

**Property Information**

**Property Names**

<b>Name Explanation</b>	<b>Name</b>
Historic/Current	Buckland Mills Battlefield

**Property Evaluation Status**

DHR Staff: Eligible

**Property Addresses**

Current - Lee Highway Route 15/29

**County/Independent City(s):** Fauquier (County), Prince William (County)

**Incorporated Town(s):** Gainesville, Haymarket

**Zip Code(s):** 20109, 20119, 20137, 20155, 20169, 20181, 20187, 20198

**Magisterial District(s):** *No Data*

**Tax Parcel(s):** *No Data*

**USGS Quad(s):** CATLETT, GAINESVILLE, MARSHALL, THOROUGHFARE GAP, WARRENTON

**Additional Property Information**

**Architecture Setting:** Suburban

**Acreage:** 10,375.4

**Site Description:**

2002: Buckland Mills Battlefield is located about eight miles northeast of Warrenton, on U.S. 15-29, on the the Prince William/Fauquier county line. The battlefield is located along a busy four-lane divided highway, approximately 45 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. The area is characterized by scattered single-family houses and a few commercial establishments.

There are no known secondary resources associated with this property.

January 2012: This resource has not been altered since the previous survey.

December 2014: There have been no changes to this resource since the previous survey.

July 2015: The portion of this resource within the APE for this project appears unchanged since the earlier surveys.

**Surveyor Assessment:**

2002: Union and Confederate forces clashed here on October 19,1863. The area still retains some of its rural character, especially in the general vicinity of George A. Custer's encounter with Fitzhugh Lee. However, the battlefield's location in the outer suburbs of Washington, D.C. places the sites in danger of loss. Continued piecemeal development of the Buckland-New Baltimore area poses the greatest short-term threat to the integrity of the battlefield area. U.S. 29, the modernized Warrenton Turnpike, is now a busy development corridor, and the western Prince William-eastern Fauquier County area is quickly becoming a bedroom community for the Nation's Capital.

January 2012: This resource retains the characteristics that previously determined it to be Eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A.

December 2014: This resource retains the necessary integrity to sustain its status as eligible for the inclusion in the National Register.

July 2015: The surveyor concurs with the previous recommendations of eligibility for this resource.

**Surveyor Recommendation:** Recommended Eligible

**Ownership**

<b>Ownership Category</b>	<b>Ownership Entity</b>
Private	<i>No Data</i>

**Primary Resource Information**

**Resource Category:** Defense

**Resource Type:** Battle Site

**Date of Construction:** 1863

**Historic Time Period:** Civil War (1861 - 1865)

**Historic Context(s):** Landscape, Military/Defense  
**Architectural Style:** No discernible style  
**Form:** *No Data*  
**Number of Stories:** *No Data*  
**Condition:** Fair  
**Interior Plan:** *No Data*  
**Threats to Resource:** Development, Transportation Expansion

**Architectural Description:**

2002: Buckland Mills Battlefield was the site of an engagement on October 19, 1863 between 4,000 Union forces and 8,000 Confederate forces. The Union forces were basically comprised of Maj. Gen. Alfred Pleasonton's Calvary Corp, the First Brigade being under the command of Brig. Gen. Henry E. Davies, and the Second Brigade being under the command of Brig. Gen. George A. Custer. First Brigade Horse Artillery was under the command of Capt. James M. Robertson. Southern forces were under the command of Maj. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart's Calvary Corps, with Stuart commanding Hampton's Division and Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee commanding his own Division. Gen. Davies pursued Gen. Stuart along the Warrenton Turnpike through New Baltimore. CSA Col. Thomas H. Owen started attack on Gen. Custer at Buckland Mills with Fitzhugh Lee attacking from the direction of Auburn. Stuart was eventually forced to retreat.

July 2007: The following is a list of defining features for the battlefield (see The Buckland Mills Battlefield Troop Movement Map for the exact locations, the map key is in parenthesis after each feature).

