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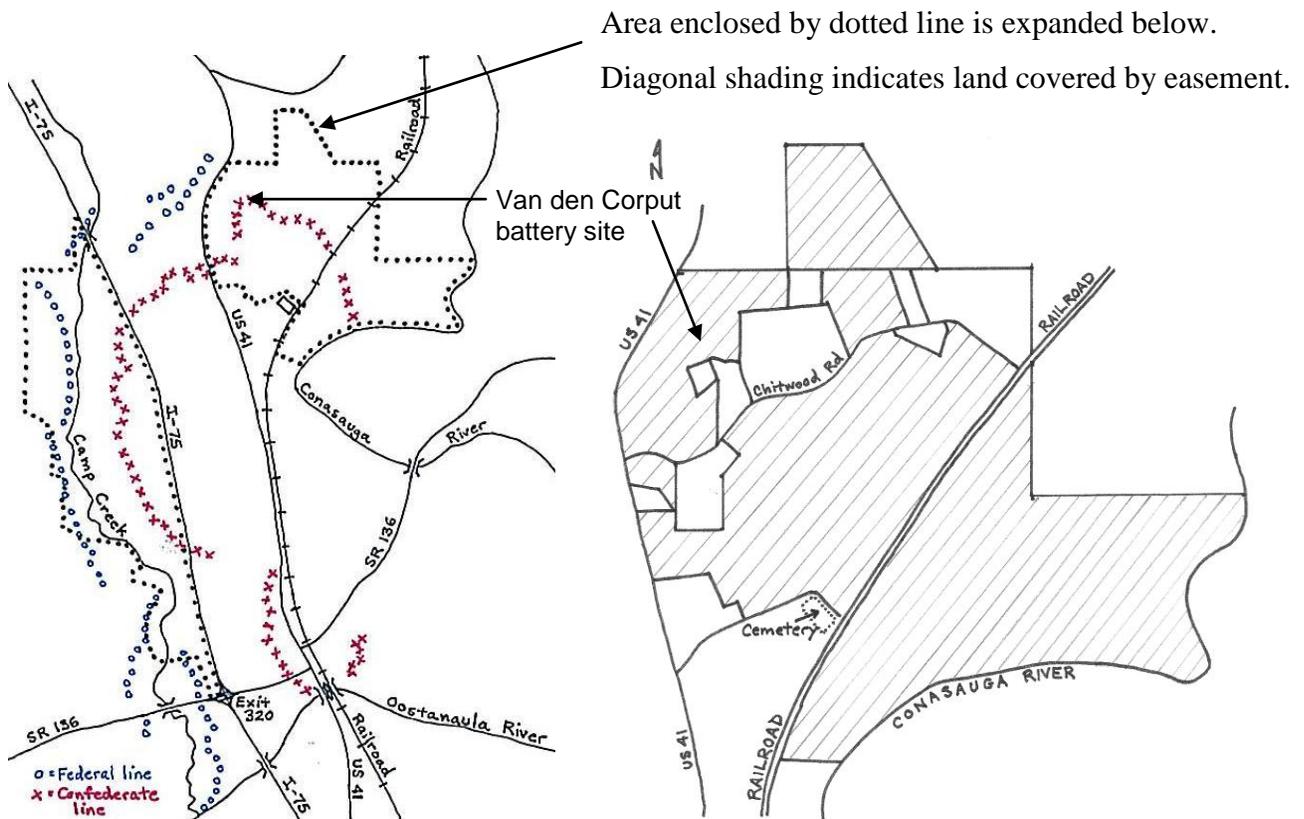
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GBA helps Civil War Trust launch fund raising campaign

In mid January, the Civil War Trust (which changed its name from Civil War Preservation Trust: see www.civilwar.org/logo) launched a campaign to raise money for two Georgia preservation projects: A 473.48 acre conservation easement at Resaca and a 64 acre purchase at Dallas.

The January GBA newsletter reported the City of Dallas buying 66 acres of land that relates to the Hell Hole fighting. The Civil War Trust is seeking funds to reimburse the city for 64 of the 66 acres and asked GBA to help with the Dallas map, which we did using information from the Official Records, other published sources, and Friends of Civil War Paulding County.

