

Germanna-Wilderness Area Plan



Historic and Cultural Assets Inventory

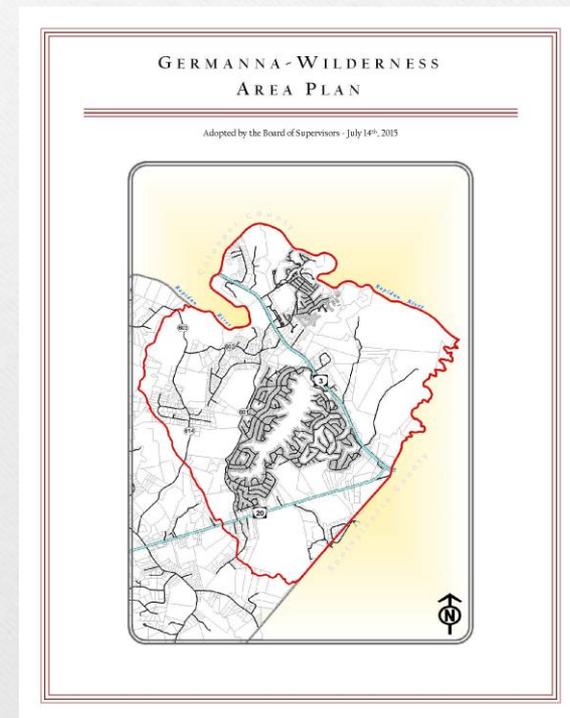
Presented by Zann Nelson, History Quest

Background

- The Germanna-Wilderness Area Plan Steering Committee was formed and held its first meeting in October, 2013.
- After over a year-long planning process, the working draft of the GWAP was finalized in November, 2014, and public comment was opened.
- Following public comment and public hearings by both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, the GWAP was formally adopted as part of the Orange County Comprehensive Plan in July, 2015.

