

Annual Stewardship Report (ASR)

Property: Walthall Baptist Church Tract		County: Chesterfield	Site Visit Date: 6/19/2018
File No: 020-5319-0001_ep		Acreage: 11.51	Co-Holder: None
Previous Documentation		Date	
Baseline Documentation Report (BDR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8/29/2013, W. Musumeci and M. Melinat	
Present Condition Report (PCR)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Previous Site Visit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8/11/2015, B. McDonald	
Describe any changes that have occurred since the previous site visit:			
New footpaths lead from the adjacent public park into the Walthall Baptist Church Tract, circling the Civil War earthworks. Several new interpretive signs discuss the property's Civil War history, and the footpath crosses a creek bed on a new wooden bridge.			
Does the Property Owner have future plans for changes to the property? Explain.			
Chesterfield County parks staff indicated plans to create a new trail from the west or south perimeter of the adjacent public park, connecting the clearing to a nearby residential neighborhood.			
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. .51 acres of battlefield landscape within the core area of the Ware Bottom Church Battlefield 2. Archaeological remains of the 1864 Confederate winter encampment 			
Existing Exterior and Interior Architectural Features of the Main Historic Building:			
The Walthall Baptist Church tract immediately adjoins Howlett Line Park, a public park located in a suburban residential area. The property does not front a public road, and is shielded from road noise and other modern disturbances by the adjacent residential tracts that form most of the property's perimeter. Cleared footpaths enter the tract from a corner of the public park's clearing. The path forks and leads visitors either through or around the Civil War earthworks. New interpretive signs accompany the trails and introduce the site's history as a Civil War encampment. The footpaths descend towards a creek bed, which is crossed by a new wooden footbridge. The land is heavily forested but appears to be well-maintained. While several fallen trees and branches litter the forest floor, no fallen trees or unearthed roots have disturbed the earthworks. DHR staff found no evidence of unsanctioned excavations or other signs of looting.			
Public Access Reported Since Previous Site Visit:			
The site is visible and accessible through the adjacent public park.			
Photo Documentation for Future Monitoring to Include:			
General views of open space/forested cover and property boundaries			
Views of general condition of earthwork features and Civil War-era hut sites			
Changes in land usage			
All new construction on the property			
Ground disturbance (other than gardening) or archaeological activity			
Any deteriorated features or features otherwise requiring attention			
New roads, trails, interpretive signage, and utilities			
Property Information:			

Property Address: 14150 Howlett Line Road, Colonial Heights, VA 23834		
Directions: From Richmond, take I-95 South to Exit 61A (Hopewell) and merge onto Route 10 East (Hundred Road). After 0.8 miles, turn right on to Old Stage Road. Take the first left onto Ware Bottom Spring Road, then the second right onto Ramblewood Drive. Turn right onto Old Bermuda Hundred Road, then left onto Lawing Drive. Turn left onto Route 620 (Wood's Edge Road) and then right onto Howlett Line Drive. Property may be accessed through the entrance to the county park.		
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:		
Please note that the easement property is not the public park, Howlett Line Park, which consists of a clearing, parking area, and ramp through earthworks. The easement can be accessed through the rear corner of the clearing in the public park.		
Attachments:		Notes:
Photographic Documentation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Digital
Maps (photo point map, survey, aerial map):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Site Visit Conducted by: Robert Watkins and Charlotte Walters		
Photos Taken by: Charlotte Walters		
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. New ADA-accessible ramp to adjacent public park, Walthall Baptist Church Tract, 6/19/2018.



Photo 2. Footpath leading into easement tract from public park, Walthall Baptist Church Tract, 6/19/2018.



Photo 3. Trail and interpretive sign, Walthall Baptist Church Tract, 6/19/2018.



Photo 4. Earthworks, Walthall Baptist Church Tract, 6/19/2018.



Photo 5. Earthworks, Walthall Baptist Church Tract, 6/19/2018.



Photo 6. New footbridge, Walthall Baptist Church Tract, 6/19/2018.



Photo 7. Footpath, Walthall Baptist Church Tract, 6/19/2018.



Photo 8. Footpath, Walthall Baptist Church Tract, 6/19/2018.



Photo 9. New interpretive sign, Walthall Baptist Church Tract, 6/19/2018.



Photo 10. New interpretive sign, Walthall Baptist Church Tract, 6/19/2018.