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Saving America's Civil War Battlefields

Florida

Battlefield Preservation
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Preserving Our Battlefield Heritage

Every year, hundreds of acres of our nation's most important battlefields associated with the Civil War, the American Revolution and the War of 1812 are threatened by uncontrolled development. Preservationists struggle to save these hallowed grounds so that future generations can experience and appreciate the places where the nation's freedoms were won, expanded, and preserved.

The Civil War Trust (the "Trust") is America's largest nonprofit organization devoted to the preservation of our nation's endangered Civil War battlefields. The Trust also promotes educational programs and heritage tourism initiatives to inform the public of the war's history and the fundamental conflicts that sparked it.

To further support our state and local partners, the Trust, through a grant from the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP), have identified a multiplicity of national and state-level funding sources for the preservation of battlefields across the country recognized by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission and the Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States. This information is being made available through both our website and within individual booklets for each of the 30 states with associated battlefields from these three wars. Each booklet offers an in-depth analysis of funding opportunities to save valuable battlefield properties. When available, stories of success are illustrated and past partnerships for funding explored.

This project is part of a collaborative effort in which ABPP relied on the Trust to use its extensive experience to identify a variety of state-centered preservation funding sources both for battlefields associated with the Civil War as well as the American Revolution and the War of 1812. The American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP), authorized by Congress and administered by the National Park Service, promotes the preservation of significant historic battlefields associated with wars on American soil. The goals of the program are 1) to protect battlefields and sites associated with armed conflicts that influenced the course of our history, 2) to encourage and assist all Americans in planning for the preservation, management and interpretation of these sites, and 3) to raise awareness of the importance of preserving battlefields and related sites for future generations. The ABPP focuses primarily on land use, cultural resource and site management planning and public education.

In 1991, Congress established the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission. The Commission was charged with identifying significant Civil War sites, determining their condition, assessing threats to their integrity, and offering alternatives for their preservation and interpretation. Classification of each battlefield is based on the level of military importance within its campaign and the war. Class A and B battlefields represent the principal strategic operations of the war. Class C and D battlefields usually represent operations with limited tactical objectives of enforcement and occupation. Some 10,500 armed conflicts occurred during the Civil War ranging from battles to minor skirmishes. Of those, 384 principal battles occurred in 26 states.

In 1996, Congress enacted legislation to examine the historical integrity of two of our nation's earliest wars – the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Over the next ten years, the National Park Service identified and documented 677 significant places associated with these conflicts. The study examined the condition of 243 battlefields and 434 associated historic properties in 31 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The identification and assessment of these sites followed the same criteria as that used by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission.

In addition to these booklets, the Civil War Trust website - www.civilwar.org – provides preservationists with additional up-to-date information on funding in a concise format that we hope will lend guidance to those seeking opportunities for land acquisition and protection. The Trust’s online database, designed to equip preservationists with the essential information needed to pursue these resources, is an important part of our ongoing mission to save significant battlefield properties. On our website you will also find current information on battlefield preservation and other educational materials.

Today, the Civil War Trust is working with national, state and local individuals, organizations and agencies to preserve these nonrenewable historic resources; battlefields. We hope the material provided on our website and in each of these booklets will support your preservation efforts. With your help, we can all make a difference.

Saving Florida's Battlefields

The American Revolution and the War of 1812

The *Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States* from 2007 identified battlefield sites from both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. The state of Florida has three Revolutionary War battlefields. Of these, two are Priority II: Thomas Creek and Fort Tonym/Alligator Creek Bridge. The third, Pensacola, has been destroyed or fragmented to a degree that only commemorative preservation opportunities exist. There are three additional historic properties associated with the Revolutionary War. Florida has two War of 1812 battlefields; both at Pensacola; they are ranked Priority I and II sites. There is one additional historic site associated with the War of 1812. The Fort of Pensacola is a Class A Principal site associated with both wars.

