

Annual Stewardship Report (ASR)

Property: Battery Dantzler Tracts		County: Chesterfield	Site Visit Date: 6/5/2018
File No: 020-5319-0002_ep		Acreage: 14.749	Co-Holder: None
Previous Documentation		Date	
Baseline Documentation Report (BDR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5/20/2014 by w. Musumeci and J. Wilson Green	
Present Condition Report (PCR)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Previous Site Visit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8/11/2015 by B. McDonald	
Describe any changes that have occurred since the previous site visit:			
Interpretive signs were updated in the adjacent public park, though no signs have been added within the easement boundaries.			
Does the Property Owner have future plans for changes to the property? Explain.			
Beyond the 2014 conceptual master plan for a consolidated Battery Dantzler Park, no new future plans for the property have been identified.			
Existing Principal Buildings, Structures, and Sites:			
The following PROTECTED buildings, outbuildings, and structures exist as of the date of this report:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 14.79 acres of battlefield landscape within the core area of the Ware Bottom Church Battlefield 2. Civil War earthworks known as Battery Dantzler 3. Portions of archaeological sites 4CF0130 and 44CF0578 located within the parcel. 			
Existing Conditions at Time of Site Visit:			
The parcel is located on the north side of Battery Dantzler Road (Route 975) in eastern Chesterfield County. The approximately 14-acre parcel contains intact portions of a Confederate defensive work known as the Howlett Line which was constructed during the Bermuda Hundred campaign (May 1864-April 1865) of the Civil War. The parcel is almost entirely covered in a dense forest consisting of mixed hardwoods and pine. The parcel is bounded on the south by Battery Dantzler Road, on the west by a corridor for an overhead power transmission line, on the north by the James River, and on the east by the Battery Dantzler Historical Park, a public park maintained by the Chesterfield County Department of Parks and Recreation. At present, the parcel remains in passive use and there are no improvements (e.g. roads, trails, amenities). The Civil War-era remains within the parcel appear to be in good condition and under no significant threat. Previous monitoring visits encountered evidence of looting, but no looter holes were seen in this visit. According to Chesterfield County staff, looting activity has been significantly reduced in the county's public parks in the last few years.			
Public Access Reported Since Previous Site Visit:			
The property is publicly visible from Battery Dantzler Road and the adjacent historical park entrance trail.			
Photo Documentation for Future Monitoring to Include:			
Exterior elevations of the main historic building(s) and structures (4)			
Interior architectural features and spaces			
Exterior elevations or oblique views of existing buildings and structures			
All new construction (after date of easement) on the property			
Open space and property boundaries			
Ground disturbance (other than gardening) or archaeological activity			
Any deteriorated features or features otherwise requiring attention			

Property Information:		
Property Address: 1828-1832 Battery Dantzler Road, Chester, VA 23836		
Directions: From Richmond, take I-95 South to Exit 61A for VA Route 10 East toward Hopewell. Merge on to Route 10/Hundred Road toward Hopewell. Travel for 0.5 miles and turn left onto Old Stage Road. Take the first right on to Battery Dantzler Road, property is on the left. Park in gravel lot of Battery Dantzler Historical Park. To enter the tract, do not follow the park trail but walk through the tree line on your left (facing the river), into the wooded area.		
Owner Mailing Address: Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation, c/o Stuart Connock, P.O. Box 40, Chesterfield, VA 23832		
Phone: (804) 751-4484	Email: connocks@chesterfield.gov	
Notes/Additional Information:		
The trail leading from the parking area does not go to the easement tract but leads to the adjacent, already-developed public park. Once you park in the parking area, the Battery Dantzler tract begins beyond the tree line on your left, as you face towards the river. To enter the tract, do not follow the trail but walk through the tree line into the wooded area.		
Attachments:		Notes:
Photographic Documentation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Digital
Maps (photo point map, survey, aerial map):	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Site Visit Conducted by: Robert Watkins and Charlotte Walters		
Photos Taken by: Robert Watkins		
Report Prepared by: Robert Watkins, Easement Stewardship Technician, and Brad McDonald who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Architectural History and Archaeology.		

PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION



Photo 1. View towards easement tract from public park road, Battery Dantzler Tract, 6/7/2018.



Photo 2. Battery Dantzler Tract, 6/7/2018.



Photo 3. Battery Dantzler Tract, 6/7/2018.



Photo 4. Battery Dantzler Tract, 6/7/2018.



Photo 5. View of earthworks, Battery Dantzler Tract, 6/7/2018.



Photo 6. View of earthworks, Battery Dantzler Tract, 6/7/2018.



Photo 7. View towards tract from road, Battery Dantzler Tract, 6/7/2018.



Photo 8. View towards tract and adjacent power lines, Battery Dantzler Tract, 6/7/2018.