

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES ANNOUNCES  
CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS PRESERVATION  
AND STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

Virginia's "Unclaimed" Civil War Battlefields—A Preservation Opportunity,  
A Preservation Challenge

DAY 1 - Thursday October 23, 2014

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**Opening Remarks 9:00 am**

- Julie Langan, Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources
- Dr. Debbie Sydow, President, Richard Bland College

**The State of Battlefield Preservation in the Commonwealth** 9:15

- An overview by noted Author and Historian, John Salmon

**The American Battlefield Protection Program:  
Approach, Tools and Resources for Battlefield Stewards** 9:45

- Kristen McMasters, Grants Manager, American Battlefield Protection Program

**Mid-Morning Break – 15 minutes**

**The Lifecycle of Battlefield Preservation and Stewardship Organizations** 10:30  
**Best Practices – Lessons Learned Part I**

- Forming:** Lessons learned from recently formed Battlefield Friends Groups
- Sue Cochrane, Board of Directors, Appomattox 1865 Foundation
  - Drew Gruber, Public Relations Officer, Williamsburg Battlefield Association
  - Maureen Finnerty, Chairman, Manassas Battlefield Trust (*Afternoon Panel Participant*)

**Lunch Break** 12:00

**The Lifecycle of Battlefield Preservation and Stewardship Organizations** 12:45  
**Best Practices – Lessons Learned Part II**

**Storming, Norming, and Performing:** Organizing effectively to overcome conflict and staying on mission; Lessons learned for Maintaining Membership, Volunteers, Fundraising, Identifying and Prioritizing Preservation Projects, Advocacy, Education:  
Presentations by Friends of Wilderness Battlefield and other well-established organizations

- Zann Nelson, President, Friends of Wilderness Battlefield
- Ben Brockenbrough, Board of Directors, Richmond Battlefields Association
- Erik Nelson, past President, Central Virginia Battlefield Trust

**Best -Practices Panel Discussion:** Representative members from Friends Groups, and Land Trusts will respond to audience questions on lessons learned, and best practices.

**Afternoon Break – 15 minutes**

**Support for Local Preservation and Stewardship Organization** 2:45

A panel discussion identifying national and regional partnership and assistance programs available for local preservation and stewardship.

- Paul Coussan, Policy Associate, Civil War Trust
- Pamela Goddard, Program Manager, National Parks Conservation Association
- Siobhan O’Riordan, Director of Partner Development, National Park Foundation
- Kristen McMasters, Grants Manager, American Battlefield Protection Program

**Battlefield Preservation and Stewardship Near You**

3:30

Small Group Discussions that will:

- Identify battlefield resources near you in need of local partnerships
- Identify local partnership organizations near you in need of preservation and stewardship
- Identify opportunities for assistance from regional, state, and national partners

**Closing Comments**

5:00

**Outdoor Reception**

5:30

Participants are welcomed to enjoy a light reception within one of the college's two historic pecan groves.

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**DAY 2: Friday October 24, 2014 “Spotlight on Petersburg”**

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**Opening Remarks 9:00 am**

- Delegate Rosalyn Dance, District 63, Virginia House of Delegates

**Petersburg – Regional Opportunities for Preservation and Stewardship 9:15**

An introduction to the significance, opportunities and challenges influencing the abundant Civil War sites in the Petersburg Region, and an update on recent developments to establish non-profit support.

- Chris Calkins, Historian, Author, Park Manager - Sailor’s Creek Battlefield, DCR
- Chip Mann, Author, Policy and Preservation Advocate, Virginia DHR Board of Directors
- Tim Bluemenschine, Liaison, Biologist Petersburg National Battlefield

**A Regional Perspective – Case Studies from Regional Preservation Groups 10:15**

Case studies in building, developing, and managing regional organizations for battlefield preservation and stewardship from Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, and Mosby Heritage Area

- Judy Reynolds, Executive Director, Mosby Heritage Area
- Keven Walker, Executive Director ; John Hutchinson Director of Conservation, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation

**Mid-Morning Break 15 minutes**

**Regional Priorities – Petersburg Region 11:15**

Small-Group Discussions to determine:

- Identify preservation and stewardship priorities for Petersburg regional battlefields
- Identify which models of regional preservation and support best fit stated needs
- Identify local partnership opportunities for leadership and management
- Identify partnership opportunities from state and national partners that support the formation of a regional preservation and stewardship group in Petersburg

**Closing Comments 12:45**

**Lunch Break 1:00**

**Battlefield Tour 1:45 – 5:00**

Attendees will travel to Ream’s Station, and the Breakthrough to view and discuss the urgency for advocacy and preservation partnerships. Will Greene will lead participants through different models of interpretation and education partnership at Pamplin Historical Park. Attendees are welcomed to tour the balance of the Pamplin grounds on their own following the guided tour.

- Matt George, Land Stewardship Manager, Civil War Trust
- Will Greene, Executive Director, Pamplin Historical Park

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