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

Fort Ward Park Update

Held jointly with the Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory Group's regularly scheduled meeting

Public Meeting
May 13, 2010

FORT WARD PARK CONTEXT

Manager on Duty and Reservation Check-in Station

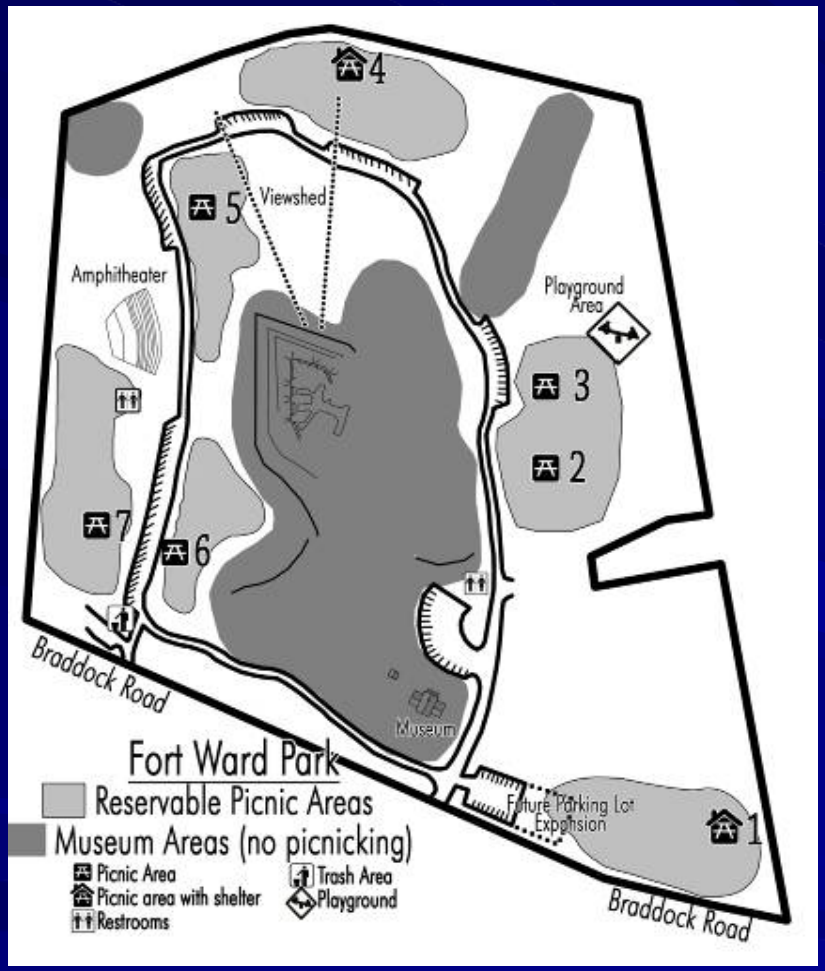
2010 Reservation Policy and Fees

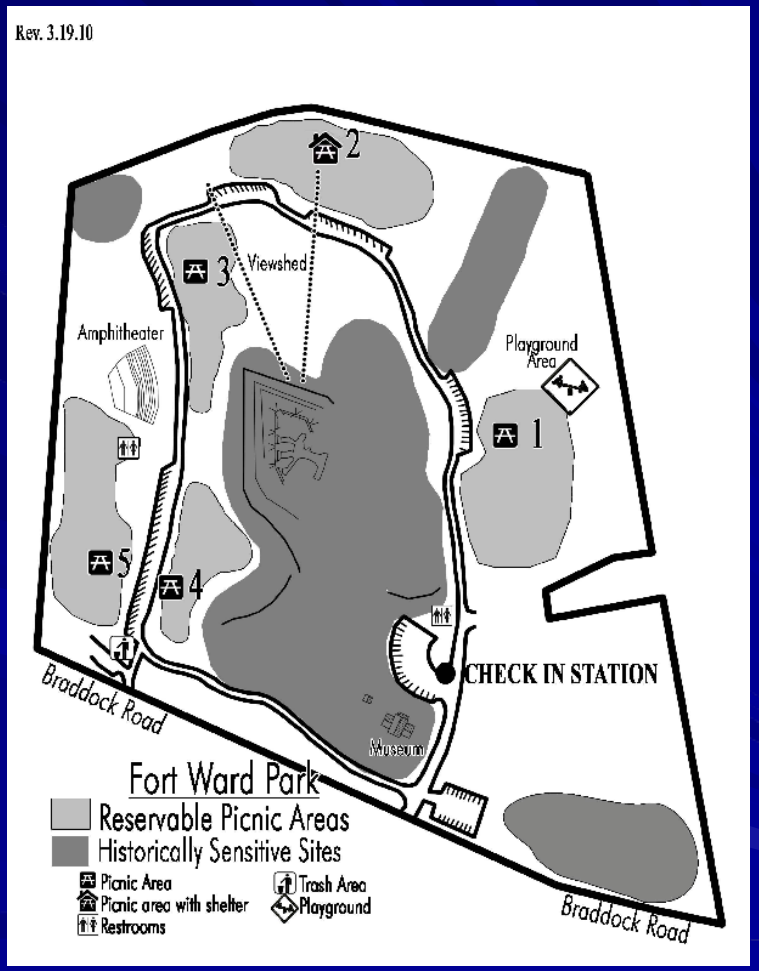
Picnic Area	Max #	Fee per 4 hr	Features
1	25	$52	4 tables, 1 small grill
2	100	$157	large shelter; 15 tables, 2 small & 2 large grills
3	25	$52	4 tables, 1 small grill
4	50	$52	8 tables, 1 small & 1 large grill
5	50	$52	8 tables, 1 small and 1 large grill

