

Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural
Activities
and
The Office of Historic Alexandria

Fort Ward Park Update



City Council Regular Meeting
April 27, 2010





FORT WARD PARK CONTEXT



Sports Field
and Tennis
Courts

VAN DORN STREET

St. Stephens / St.
Agnes School

WEST BRADDOCK ROAD

Manager on Duty and Reservation Check-in Station



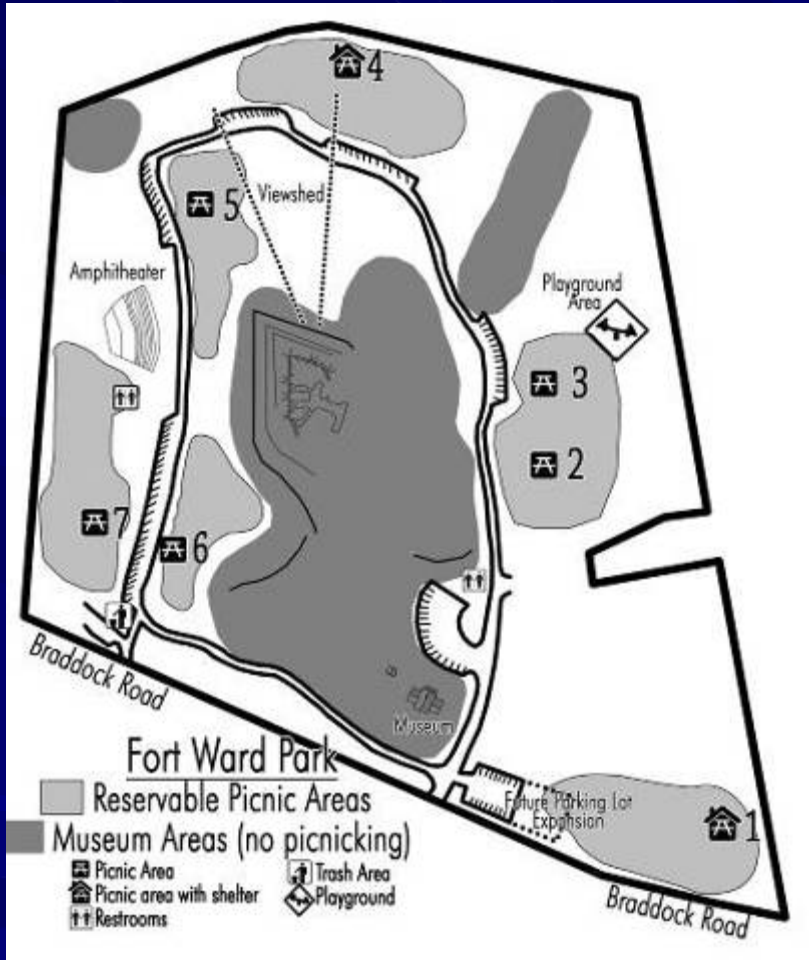
2010 Reservation Policy and Fees

Picnic Area	Max #	Fee per 4 hr	Features
1	25	\$52	4 tables, 1 small grill
2	100	\$157	large shelter; 15 tables, 2 small & 2 large grills
3	25	\$52	4 tables, 1 small grill
4	50	\$52	8 tables, 1 small & 1 large grill
5	50	\$52	8 tables, 1 small and 1 large grill

Picnic areas available by reservation only on weekends and holidays.

Available 4 hour block of time for reservations are 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Revised Reservation Map



