

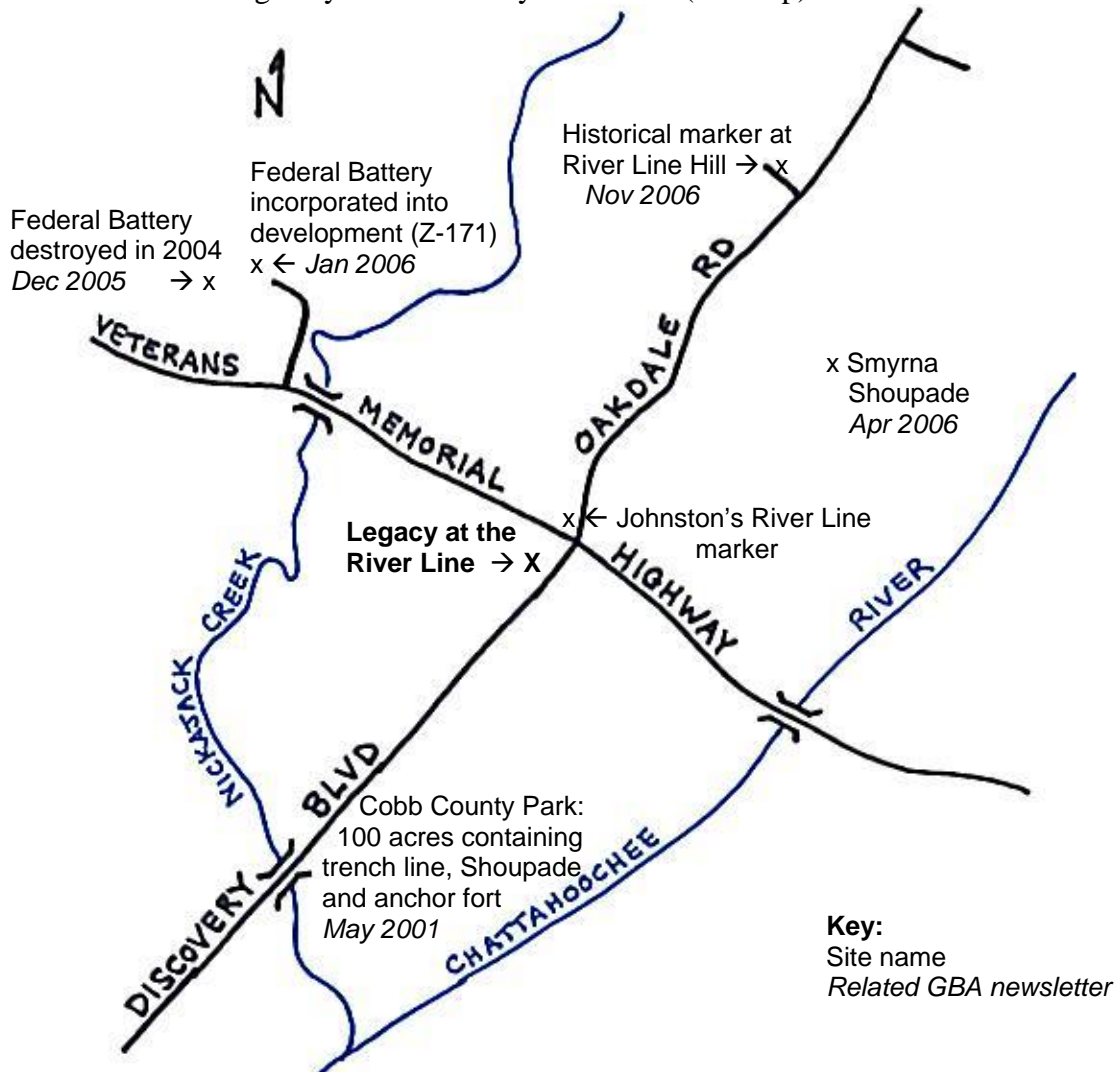
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River Line may get new exhibit

GBA participated (along with a representative from the River Line Historic Area) in a session to plan a historical exhibit for John Wieland Homes' (www.jwhomes.com) Legacy at the River Line development. The development occupies the southwest corner of the intersection of Veterans Memorial Highway and Discovery Boulevard (see map).



The 1954 Georgia Historical Commission Johnston's River Line marker (photo at left) is just north of the development. With GBA's facilitation, John Wieland Homes has arranged with the State Parks & Historic Sites Division to subsidize the cost of repairing the damaged mounting post.

The River Line crossed the road at this point. The high ground to the south of the road (left side of photo) has been graded almost flat. The ridge line occupied by the Federals rises in the distance (right of the utility pole).

The Legacy development is directly on the course of the River Line, though a late 1990s survey indicated no remnants of the line on this site. The developer currently plans to install a display in the development's club house. GBA submitted text, maps, and sketches. While we would have preferred no development of the site, we hope the historical exhibit will heighten awareness of the River Line, the remnants of which have been significantly affected over the last decade.

Governor's budget has little good news for preservation

Governor Perdue released his proposed State Fiscal Year 2008 budget on 10 January. He recommends spending \$5 million to work with other states to develop a plan for increasing Civil War Sesquicentennial (2011-2015) tourism, in part by revitalizing and restoring historic sites. Another initiative is to move responsibility for new historical markers from Georgia Historical Society (which has had the task since 1997: see November 2002 newsletter) to the Department of Economic Development. In a continuation of recent funding trends, the budget contains \$50,000 for the Georgia Civil War Commission but no funds for historical marker maintenance.

Two historical markers maintained through private funding



In two instances, state historical markers are being maintained through the intercession of developers. John Wieland Homes is funding the repair of the mounting post for the Johnston's River Line marker (see article above). In the second instance, Julian LeCraw & Company funded relocation of the Surrender of Atlanta marker, though recently reinstalled (see December 2006 newsletter), across Marietta Street to reduce chances for further vehicle damage. The State Parks & Historic Sites Division relocated the marker in early January.

The marker (center background) is now in front of a mixed-use building while the former mounting post (foreground) stands unused.

Sign up for Bearss 2007 tour

Dates: 15-18 March 2007

Hotel: Hampton Inn Atlanta-Galleria, 2733 Circle 75 Pkwy. Call the hotel at 770 955 1110 and ask for the GBA rate (\$102 per night) or see the web site www.hamptoninn Galleria.com.

Sites: Chattahoochee River crossings, Federal approaches to Atlanta, Battle of Peachtree Creek. Dinners: Friday at Atlanta History Center; Saturday at house that once served as Sherman's HQ. Register by sending a check for \$395 to GBA at 7 Camden Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30309.

Note: Only GBA members may register for the tour. See our web site for an application.

Phoenix Flies tour of Civil War Atlanta will be led by GBA

What: Walking tour of downtown Atlanta, featuring the sites of Civil War structures.

When: 1 p.m. on Saturday, 24 March. See the Atlanta Preservation Center (APC) web site www.preserveatlanta.com or call APC at 404 688 3350 to register.

Note: Printed edition of January newsletter had a typo in the web address for APC.

GBA trustees hold annual meeting

On 28 January, the Georgia Battlefields Association trustees held their annual meeting. Trustee Gene Murphy was reelected for a three-year term, and the current officers were reelected for one year terms: treasurer Frank Chew, secretary Cindy Wentworth, vice president Olly Keller, and president Charlie Crawford.

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