Agenda Item #: 3.M.6.

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

#### **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: March 17, 2009

[X] Consent [] Ordinance [] Regular

[] Public Hearing

Department: Parks and Recreation

Submitted By: Parks and Recreation Department

Submitted For: Parks and Recreation Department

#### I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: A) ratify the signature of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners on a National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) grant application submitted on January 19, 2009, requesting \$41,000 for the development of a battlefield site identification plan at Riverbend Park; B) authorize the County Administrator or his designee to execute the grant funding Agreement, as well as task assignments, certifications, standard forms, or amendments to the Agreement that do not change the scope of work or terms and conditions of the Agreement, if the grant is approved; and C) authorize the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department to serve as Liaison Agent with the National Park Service for this project.

Summary: The American Battlefield Protection Program makes federal funds from the National Park Service available to local governments for the protection of battlefield land, and sites associated with battlefields, that are located on American soil. The purpose of this program is to provide seed money for projects that lead directly to the preservation of battlefield land and/or their associated sites. If awarded, this grant funding will become available in August 2009. The grant will be matched with \$2,500 of in-kind service of staff time. District 1 (AH)

Background and Justification: Riverbend Park is a unique 684-acre regional park located on the National Designated Wild and Scenic Loxahatchee River. Two Second Seminole War Battle sites, Powell's Battle, January 15, 1838, and Jesup's Battle, January 24, 1838, occurred along the Loxahatchee River. Previous research indicates that the majority of the battles occurred inside Riverbend Park. Palm Beach County would like to continue site identification and documentation to match historical research to events on the ground. This will be the first step in a three step process. The estimated cost of the first step is \$43,500, which includes a \$2,500 match of in-kind services. In the second step, Palm Beach County will pursue a strategic plan through planning and consensus building, and finally a planning module for interpretation and education. If the grant is awarded, the funds will become available in August 2009, and a competitively selected consultant approved by the National Park Service will be hired to develop a battlefield site identification plan. The grant also requires the recipient to send a representative to Washington, D.C., to attend an 8hour training session. Travel expenses are paid for by the grant.

#### Attachments:

- 1. Grant Application
- 2. Location Map

Recommended by:	Dims Illim	2/12/09
	Department Director	Date
Approved by:	Hu	2/25/09
	Department Director	Date

#### II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

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January 19, 2009

Kristen McMasters American Battlefield Protection Program National Park Service 6<sup>th</sup> floor, 1201 Eye Street, NW (2255) Washington, DC 20005

RE: Palm Beach County
FY 2009 American Battlefield Protection Program
Grant Application

Dear Ms. McMasters:

Attached is an original and ten copies of a FY 2009 National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) grant application. The application requests \$41,000 in funding assistance for Second Seminole War Battles at the Loxahatchee River Site Identification, Palm Beach County will be matching with \$2,500 in in-kind service.

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Thank you for this opportunity to apply for (ABPP) funding and for your help in processing this application. Please feel free to call Suzanne Congelosi, Riverbend Park Program Coordinator at 561-746-6489 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Dennis Eshleman

Director, Parks and Recreation

**Attachments** 

# 2009 ABPP BATTLEFIELD GRANT PACKAGE CHECK LIST (must be included with original Battlefield Grant Package)

Check each box below to signify that the item is completed and included in the grant package.

Completed Battlefield Grant Package must contain the following:
☑ One (1) Battlefield Grant Package Check List, completed and signed ☐ One (1) original Grant Proposal (see below), paper clipped or binder clipped together (no staples) ☐ Ten (10) copies of the original Grant Proposal. Each proposal is paper clipped or binder clipped together (no staples)
An original Grant Proposal must contain the following:
Required documents:
A signed and completed SF424
☐ SF424 is <b>hand-signed and dated</b> . SF424 submitted without original signatures will be discarded. The grant proposal will then be considered incomplete and will be discarded without review or notification.
A completed five (5) page ABPP Battlefield Grant Application
Application questions answered and typed within the five (5) page space provided Additional text will not be considered and may negatively impact the total grant score
One (1) map - 8 ½" x 11" copy of USGS 1:24,000 scale, 7.5 min topographic map showing the location of the battlefield land boundaries, the proposed project area, and, if applicable, associated sites
Up to four (4) 5" x 7" photographs/graphics of project site (two [2] images per 8 ½" x 11" page.)  Photos will not be returned and extra material will be discarded
If applicable the following are also required:
Letters from each land owning entity within the project area giving permission to perform the work you are proposing in the grant (as appropriate) on their land
Letters from Matching Share Donors confirming their contribution(s) to the project
☐ Letters from Tribes indicating their level of support for the project
Letters of support from involved and interested Partners, SHPOs, and THPOs

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The undersigned affirms that the ABPP Battlefield Grant Package is complete per this check list:

excessive or additional materials may make your grant ineligible.