The Civil War

The 1993 Civil War Sites Advisory Commission (CWSAC) Report identified six principal battlefield sites in the state of Florida. The historic tracts of these battlefields total 25,500 acres. Today, 56 percent or 14,600 acres, of these sites remain intact. Of these, 5,064 acres of land are protected by public or private entities. Using the priority ranking system of the CWSAC Report, these six battlefields are:

Fort Brooke (f004) Class D
Natural Bridge (f006) Class C
Olstee (f005) Class B
Saint John's Bluff (f003) Class D
Santa Rosa Island (f001) Class C
Tampa (f002) Class D

The vast majority of protected Civil War battlefield lands in Florida are held by two federal agencies, the National Park Service (NPS) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service. At Saint John's Bluff and Santa Rosa Island, the NPS owns and manages 4,000 acres of battlefield lands. At Olustee, 688 acres of battlefield land are encompassed within the boundaries of the Osceola National Forest. Though the forest is owned federally, the battlefield land is managed by the State of Florida as the Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park. Additionally, 306 acres of the Olustee Battlefield are protected within the Forest Service's Olustee Experimental Forest.

In Florida, three Civil War battlefields are ranked Priority III, having some, but needing additional, protection. These are Natural Bridge, Olustee and Santa Rosa Island. The remaining three sites were deemed Priority IV, fragmented due to modern intrusion.

Recently, the State of Florida increased its holding at Natural Bridge Battlefield from 11 to 66 acres. Partnerships between Florida Forever (see below), a state land acquisition program, and the Natural Bridge Historical Society, Inc. and the Civil War Trust facilitated this acquisition in 2009. In total, the Civil War Trust has helped save 110 acres at Natural Bridge.

Through the Civil War Battlefield Acquisition Grants program, Congress has appropriated \$38.9 million to this program, protecting 16,600 acres in 67 battlefields in 14 states. No Civil War battlefield in Florida has received funding from this program. No Civil War battlefield in Florida has received funding for preservation planning projects from the American Battlefield Protection Program.

STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING PROGRAMS

Historic Preservation Grants Program

The Historic Preservation Grants Program allocates state funds appropriated by the state legislature and federal funds apportioned to the state by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, for the preservation and protection of the state's historic and archaeological sites and properties. The program is administered by the Bureau of Historic Preservation, Division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State. Two types of grants are awarded through this program: Small Matching Grants and Special Category Grants.

The purpose of Small Matching Grants funding is to identify, excavate and rehabilitate historic and archaeological sites in Florida; to provide public information about these important resources; and to encourage historic preservation in smaller cities through the Florida Main Street program. Types of historic preservation projects that can be funded include:

- Acquisition and development projects
- Protection and education activities
- Community education projects
- National Register nominations
- Historical markers
- Special statewide projects

Eligible applicants are state agencies, including universities, cities, counties, units of local government and nonprofit organizations. The application period for Small Matching Grants opens April 1. Deadline for submission of applications will be 11:59 p.m. on May 31. Applications will be evaluated in the fall by Grant Review Panels appointed by the secretary of state on a competitive basis for historic significance, endangerment, appropriateness of the preservation treatment proposed, administrative capability of the organization, adequacy of technical and financial resources, educational potential, economic benefits and public good resulting from the project.

Small Matching Grants provide assistance up to \$50,000. The grantee is required to provide a matching share equal to the grant award in any combination of in-kind services, volunteer labor or donated materials and travel, plus cash-on-hand, which must constitute a minimum of 25 percent of the total match.

Special Category Grants

The purpose of Special Category Grant funding is to assist major site-specific archaeological excavations, the major restoration or rehabilitation of historic buildings or structures and major museum exhibits involving the development and presentation of information on the history of Florida. Types of projects eligible for Special Category funding include:

- Acquisition of historic property
- Moving of a historic building or structure that is under threat of demolition or destruction due to natural causes
- Rehabilitation of a historic building or property
- Major archaeological investigations of a site or closely related sites

Eligible applicants include state agencies, universities, and local governments and units of local governments, as well as nonprofit organizations. The Special Category Grant application period typically opens on September 1. Deadline for submission of applications of 11:59 p.m. on October 31. Special Category Grant applications are evaluated at a public meeting in December by the Florida Historical Commission (FHC). The applications are evaluated, on a competitive basis, on historic significance, endangerment, appropriateness of the preservation treatment proposed, administrative capability of the organization, adequacy of technical and financial resources, educational potential,

economic benefits and public good resulting from the project. Special Category Grants provide assistance between \$50,000 and \$350,000. The grantee is required to provide a matching share of either \$50,000 or 50 percent of the award request, whichever is the higher amount. The match may be any combination of in-kind services, volunteer labor, donated materials or travel, plus cash on hand which must constitute a minimum of 25 percent of the total match.

