

Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural  
Activities  
and  
The Office of Historic Alexandria

Fort Ward Park Update



City Council Regular Meeting  
April 27, 2010





# FORT WARD PARK CONTEXT



Sports Field  
and Tennis  
Courts

VAN DORN STREET

St. Stephens / St.  
Agnes School

WEST BRADDOCK ROAD

# Manager on Duty and Reservation Check-in Station



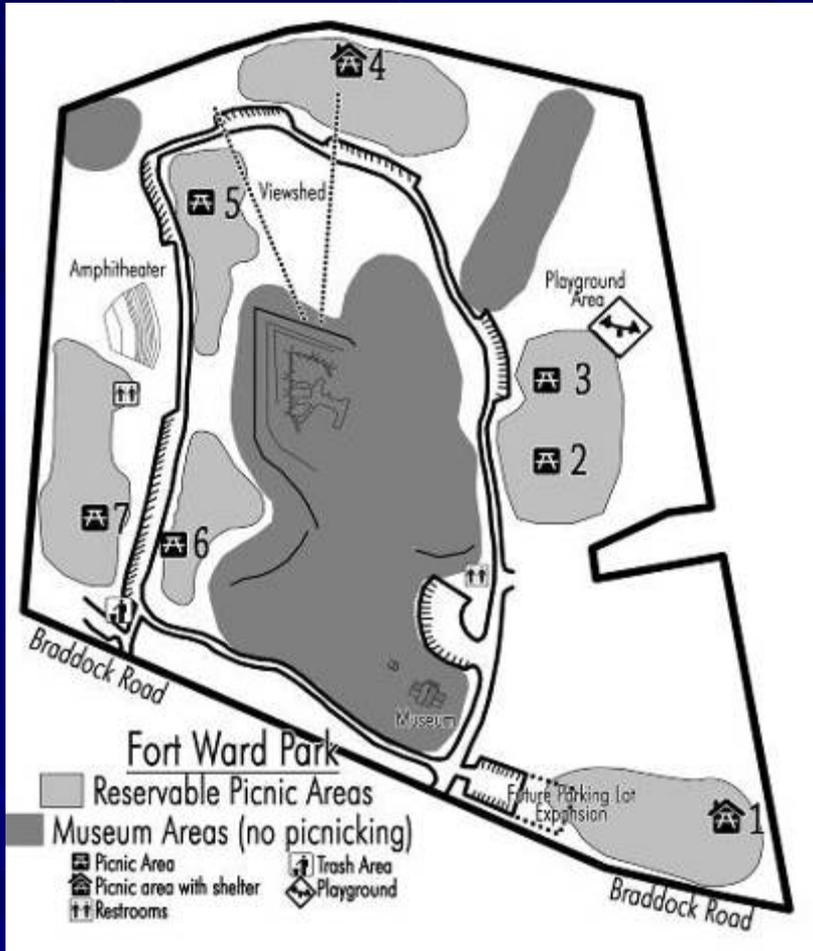
# 2010 Reservation Policy and Fees

Picnic Area	Max #	Fee per 4 hr	Features
1	25	\$52	4 tables, 1 small grill
2	100	\$157	large shelter; 15 tables, 2 small & 2 large grills
3	25	\$52	4 tables, 1 small grill
4	50	\$52	8 tables, 1 small & 1 large grill
5	50	\$52	8 tables, 1 small and 1 large grill

