

RESOLUTION 25-206

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A DONATION TO THE BATTLE OF FRANKLIN TRUST TO SUPPORT THE PURCHASE OF HISTORIC BATTLEFIELD PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Spring Hill recognizes the cultural, educational and historical significance of preserving Civil War battlefield land within and adjacent to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of Franklin Trust, a Tennessee not-for-profit corporation, is actively engaged in the preservation and interpretation of Civil War sites in Middle Tennessee, including land associated with the Battle of Spring Hill and the Battle of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of Franklin Trust has an opportunity to acquire approximately 11.57 acres of historically significant battlefield property, identified as Maury County Parcel 029 008.00, adjacent to the Ripa Villa Plantation; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of this land will enhance heritage tourism, provide educational opportunities and protect critical historical resources for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen desires to support this acquisition through a financial contribution in the amount of \$95,000, to be expended through the City's Tourism Fund, to assist the Battle of Franklin Trust in completing the purchase of this battlefield land.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

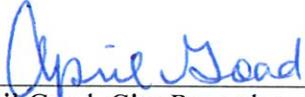
1. The City of Spring Hill Board of Mayor and Aldermen authorizes a donation to the Battle of Franklin Trust in the amount of \$95,000 to be expensed from the City's Tourism Fund to assist with the purchase of approximately 11.57 acres of battlefield land adjacent to Ripa Villa, further identified as Maury County Parcel 029 008.00, as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto.
2. The Battle of Franklin shall not sell or transfer the property to any other entity without prior written consent and approval by the City's Board of Mayor and Aldermen.
3. The Battle of Franklin Trust shall use the funds solely for the purchase of the above-referenced tract and for no other purpose.
4. The City of Spring Hill and the Battle of Franklin Trust shall work collaboratively to ensure the battlefield property remains in its current undeveloped state and is preserved in perpetuity for historic and educational purposes.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee on the 5th day of August, 2025.



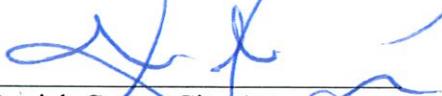
Matt Fitterer, Mayor

ATTEST:



April Goad, City Recorder

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:



Patrick Carter, City Attorney



REQUEST: *Authorize a donation to the Battle of Franklin Trust to purchase battlefield land*

SUBMITTED TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

SUBMITTED BY: Missy Stahl, CIP Director

DATE: August 18, 2025

BACKGROUND:

The Battle of Franklin Trust has the opportunity to purchase approximately 11.57 acres of battlefield property, located adjacent to the Rippa Villa plantation. BOFT approached the City last year to partner with them by applying for a federal grant in the amount of \$95,000 to supplement the purchase price, with BOFT applying for a state grant in the same amount and funding the remaining from their coffers. The City applied for these grant funds under the FY24 Notice of Funding Opportunity but was not awarded the grant. The closing for the purchase has to occur prior to August 31, 2025, per the signed MOU between the BOFT and the current owner of the property. In a good faith effort to collaboratively preserve the site, City staff requests approval of a donation in the same amount to BOFT.

If the BOMA approves the request, the City intends to file another grant application under the FY25 Notice of Funding Opportunity for the same grant previously applied for and if received, the grant funds will reimburse the City for the donated amount.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The donation would be expended from the City's Tourism Fund with the potential for reimbursement if the federal grant is awarded for FY25.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approving Resolution 25-206 to authorize a donation to the Battle of Franklin Trust to support the purchase of historic battlefield property.