NOTE: extra maps, vitas, resumes, separation pages, bibliographies, historic overviews, photographs,

graphics, product examples of web sites, brochures, CDs, etc. will be removed and thrown away Please note,

Make sure your Grant Package is complete before submitting it to the ABPP. Incomplete packages will not be considered and will be discarded without review or notification

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City: Lake Worth			Middle Name: Ma	rie		
County: Palm Beach			Last Name: Cong	Last Name: Congelosi		
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#### United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

#### American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) 2009 Battlefield Grant Application

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		ct Summary (10 points) s based on the applicant's ability to succi	nctly describe the project and to clearly convey the project objective.
1.		Project Title : Second Seminole V	Var Battles at the Loxahatchee River Site Identification
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3.		List each battlefield or associated sit	te included in this project.
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Technical report to include: (3) hard copies, one electronic copy and supporting GIS files. Artifact identification, analysis and preparation for storage.

#### Threat to Site (25 points) Current Land Use and Classification. Answer each of the following: B. What is the current zoning classification of the A. What is the **predominant** current project area as determined by the local planning office? land-use of the project area? ☐ Industrial Industrial Commercial Commercial □ Residential □ Residential X Recreational/Open Space Recreational/Open Space ☐ Agricultural/Rural □ Agricultural/Rural X Other (specify) Agricultural/Residential ☐ Other (specify) 7. Project and Battlefield Size. A. What is the total size of the entire historic battlefield? 488.6 acres 390 B. How much of the battlefield remains relatively unchanged since the battle? C. How much of the remaining battlefield is threatened? 315.6 acres 8. How much land (by % or acres) within the project area is in each of the following ownership categories? □ Private <u>0.25%</u> ☐ Public 99.75% □ Private Non-Profit 9. What are the current threats to the remaining battlefield or associated site. Describe how it has affected and may affect the condition of the battlefield. The majority of the battlefield site falls in Riverbend Park and partially on Jonathan Dickinson State Park and Loxahatchee Water Management District. Riverbend Park is currently undergoing recreational development and there are demands to expand recreational uses on the site. There are demands from equestrians, kayak/canoe enthusiasts and cyclists. The historical community is also interested in educating the public about the battlefield, creating special events and reenactments on the site. Palm Beach County would like to preserve the battlefield from incompatible recreational demands and delineate the appropriate uses for the site. 10. Explain how the threats identified in #9 will impact specific battlefield resources and describe the importance of each resource to the overall preservation of the battlefield. Riverbend Park recently opened to the public in July 2007 after 10 years of restoration work. This unique park is still undergoing restoration and expansion. New areas that were not accessible to the public are now open to the public. Access to critical battlefield areas need to be protected from the overenthusiastic public. Local historians would like to create a learning center for school groups, general public and retirement communities on the site. The battlefield is located right off the Loxahatchee River and accessibility to the site is limited. An overall assessment of the site is needed, than a strategic master plan created to protect the site. 11. How long will it take for the threats identified in #9 above to affect the site?

☐ Less than 1 year X 1 – 5 years ☐ 5 - 10 years

☐ More than 10 years

Preservation Opportunity (35 points)

Score is based on the appropriateness of the project to help protect the battlefield or historic site from the threats identified in #9 or to help protect the site before potential threats develop.

12. Describe how the proposed project will address the threat(s) identified in #9.

The site assessment will delineate the battlefield area and help to prioritize critical areas for protection.

- 13. How many acres of battlefield will this project protect? 315.6 acres
- 14. Check all categories of previous preservation work that has taken place at the battlefield where the site is threatened. Cite study and year on the right side for each checked box.

