

**RESOLUTION 24-250**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SPRING HILL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE FEDERAL BATTLEFIELD LAND ACQUISITION GRANT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BATTLE OF FRANKLIN TRUST**

**WHEREAS**, the Battle of Franklin Trust desires to purchase, preserve and protect an 11.57 acre tract between the American Battlefield Trust property due north of Rippavilla and south of Saturn Parkway currently available for purchase, as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Notice of Funding Opportunity (Funding Opportunity Number P24AS00517) has been issued for federal funding for the Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant which can only be applied for by State, county or city governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spring Hill desires to partner with the Battle of Franklin Trust to apply for \$95,000 in grant funds to be used to purchase the aforementioned 11.57 acre tract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Battle of Franklin Trust will independently apply for an additional \$95,000 in State grant funds that will be also used towards the purchase of the 11.57 acre tract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Battle of Franklin Trust has committed to pay an additional \$10,000 towards the purchase and to pay any closing costs associated with the sale of the 11.57 acre tract.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Spring Hill Board of Mayor and Aldermen authorizes the City to submit a grant application in the amount of \$95,000 for the Federal Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant in partnership with the Battle of Franklin Trust to purchase, preserve and protect an 11.57 acre tract between the American Battlefield Trust property due north of Rippavilla and south of Saturn Parkway currently available for purchase.

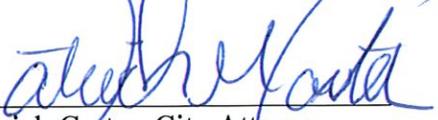
**Passed and Adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.**

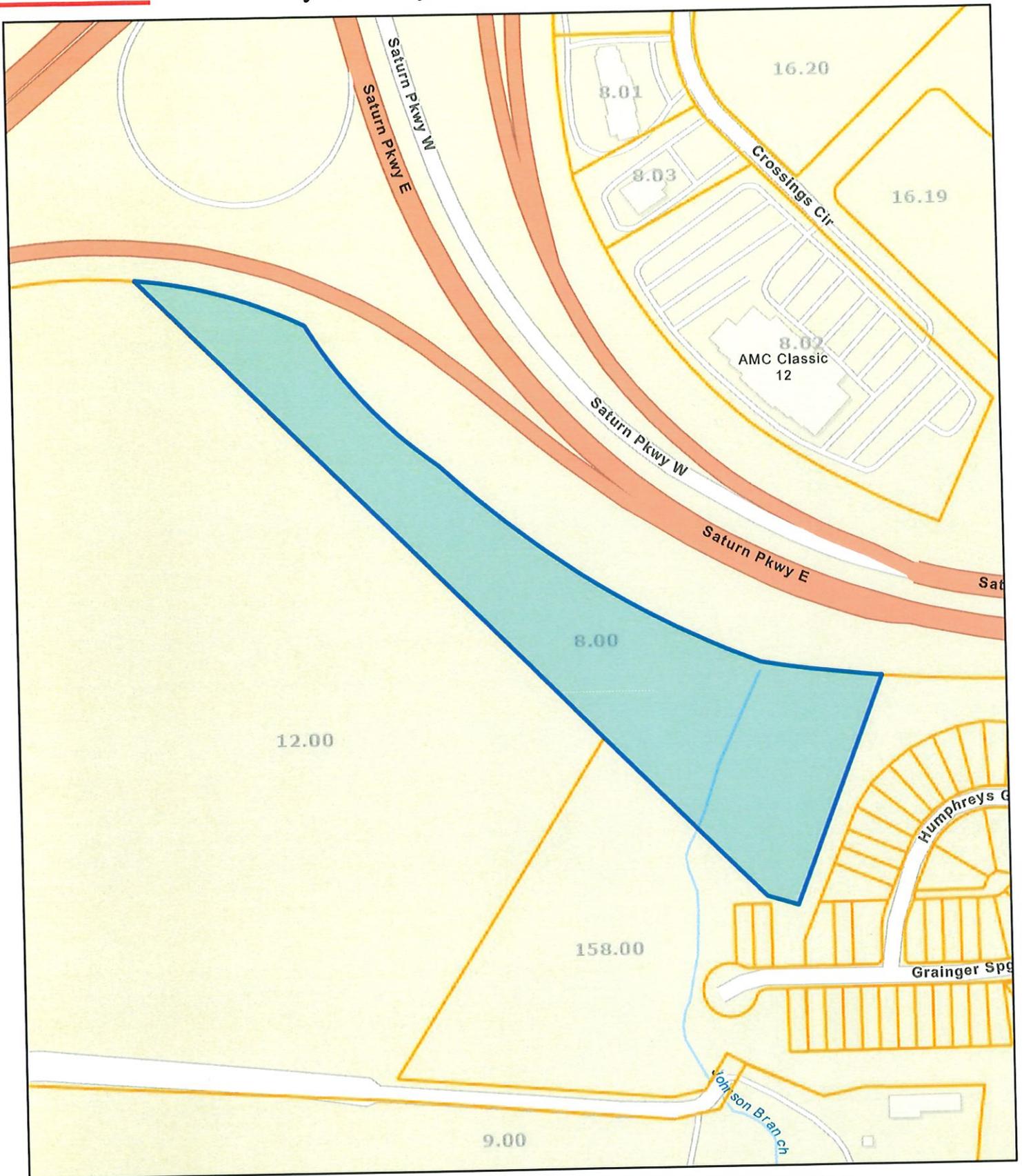
  
Jim Hagaman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
April Goad, City Recorder

