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## 1995 ABPP PARTNERSHIPS ANNOUNCED

The American Battlefield Protection Program received 40 applications from 15 states requesting a total of \$894,463 for battlefield preservation efforts. The ABPP announces the following recipients of its 1995 partnership funding program:

**Alcorn County Board of Supervisors  
Archaeological Survey of Corinth  
Contraband Camp  
Corinth, Mississippi**

ABPP funded an earlier phase of this project in 1994 that sought to locate the archeological remains of the Corinth Contraband Camp by researching existing written documentation and other contemporary archival accounts. Contraband camps comprised of freed and fugitive slaves appeared behind northern lines as the Union army advanced south. The Corinth camp was one of the longest running and best organized of all these. It also was significant as the recruiting center for the 1st Alabama Infantry, whose members were of African descent. This new partnership supports an archaeological search for the Contraband Camp to identify its exact location and evaluate the importance of any remaining subsurface resources.

**Kennesaw Mountain National  
Battlefield Park  
Brushy Mountain Line District  
Conservation Plan**

### Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia

The area from Brushy Mountain to-Lost Mountain, which was a twelve-mile long outer defense line of sophisticated trench works, forts, and batteries, was constructed in June 1864 during the Atlanta-Northwest Georgia Campaign by the Confederate Engineers using African-American labor. This current project will support an innovative, land-use and cultural resources management study of the surviving fortification system in a roughly one-mile wide by twelve-mile long corridor. The area primarily is in private ownership, and likely will continue to be so. Therefore, the management approach will be based on public education, exploring private-sector economic incentives, and land-use planning.

The project will be closely coordinated with the Cobb County Planning Department and local property owners.

**Friends of the National Parks at  
Gettysburg, Inc.  
Reevaluation and Revision of the  
Gettysburg National Historic District  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

This project will reevaluate the Gettysburg Battlefield Historic District, which surrounds the Gettysburg National Military Park and

encompasses many sites associated with the Battle of Gettysburg. The existing historic district, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, overlooked many historic battlefield sites outside the current district boundary that still retain a high degree of integrity. Two of these--at Fairfield and at Hunterstown--are battlefields in their own right, while other sites served as hospitals and cemeteries during the Battle of Gettysburg for battle casualties. An amended Gettysburg Battlefield Historic District National Register nomination will be prepared to incorporate the new information derived from this study.

**Lord Fairfax Planning District  
Commission  
Shenandoah Valley, Virginia  
Battlefield Heritage Plan  
Shenandoah Valley, Virginia**

The Shenandoah Valley Civil War Battlefield Heritage Plan began in 1992 through a cooperative agreement with the ABPP. The objective of the project was to develop a comprehensive battlefield protection plan for Civil War sites in Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren counties in the Shenandoah Valley.

During this current phase, the Lord Fairfax Planning Commission will develop and implement regional

plan strategies for Civil War heritage preservation to preserve critical battlefield lands and to provide technical assistance to Shenandoah County for Cedar Creek, Fisher's Hill, Toms Brook, and New Market battlefields integrating regional Civil War heritage preservation goals into county and town comprehensive plans.

**Missouri Department of Natural Resources—*Pilot Knob Battlefield Protection Plan***  
**Fort Davidson State Historic Site**

The Battle of Pilot Knob was one of the largest engagements fought on Missouri soil. The primary objective of this project is to develop a battlefield protection plan and to formulate a strategy to protect tracts of land, like Shepherd Mountain, that were part of the battlefield, as well as for other surviving landmarks dating to the time of the battle. The plan's protection strategies and goals will ensure broad input from local communities, organizations, and government entities. The plan also will address the educational importance of the battlefield site and identify the means by which this aspect of the plan can best be placed before the public.

**Oklahoma Historical Society  
*Phase II Archaeological Survey***  
**Honey Springs Battlefield**

In 1994 the ABPP supported archaeological investigations on state and private lands north of Elk Creek at the site of the Honey Springs Battlefield. The project surveyed approximately 350 acres of state and private land. The research revealed the site of a concentrated core battle area centered along road swales now identified as Texas Road.

