

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

Fort Ward Park Update

Held jointly with the Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory
Group's regularly scheduled meeting



Public Meeting
May 13, 2010





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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



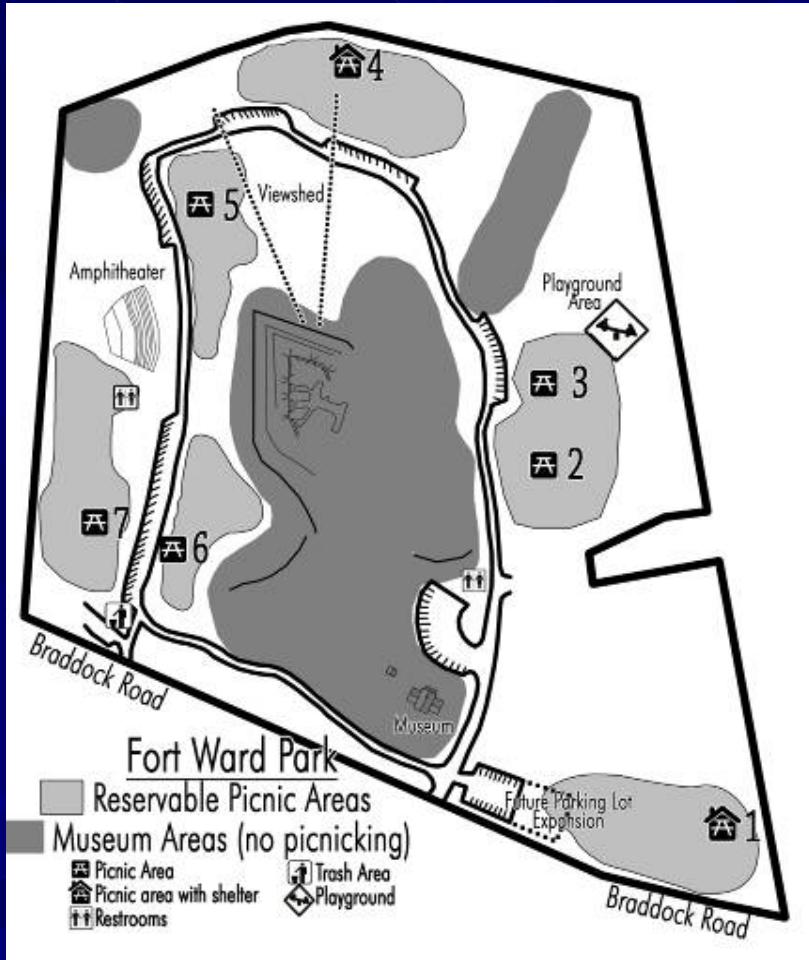
2010 Reservation Policy and Fees

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



2008 Signage



2010 Signage

Pedestrian Improvements