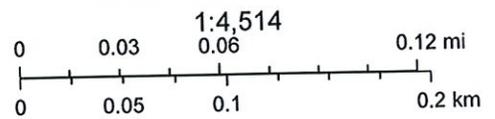
LEGAL FORM APPROVED:

  
Patrick Carter, City Attorney



Date: October 3, 2024

County: Maury  
 Owner: SMITH PAMELA ANN MCKEE  
 Address: SATURN PKWY  
 Parcel Number: 029 008.00  
 Deeded Acreage: 11.57  
 Calculated Acreage: 0  
 Date of TDOT Imagery: 2021  
 Date of Vexcel Imagery: 2023



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The property lines are compiled from information maintained by your local county Assessor's office but are not conclusive evidence of property ownership in any court of law.



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## General Information

<b>Document Type:</b>	Grants Notice	<b>Version:</b>	Synopsis 1
<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b>	P24AS00517	<b>Posted Date:</b>	Dec 29, 2023
<b>Funding Opportunity Title:</b>	FY2024 ABPP - Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant	<b>Last Updated Date:</b>	Dec 29, 2023
<b>Opportunity Category:</b>	Discretionary	<b>Original Closing Date for Applications:</b>	Dec 31, 2024 This Notice of Funding Opportunity will remain open until December 31, 2024, or until it is succeeded by another issuance. Electronically submitted applications and associated required
<b>Opportunity Category Explanation:</b>			
<b>Funding Instrument Type:</b>	Grant		

<b>Category of Funding Activity:</b>	Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)	documents will be accepted throughout the calendar year, but must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on December 31, 2024.
<b>Category Explanation:</b>	FY2024 ABPP - Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants	<b>Current Closing Date for Applications:</b> Dec 31, 2024 This Notice of Funding Opportunity will remain open until December 31, 2024, or until it is succeeded by another issuance. Electronically submitted applications and associated required documents will be accepted throughout the calendar year, but must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on December 31, 2024.
<b>Expected Number of Awards:</b>		
<b><u>Assistance Listings:</u></b>	15.928 -- Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants	
<b>Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:</b>	Yes	
		<b>Archive Date:</b>
		<b>Estimated Total Program Funding:</b> \$ 17,400,000
		<b>Award Ceiling:</b> \$0

**Award Floor:** \$0

## Eligibility

**Eligible Applicants:** State governments  
County governments  
City or township governments

**Additional Information on Eligibility:** In accordance with 54 U.S.C. § 308103(b), Battlefield Acquisition Grant Program, this funding opportunity is limited to state or local governments. Nonprofit organizations may acquire an interest in an eligible site by partnering in an application from a state or local government which has jurisdiction over the property interest to be acquired. The government agency will be the grant recipient and serve as a pass-through entity for Federal funds to the nonprofit organization (2 C.F.R. § 200.74 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.86).

## Additional Information

**Agency Name:** National Park Service

**Description:** Historic battlefields and associated sites of armed conflict are powerful reminders of the shared heritage of all Americans. In an ongoing effort to extend the conservation of natural and cultural resources beyond our park boundaries, the National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program (NPS ABPP) promotes the preservation and interpretation of these important places. NPS ABPP supports community-driven stewardship of historic resources through four grant opportunities: Preservation Planning, Battlefield Restoration, Battlefield Interpretation, and Battlefield Land Acquisition. NPS ABPP administers Battlefield Land

Acquisition Grants (BLAG) to assist State and local governments with the preservation of eligible Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefield lands through acquisition of fee-simple or less-than-fee (easement) interests. Funding for the BLAG program is made available from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and is awarded competitively. Each grant requires a dollar-for-dollar non-Federal match. Grants are available to acquire interests in eligible Civil War battlefields listed in the Civil War sites Advisory Commission's (CWSAC) Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields (1993) and in the principal battlefields of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 identified in NPS ABPP's Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States (2007) (Survey Reports). A nonprofit organization may acquire an interest in an eligible site with a BLAG award in partnership with a State or local government.

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# **Grant Proposal for Acquisition of Historical Battlefield Land**

## **Project Title:**

Preservation and Acquisition of 11.57 Acres of the Spring Hill Battlefield at Rippa Villa, Spring Hill, Tennessee

## **Submitted by:**

City of Spring Hill, Tennessee

## **Date Submitted:**

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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## **Project Summary:**

The Battle of Franklin Trust with the assistance of the City of Spring Hill, and the Tennessee Wars Commission seeks funding to acquire 11.57 acres of Priority 1.3 Class B Core Civil War battlefield at Rippa Villa in Spring Hill, Tennessee. This Civil War battlefield site, which served as a critical location during the Battle of Spring Hill, and events leading up to the Battle of Franklin, holds cultural and historical value. The acquisition of this property will enable us to preserve a key part of Tennessee's heritage, protect the battlefield's landscape from encroaching development, and enhance public understanding of its historical significance.

