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Public meetings on new Cobb County parks: please attend if you can

Cobb County is holding master plan public input meetings for six properties acquired using funds from the 2008 Parks Bond. Information for the properties is at:

<https://www.cobbcounty.org/parks/news/parks-bond-properties-public-meetings-second-round>

While all six properties may have been transited by the contending forces in July 1864, particularly the Anderson and Price properties, we know of earthworks only on the Kemp and Henderson Road properties.

We need a good turnout by preservation-minded folks so that preservation of the earthworks is one of the priorities when the park master plans are implemented.

The meeting for the Kemp property is 6:30 to 8 p.m. on 5 August at West Cobb Senior Center, 4915 Dallas Highway, Powder Springs.

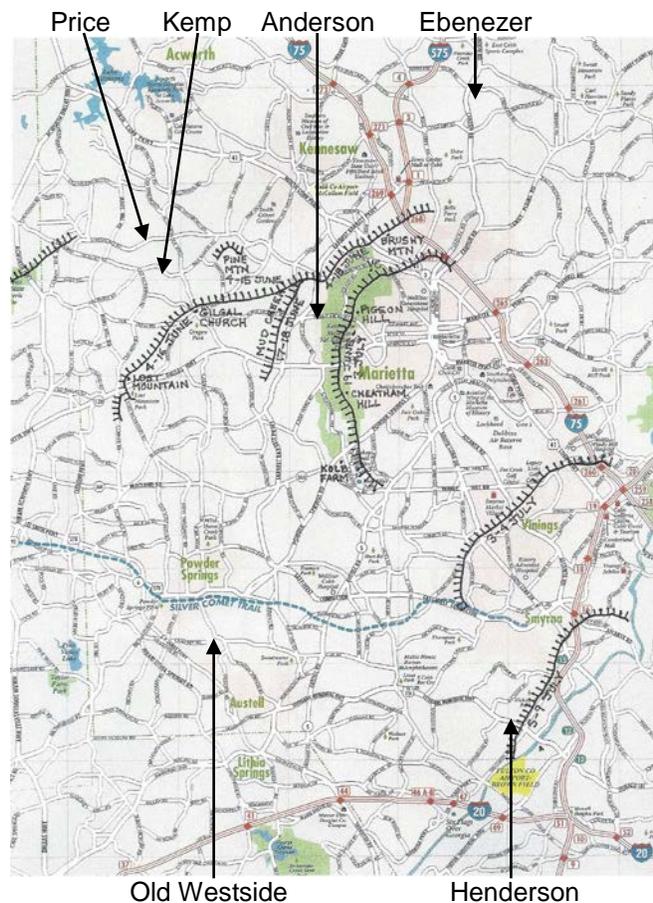
The Kemp property contains a Confederate trench (see August 2018 newsletter). GBA trustee Jeff Wight has given tours of the trench to representatives of Cobb Parks Department and Friends of Kemp Park.

The meeting for the Henderson property is 6:30 to 8 p.m. on 8 August at South Cobb Community Center, 620 Lions Club Drive, Mableton.

The Henderson Road property is an assembly of parcels bought in 2005, 2008, and 2018 (see December 2017 newsletter). GBA trustee Jeff Wright arranged for a tour of the property with Kevin Hill of Cobb County Parks and historian Mike Shaffer as the guide. In all, ten people attended, several being from Cobb Civil War Round Table. The site contains Federal earthworks: two artillery positions and a long infantry trench across the north end of the property. An earlier public input meeting prioritized a community center and other amenities but made little mention of historic site preservation. Please attend the meeting and express your concern for preserving the earthworks.

Earthwork protection signage

GBA trustee Jeff Wright worked with a developer to have signs posted on a Cobb County property in the hopes of preventing damage to Confederate earthworks while the adjacent parcels are being developed. In the spirit of reuse and recycle, this is a sign Jeff has used before.