Speedbumps and Signage

Loop closed to vehicular traffic in the morning



New Informational Kiosks

Old Kiosk



New Kiosk



Public information and reservation information/rules posted for rentals

Horticultural/Nursery Area



2009



2010

Maintenance Yard



2009



2010

Maintenance Yard



2009



2010

No Mow Natural Areas



April 2010 Temporary Signage



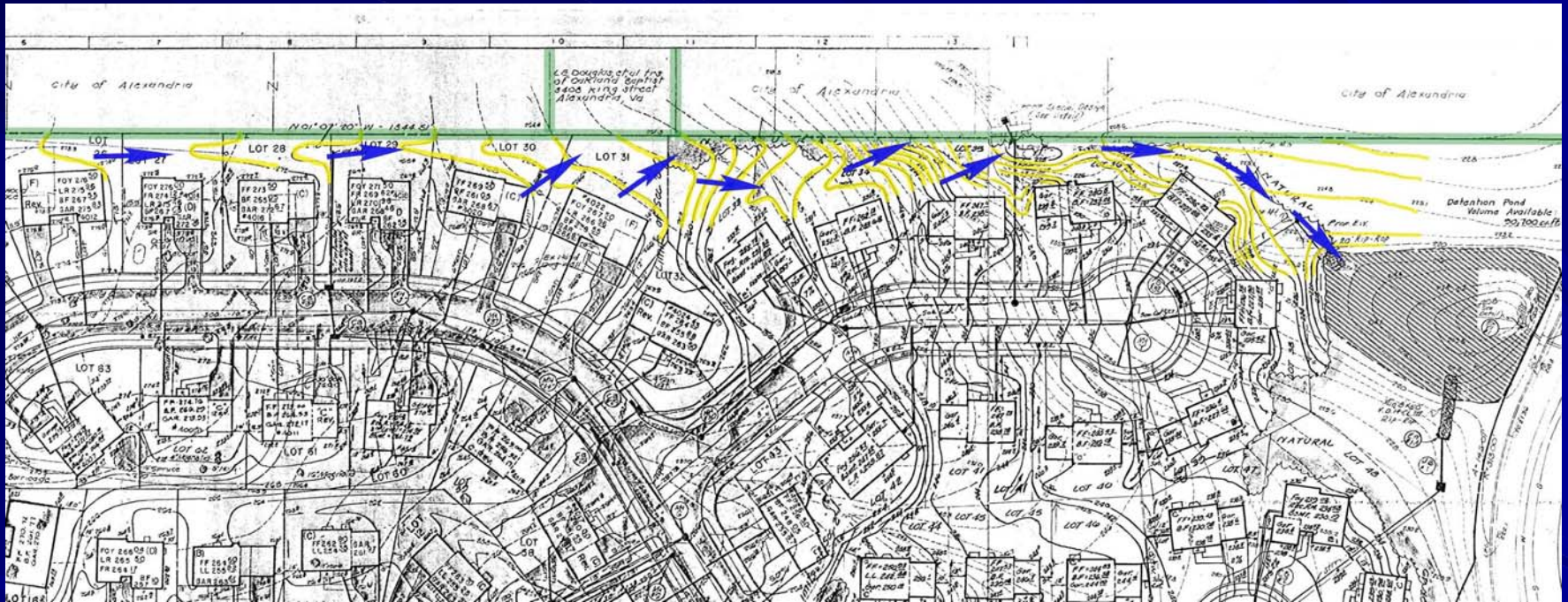
Proposed Permanent Signage

No Mow Areas

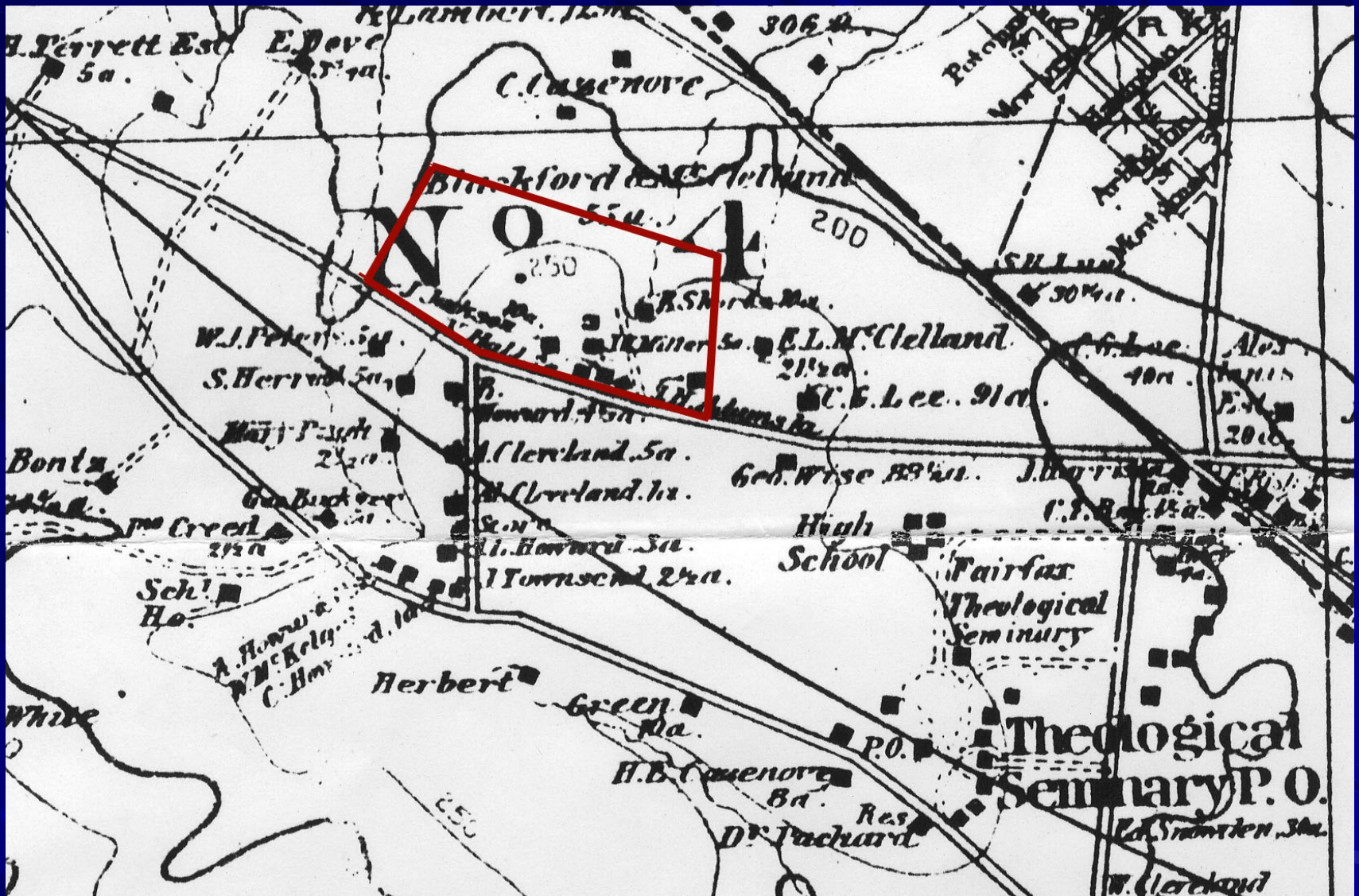


Drainage on East Property Line