The project will focus on securing the land, restoring it to its historical appearance, and creating educational opportunities through interpretive trails and exhibits. Acquiring these 11.57 acres will not only protect the battlefield's integrity but also contribute to the broader effort to preserve the Rippa Villa's surrounding historical landscape, as well as the Duck River watershed.

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## **Project Need:**

Rippa Villa, situated in the heart of Spring Hill, Tennessee, is a site of immense historical importance. The 11.57-acre property proposed for acquisition was part of the strategic movements and skirmishes that occurred on November 29, 1864, as Confederate forces sought to cut off Union troops, setting the stage for the Battle of Franklin. The land's preservation is vital for maintaining the historical integrity of the larger battlefield area, which is threatened by ongoing urban development and infrastructure expansion in the rapidly growing Spring Hill community.

Acquiring this parcel will protect the historic character of the Rippa Villa site, prevent further fragmentation of the battlefield, and allow for a comprehensive interpretation of the events that transpired in 1864. The acquisition will enable us to restore the land to its historical state, thereby preserving a key piece of the narrative for educational and commemorative purposes.

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### **Project Goals and Objectives:**

1. **Goal 1: Preserve and Protect the 11.57 Acres of Historical Battlefield Land**
    - **Objective 1.1:** Secure the purchase of the 11.57-acre parcel at the Rippa Villa.
    - **Objective 1.2:** Conduct a detailed historical and environmental assessment to guide restoration and preservation efforts.
    - **Objective 1.3:** Implement site stabilization measures to protect historical features.
  2. **Goal 2: Enhance Public Engagement and Historical Education**
    - **Objective 2.1:** Develop interpretive signage and educational exhibits that highlight the role of the battle and the Rippa Villa site.
    - **Objective 2.2:** Create educational programs and guided tours for visitors, schools, and historical societies.
  3. **Goal 3: Foster Sustainable Stewardship and Community Involvement**
    - **Objective 3.1:** Establish a volunteer program to support ongoing maintenance and public engagement activities.
    - **Objective 3.2:** Collaborate with local preservation groups, historical societies, and educational institutions to ensure sustained community investment.
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### **Project Description:**

The proposed project focuses on acquiring and preserving 11.57 acres of the Spring Hill Battlefield at Rippa Villa, located in Spring Hill, Tennessee. This tract of land is significant as it encompasses areas that witnessed troop movements and skirmishes during the Battle of Spring Hill and events preceding the Battle of Franklin. The land acquisition will serve as the first step in a larger preservation initiative aimed at protecting the entire battlefield landscape.

Upon acquisition, the property will undergo a comprehensive historical assessment to identify key features and inform restoration efforts. This will be followed by landscape restoration to match its 1864 appearance, including the removal of modern intrusions and the replanting of historically accurate flora. Interpretive signage, educational trails, and digital resources will be developed to enhance visitor engagement and understanding.

The project is anticipated to span 18-24 months, with the acquisition phase completed within the first six months and site restoration and development continuing over the subsequent 12-18 months. The timeline includes public outreach efforts to gather community input and support for the preservation project.

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**Budget:**

The total estimated cost for the acquisition and development of the 11.57-acre parcel north of Rippa Villa is \$215,500. This amount includes the purchase price of the land, legal fees, assessment and planning costs, site restoration, and the installation of educational materials.

- **Land Acquisition:** \$200,000
- **Legal and Closing Costs:** \$9,284 (estimated closing and taxes)
- **Historical and Environmental Assessment:** \$4,500
- **Site Restoration and Landscaping:** \$0
- **Interpretive Signage and Educational Materials:** \$2,000
- **Public Outreach and Community Engagement:** \$0

Total: \$215,784

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**Sustainability and Future Maintenance:**

The City of Spring Hill and The Battle of Franklin Trust committed to the long-term preservation and maintenance of the battlefield north of Rippa Villa. A dedicated maintenance fund will be established, supported by a combination of grants, donations, and revenue generated from educational programming. A volunteer stewardship program will be initiated to engage local residents and ensure ongoing care and programming at the site.

We will also work closely with local government agencies, historical societies, and community organizations to leverage resources and knowledge for the site's sustainable stewardship. The partnership will include regular historical tours, public lectures, and commemorative events to maintain community interest and involvement.

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**Conclusion:**

Acquiring and preserving the 11.57 acres of historical battlefield land north of Rippa Villa is crucial for maintaining the integrity of this Priority 1.3 Class B core rated Civil War site. With your support, we can protect this invaluable piece of American history, enhance educational opportunities, and ensure that the legacy of those who served is remembered for generations to come. We respectfully request a grant of \$95,000 to support this vital preservation project.

Thank you for your consideration.