

Preservation Plan Requirements

The National Park Service’s American Battlefield Protection Program (NPS ABPP) defines a Preservation Plan as a comprehensive management strategy for a Property, to protect its Conservation and Preservation Values as defined in the easement and the Baseline Documentation Report. The Preservation Plan describes goals, objectives, and timelines for treatment activities to be reviewed and approved by the appropriate State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

Preservation Plans are a requirement for all easements of lands protected with federal financial assistance under the Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant program, when a nonprofit or private entity/individual is the landowner, or “Grantor,” and the easement holder, or “Grantee,” is a qualified nonprofit per NPS ABPP’s “Nonprofit Easement Holder Qualifications” document. SHPO review and approval of the Preservation Plan is required per the statutory requirement for state or local interest in the grant-funded acquisition. The SHPO must also approve, in writing, amendments or modifications to a Preservation Plan required under the mandatory easement clauses.

I – Required Provisions

Project Overview: A brief description of the Property and the acquisition project details including the date of acquisition, acquisition type (fee simple or less-than-fee acquisition), NPS ABPP grant number, names of grant recipients, and if applicable, subrecipients. The description also should include how the acquisition of the Property relates to any phased regional preservation initiatives, as appropriate.

Treatment Activities: A detailed outline of the overall preservation strategy for the Property and how it will be accomplished. Identify and justify the treatment (i.e., preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration) according to the Secretary of the Interior’s *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes* and appropriate state and local guidelines. List all proposed activities to be accomplished under this preservation strategy and how each activity contributes to the preservation and/or protection of the Property’s Conservation and Preservation Values. Include timelines for all phases of proposed work and note whether it the activity is recurring or a one-time treatment activities.

Maintenance Activities: List all existing features and permitted new improvements of the Property that require maintenance. Explain how maintenance and related activities protect the Property’s Conservation and Preservation Values. Include descriptions of maintenance activity methodologies as well as proposed timelines, schedules, and/or cycles. All proposed maintenance activities must meet the Secretary of the Interior’s *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes* and all appropriate

state and local guidelines. Describe the standards of evaluation used to determine the success of proposed maintenance activities once complete.

Limitations on Property Use: Describe any use limitations for the Property or for specific use areas of the Property. The description of limitations may reference easement clauses and should provide additional details if there are site-specific restrictions, particularly for areas where the presence of sensitive historical, archeological, and/or natural resources is likely and/or documented. Define locational restrictions, as needed, with spatial data and map attachments. Describe all surveys or research methods employed in resource inventory and evaluation and reference relevant data and narrative sources.

Annotated Site Plan and Survey: Include annotated site plans or survey documents that note the locations of all existing and sensitive cultural and natural resources and areas of limited use, as well as location and scope of proposed treatment activities.

Photos: Include photographic documentation of existing conditions at the time of recordation of the easement, including significant cultural and natural resources, areas of limited use and/or current permitted uses (e.g., living history, agriculture, etc.).

Professional Qualifications: Outline the method by which the easement holder (Grantee) will ensure that all contractors, volunteers, paid workers, and any other individuals or entities conducting treatment activities, including but not limited archeological survey, on the Property meet the Secretary of the Interior's *Professional Qualification Standards*. Explain how the qualifications of these individuals and/or entities involved in preservation activities will be submitted for review and approval SHPO.

II – Suggested Provisions (Best Practice)

Supplemental Reports/Other Documentation: Supplementary materials that support the proposed treatment activities may include, but are not limited to, historic structure reports, cultural landscape reports, archeological survey reports, past feasibility studies, National Register of Historic Places nominations, and cost estimates.