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

2008 Signage

2010 Signage

Pedestrian Improvements

Loop closed to vehicular traffic in the morning

Speedbumps and Signage

New Informational Kiosks

Old Kiosk

New Kiosk

Public information and reservation information/rules posted for rentals

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

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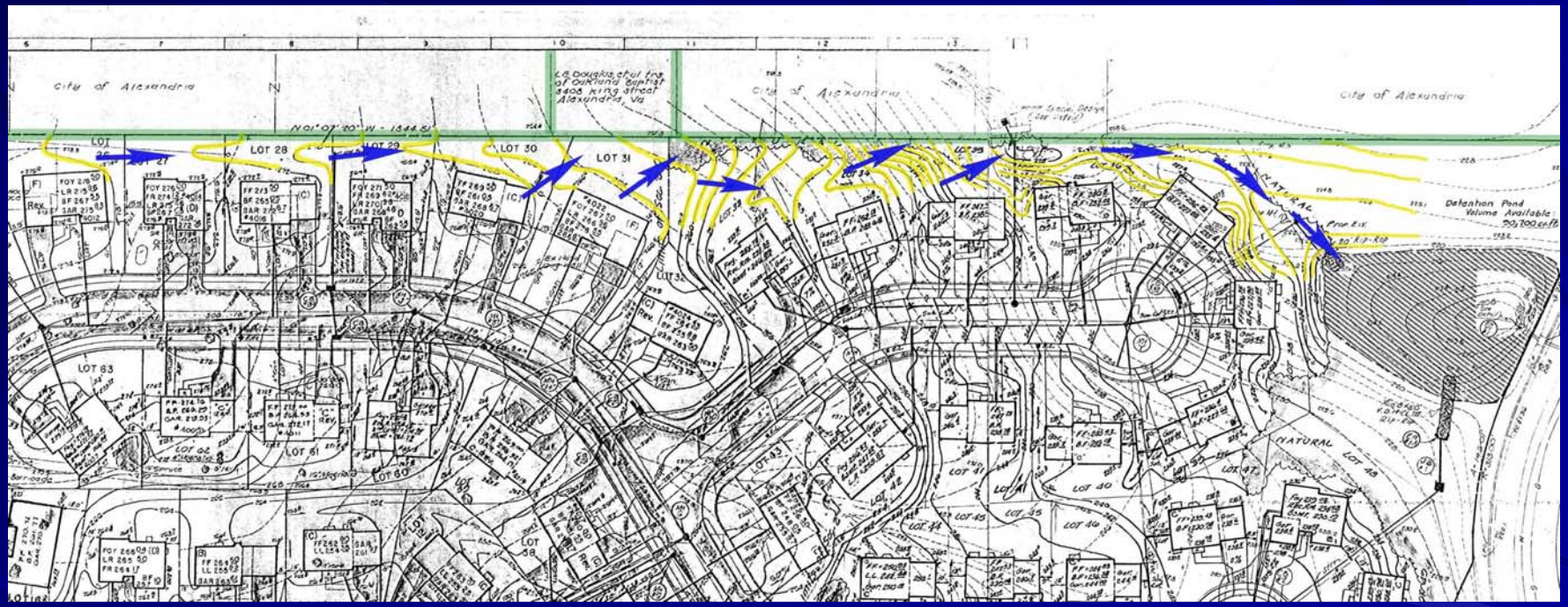
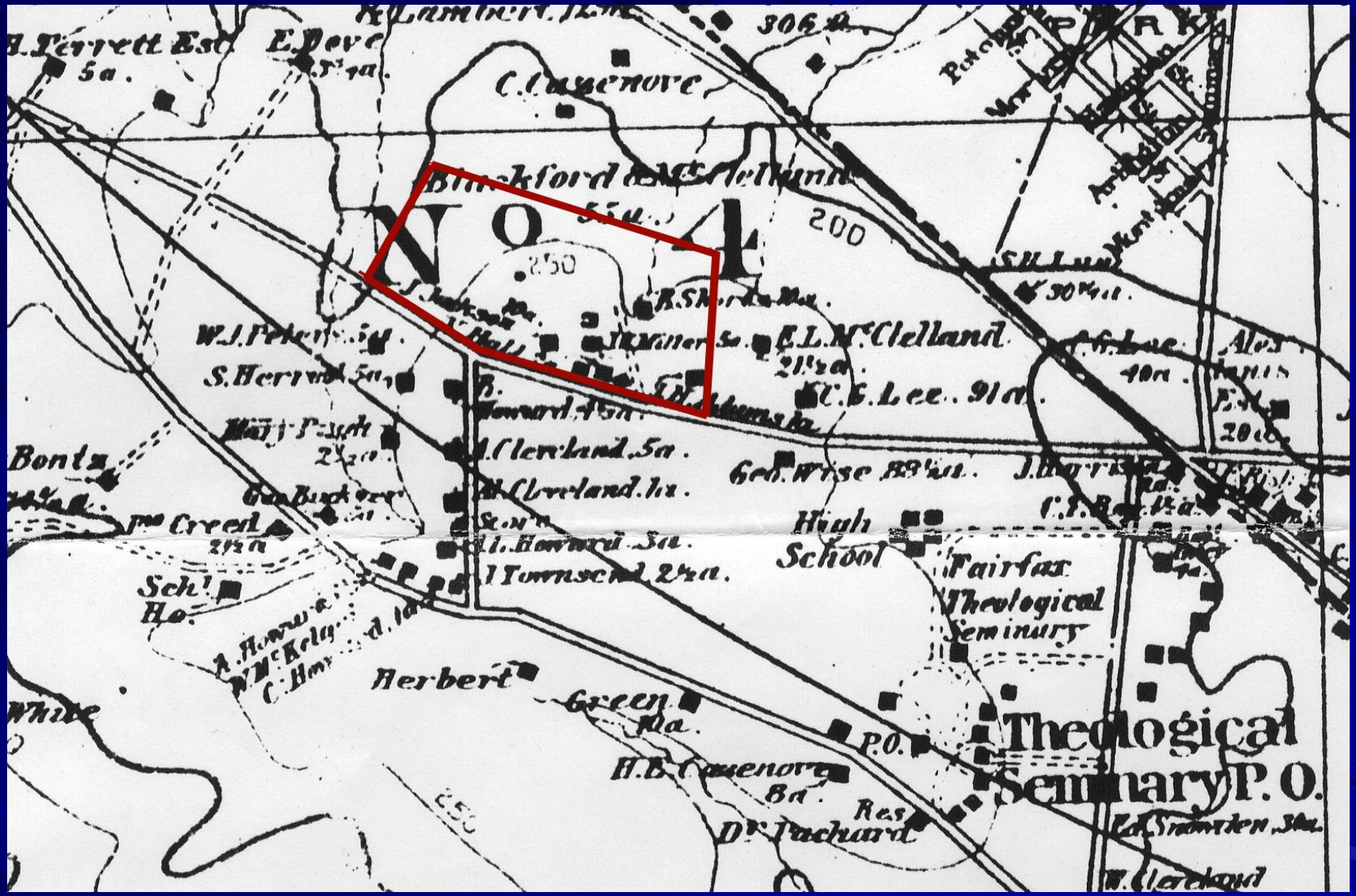
Drainage on East Property Line