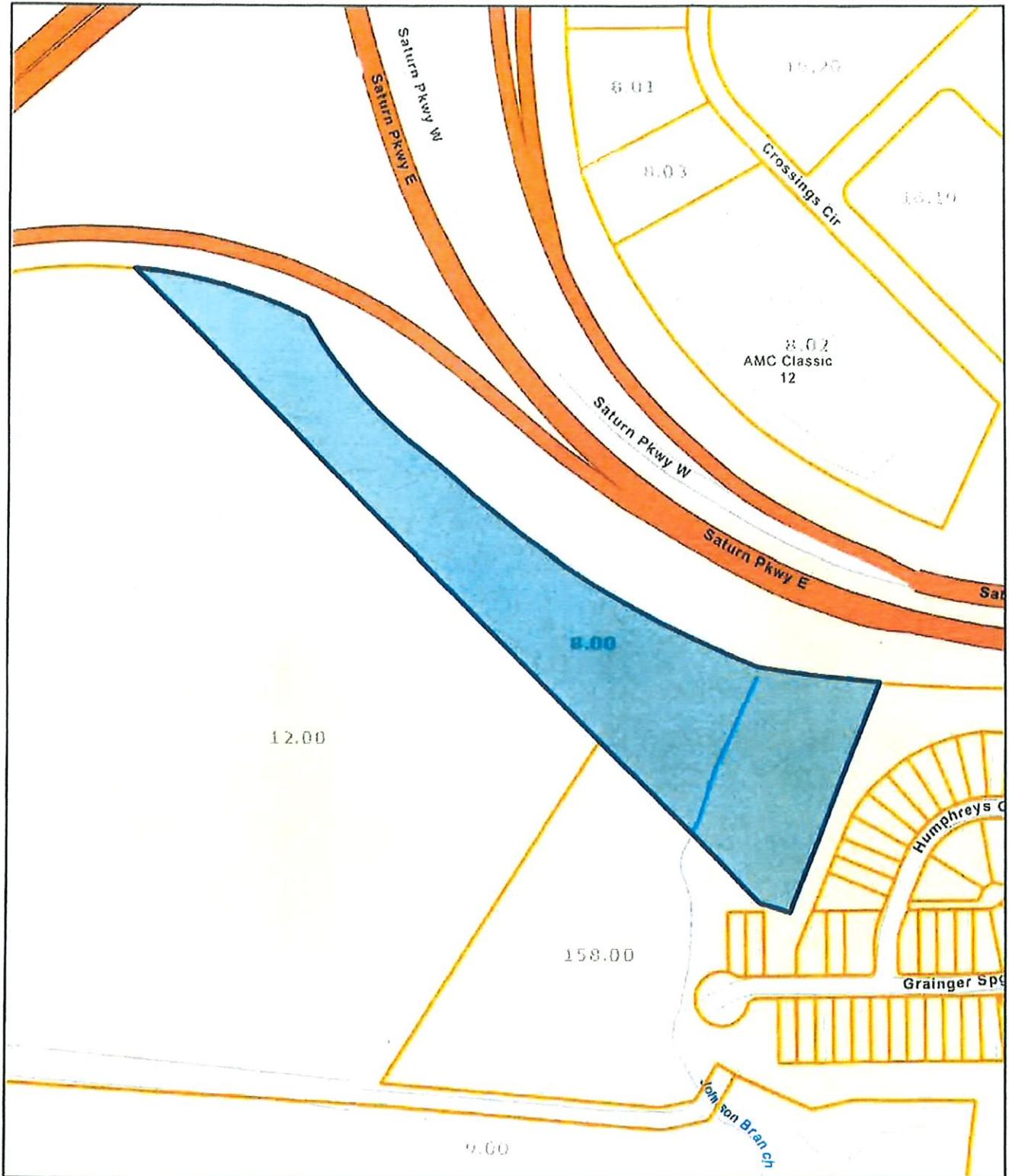
LEGEND

- Trail
- Streams
- Proposed Acquisition: 11.57 Ac
- Preserved Land

N

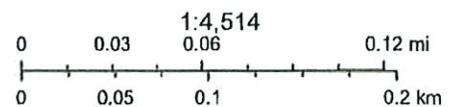
0 150 300 450 600 US Feet

Exhibit A



Date: October 14, 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

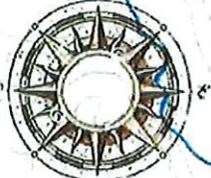
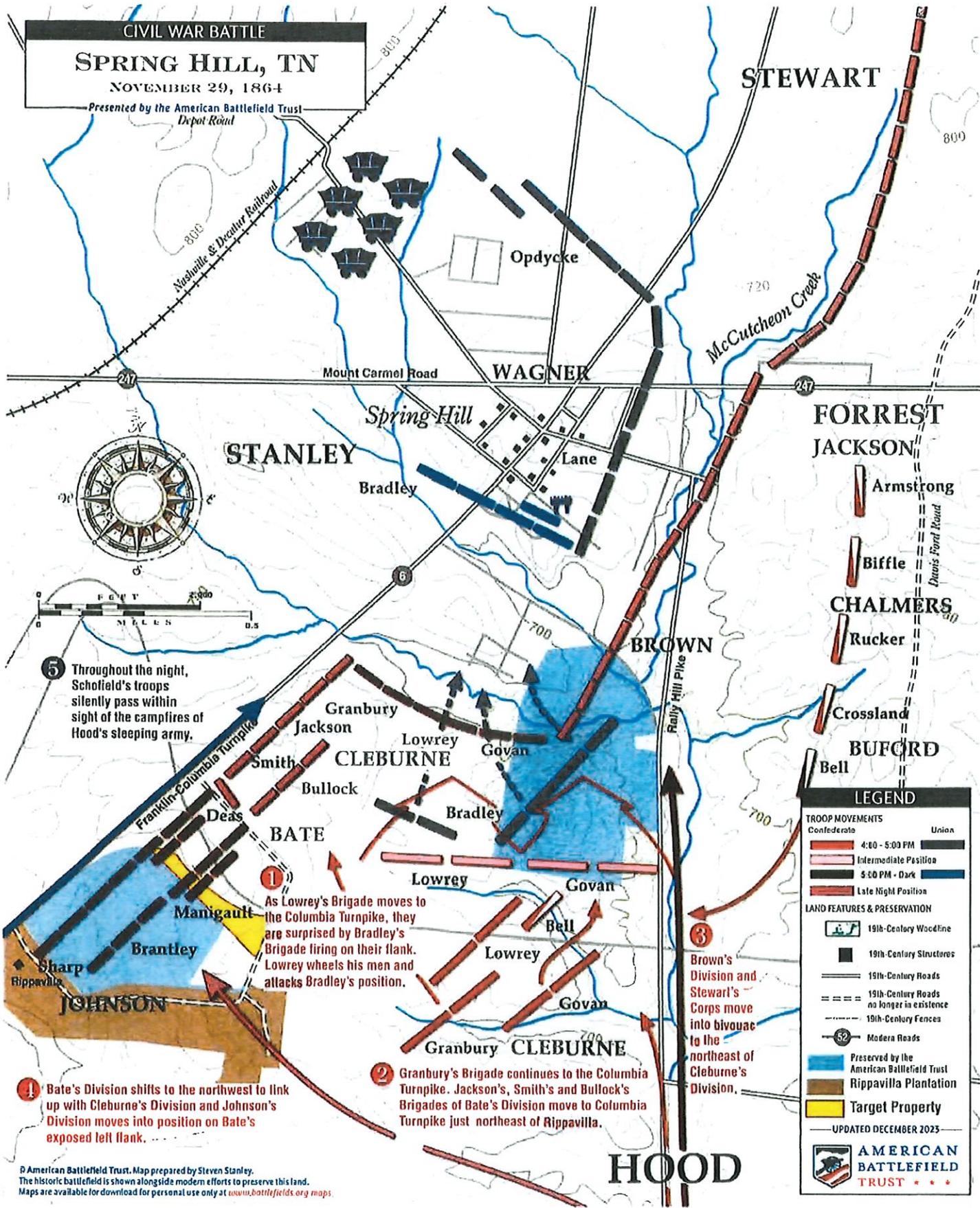


Esri Community Maps Contributors, Tennessee STS GIS, © OpenStreetMap
Microsoft, Esri TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/
NASA USGS, EPA NPS US Census Bureau, USDA USFWS State of
Tennessee, Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of Property Assessments
(DPA)

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.

CIVIL WAR BATTLE
SPRING HILL, TN
 NOVEMBER 29, 1864

Presented by the American Battlefield Trust
 Depot Road



5 Throughout the night, Schofield's troops silently pass within sight of the campfires of Hood's sleeping army.

1 As Lowrey's Brigade moves to the Columbia Turnpike, they are surprised by Bradley's Brigade firing on their flank. Lowrey wheels his men and attacks Bradley's position.

4 Bate's Division shifts to the northwest to link up with Cleburne's Division and Johnson's Division moves into position on Bate's exposed left flank.

2 Granbury's Brigade continues to the Columbia Turnpike. Jackson's, Smith's and Bullock's Brigades of Bate's Division move to Columbia Turnpike just northeast of Rippavilla.

3 Brown's Division and Stewart's Corps move into bivouac to the northeast of Cleburne's Division.

LEGEND

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Confederate	Union

LAND FEATURES & PRESERVATION

- 19th-Century Woodline
- 19th-Century Structures
- 19th-Century Roads
- 19th-Century Roads no longer in existence
- 19th-Century Fences
- Modern Roads
- Preserved by the American Battlefield Trust
- Rippavilla Plantation
- Target Property

— UPDATED DECEMBER 2023 —

AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD TRUST

© American Battlefield Trust. Map prepared by Steven Stanley. The historic battlefield is shown alongside modern efforts to preserve this land. Maps are available for download for personal use only at www.battlefields.org/maps.