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Year</u>
X Research Guns Across the Loxahatchee		1999
X Cultural Resource Research, Identific	eation and Documentation	
	ne Indiantown Road Widening Project, Palm Beach County, FL	1998
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X Archeological Survey and Inventory		
A Phase I Cultural Resources A	Assessment Survey of the Loxahatchee Bridge Parcel,	
	Palm Beach County, FI	2007
A Phase I Cultural Resource As	ssessment Survey of a portion of a Riverbend Park,	
	m Beach County, FL Supplement to Davenport and Mount	2007
An Archaeological Survey of P		2003
	ey of The Shunk, Lox. River Corridor And Eastern Lox. Slough Tr	acts,
	Palm Beach County, Florida	1994
An Archaeological and historica	al Assessment of Riverbend Park, Palm Beach County, Florida	1994
Registration (State and National Registration)		
X Community Advocacy and Outreach	Designation Application and Report For Riverbend Regional Pa	ırk 1999
	For consideration by The Historic Resource Review Board (HR	
	We R Florida (Florida Black Historical Research Project)	1996
Preservation or Cultural Resource Man	agement Planning	
Master or Strategic Site Plans		
Interpretive Planning and Programs		
Other		4

- 15. How does this project contribute to the long-range goals for the site?

  This is the first step in a three step process. We will use the data collected from this survey to build upon future preservation endeavors. It is the goal of Palm Beach County is to create a master or strategic site plan for the battlefield and finally to create interpretive plans and programs.
- 16. Why is the proposed project the most appropriate preservation action or strategy for this site at this time?

Palm Beach County has acquired large portions of the Battlefield. The remaining portions are mostly owned by State entities. The county has no control over these properties and it is assumed these areas will not be developed in the future. Our undertaking of data collection and documentation is the first step in preserving the site.

17. What special factors contribute to the present opportunity for this project (e.g., personnel, timing, availability of matching funds, community support, or other unique circumstances)?

The community and the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department have supported the preservation of the Loxahatchee Battlefield ever since the original archeological surveys were completed at Riverbend Park. The Parks and Recreation Department currently has a dedicated staff to oversee grants and preservation efforts on the battlefield site. Riverbend Park offers many different recreational opportunities and preservation of the battlefield is key in our goal to interpret the historical significance of the site.

Tasks, Schedule, and Products (10 points)

18. In the space below, state each major task (activity) necessary to complete the project with a schedule and cost estimate for its completion, and the expected product that will be produced.

<u>Tasks</u>	Time Require	d to Complete	Cost	<u>Products</u>
1.	ABPP Training Course	8 hours	\$1000.00	
2.	Matching Grant Administration	80 hours	\$2,500.00	
3.	Analysis/Summary	1-2 months		
4.	Relevant Map	1 month		GIS maps
5.	Additional Survey Work To include artifact identification Analysis and preparation for storage	1-2 months		
6.	Refined Map	1 month		GIS maps
7.	Final Technical Report	6-8 months	\$40,000.00	GIS maps

#### Applicant Qualifications (5 points)

The applicant organization's qualifications are rated according to its experience with similar grant projects and according to the applicant's ability to accurately and concisely complete this application.

19. Describe the applicant **organization's** qualifications for handling this type of project and its experience in managing grants or contracts.

Since 1972 the Palm Beach County has been awarded over \$25 million in grant funding. Palm Beach County has both the financial and staff resources to effectively manage and complete projects in a timely manner. The Parks and Recreation Department has a Senior Planner dedicated to writing and managing grants and the department has been awarded both federal and state grants. Some of the grants awarded in the past several years include Land and Water Conservation Fund, Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program, Florida Communities Trust, Florida Fish and Wildlife – Florida Boating Improvement Program, Housing and Community Development – Block grant, and a Florida Department of State Historical Resources grant.

20. Describe the proposed **project manager's** qualifications or experience for handling this type of project. Note any similar projects he/she has managed (do <u>NOT</u> attach resumes or vitae)
Project Manager, Suzanne Congelosi, is currently the manager of Riverbend Park. A Forestry graduate from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Sue Congelosi coordinated the Federally Funded, Urban and Community Forestry grants for the State of Florida from 1996 – 2000. She provided technical assistance to local community groups, and government agencies. Ms. Congelosi assisted with the writing of the grants to the final implementation ensuring successful completion of grants within the allotted time frame. As manager of Riverbend Park, Sue also coordinates contractors and vendors to perform a variety of services including the Bureau of Invasive Plant Management Grant awarded in 2008.