**Picnic areas available by reservation only on weekends and holidays.**

**Available 4 hour block of time for reservations are 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

# Revised Reservation Map



# Revised Reservation Site Signage



**PICNIC AREAS  
1 - 7  
AVAILABLE BY  
RESERVATIONS  
ONLY  
WEEKENDS  
& HOLIDAYS**



**CAUTION  
SPEED  
BUMP**

**PICNIC AREAS  
1 - 5  
AVAILABLE BY  
RESERVATIONS  
ONLY FROM  
APRIL - OCTOBER**

TO RESERVE PLEASE CALL  
703-746-5404

# Pedestrian Improvements

## Speedbumps and Signage

### Without Speedbumps



# New Informational Kiosks

Old Kiosk



New Kiosk



# Horticultural/Nursery Area



2009



2010

# Maintenance Yard



**2009**



**2010**

# Maintenance Yard



**2009**

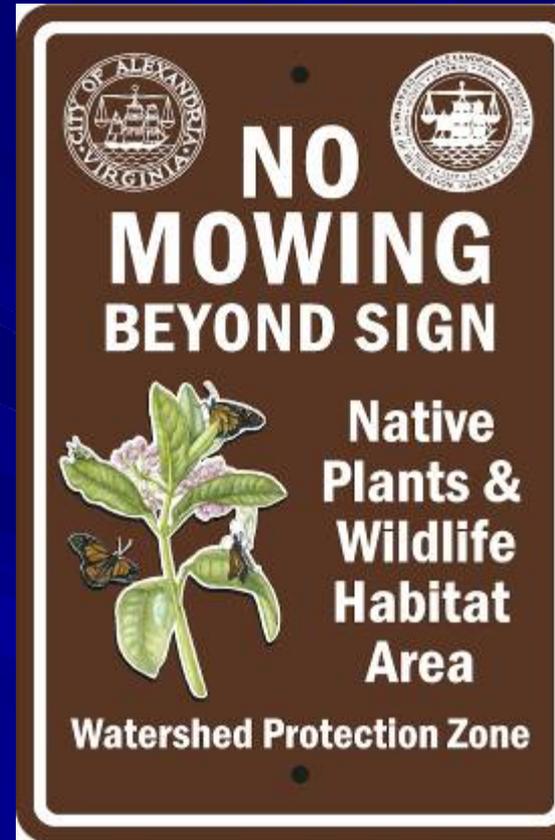


**2010**

# No Mow Natural Areas



**April 2010 Temporary Signage**

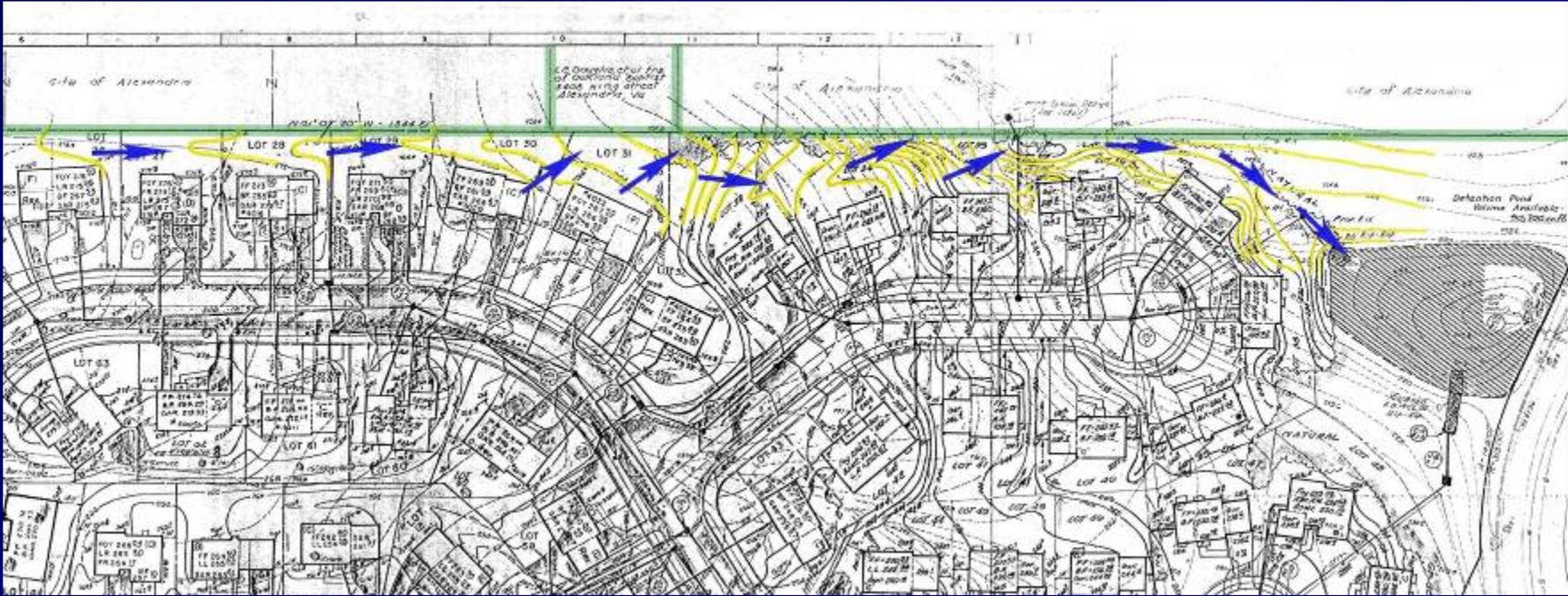


**Proposed Permanent Signage**

# No Mow Areas



# Drainage on East Property Line





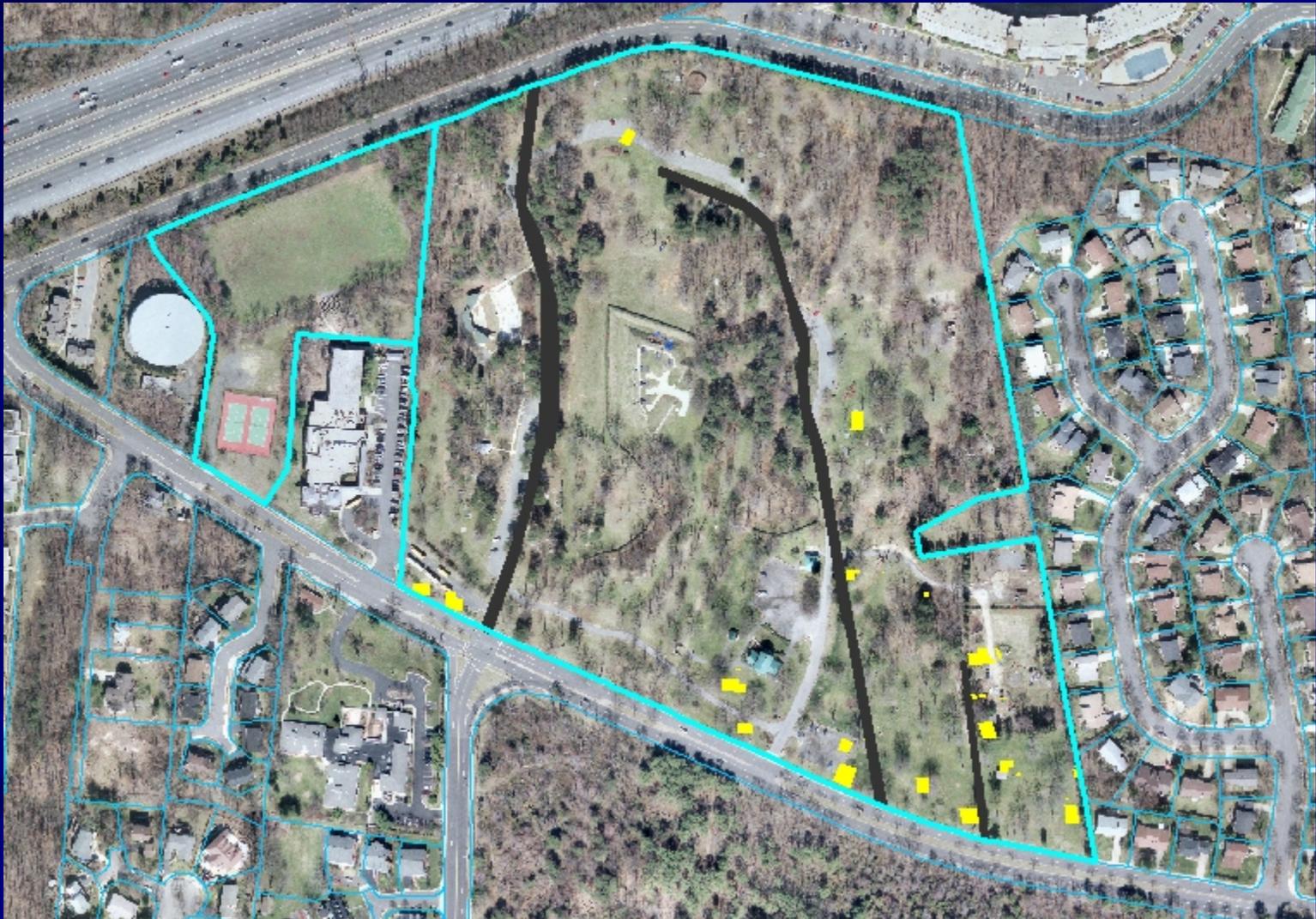
# Civil War Cultural Resources Identified in 1961 Park listed on National Register of Historic Places



