basis for future nonintrusive measurement methods to further understand and preserve the site.

**Mill Springs Battlefield Association**

**Kentucky**

**\$57,000**

This project will locate extant archeological resources in the southern area of the Civil War Battle of Mill Springs site, fought in Kentucky in 1862. The Union victory there broke the Confederate line, forcing them to abandon Kentucky and regroup in Tennessee. Light detection and radar, archival research, and artifact analysis will be used to locate resources at the site. A list of priority parcels for preservation will be created based on the results.

**Our Montana, Inc.**

**Montana**

**\$44,000**

This project will create a historical report to better document the Battle of Powder River, fought in Montana in 1876. The combined Northern Cheyenne and Lakota Sioux defeated the American forces, triggering the Great Sioux War. The report will combine archival research, oral interviews, artifact location, magnetometer testing, and a recommendation to obtain the site's registry on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Pacific Aviation Museum - Pearl Harbor**

**Hawaii**

**\$50,000**

This project will conduct a battlefield survey of the Ford Island runway at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Site of the December 1941 surprise attack by the Japanese that thrust the United States into World War II, Ford Island will be mapped and site integrity and threats will be assessed. The project will address restoration requirements to support development of a protection and stewardship plan.

**Public Broadcasting Council of Central New York**

**New York**

**\$80,300**

This project will produce an hour-long documentary film profiling four endangered and significant Revolutionary War battlefields in New York. Bennington, Fort Ann, Newtown, and Chemung battlefields will be featured. The film will draw from a variety of experts and will focus on land protection and diminishing threats. The Council will also host educational programs for the public.

**Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe**

**Nevada**

**\$49,000**

This project will accurately define the boundaries of the First and Second Battles of Pyramid Lake, part of the Pyramid Lake War fought in May and June 1860, respectively. Paiutes allied with Shoshones and the Bannock to fight a United States Army militia in Nevada. The Tribe will review oral histories, conduct geophysical surveys, apply military terrain analysis standards, and create a GIS model of the battlefields. The aim is to diminish threats to the site through interpretation and public education.

**Shenandoah University**

**Virginia**

**\$52,000**

This project will gather information on the history and cultural landscape of the Cool Spring Battlefield. Fought in Virginia in 1864, this battle is an excellent example of small-scale battle tactics used during the Civil War. An illustrated historical and cultural landscape narrative will be generated leading to the development of a strategic rehabilitation plan for the site.

**South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust**

### **South Carolina**

**\$72,500**

This project will create a master database of battlefields and associated sites in Berkeley County, South Carolina. The SC Trust will study 14 Revolutionary War battlefields and one Yemassee War (1715-1717) battle to nominate qualifying sites to the National Register of Historic Places as well as create a management plan for eventual site acquisition or conservation easements. Radar survey, GPS, metal detection, and military terrain analysis will be used.

### **Texas Tech University**

**Texas**

**\$40,000**

This project will involve nominating more than 3,400 additional acres of the Palmito Ranch Battlefield in Texas to the National Register of Historic Places. This National Historic Landmark site was witness to the May 1865 battle that is considered the last battle of the Civil War to involve casualties. The University will partner with a number of organizations to develop a strategic plan to protect the site against treats and better communicate with the local population.

### **Town of Greenwich**

**New York**

**\$45,000**

This project will conduct an inventory of the northeast section of the Second Battle of Saratoga, fought during the Revolutionary War in New York in October 1777. This project will focus on the area of the British advance, their supply depot, and encampment sites. The Town wants to identify resources associated with the battle in private ownership with the intent of gaining public consensus toward the development of a protection plan.

### **University of South Carolina**

**South Carolina**

**\$13,430**

This project will define the boundaries of a Revolutionary War battle site in low country South Carolina along the Edisto River. The University aims for better conservation and preservation management by preparing GIS mapping, military terrain analysis, metal detecting and historic research.

### **Vermont Department of Housing & Community Affairs**

**Vermont**

**\$30,700**

This project will research and document the historic significance of the Hubbardton Battlefield in order to amend the existing National Register of Historic Places nomination. The Battle of Hubbardton was the only Revolutionary War engagement to occur on Vermont soil, and was fought in July 1777. The boundaries of the battlefield and the extent of associated activities will be defined.

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