Marlboro Estates Approved Site Plan - 1978

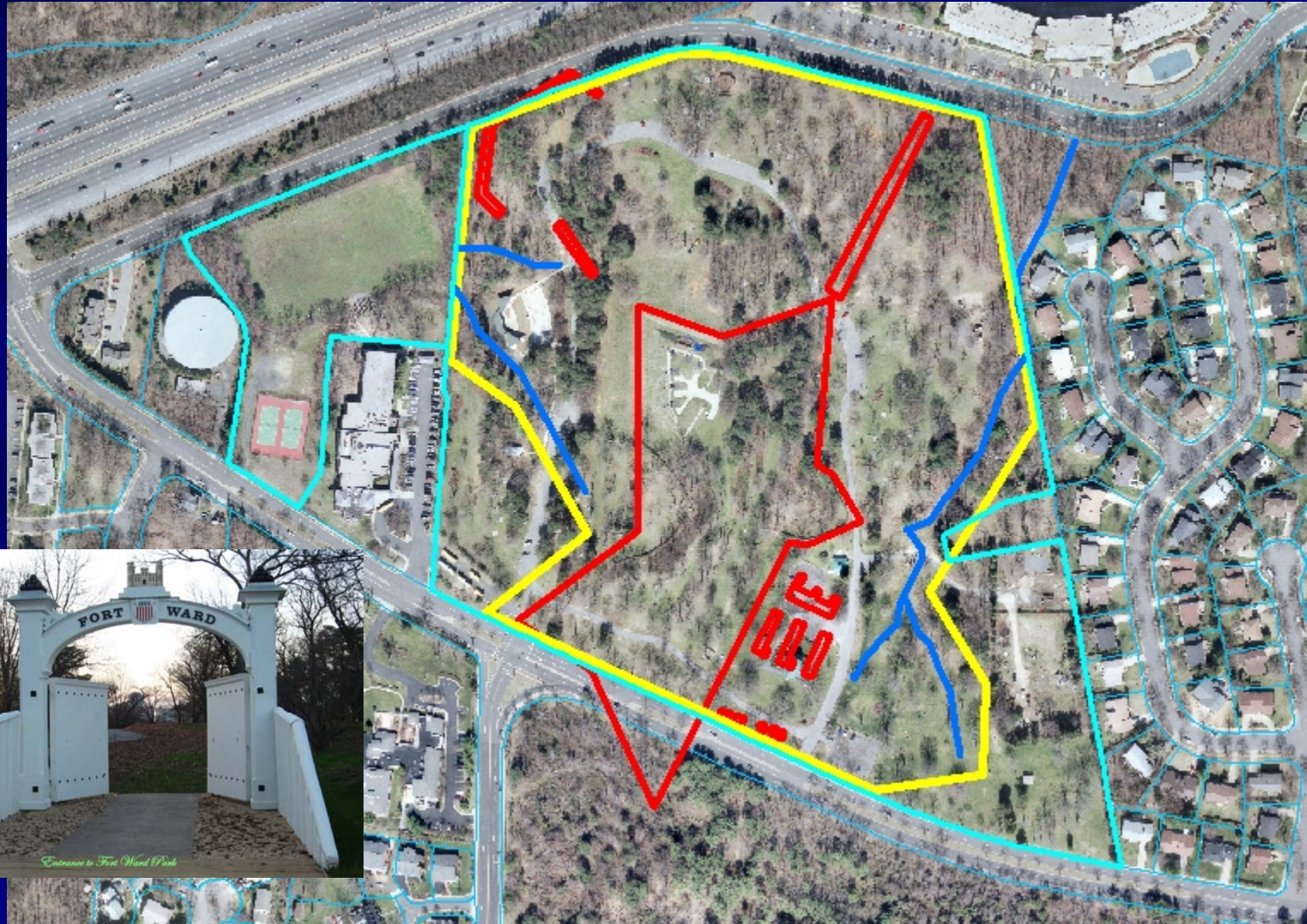


Yellow highlights required swales for drainage
Blue arrows show direction flow



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

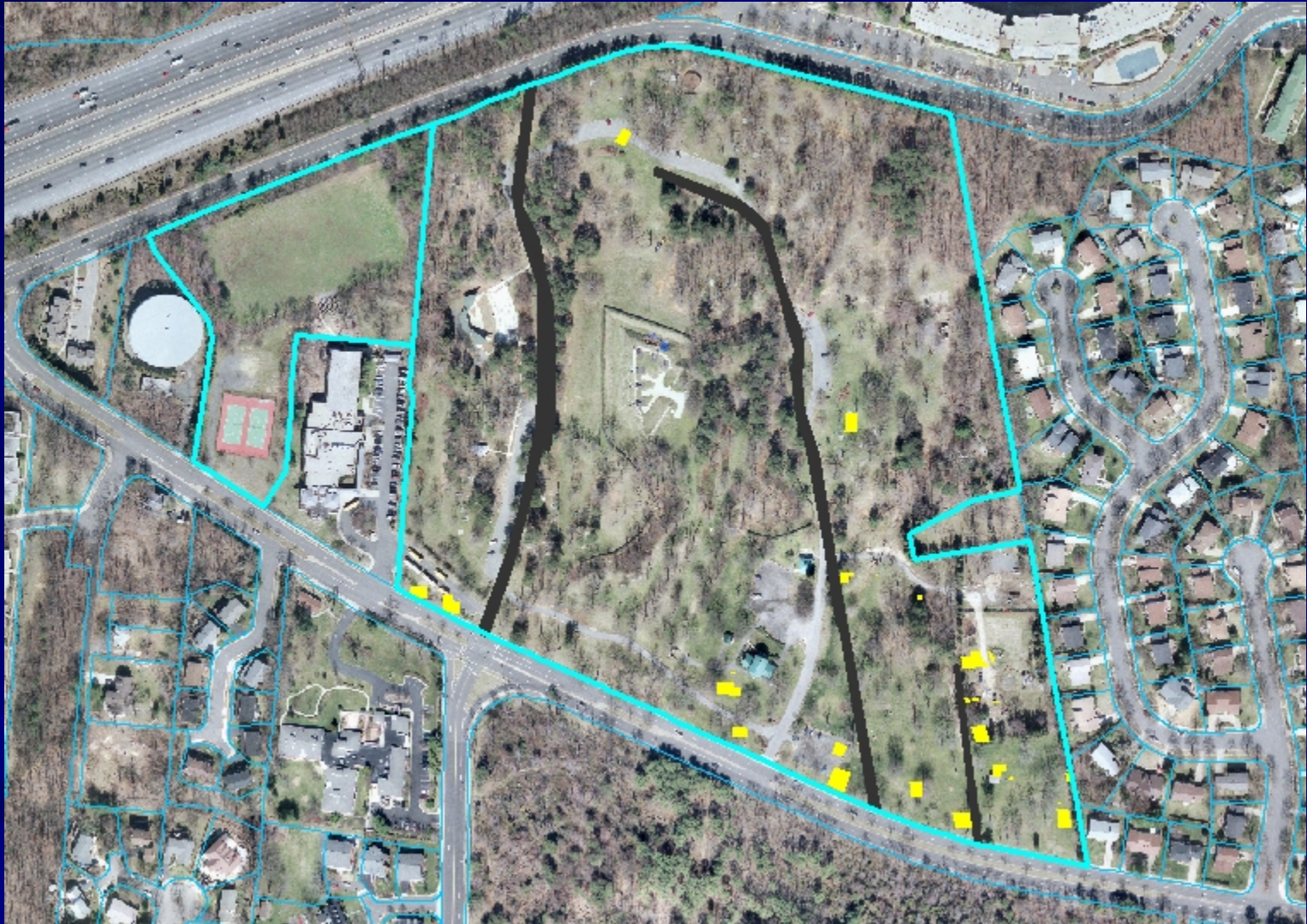


