

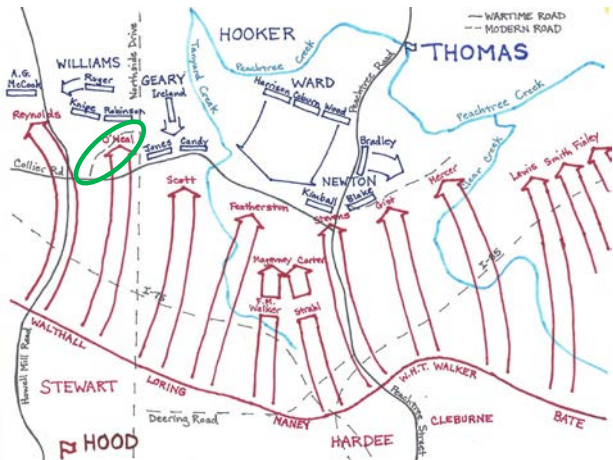
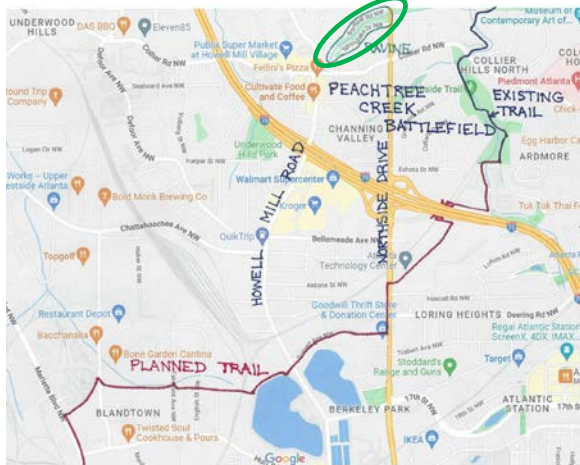
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Preferred Beltline trail avoids Peachtree Creek battlefield landmark

On 12 May, the [Atlanta BeltLine](#), Inc. announced its preliminary choice for the route of its [Northwest Trail](#) pending surveying and in-depth engineering studies. If this route is ultimately selected, it will avoid the most significant remaining battlefield landmark, a ravine between Norfleet Road and Springlake Drive. See [March Georgia Battlefields newsletter](#). The map at left below shows the route of the planned trail in red. The ravine is circled in green on both maps. Friends of Springlake Parks will continue to pursue its application for an American Battlefield Protection Program planning grant to study the ravine.



Georgia Historical Society Berrien Award presented

In September 2021, Georgia Historical Society (GHS) informed GBA president emeritus Charlie Crawford that he would receive the John Macpherson Berrien Award for lifetime achievement in Georgia history and service to the GHS. GHS announced the award publicly on 30 December, and this resulted in a Fall/Winter 2021 [Georgia History Today magazine article](#), a 12 February 2022 Atlanta Journal Constitution article, and a [Civil War Picket](#) article. The search began for an occasion at which an audience was already gathered and both GHS President Todd Groce and Crawford were available, and the result was a presentation at the 10 May meeting of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table.



Groce (left) & Crawford. Gould Hagler photo.

Vince Dooley Leadership Seminar on 18 June at Kennesaw State

Kennesaw State University's Center for the Study of the Civil War Era will stage its 6th Annual Vince Dooley Leadership Seminar at 9 a.m. on Saturday, 18 June, in Room 400 of the KSU Center on Busbee Drive, just east of the Chastain Road exit 271 from I-75. For GPS users, the address is 1000 Chastain Road NW, Kennesaw GA 30144. Speakers will include Center director Brian Wills, Richard McMurry on Joseph Johnston, and Will Greene on Petersburg. Registration is required: \$45 for Kennesaw Corps members and \$55 for non-members. You can register at [this link](#) or snail mail a check payable to Kennesaw State University (put Dooley Seminar on the memo line) to Kennesaw State Center for the Study of the Civil War Era, Department of History and Philosophy, 402 Bartow Avenue, MD2206, Bldg 22, Rm 3016, Kennesaw GA 30144-5591.

Next GBA tour will be 13-16 April 2023 in Savannah

Planning is underway for the next Georgia Battlefields Association annual tour. So far, we know the dates are 13-16 April 2023 and the location is Savannah. Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park historian Jim Ogden will be the guide. Details to follow.

Ordnance still found on battlefields

At the end of February, a survey crew mapping the route of a new trail planned for Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park discovered (about ten inches below ground level) a shell for a Parrott artillery piece. The Cobb County Police bomb squad removed the shell to a secure location, and it will likely be countercharged (bomb squad speak for blown up using other explosives). This set off a debate between those in favor of following the bomb squad protocol and those believing the shell should be rendered harmless and preserved. In any case, Civil War ordnance is still on the battlefields.



Cobb Police photo

American Battlefield Trust annual conference highlights

After a two year hiatus due to virus restrictions, the [American Battlefield Trust](#) (ABT) held an in-person annual conference 12-15 May in Chantilly, Virginia. Georgia Battlefields Association (GBA) was represented at the conference, as it has been at every conference since 1996.

- While GBA is in frequent contact with ABT about historic site acquisition opportunities, the conferences always lead to productive in-person interactions. GBA follows the ABT model of not publicly disclosing potential acquisitions until a contract is signed, mainly to prevent another party from offering more money.
- On 9 May, ABT made final payment on the 2006 \$12 million loan used to buy the 208 acre Slaughter Pen Farm at Fredericksburg, Virginia, by far ABT's most expensive purchase.
- Large data centers are an increasing threat to battlefield land. A proposed data center at the western boundary of Manassas National Battlefield Park served as an example.
- Demand for ABT's videos and lesson plans and other materials increased considerably when so many schools went to online classes over the last three years. ABT has found the most effective way to help is by having students and teachers access content directly via the web.
- Long time (1999-2020) ABT president Jim Lighthizer received the Edwin C. Bearss Lifetime Achievement Award. GBA president emeritus Charlie Crawford received the Shelby Foote Preservation Legacy Award.



GBA attendees. Seated are Barbara & Vince Dooley, Joe & Cheryl Trahan. Standing are Charlie Crawford, Bill & Mary Porter. Carol Crawford photo.



Former ABT president Jim Lighthizer and current president David Duncan. Buddy Secor photo.



Any time Jim Lighthizer, Charlie Crawford, and David Duncan are together, there will be laughter. Buddy Secor photo.

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