Revised Reservation Site Signage



**PICNIC AREAS
1 - 7
AVAILABLE BY
RESERVATIONS
ONLY
WEEKENDS
& HOLIDAYS**



**CAUTION
SPEED
BUMP**

**PICNIC AREAS
1 - 5
AVAILABLE BY
RESERVATIONS
ONLY FROM
APRIL - OCTOBER**

TO RESERVE PLEASE CALL
703-746-5404

Pedestrian Improvements

Speedbumps and Signage

Without Speedbumps



New Informational Kiosks

Old Kiosk



New Kiosk



Horticultural/Nursery Area



2009



2010

Maintenance Yard



2009



2010

Maintenance Yard



2009



2010

No Mow Natural Areas



April 2010 Temporary Signage

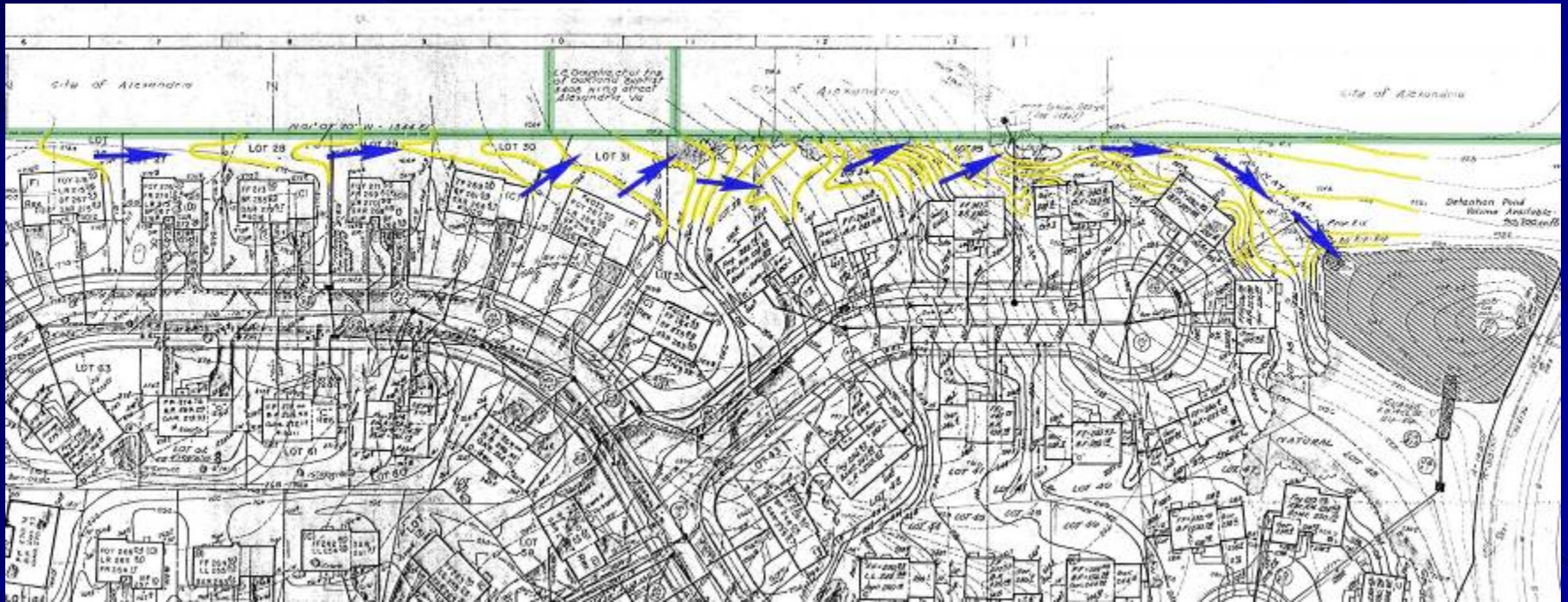


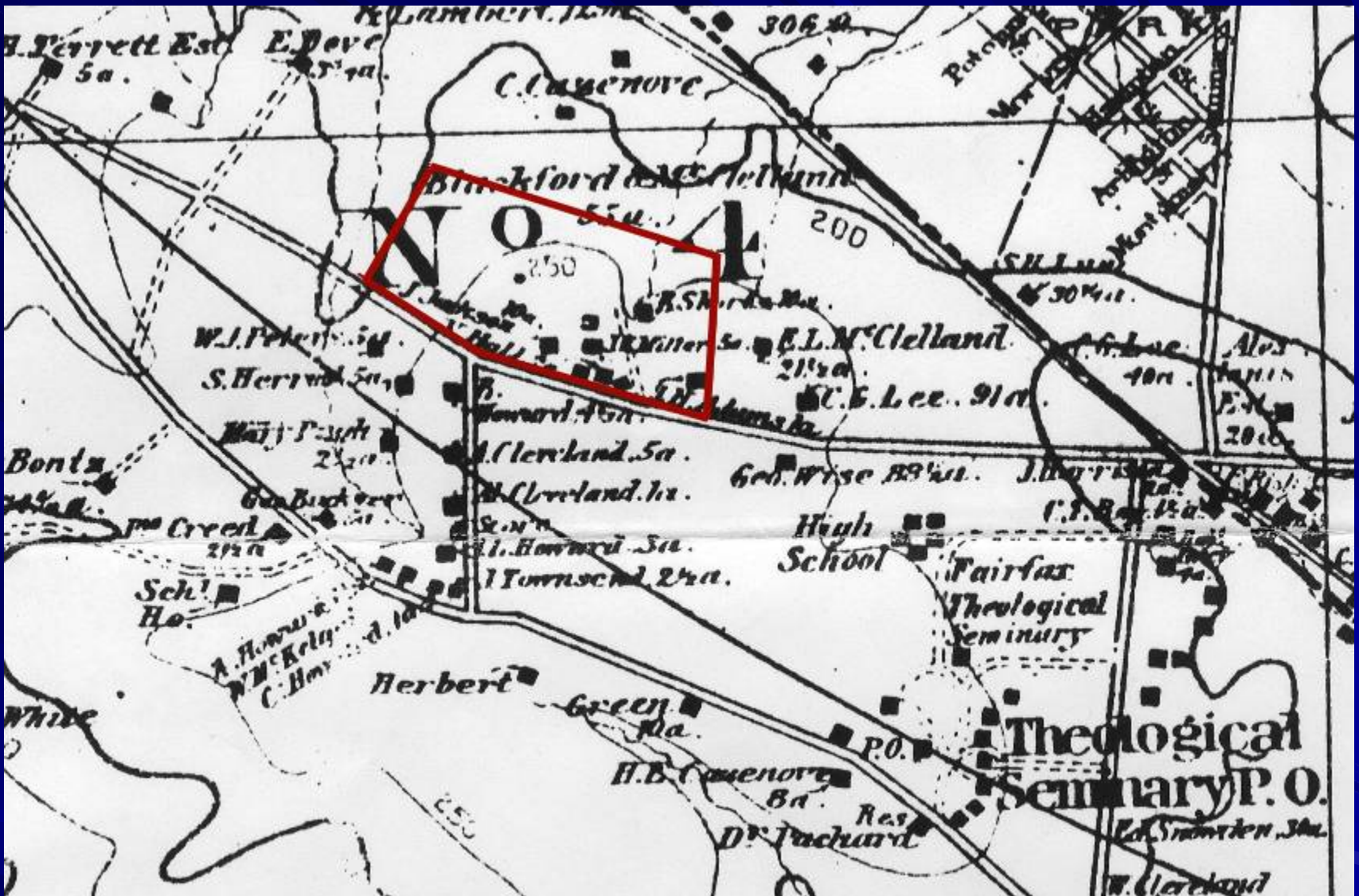