21. Has the applicant organization received grant assistance from ABPP in the past?   Yes If Yes, indicate year(s) completed, and project title(s), below.	□ <u>No</u>
Is/was the grant product extended/late? ☐ Yes ☐ No	

**Support and Participation (10 points)** 

Consider all entities that are involved in, and affected by, this project. Attach letters stating their support. Partners, SHPOs, and THPOs should address letters of support by the deadline, to the applicant not the ABPP.

22. List all Land Owners in the project area whose property is involved in the project.

(Also attach letters from each land owning entity within the project area giving permission to perform the work on their land.)

Palm Beach County, Parks and Recreation Department, Riverbend Park - 315.6 Acres (Major owner of the property)

Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, Jonathan Dickinson State Park, 151.8 acres (Letter Attached)

Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District, 20 acres (Letter Attached)- Highly disturbed

1.2 acres privately owned – Community Finance Co. LLC – Outside edge of possible battlefield
24301 Walden Center Dr. Highly disturbed- no digging will
Bonita, Springs, FL 34134 be done on this site
(Land in foreclosure)

23. Describe the extent to which the public is and will be involved in this project.

The requested project is focusing on archeological surveys to determine location of subsurface resources and the extent of the battlefield. The public will have limited participation at this point in the project.

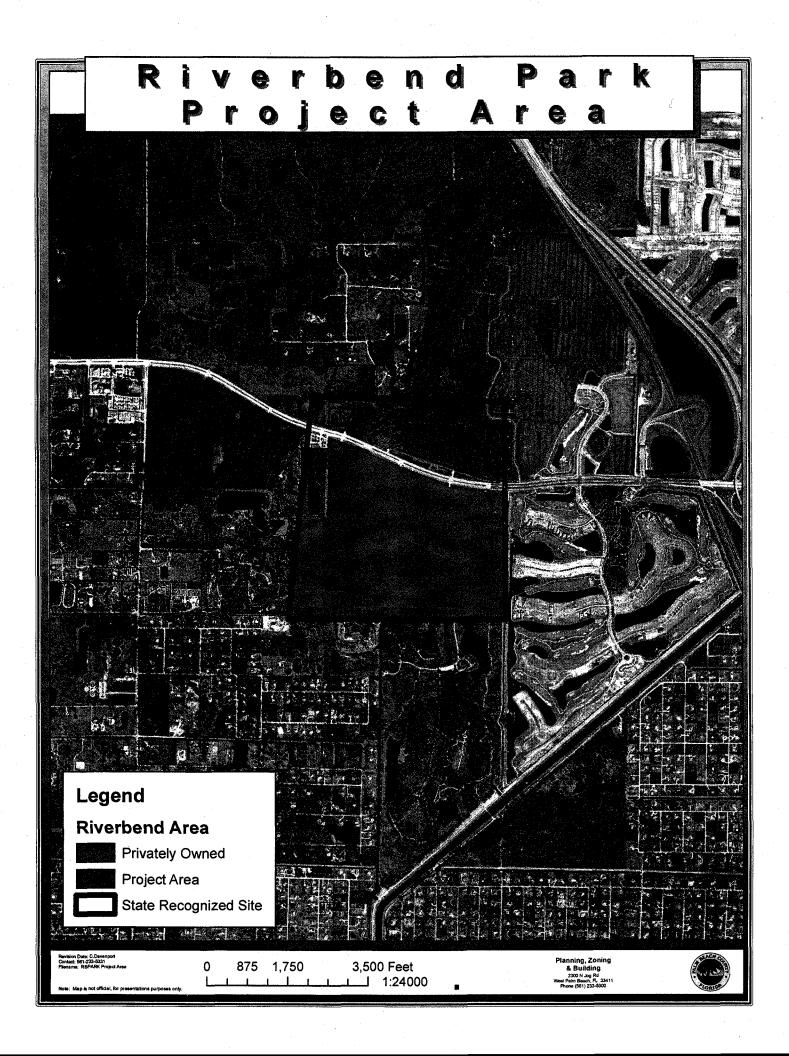




Photo #1: Photo of the Loxahatchee River. Archeological digs confirm that this was an Indian Crossing for the Seminoles. It was only 4 foot deep at the time. The army built a bridge over the site the day after the battle, January 25, 1838.



Photo #2:

Surgeon Jacob Motts stated that the soldiers carried the wounded and the dead under the outstretched arms of the old oak trees. These 300 year old oaks are found on the site.