Marlboro Estates Approved Site Plan - 1978

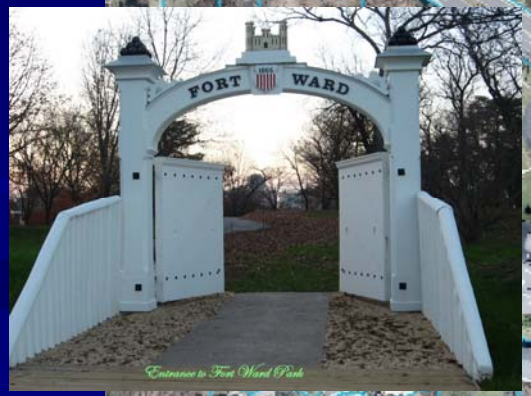


Yellow highlights required swales for drainage
Blue arrows show direction flow



1879 Hopkins Map showing names of families living at "the Fort."

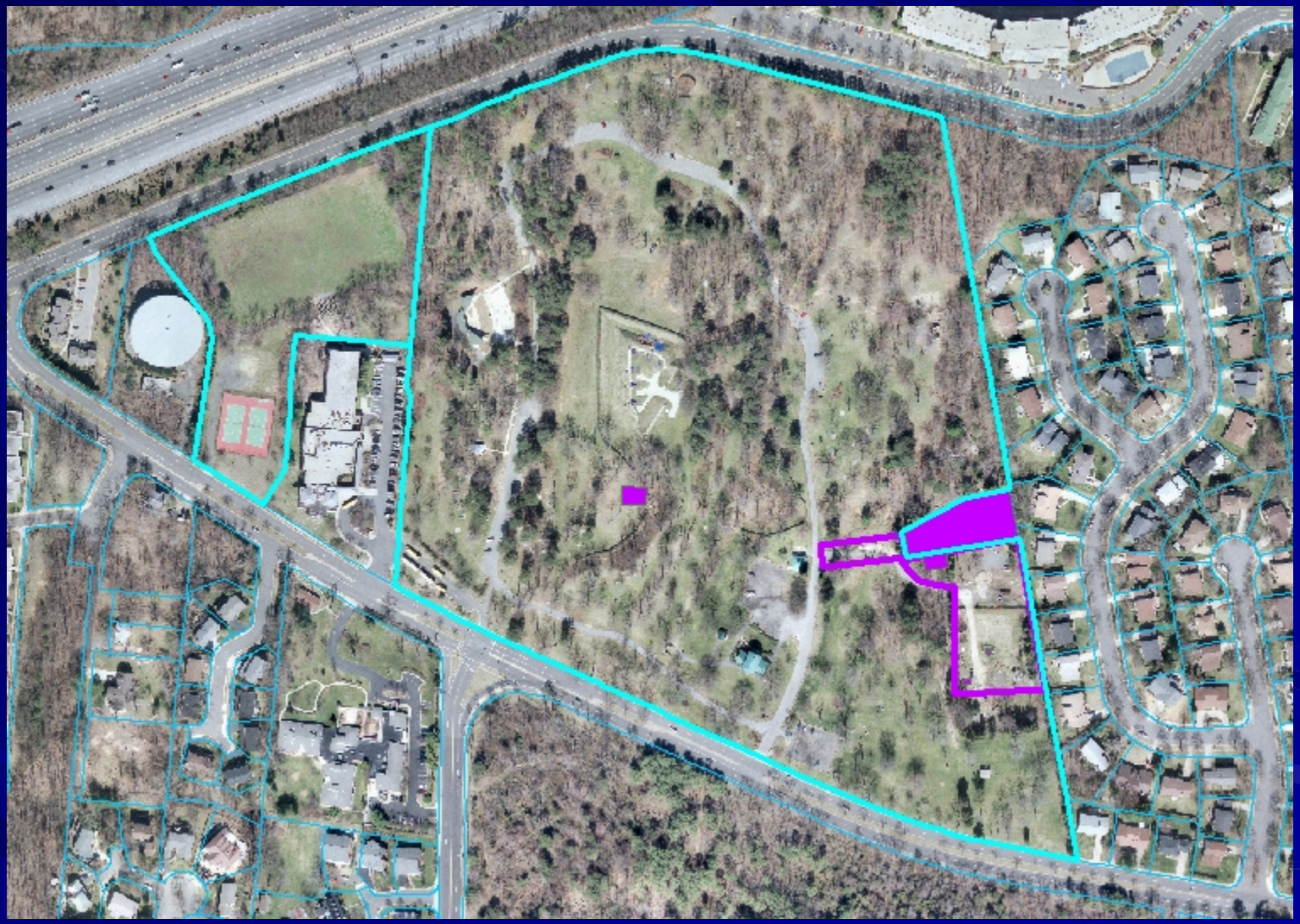
Civil War Cultural Resources Identified in 1961 Park listed on National Register of Historic Places