GWAP Recommendations

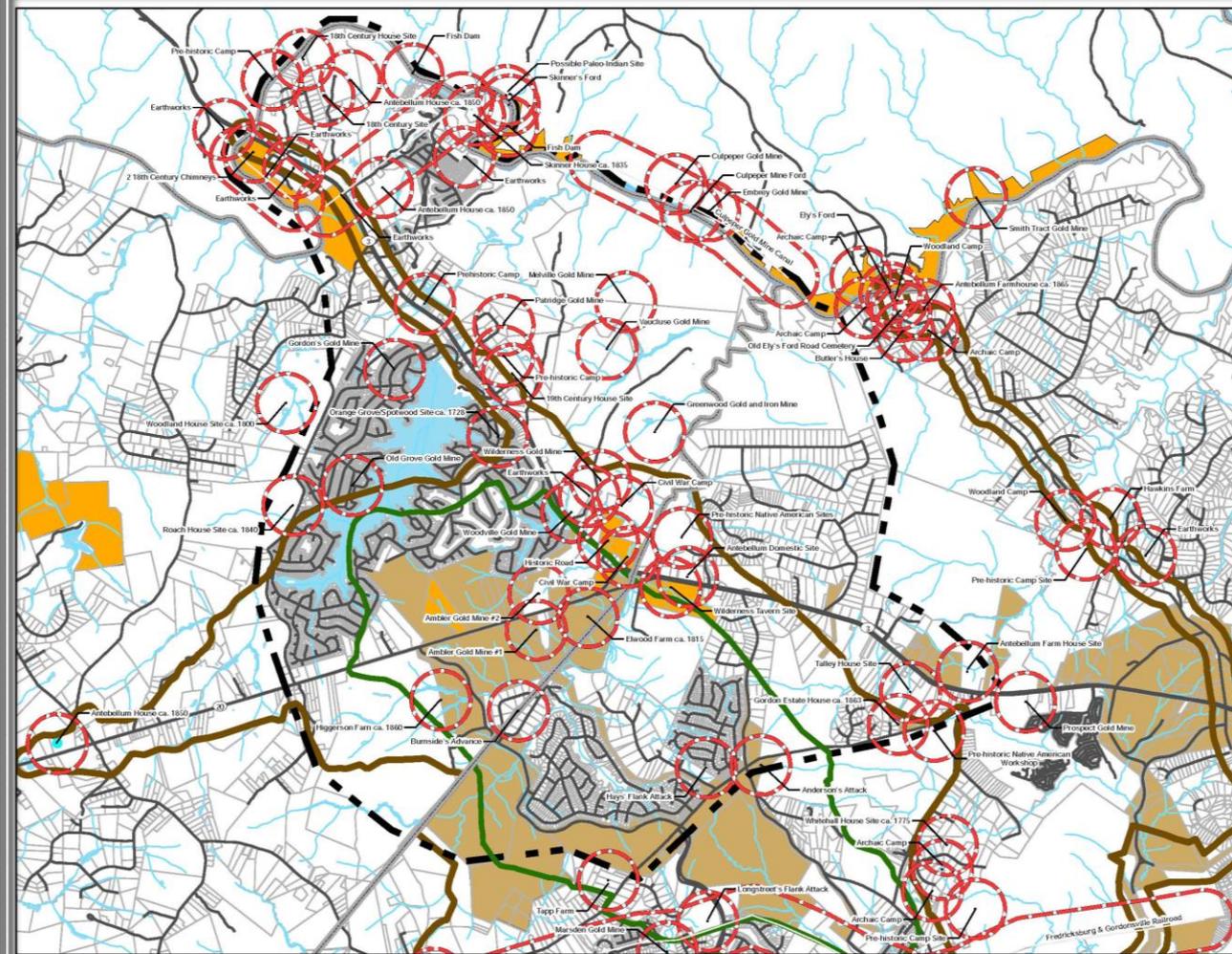
Among other recommendations related to planning and zoning, transportation, economic development, and utilities, the GWAP recommended the development and implementation of a Historic and Cultural Assets Inventory for the properties contained in the boundaries of the Germanna-Wilderness Area.



History Quest's Scope of Work

The County of Orange engaged with Zann Nelson, Owner of History Quest, to develop an inventory “matrix” of the various historic and cultural assets located in the Germanna-Wilderness Area boundaries.

- Phase 1: Prepare the Matrix
- Phase 2: Populate the Matrix
 - General Information
 - Site-Specific Research
- Analyze and Present the Findings



Wilderness Battlefield Gateway Study

April 2012

- Cultural Sites
- Project Boundary
- Wilderness NPS Landholdings
- Other Protected Properties
- ABPP Core Area Boundary
- ABPP Study Area Boundary
- Parcels
- Water Bodies
- Hydrology
- Roads
- County Boundary

HILL
STUDIO

0 1,500 3,000 6,000 Feet

GIS data courtesy of PEC, CWT,
 Spotsylvania County,
 Orange County and the NPS

Project No. GA 2255-09-003

The American Battlefield Protection Program
 (ABPP) is a program of the National Park Service.
 This material is based upon work
 assisted by a grant from the Department
 of the Interior, National Park Service.
 Any opinions, findings, and conclusions
 or recommendations expressed in this
 material are those of the author(s) and
 do not necessarily reflect the views of the
 Department of the Interior.

Cultural Resource Inventory

Cultural Resource Inventory Map, April 2012
 From Wilderness Battlefield Gateway Study