#### Photo #3:

This is a photo of the original swamp that still exists undisturbed today at Riverbend Park. The Seminoles tricked the Army into the low swamp and the Seminoles were based on the high ground in the Oak Hammocks.



#### Photo #4:

Old Oak Trees in the open Oak Hammock is where the Seminoles were located. Dense vegetation in the back of the photo is similar to what the Army traveled through to get to the Seminoles.

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January 21, 2009

Mr. Dennis Eshleman, Director Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department 2700 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Lake Worth, Florida 33461

Dear Mr. Eshleman:

I am writing to express my support for the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners 2009 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) grant application. The grant will provide assistance in delineating the Second Seminole War Battlefields located in Riverbend Park. We feel these battlefields have important historical significance and need to not only be preserved, but also be made available to the public for educational and interpretive programs. This grant will provide funds to help delineate the battlefield through historical research and surveys. It is the first step in a three step process to protect the site.

It is encouraging to know that projects like this one are being initiated to preserve important Battlefields that occurred in Riverbend Park. I am pleased to support the Second Seminole War Battles at the Loxahatchee River Site Identification grant request and believe it will aid in helping to preserve this historical site. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Willard S. Steele

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer



# Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Jonathan Dickinson State Park 16450 SE Federal Highway Hobe Sound, FL 33455 Charlie Crist Governor

Jeff Kottkamp Lt. Governor

Michael W. Sole Secretary

January 21, 2009

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Sincerely,

Mark W. Nelson, Park Manager Jonathan Dickinson State Park

16450 SE Federal Hwy. Hobe Sound, FL 33455

cc: District 5 Admin.

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Albrey Arrington, Ph.D., Executive Director

January 7, 2009

Mr. Dennis Eshleman, Director Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department 2700 6th Avenue South Lake Worth, Florida 33461



I am writing to express my support for the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners 2009 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) grant application. I understand this grant will provide funds to help delineate the battlefield through historical research and surveys. I believe Riverbend is one of the finest parks in south Florida, and I support these activities to better understand the historical significance of the park.

Delineating the Second Seminole War Battlefields in Riverbend Park is a necessary first step. I look forward to this work being completed, so that educational and interpretive programs can be developed for the public.

I am pleased to support the Second Seminole War Battles at the Loxahatchee River Site Identification grant request and believe it will aid in helping to document the historical significance of Riverbend Park. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.



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Sincerely,

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Mr. Dennis Eshleman, Director Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department 2700 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Lake Worth, Florida 33461

Dear Mr. Eshleman:

I am writing to express my support for the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners 2009 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) grant application. The grant will provide assistance in delineating the Second Seminole War Battlefields thought to be located within Riverbend Park. These battlefields are important historical resources to Palm Beach County and are significant on the local, state and national levels. This grant will provide funds to help delineate the battlefields through historical research and archaeological investigations. These are the first steps in a three step process to protect and interpret the sites.

It is encouraging to know that projects like this one are being initiated to preserve important Battlefields that occurred in Riverbend Park. I fully support the Parks and Recreation Department's efforts to identify the two Second Seminole War Battlefields within Riverbend Park. Doing so will aid in helping to preserve these historical sites and will eventually be a major source of historic tourism dollars for the county.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 233-5331 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Christian Davenport, MA, RPA County Archaeologist

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January 14, 2009

Mr. Dennis Eshleman, Director Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department 2700 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Lake Worth, FL 33461

Dear Mr. Eshleman:

I was glad to learn that the County is requesting an American Battlefield Protection Program grant to conduct research related to the Second Seminole War battlefields located in Riverbend Park. The proposed archaeological research is an essential step toward preservation of this important battlefield site. As northern Palm Beach County's historic preservation leader, our organization is acutely aware of the challenges involved in protecting, and exciting the public about, history.

We are also aware that a comprehensive archaeological survey, not just secondary research conducted as part of the permitting process, is needed to document this nationally significant site. This grant request will enable visitors to discover the Loxahatchee River battlefields' role in shaping American history. For all these reasons, we support this County grant request and look forward to a continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Jamie Stuve Executive Director Ayat Jalal, President

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January 12, 2009

The Florida Black Historical Research Project Inc., is submitting this letter of support, due to the dire need, for funding to be allocated for the preservation of The Loxahatchee Battlefield at River Bend Park in Jupiter, Florida. One of our nations most significant stories of expansion came to it's conclusion on this Battlefield and deserves to be remembered and made available to the public on a greater scale than has been obtained.