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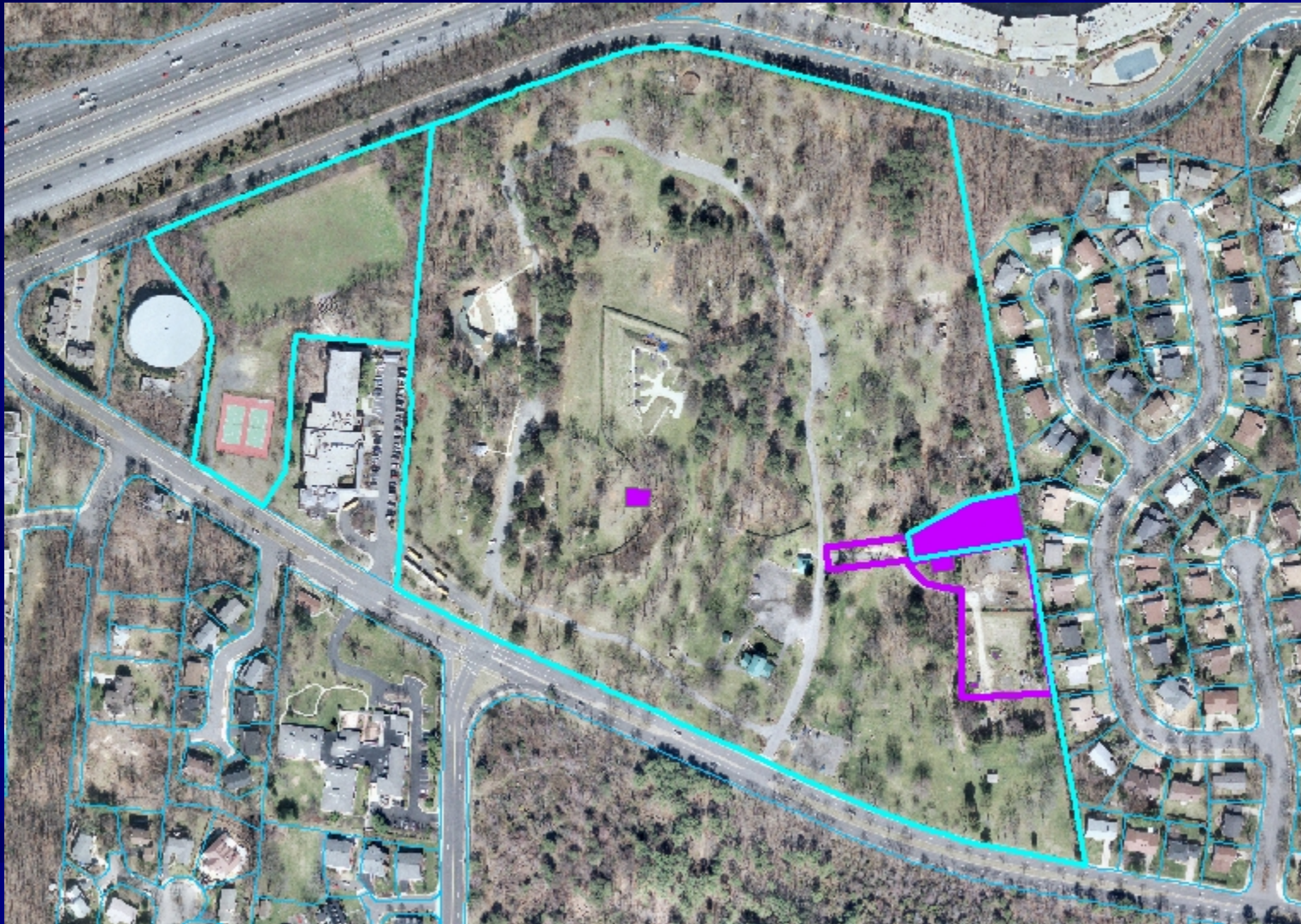
Native American Cultural Resources identified in 1991



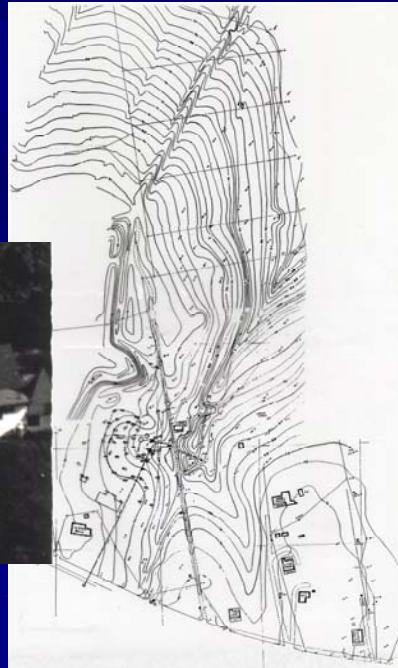
African American Cultural Resources identified in 2009



