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National Park Service Awards Loudoun County, Virginia \$60,000 Battlefield Preservation Grant

WASHINGTON -- Loudoun County, Virginia has received a grant of \$60,000 from the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program to prepare a boundary expansion amendment of the current 76 acre National Historic Landmark at the Ball's Bluff Battlefield and National Cemetery to include an additional 2,900 acres. The project will also raise public awareness of the significance of land both in Virginia and Maryland in the midst of major public and private development pressure and serve as a critical element of a program to document and interpret this landscape for future generations. The disastrous Union defeat, which included the death of U.S. Senator Edward Baker, led to the formation of the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War, a Congressional investigating committee created to handle issues surrounding the Civil War.

"The American Battlefield Protection Program supports projects that safeguard, preserve and tell the stories of America's battlefields," said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. "These places are symbols of individual sacrifice and national heritage that we must protect to help this and future generations understand the struggles that shaped and define us as a nation."

This grant is one of 21 from the National Park Service totaling \$1.358 million to preserve and protect significant battle sites from all wars fought on American soil. Funded projects preserve battlefields from the Colonial-Indian Wars through World War II and include site mapping (GPS/GIS data collection), archeological studies, National Register of Historic Places nominations, preservation and management plans.

Federal, state, local, and Tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions are eligible for National Park Service battlefield grants which are awarded annually. Since 1996 more than \$15 million has been awarded by the American Battlefield Protection Program to help preserve significant historic battlefields associated with wars on American soil. Additional information is online at www.nps.gov/abpp.

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