The Seminole War is of importance not only to Palm Beach County and the State of Florida, but to the United States of America for significant reasons. It was the longest "Indian War" and the most costly of all US attempts to grow its borders. Five of our country's presidents fought in the Seminole War. The decisive battle of the Second Seminole War, which took place in present-day Jupiter, at the Loxahatchee Battlefield officially made Florida a part of the United States of America. Here is where we see the "Black Seminoles" first being recognized by the US as being a separate entity from the "Seminoles" who they fought alongside when necessary. The end of the Second Seminole War would also bring about the infamous "Trail of Tears", as Blacks and Natives were marched West into Indian Territory

The Florida Black Historical Research Project Inc. (FBHRP) has consistently, for over 12 years now, been actively supporting all attempts to preserve the Loxahatchee Battlefield as well as carrying out our own efforts to accomplish the same end. This includes holding, along with Loxahatchee Preservation Society, Sons of Union Liberty Veterans, and others, an annual ceremony to honor the warriors and soldiers who gave their life in the Second Seminole War.

FBHRP is a non-profit corporation with a 501 c3 status. FBHRP gladly submits this letter in appreciation of the efforts of Suzanne Congelosi, Parks and Recreation District Manager, and the current Staff at River Bend Park to alert Floridians and other US citizens to the national importance of Palm Beach County's History, to give this site the attention it deserves, and to respect, honor, and bring to the public's attention, the Loxahatchee Battlefield and its burial sites.

Respectfully

Ayat Jalal

President, FBHRP Inc.

January 8, 2009

Mr. Dennis Eshleman, Director Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department 2700 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Lake Worth, Florida 33461

Dear Mr. Eshleman:

As a fifteen year member of the Palm Beach County Historic Resources Review Board, may I express my full support and enthusiasm for the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, 2009, American Battlefield Protection Program grant application.

The two battles of the Loxahatchee River took place in what is now Riverbend Park, on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and January 24<sup>th</sup> 1838, and represent an important piece of American history.

The Indian Wars connect to the Civil War when we realize that soldiers trained in Florida during the Second Seminole War went on to become high ranking officers and generals during the Civil War. Many of these officers who became famous historic figures walked the battlefields here in Jupiter in 1838.

The battlefields should not only be preserved but a grant provides the opportunity to open this history for educational programs.

I will continue to support grant initiatives as they will help insure and protect our historical legacy.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Procyk

Palm Beach County HRRB member.



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January 7, 2009

Mr. Dennis Eshleman, Director Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department 2700 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Lake Worth, Florida 33461

Dear Mr. Eshleman:

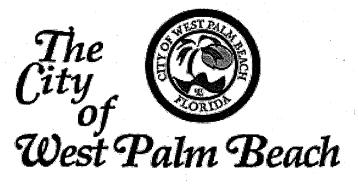
I am writing to express my support for the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners 2009 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) grant application. The grant will provide assistance in delineating the Second Seminole War Battlefields located in Riverbend Park. These battlefields have important historical significance on both a local and state level and need to not only be preserved, but also be interpreted to the public for educational and interpretive programs. This grant will provide funds to help delineate the battlefield through historical research and surveys. It is the first step in a three step process to protect the site.

It is encouraging to know that projects like this one are being initiated to preserve The Loxahatchee Battlefields that occur in Riverbend Park. We are pleased to support the Second Seminole War Battles at the Loxahatchee River Site Identification grant request and believe it will aid in helping to preserve this important historical site. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Carr Executive Director

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January 14, 2009

Mr. Dennis Eshleman, Director Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department 2700 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Lake Worth, Florida 33461

Dear Mr. Eshleman:

This letter serves to express my support for the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners 2009 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) grant application. The grant will provide assistance in delineating the Second Seminole War Battlefields located in Riverbend Park. These battlefields have important historical significance and need to not only be preserved, but also be made available to the public for educational and interpretive programs. This grant will provide funds to help examine the battlefield through historical research and surveys. It is the first step to protect the site.

