

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 9, 2008

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Stephanie Luton, Purchasing Director/Management Services Director

SUBJECT: Spencer's Ordinary and Green Spring Battlefields Mapping and Archaeology Study – Grant Allocation – \$55,224

The Revolutionary War Battles of Spencer's Ordinary and Green Spring were fought on and around County-owned land at Freedom Park and at the Jamestown Beach Campground and Yacht Basin. Infrastructure development is currently underway at Freedom Park and will likely occur in the near future at the Jamestown Beach Campground and Yacht Basin. The boundaries and significant historic landscape features associated with both of these battlefields have never been fully researched in the field using professional archaeological and modern mapping techniques.

In an effort to support the ongoing master planning efforts for the Jamestown Beach Campground and Yacht Basin and the County's Parks and Recreation Division, and provide accurate battlefield boundary information to help guide development on and around these historic sites, staff applied for and received a \$55,224 grant from the American Battlefield Protection Program of the National Park Service. Battlefield boundaries and historic landscape features will be identified through examination of historic maps, literature searches, and selective archaeological testing. A Request for Proposal will be issued to select a professional consultant to conduct these investigations. Final products will include a modern map documenting the battlefield boundaries and features, and a report documenting the findings and methods. These deliverables will provide staff with a more detailed understanding of the location of historic resources and viewsheds associated with these battles. This information can also be used for educational purposes by the County Historical Commission to raise public awareness and support for the protection of these sites.

The County's in-kind match will be staff time and map supplies. No cash match is required.

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution.

Stephanie Luton

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