Proposed Permanent Signage

No Mow Areas



Drainage on East Property Line





1879 Hopkins Map showing names of families living at "the Fort."

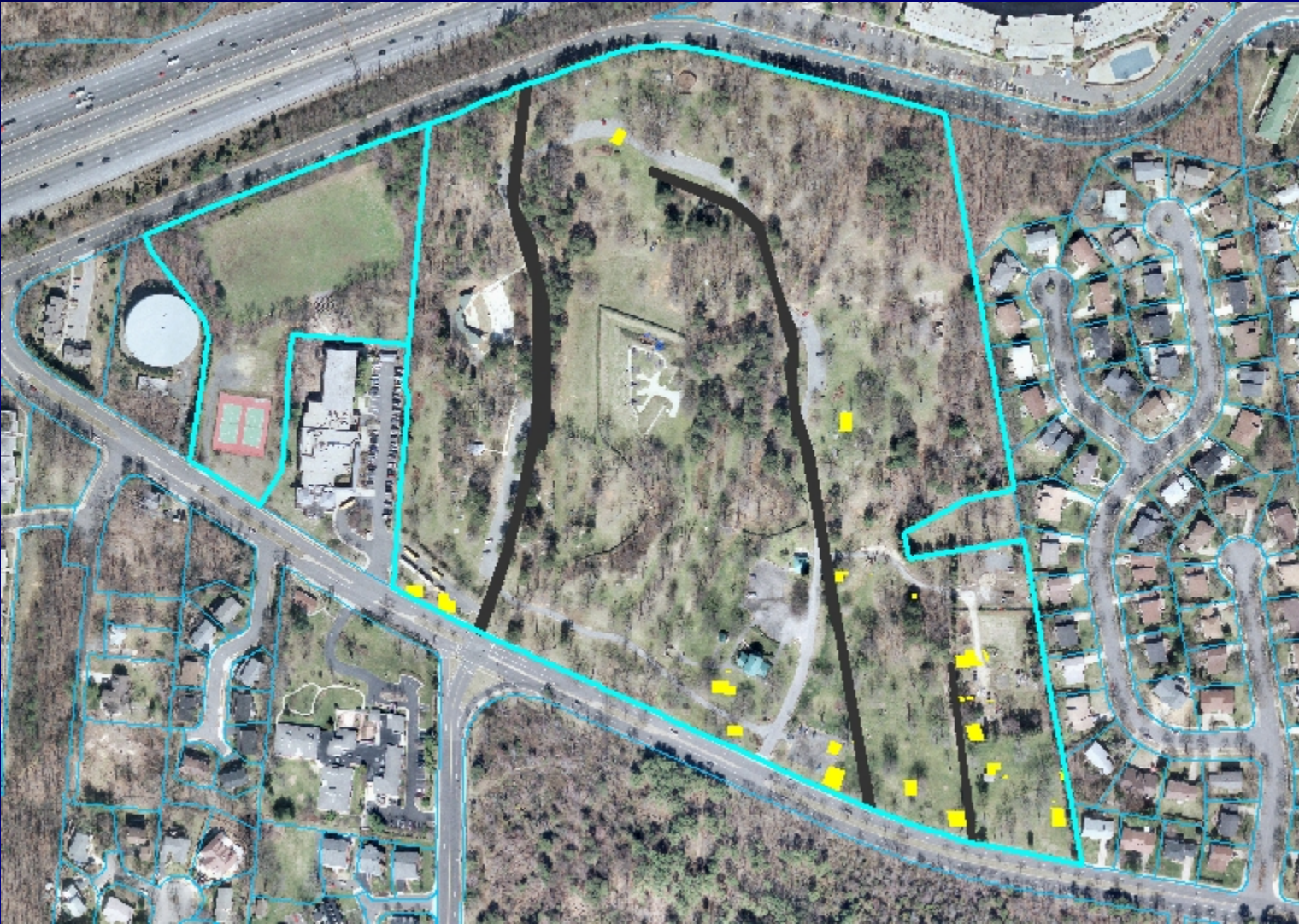
Civil War Cultural Resources Identified in 1961 Park listed on National Register of Historic Places