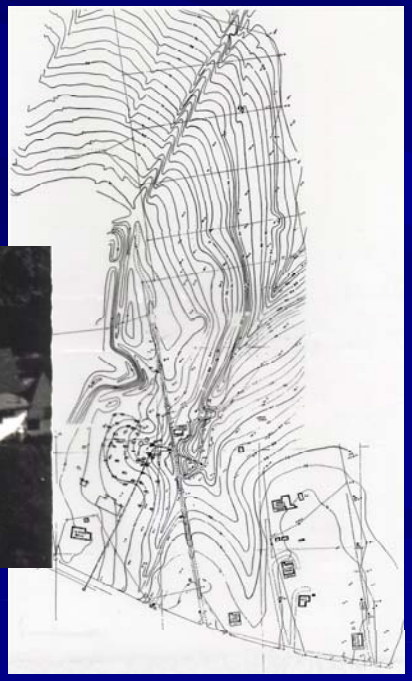
Native American Cultural Resources identified in 1991

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

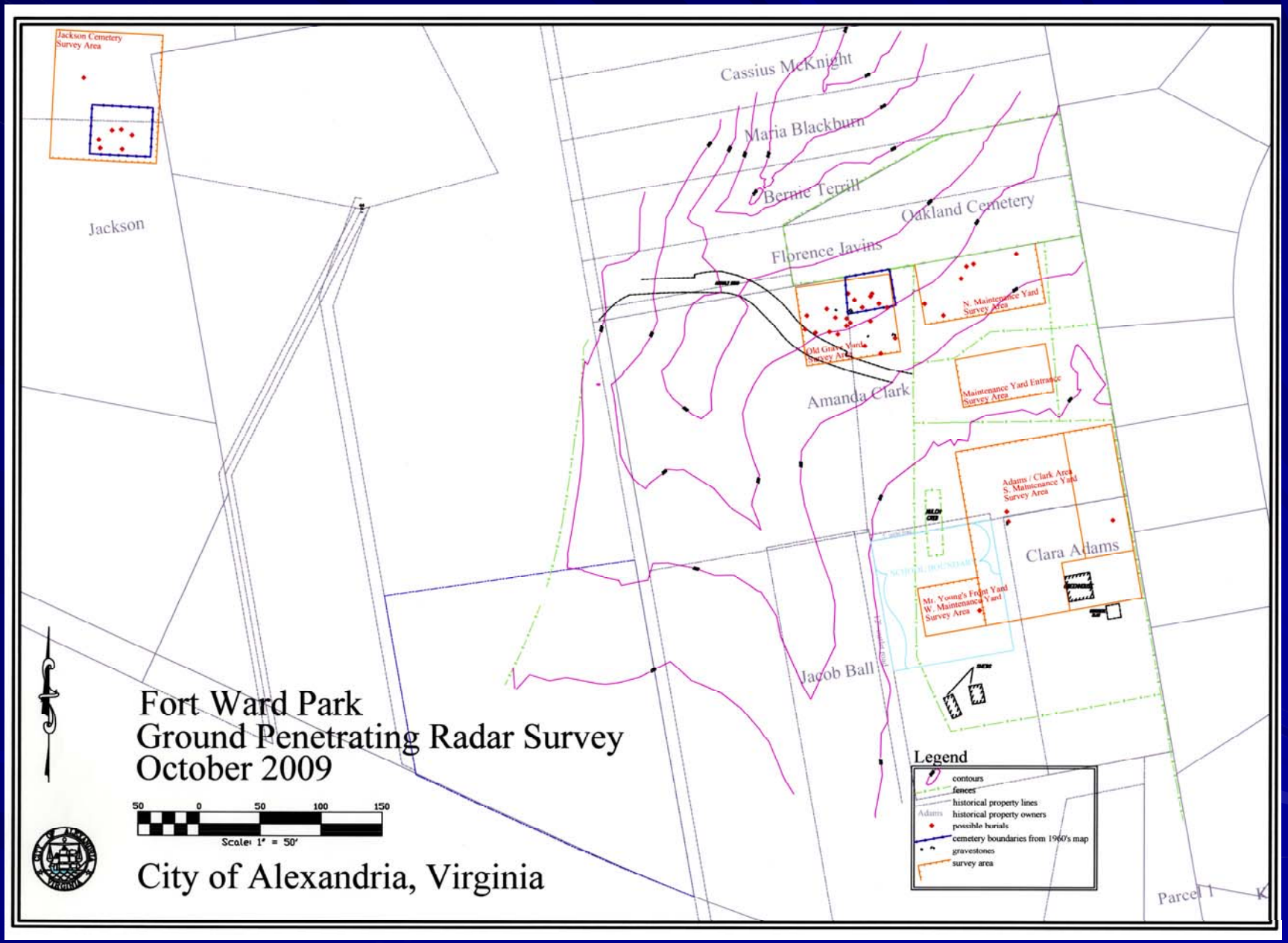
Preparation of Draft Cultural and Historic Resources Survey