Results of Work

GWAP Subarea	VDHR Site #	Other Site ID	Map	Category	Description	Period
#1 Spotswood	44OR0023		Click	Archaeology	No Data	Woodland
#1 Spotswood	44OR0172		Click	Archaeology	Domestic	Prehistoric
#1 Spotswood	44OR0134		Click	Archaeology	Temporary Camp	Prehistoric
#1 Spotswood	44OR0177		Click	Archaeology	Temporary Camp	Prehistoric
#1 Spotswood	44OR0178		Click	Archaeology	Other	Unknown
#1 Spotswood	44OR0181		Click	Archaeology	Domestic	Prehistoric/Unknown
#1 Spotswood	44OR0182		Click	Archaeology	No Data	Other
#1 Spotswood	44OR0183		Click	Archaeology	No Data	Other
#1 Spotswood	44OR0184		Click	Archaeology	No Data	Other
#1 Spotswood	44OR0353	068-5015	Click	Archaeology	Somerset Ridge Earthworks	Civil War
#1 Spotswood	068-0136		Click	Architecture	House - Chesterville	Pre Civil War
#1 Spotswood	068-0576		Click	Architecture	House	Pre Civil War
#1 Spotswood	068-5015	44OR0353	Click	Architecture	Somerset Ridge Earthworks	Civil War
#1 Spotswood	088-5180		Click	Battlefield	Along Route 3	Civil War
#1 Spotswood	088-5183		Click	Battlefield	Along Route 3	Civil War
#2 Manahoac	44OR0135		Click	Archaeology	Along Route 3	Woodland
#2 Manahoac	44OR0294		Click	Archaeology	Artillery Emplacements	Civil War
#2 Manahoac	068-0574		Click	Architecture	Historic House	Pre Civil War/C. 1835
#2 Manahoac	068-0661		Click	Architecture	House	No Data
#3 Germanna	44OR0003	068-0043	Click	Archaeology	Camp - Enchanted Castle	Woodland/Colonial
#3 Germanna	44OR0017		Click	Archaeology	Earthworks	Civil War
#3 Germanna	44OR0136		Click	Archaeology	Mill Site (Gristmill)	1700-99; 1800-99
#3 Germanna	44OR0137	068-0044	Click	Archaeology	No Data	No Data
#3 Germanna	44OR0138		Click	Archaeology	Earthworks (CSA)	Civil War
#3 Germanna	44OR0155		Click	Archaeology	Burial Mound (Possible)	Woodland/Colonial
#3 Germanna	44OR0159		Click	Archaeology	Co. Courthouse Jail (Possible)	1700-1799
#3 Germanna	44OR0160		Click	Archaeology	No Data	Woodland
#3 Germanna	44OR0161		Click	Archaeology	Mill Site	No Data

Conclusions

1. All sites of potential historic value that are currently recorded in the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) and located within the GWAP area have been reviewed and listed on the Matrix.
2. The description, historic significance (or lack thereof), and all VDHR data is available on the Matrix.
3. The GWAP area, in keeping with the vast amount of undeveloped Virginia land, has trace evidence of Virginia's vast history.
4. The sites designated as either eligible or potentially eligible for Federal listing on the National Register for Historic Places are fortunately already protected, either by The National Park Service, the Germanna Colonists Foundation, an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, or are in private ownership.
5. These sites preserve, and in many cases, interpret the vast history of Colonial Settlement and the American Civil War.
6. Most of the remaining sites have either been determined ineligible for Federal Listing or do not contain enough substance to add value to the existing protected locations.
7. There are a few additional sites that reflect opportunities for interpretation of other periods of Virginia history.

Recommendations

- a. Partnering, where feasible, with the identified groups to support their efforts to preserve and interpret the history of Colonial Settlement and the American Civil War.
- b. Focus attention and available resources on the existing sites whose related histories have not yet been preserved or interpreted, but that would add an even broader appeal as a tourism destination within the GWAP area:
 - a. Native Americans;
 - b. African Americans; and
 - c. the Gold Mining industry.
- c. Examples of future possibilities could include:
 - a. Interpretive signage along a walking trail or recreational park near the Rapidan River that identifies American Indian activity.
 - b. An outdoor exhibit located on an accessible and appropriate site that interprets the vast story of Gold Mining, including the village of Vacluse.
 - c. Interpretive signage at Pilgrim Church.

Questions?