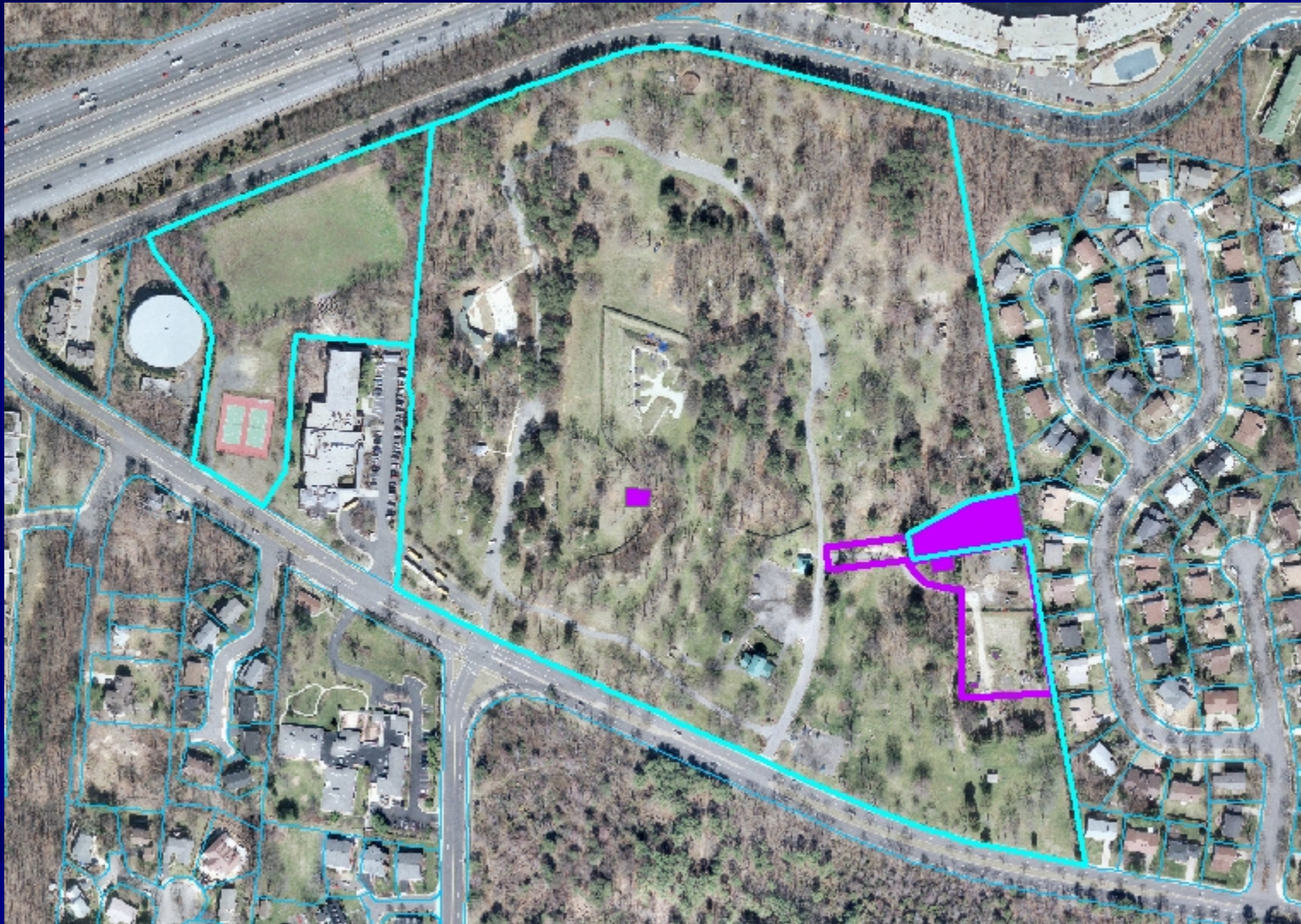
Native American Cultural Resources identified in 1991



African American Cultural Resources identified in 2009



African American Burial Sites identified in 2009



Homesites at "The Fort"



JACKSON FAMILY

**Bought west side of Fort Ward property—
may be their home in the background.**

Cemetery may still exist on that side of the park.



CLARA ADAMS

Buried in marked grave at Fort Ward Park



On site visits with family descendants
Creation of Fort Ward History Work Group
Preparation of Draft Cultural and Historic Resources Survey