This year's project will continue the archaeological

investigations of these sites.

**Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation, Inc.  
*Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike Civil War Corridor***  
**Rich Mountain, West Virginia**

Currently the Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation and its partners are forming the Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike Alliance to preserve and interpret the Civil War sites along this critical historic route, to coordinate efforts between various sites, and to build public support for these efforts. In the first year of this multiyear project, the ABPP supported a comprehensive resource survey of Civil War and related historic sites along the Turnpike, developed an interpretive plan for Rich Mountain Battlefield as well as coordination of interpretive plans with related turnpike sites, and outlined a corridor plan for the turnpike.

In the new project the RMBF will continue efforts to preserve, interpret, and coordinate the Civil War sites and heritage resources along the historic Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike and its connecting pikes. Other efforts will focus on the continued development of community support and consensus for the corridor through such means as public meetings and cooperation with private landowners.

**Tennessee Historical Commission  
*Preparation of National Register Nominations and Tennessee Civil War Sites Preservation Plan***  
**Statewide**

In 1988 the Tennessee Division of Archaeology began a series of comprehensive surveys to identify and record Civil War military sites throughout the state using Historic Preservation Grant funds administered by the Tennessee Historical

Commission. The first survey was confined to the mid-state area and recorded a total of 143 Civil War battlefield sites ranging from entrenchments, redoubts, forts, and blockhouses to battlefield military headquarters sites and railroad guard posts.

The current project will use these data to develop historic contexts, to nominate approximately 50 National Register nominations, and to produce a regional preservation plan for these sites.

**The Trust for Public Land, Inc.  
*The Atlanta Campaign Land Protection Initiative***  
**Resaca, Georgia**

In cooperation with Georgia's Civil War Commission, Historic Preservation Division, Department of Community Affairs, and other interested groups, the Trust for Public Land (TPL) will provide planning and training in negotiating conservation easements within the Atlanta Campaign Corridor. Under a conservation easement, landowners continue to own and manage the use of the property, but may agree to restrict development on the site, allow some types of public use, or provide opportunities for interpretation. The landowner voluntarily establishes the final terms of the conservation easement. This technique provides one of the most cost-efficient methods of protecting important sites. TPL will provide planning, training, and continued technical assistance for negotiating conservation easements to a select group of volunteers and property owners. The project will focus on the site of the Battle of Resaca, complementing the Resaca Civil War Resources Preservation Plan currently being conducted by the Historic Preservation Division in cooperation with the National Park Service.

**Virginia Department of Historic Resources-CWSAC Sites Survey  
Statewide**

In cooperation with the American Battlefield Protection Program, the VDHR will expand and build on a program for completing the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Survey of Civil War battlefields in Virginia, including: augmented survey files containing additional documentation and completed survey forms; updated topographic maps; current photographs of the battlefields; and completing a survey report. VDHR will distribute the final data to appropriate local governments and Planning District Commissions and will make its staff available to discuss the survey program and its findings.

The VDHR will also produce a *Guidebook to Virginia's Civil War Battlefields*, which will present the findings of this work to the general public. The *Guidebook* will be hardbound, liberally illustrated, and will feature descriptions and maps for each of the more than 100 Civil War battlefields in Virginia.

Coosa Valley Regional Development Center—Georgia Department of Natural Resources (SHPO)—Southeast Tennessee Development District—Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission—Chickamauga-Chattonooga National Military Park—National Park Service Southeast Regional Office Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program Chattanooga Area Civil War

***Sites Assessment  
Tennessee and Georgia***

This public/private effort will survey, evaluate, and plan for the preservation of Civil War sites in the growing Chattanooga metropolitan area. This will occur outside National Park Service boundaries.

During a two-and-a-half-year period, the project planning team will assess the significance of more than 50 Civil War battlefield sites in Hamilton County, TN, and Catoosa and Walker counties, GA. When completed, the team will then develop objectives for the protection and management of each site, identify protection strategies, and work with local and regional planning agencies to encourage private landowners to preserve these historic places.

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