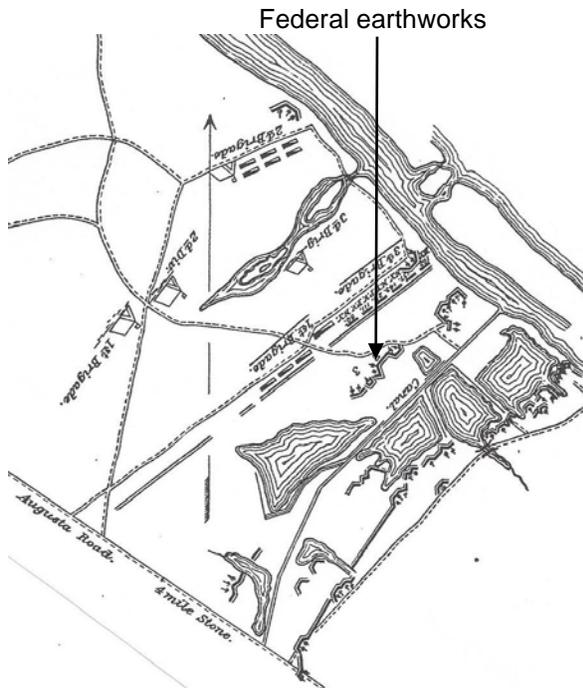


11 July tour of Henderson Road property. On left is Cobb Parks' Kevin Hill. Second from left is GBA trustee Jeff Wright. On right is historian Mike Shaffer.

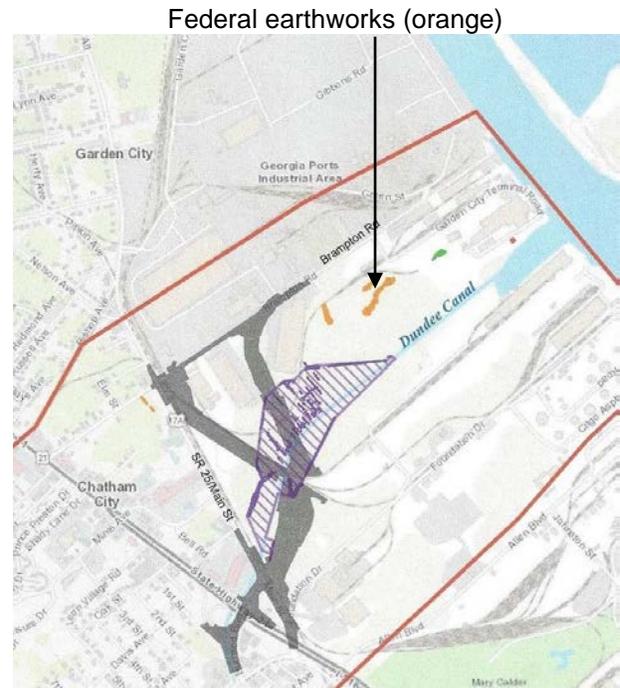


Federal earthworks near Savannah likely to be spared

Georgia Battlefields Association participated as an interested party in discussions about a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) project that might affect Federal earthworks from the December 1864 siege of Savannah (December 2018 newsletter). We were recently sent the final draft plans that were submitted for approval by GDOT, the State Historic Preservation Division, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District Commander. As we hoped, the selected alternative will avoid damage to the earthworks.



Official Records map reoriented so north is up.



Project map: development area in gray.

Payment methods on Georgia Battlefields Association web site

For the past few years, GBA's web site has accommodated payments via PayPal and via credit card, both through the PayPal web interface. Recently, PayPal modified its interface. We've posted notices on GBA web site pages that involve payments, but here's a summary.

- If you HAVE a PayPal account, you must log-in to pay via PayPal or via credit card.
- If you DO NOT HAVE a PayPal account, you may pay via credit card as a guest.

For us old folks, you can always mail a check to PO Box 669953, Marietta GA 30066.

Oakland Cemetery tour

GBA trustee Carlton Mullis will lead a Civil War-related tour of Oakland Cemetery for GBA members only at 1 p.m. on 9 November. Register by e-mail to info@georgiabattlefields.org.

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