Spring 2009 Gravesite Protection



Gravesites April 2009

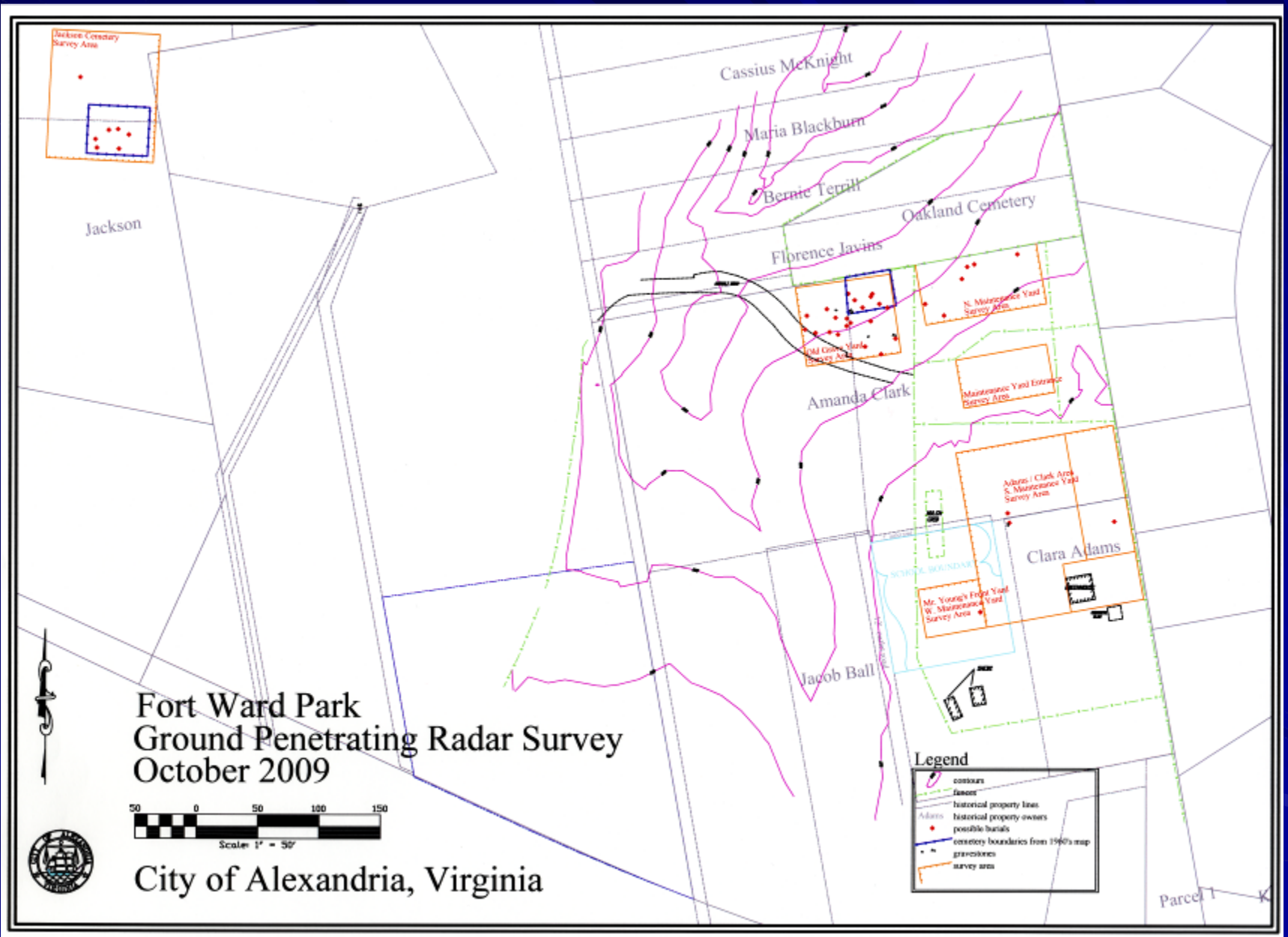


Gravesites May 2009 – roped off



GPR Survey
October 2009





Archaeological monitoring of all digging activities in Fort Ward Park



Fort Ward Interpretation

\$75,000 “Save America’s Treasures’ grant
\$15,000 National Trust for Historic Preservation grant



Fort Ward



Natural
Resources



“The Fort”



Native
American



Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory Group

As appointed by the City Manager, the Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory Group shall consist of ten members, as follows:

Park and Recreation Commission (3 members)

Richard Brune

Ripley Forbes

Robert Moir

Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (3 members)

William Schreiner

Charles Ziegler

Ralph Thomas Fulton

Environmental Policy Commission (1 member)

Philip Voorhees

Citizens at large (2 members)

Frances Terrell

Adrienne Washington

Citizen living within a one-mile radius of Fort Ward Park. (1 member)

Linda Ries

Thank you