Spring 2009 Gravesite Protection

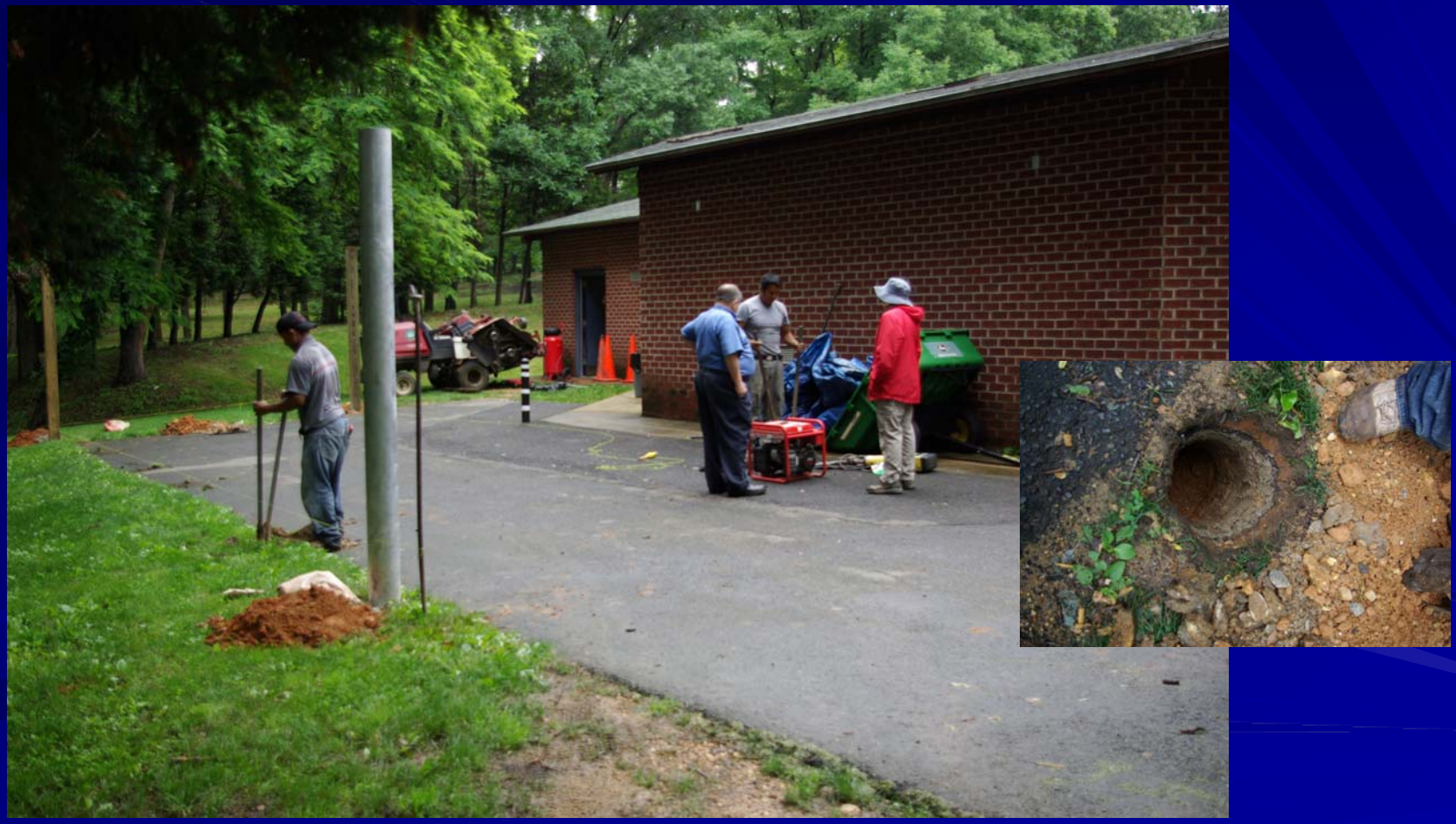
Gravesites April 2009

Gravesites May 2009 – roped off

GPR Survey
October 2009


Jackson Cemetery Survey Area
Jackson
Cassius McKnight
Maria Blackburn
Bernie Terrill
Florence Javins
Oakland Cemetery
N. Maintenance Yard Survey Area
Old Grave Yards Survey Area
Maintenance Yard Entrance Survey Area
Amanda Clark
Adams / Clark Area S. Maintenance Yard Survey Area
Clara Adams
Mr. Young's Front Yard W. Maintenance Yard Survey Area
Jacob Ball
Fort Ward Park
Ground Penetrating Radar Survey
October 2009
50 0 50 100 150
Scale: 1" = 50'
City of Alexandria, Virginia
Legend
contours
fences
historical property lines
Adams historical property owners
possible burials
cemetery boundaries from 1960's map
gravestones
survey area
Parcel 1

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

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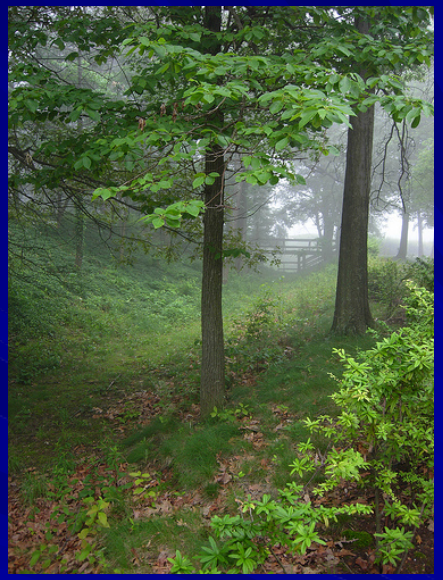
Natural Resources



“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