



Texas

Battlefield Preservation 2015 Potential Funding Sources



Table of Contents

Introduction	3
Saving Texas Battlefields	5
State Government Funding Programs	5
Private Funding Programs	6
Civil War Trust Contacts	7

THE CIVIL WAR TRUST

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 Texas Battlefields

The Civil War

No Revolutionary War or War of 1812 battlefields or sites have been identified in Texas. The 1993 Civil War Sites Advisory Commission (CWSAC) report identified five principal battlefield sites in the state of Texas. The historic tracts of these battlefields total 44,000 acres. Today, 21 percent or 9,300 acres, retain sufficient integrity to warrant protection. Of these, more than 9,600 acres of this collective battlefield land survives. Using the priority ranking system of the CWSAC report, these five battlefields are:

Galveston (tx002) Class D
Galveston (tx003) Class B
Palmito Ranch (tx005) Class D
Sabine Pass (tx001) Class C
Sabine Pass II (tx006) Class B

None of Texas Civil War battlefields attained a Priority I ranking, though Sabine Pass II and Palmito Ranch are Priority II sites. The former is fragmented, however. At the latter, 5,400 acres are listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and compose the Palmito Ranch Battlefield National Historic Landmark (NHL). A large portion of this battlefield is protected in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Lower Rio Grande River Valley National Wildlife Refuge. There are an additional 3,400 acres at this site that retain integrity and warrant an expansion of the NRHP and NHL boundaries. Collectively, 400 acres of Sabine Pass II are protected at separate sites under the Texas Point National Wildlife Refuge and the 58-acre Sabine Pass Battleground State Historical Site. However, the battlefield as a whole has been compromised by modern intrusions and development. Sabine Pass I, a Priority III site, has suffered from the same industrialization. The two Galveston sites have no protected battlefield lands. Dredging has largely destroyed the landscape at both of these Priority IV sites.

Congress has appropriated \$38.9 million to the Civil War Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants (CWBLAG) program, protecting 16,600 acres in 67 battlefields in 14 states. No CWBLAG money has been used to protect historic Civil War battlefield lands in Texas. The American Battlefield Protection Program has awarded \$104,175 for preservation planning at Texas battlefield sites.

STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING PROGRAMS

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

The mission of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is to manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. After the 82nd Texas Legislature suspended 100 percent funding in FY2012 - 2013, the 83rd Texas Legislature restored approximately half of the Texas Recreation Parks Account (TRPA) for the 2014 - 2015 biennium. Funding will become available in 2014 for the Local Park Grant Program and the Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP). The Texas Recreation and Parks Account (TRPA) is funded through a portion of Texas sales tax received on select sporting good items. The TRPA is administered by TPWD's Recreation Grants Branch and funds five grant programs. These grant programs include: Outdoor Recreation, Indoor Recreation, Small Community and Community Outdoor Outreach Program.

TPWD
4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744
Phone: (512) 389-4800
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/

The TPWD administers the National Recreational Trails Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles. The grants can be up to 80 percent of project cost with a maximum of \$200,000 for nonmotorized trail grants, and currently, there is not a maximum amount for motorized trail grants (call 512-389-8224 for motorized trail grant funding availability). Funds can be spent on both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects such as the construction of new recreational trails, improving existing trails, to develop trailheads or trailside facilities, and acquiring trail corridors. Application deadline is February 1 each year.

PRIVATE FUNDING PROGRAMS

Galveston Bay Foundation

The mission of the Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF) is to preserve, protect and enhance the natural resources of the Galveston Bay estuarine system and its tributaries for present users and for posterity. The Foundation was incorporated in July 1987 and owns about 3,000 acres of property identified as having significant habitat or educational value. This acreage, conserved for the future, allows the GBF to demonstrate restoration and management techniques for use in the Bay system. Committees established by the Trustees of the Foundation will develop specific objectives designed to meet these goals of the Foundation, including the required fund-raising efforts.

Galveston Bay Foundation
17330 Highway 3
Webster, TX 77598-4133
Phone: (281) 332-3381
<http://galvbay.org/index.html>

CONTACT

JIM CAMPI, Director of Policy and Communications
Civil War Trust
jcampi@civilwar.org

As Director of Policy and Communications at the Civil War Trust, Jim Campi is responsible for the organization's government and media relations. He serves as the Civil War Trust's spokesperson with the press as well as its point man with Congress, state legislators, and local elected officials. Jim joined the Trust in September 2000 after 14 years in political communications and administration. He is the author and contributing writer for several books and publications, including *Civil War Battlefields Then and Now*, *The Political Lincoln*, and *The Civil War 150*. Jim is also a member of the board of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground and Franklin's Charge.

MARK COOMBS, State and Local Relations Manager
Civil War Trust
mcoombs@civilwar.org

As State and Local Relations Manager at the Civil War Trust, Mark Coombs serves as the organization's advocate in historic communities across the United States, cultivating public and political enthusiasm for battlefield preservation and organizing grassroots activists in support of the Trust's mission. A veteran of political and public affairs campaigns at all levels, Mark is a 2008 graduate of Cornell University, where he was Co-President of the Alpha Beta Eta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.

PHIL THOMASON, Principal
Thomason and Associates
Thomason@bellsouth.net

Phil Thomason is Principal of the historic preservation planning firm of Thomason and Associates. Founded in 1982, this company provides services such as historic preservation plans, cultural resource surveys, Section 106 review and design guidelines for historic districts. During the past decade the company has completed eight battlefield preservation plans and numerous other studies for the American Battlefield Protection Program in Arkansas, Tennessee, Virginia, Minnesota, Missouri and Georgia.

DAVID CURREY, Principal
Encore Interpretive Design
david@encoreinterpretive.net

David Currey is principal at Encore, a company that specializes in interpretive planning, exhibit design, and media development for historic sites, museums, government agencies and preservation organizations. Encore also produces independent documentaries, including works on Civil War Nashville, the Battle of Parker's Crossroads, the Civil War in Tennessee and, more recently, an hour-long biography on Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus for the National Park Service.



This project was funded in part through a grant from the American Battlefield Protection Program and the National Park Service.

Front cover: Sabine Pass