It is encouraging to know that projects like this one are being initiated to preserve important sites. I am pleased to support the Second Seminole War Battles at the Loxahatchee River Site Identification grant request, and believe it will aid in helping to preserve this historical site. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (561) 822-1457 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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City Historic Preservation Planner

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January 12, 2009

Mr. Dennis Eshleman, Director Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department 2700 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Lake Worth, Florida 33461

Dear Mr. Eshleman:

We are writing to express our support for the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners 2009 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) grant application. We are told that this grant will provide assistance in delineating the Second Seminole War Battlefields located in Riverbend Park. We feel these battlefields have important historical significance and need to not only be preserved, but also be made available to the public for educational and interpretive programs. This grant, if approved, would provide funds to help delineate the battlefield through historical research and surveys. This is the first step in a three step process to protect the site.

It is encouraging to know that projects like this one are being initiated to preserve important Battlefields that occurred in Riverbend Park. We are pleased to support the Second Seminole War Battles at the Loxahatchee River Site Identification grant request and believe it will aid in helping to preserve this historical site. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Loren Mintz, President and CEO

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January 16, 2009

Dennis Eshelman, Director Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department 27600 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Lake Worth, Florida 33461

Dear Mr. Eshelman:

On behalf of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County, I am writing to express the Society's support for the County's 2009 American Battlefield Protection Program ("ABPP") grant application. We understand that the grant will provide assistance in delineating the Second Seminole War battlefield site located in Riverbend Park.

As you are aware, this battlefield site has important significance in both Florida's and the United States' history. Its preservation is an obligation of our community. The proper interpretive presentation of the site is a potent educational and tourist development opportunity for our community. This grant will provide funds to help delineate the battlefield through historical research and surveys. It is the first step in the process of developing this into a viable cultural heritage site.

We are pleased to lend our support and commend you and your staff for undertaking this project. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Harvey E. Oyer, III

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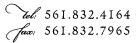
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January 13, 2009

Dennis Eshleman, Director P.B.C. Parks & Recreation Dept.

Dear Mr. Eshleman:

As Executive Director of The Loxahatchee Battlefield Preservationists, I am submitting this letter of support for the Battlefield grant acquisition project now underway by Susanne Congelosi, District Manager at Riverbend Park.

We as an organization wholeheartedly endorse the efforts to acquire funds and support for the preservation and restoration of the Loxahatchee Battlefield located at Riverbend Park in Palm Beach County.

Please note that members of our organization have been active in preservation, education and memorial events regarding the Loxahatchee Battlefield for more than 18 years. It is rewarding to know that representatives of Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation are now working towards mutual goals.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Carr



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January 15, 2009

Mr. Dennis Eshleman, Director Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department 2700 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Lake Worth, Florida 33461

Dear Mr. Eshleman:

I am writing to express my support for the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners 2009 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) grant application. It is encouraging to know that projects like this one are being initiated to delineate, protect and interpret important Battlefields such as those preserved in Riverbend Park. I am pleased to support the Second Seminole War Battles at the Loxahatchee River Site Identification Grant Request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

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January 15, 2009

Mr. Dennis Eshleman Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation Department 2700 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Lake Worth, FL 33461

Dear Mr. Eshleman:

We as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War express our support for the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners 2009 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) grant application. The grant will provide assistance in delineating the Second Seminole War Battlefields located in Riverbend Park. We feel these battlefields have important historical significance and need not only to be preserved but also to be made available to the public for educational and interpretive programs. This grant will provided funds to help delineate the battlefield through historical research and surveys. It is the first step in a three step process to protect the site.

There were two battles at this site. The first battle was led by a Lieutenant and known as "Powell's Battle" on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 1838 between a small force of U.S. Navy Sailors when they encountered Seminoles and their Black Seminole Allies.

The second battle called the "Battle of The Loxahatchee" under the command of General Thomas Sidney Jessup on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 1838, with approximately 1,500 U.S. Federal Troops and 500 Militia Volunteers, fought against an unknown number of Seminoles. Many of these Federal Troops went on to serve in the American Civil War in Union and Confederate Armies.

The Sons of Union Veterans in Palm Beach County along with other historical organizations have been coming to the Seminole Memorial Ceremonies and walking the battlefield for 11 years after learning about the long lost battlefields. Even to this day there is not a monument or marker mentioning what happened here and what these people did and sacrificed while serving their country on this hallowed ground. The story of the Seminoles' sacrifice is also not explained and what happened to them following the battles. This needs to be done when the Battlefields become more assessable to the public under the watch full eye of the Palm Beach County Parks Dept.

Mr. Dennis Eshleman

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January 15, 2009

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In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

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