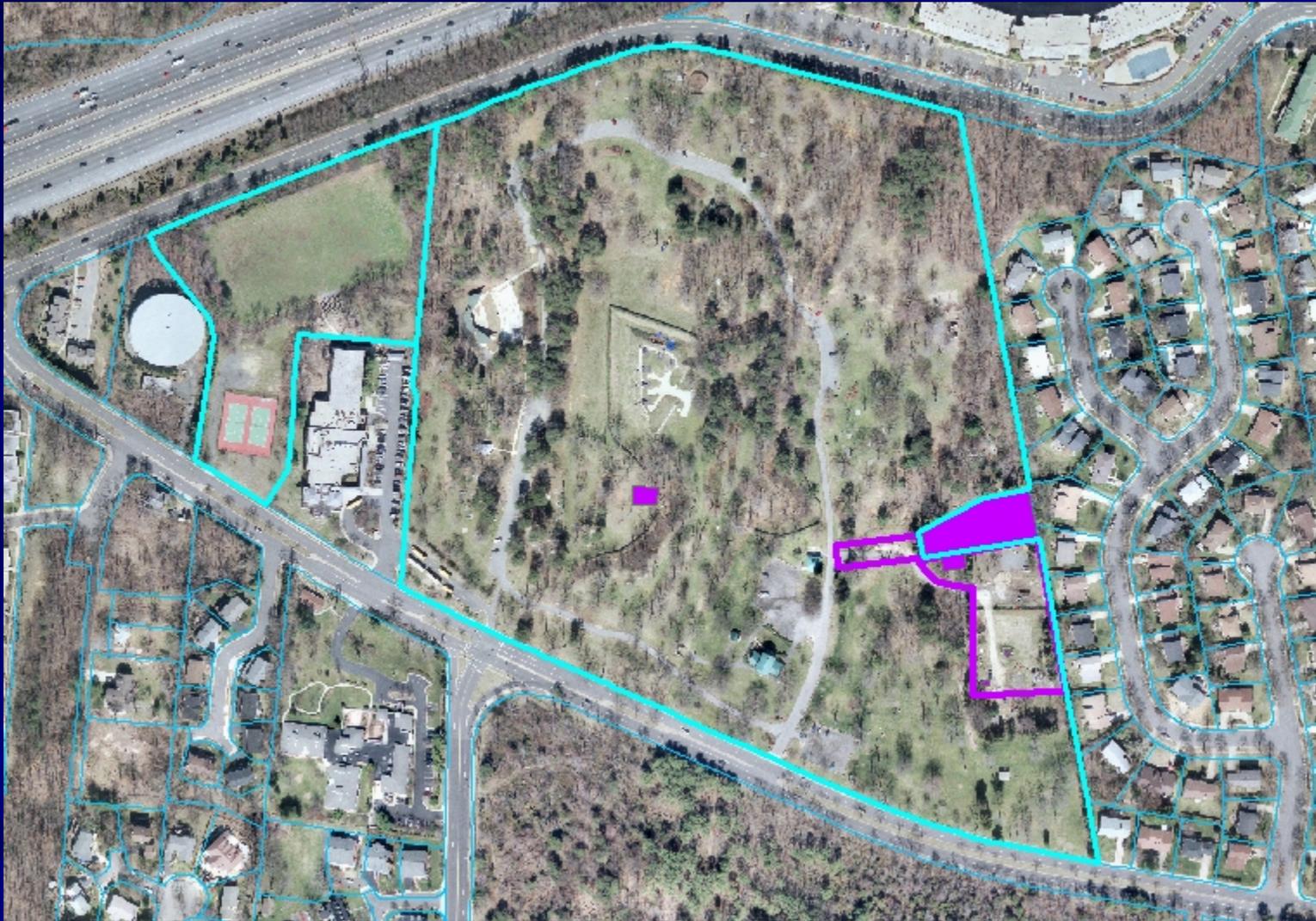
# Native American Cultural Resources identified in 1991



# African American Cultural Resources identified in 2009



# African American Burial Sites identified in 2009



# Homesites at "The Fort"



# JACKSON FAMILY

**Bought west side of Fort Ward property—  
may be their home in the background.**

**Cemetery may still exist on that side of the park.**



# CLARA ADAMS

Buried in marked grave at Fort Ward Park



# Fort Ward – Pictures from the Past



**On site visits with family descendants**  
**Creation of Fort Ward History Work Group**  
**Preparation of Draft Cultural and Historic Resources Survey**