The December 2009 GBA newsletter reported again on the Resaca land that Trust for Public Land (TPL) bought in late 2008 to prevent a bank foreclosure. TPL has tried unsuccessfully to sell the land to a preservation-minded buyer, so it opted for a conservation easement (which restricts use of the land) on all but ten of the 483.48 acres. After receiving an appraisal of \$1,550,000, TPL obtained \$1,350,000 from the American Battlefield Protection Program, \$100,000 from Gordon County, and \$100,000 from Civil War Trust. **GBA is providing \$50,000 of the Civil War Trust's \$100,000 commitment.** In addition to helping with the Dallas map, GBA provided a "Resaca: Then & Now" discussion for the web site www.civilwar.org/resaca11.



GBA trustees hold annual meeting

While the six Georgia Battlefields Association trustees communicate often, our by-laws require that we meet in full at least once a year. The 2011 meeting occurred on 9 January. Trustee Frank Chew was re-elected to the board for another three years.

The GBA officer slate was re-elected for a one year term: President Charlie Crawford, Vice President Cindy Wentworth, Corporate Secretary Gene Murphy, and Treasurer Frank Chew. Valerie Lyons and Joe Trahan are the other two members of the board.

GBA contributes to new Milledgeville marker

On 19 January, GBA helped dedicated another historical marker in Milledgeville. This marker related to the January 1861 secession convention. www.georgiahistory.com/events/611.

GBA will again lead a tour for Phoenix Flies

Atlanta Preservation Center's annual Phoenix Flies program will again feature a tour of downtown Atlanta Civil War sites led by GBA on 19 March. You can see more information about this and the other tours at www.phoenixflies.org and www.preserveatlanta.com.

The March 2008 GBA walking tour of downtown Atlanta was recorded by Three23 Films, and a 52 minute-long DVD titled "Civil War Atlanta: A walk through history" is available. The intro of the DVD is on the web at www.three23.org/work-at-three23/civil-war-walking-tour/. The DVD is normally available at the museum store of the Atlanta History Center, or you can order a DVD by sending a \$15 check to GBA at 7 Camden Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30309.

Georgia General Assembly convenes: budget outlook grim

The annual meeting of the Georgia legislature convened on 10 January. New Governor Nathan Deal quickly submitted his budget proposals, both for the remainder of the current State Fiscal Year (SFY 2011, ends 30 June) and for SFY 2012. While the final budgets are never identical to the governor's proposals, preservation-related programs are especially hard hit. The Governor proposes to eliminate funding for the Georgia Civil War Commission, reduce contract funds for the Georgia Historical Society (with which GBA cooperates on installing markers), eliminate contract funds for the Georgia Humanities Council (which funds historical publications and education programs), reduce marketing funds for the Department of Economic Development Tourism Division (Sesquicentennial marketing), reduce operating and maintenance funds and eliminate 24 positions from the State Parks & Historic Sites Division, and eliminate contract funds for Regional Commissions' historic preservation planners. We'll report on the final budgets when they're passed and signed, probably in early April.

150 years ago this month

1 February: A special convention in Texas votes to secede, subject to ratification by a popular vote held 23 February.

4 February: South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana delegates meet in Montgomery, Alabama, to form a new government. Georgia's Howell Cobb is elected presiding officer of the convention. Cobb and Georgia's Robert Toombs are early favorites to be president of the new government.

8 February: In response to New York police seizing weapons shipments bound for Georgia, Governor Brown orders state militia to seize every New York-owned ship in Savannah.

18 February: In Montgomery, Jefferson Davis of Mississippi and Alexander Stephens of Georgia are inaugurated as president and vice president of the Confederate States of America.

GBA tour led by Ed Bearss set for 10-13 March in Augusta

Hotel: Homewood Suites, 1049 Stevens Creek Rd, Augusta GA 30907. Call 706 738 3131. Ask for the Georgia Battlefields Association rate of \$105 per night that includes breakfast. If you have any trouble making the reservation, please ask to speak to Stephanie Woolford.

Tour price: Still \$395 per person, but you must be a GBA member to register. Your reservation is confirmed when your check to GBA arrives at 7 Camden Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30309.

Subject: The end of the Confederacy and the importance of Augusta to the war effort. Stops include Crawfordville, Kettle Creek, Washington, Chennault, and Augusta.

We know the recession has affected many of our members, but comments from past participants indicate the tours give excellent value for the price. Please come with us.

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