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Florida Forever



The state of Florida has 34.7 million acres, of which approximately 25 percent is under a federal, state or local conservation management program. Of these 9.9 million protected acres, more than 2.5 million acres were purchased by Florida Forever or its predecessor Preservation 2000. Since its inception in 2001, the Florida Forever program has acquired more than 683,000 acres of land with \$2.87 billion, including 834 acres of archaeological/historic sites. The program is administered under the Department of Environmental Protection. When the state legislature appropriates funding for the program, the department distributes the funding among several state agencies and programs to purchase public lands in the form of parks, trails, forests, wildlife management areas and more. All of these lands are held in trust for the citizens of Florida. Anyone may propose the acquisition of a new Florida Forever project or the increase of lands at an existing site.

Currently, more than 1,500 acres of battlefield lands at Natural Bridge and Olostee are within four different Florida Forever projects. These lands are under environmental conservation; however, the program's goals and policies are compatible with historic landscape preservation principles.

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PRIVATE FUNDING PROGRAMS

Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy

Since 1990, the mission of Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy has been to foster exemplary land stewardship through research, conservation and education. Protecting more than 126,000 acres, the organization's primary research focus is the ecology and management of fire-dependent ecosystems and wildlife in the Southeastern Coastal Plain. Long-term research is the hallmark of Tall Timbers Research Station, providing the basic knowledge of how ecosystem processes work over many years and under varying weather conditions. This research is the foundation of prudent land management. These conservation efforts are dedicated to helping protect the distinctive, rural landscape of South Georgia and North Florida and its traditional land uses. The National Register of Historic Places designated Tall Timbers Plantation as Florida's first cultural landscape in 1989.

Preservation efforts have largely ignored the history, culture and artifacts of the people who lived on and farmed most of the land of the old South- tenant farmers. Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy is working to ensure that this life is not forgotten by restoring one of the few remaining tenant farm houses and corncribs located on their original farm site in Leon County- the Jones Family Tenant Farm House and Corncrib, built in the early years of the 20th century at Tall Timbers. Over the past eight years, Tall Timbers has worked to restore the tenant house and corncrib to their original state, gather oral histories from surviving family members and accurately preserve the cultural legacy of the African American tenant farming communities on Tall Timbers Plantation. During this time, more than \$260,000 has been raised from public and private sources to restore the site.

The research station also maintains the Mellon Archives, institutional records from 1958 to the present. Private papers, included diaries from 1891 to 1963 of Henry Ludlow Beadel and his wife Genevieve Dillon Beadel, as well as their extensive film collection; correspondence and field notes of Herbert L. Stoddard (1925–1966); correspondence, field notes and photographs of Edward V. Komarek and Roy Komarek (1930s–1980s); correspondence and field notes of Henry Stevenson for *The Birdlife of Florida*. The archives are mainly for use by staff. External use is limited, and a request for access must be in writing.

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Land Trusts

There are 21 land trusts operating in the state of Florida. While many land trusts work strictly in nature conservation, some have resources and often partner with other nonprofit organizations, municipalities and small groups to conserve land containing historically significant cultural resources. A full list of Florida land trusts can be found here: http://fndalandtrust.org/states/florida12/land_trusts#statewide

North Florida Land Trust



The North Florida Land Trust (NFLT) has been protecting lands in North Florida since 1999. The NFLT owns 350 acres and protects more than 500 acres through conservation easements, conserving scenic, natural, agricultural and open land for the future of northeast Florida in seven counties by:

- Developing long-term land protection strategies
- Promoting private and public funding for land conservation
- Acquiring land and conservation easements
- Promoting stewardship, including the restoration of conservation properties
- Promoting a sense of place and a land ethic through activities, education and outreach

Preservation of open space benefits the community by adding to quality of life values for the residents of the community, preserving precious natural habitats and the rural character of Northeast Florida for future generations. The NFLT currently holds four Conservation Easements and is actively fund-raising for acquisitions in Duval, St. Johns and Nassau Counties.

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