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# National Park Service Awards LAMAR Institute, Inc. \$87,600 Battlefield Preservation Grant

WASHINGTON – LAMAR Institute, Inc. has received a grant of \$87,600 from the National Park Service’s American Battlefield Protection Program to discover and share new information about the American Revolution in the backcountry of South Carolina and Georgia. The new researched will be woven into the broader context of military strategy recently identified at Briar Creek, Carr’s Fort, Ebenezer, and Kettle Creek Battlefields. The grantee will also conduct historical research, archeological survey, collector survey, and public outreach to locate and delineate the Purrysburg Battlefield, where in April 1779 the British were able to advance into South Carolina.

“The American Battlefield Protection Program supports projects that safeguard, preserve and tell the stories of America’s battlefields,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. “These places are symbols of individual sacrifice and national heritage that we must protect to help this and future generations understand the struggles that shaped and define us as a nation.”

This grant is one of 21 from the National Park Service totaling \$1.358 million to preserve and protect significant battle sites from all wars fought on American soil. Funded projects preserve battlefields from the Colonial-Indian Wars through World War II and include site mapping (GPS/GIS data collection), archeological studies, National Register of Historic Places nominations, preservation and management plans.

Federal, state, local, and Tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions are eligible for National Park Service battlefield grants which are awarded annually. Since 1996 more than \$15 million has been awarded by the American Battlefield Protection Program to help preserve significant historic battlefields associated with wars on American soil. Additional information is online at [www.nps.gov/abpp](http://www.nps.gov/abpp).

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