# Spring 2009 Gravesite Protection



Gravesites April 2009

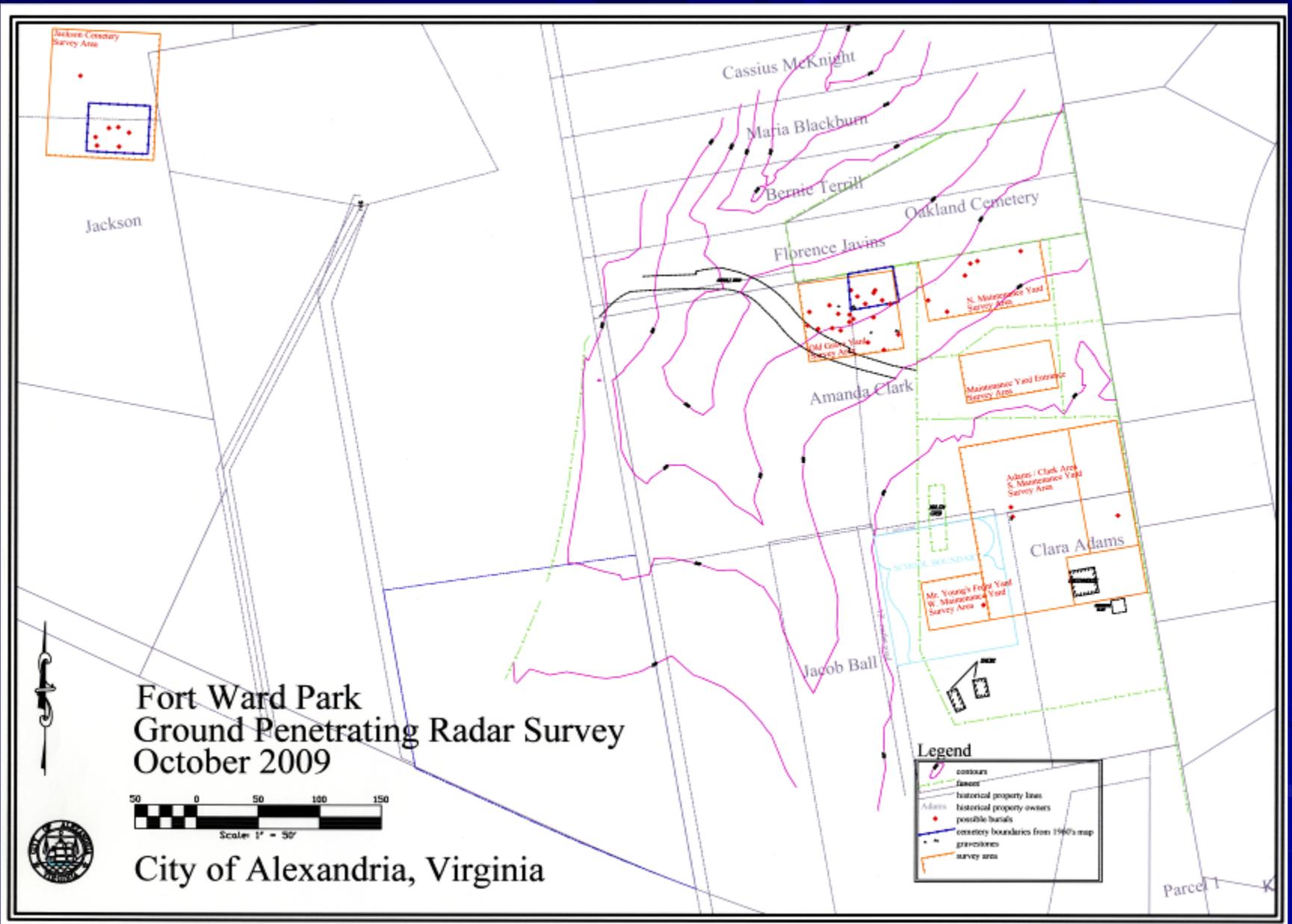


Gravesites May 2009 – roped off



GPR Survey  
October 2009





# Archaeological monitoring of all digging activities in Fort Ward Park



# Fort Ward Interpretation

**\$75,000 “Save America’s Treasures’ grant**  
**\$15,000 National Trust for Historic Preservation grant**



Fort Ward



Natural  
Resources



“The Fort”



Native  
American



# Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory Group

As appointed by the City Manager, the Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory Group shall consist of ten members, as follows:

Park and Recreation Commission (3 members)

Richard Brune

Ripley Forbes

Robert Moir

Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (3 members)

William Schreiner

Charles Ziegler

Ralph Thomas Fulton

Environmental Policy Commission (1 member)

Philip Voorhees

Citizens at large (2 members)

Frances Terrell

Adrienne Washington

Citizen living within a one-mile radius of Fort Ward Park. (1 member)

Linda Ries

Thank you