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



Fort Ward – Pictures from the Past



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

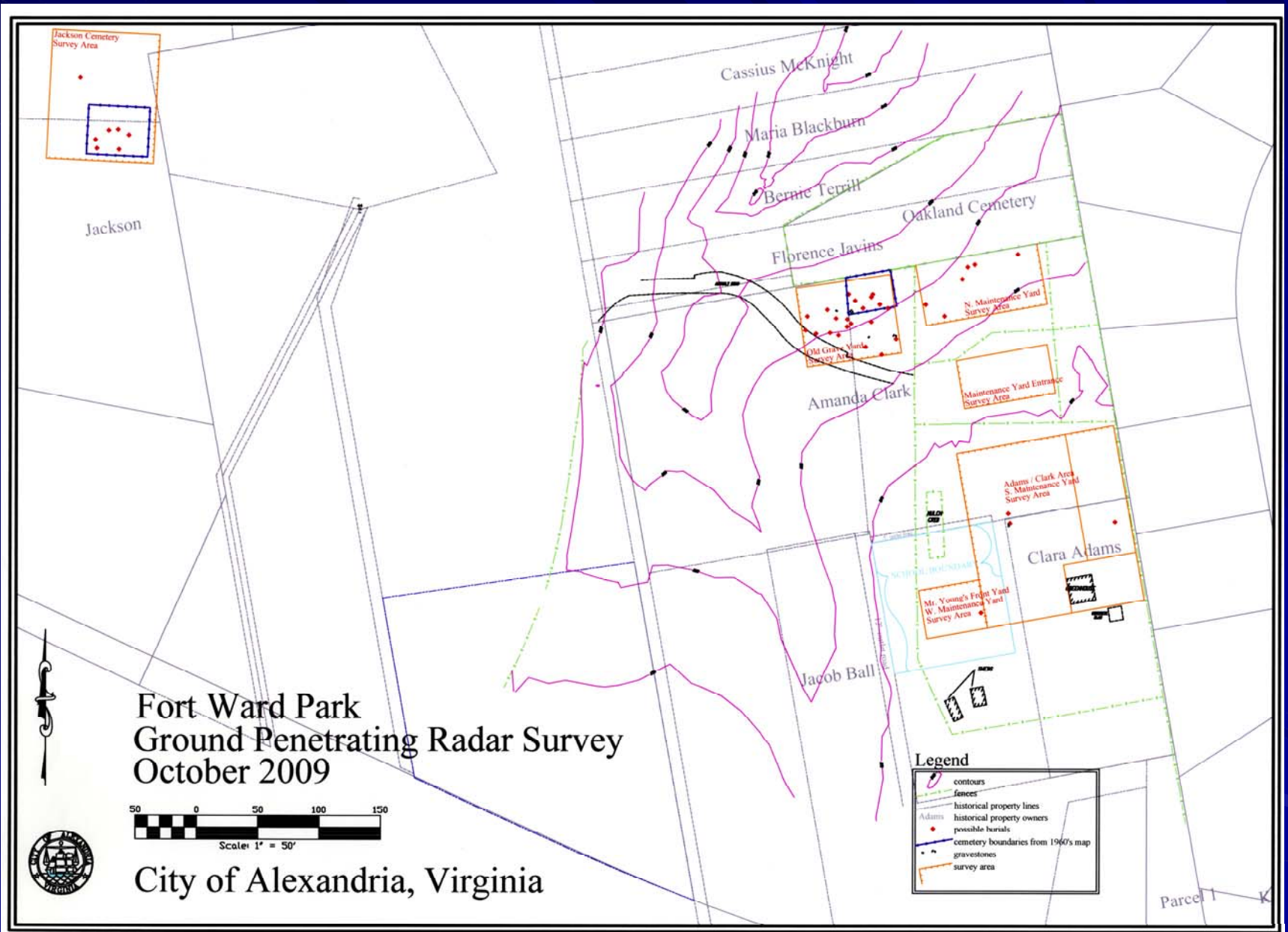


Gravesites May 2009 – roped off



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