Warrenton Turnpike (1)– this is the axis of Union advance and of Confederate withdrawal.  
Broad Run (2)– Confederate defense ran along the western bank of this stream.  
Buckland Mills (3)– this is a battlefield landmark and the site of Stuart's first stand.  
Bridge (4)– this turnpike bridge crossed Broad Run.  
Ford (5)– this was an alternate stream crossing one mile downstream from the bridge.  
Road (from Auburn to Buckland) (6)– this is the axis of Fitz Lee's approach in the attack on Custer.  
New Baltimore (7)– this is a community and Civil War landmark.  
Chestnut Hill (8)– Stuart launched his counterattack from this hill.  
Foster Fork Road (9)– this is the route of Union retreat from Chestnut Hill; the point of force also used this route.  
Thoroughfare Gap (10)– this is the approach of Young to Haymarket.  
Ford (11)– the Confederate infantry held these after pushing Custer across the bridge; Davies' escape was blocked at this ford.  
Auburn (12)– this was the approach of Fitz Lee.  
Haymarket (13)– this was the secondary action of Stuart and the location of Young's attacks on Davies.  
Fields and woods (14)– this was Davies' retreat route.  
Gainesville/Thoroughfare Gap (15)– this is the approach of Young's cavalry to Haymarket.  
Greenwich (16)– this is the location of the capture of the 7th MI scouts by Confederates.  
Bridge and Ford (17)– this is the 7th MI flank road.  
Hills (18)– the Union took possession of these hills early in the battle (Cero Gordo).  
Woods (19)– this is the location of Davies' position prior to crossing Broad Run.  
Buckland Village (20)– this is the location of the capture by Custer at the initial crossing.  
Woods (21)– this is the location of Confederate deployment. Rifle pits were noted during a field reconnaissance with Mr. David Blake and Circa~ CRM in June 2007. Please note that Louis Berger completed a Phase I survey in this location as part of the Route 215 re-alignment survey. This area was assigned archaeological site number 44FQ0193. Please also note that a formal survey was not completed of this area by Circa~ CRM and all of the rifle pit locations were not recorded by GPS.  
Carolina Road (22)– this is Stuart's approach to Haymarket.  
Fields (23)– this is the location of Stuart's attack on the 1st Army Corps at Haymarket.  
Road (24)– this is located of Owens on the left and right.  
Level ground (25)– this is the location of Custer's lunch break.  
Clearing/fields (26)– this is the initial position of Kidd's men.  
Fence (27)– this is the location of the deployment of the 6th MI.  
Reverse slope (28)– the horses were sent back for cover to this location.

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July 2015: There have been no changes to this resource since the previous survey.

**Secondary Resource Information**

**Secondary Resource #1**

**Resource Category:** *No Data*  
**Resource Type:** *No Data*  
**Architectural Style:** *No Data*  
**Form:** *No Data*  
**Date of Construction:** *No Data*  
**Condition:** *No Data*  
**Threats to Resource:** *No Data*

**Architectural Description:**

No Data

**Historic District Information**

**Historic District Name:** No Data

**Local Historic District Name:** No Data

**Historic District Significance:** No Data

**CRM Events**

**Event Type: Survey:Phase I/Reconnaissance**

**Project Review File Number:** No Data  
**Investigator:** Mary Ruffin Hanbury  
**Organization/Company:** William and Mary Center for Archaeological Research  
**Sponsoring Organization:** No Data  
**Survey Date:** 7/13/2015  
**Dhr Library Report Number:** No Data  
**Project Staff/Notes:**

The survey is in advance of proposed expansion of a Dominion Power facility west of Manassas.

**Event Type: Survey:Phase I/Reconnaissance**

**Project Review File Number:** 2014-1068  
**Investigator:** Stephanie Jacobs  
**Organization/Company:** Dovetail CRG  
**Sponsoring Organization:** No Data  
**Survey Date:** 12/1/2014  
**Dhr Library Report Number:** PW-469  
**Project Staff/Notes:**

Jacobe, Stephanie A.T. and Kerry S. González  
2015 Survey of Civil War Battlefields for the I-66 Corridor Improvements Tier 2 Environmental Assessment, Fairfax and Prince William Counties, Virginia.  
Prepared by Dovetail Cultural Resource Group, Fredericksburg, Virginia for Parsons Transportation Group Inc., Washington, D.C. and the Virginia Department of Transportation, Richmond, Virginia.

**Event Type: Survey:Phase I/Reconnaissance**

**Project Review File Number:** No Data  
**Investigator:** Dovetail CRG  
**Organization/Company:** Dovetail CRG  
**Sponsoring Organization:** No Data  
**Survey Date:** 12/1/2011  
**Dhr Library Report Number:** PW-257  
**Project Staff/Notes:**

Davis, III, Carthon, Marco Gonzalez, and Kerri S. Barile. 2012.  
Cultural Resource Survey of the New Baltimore South Cellular Tower Site, Fauquier County, Virginia.  
Dovetail Cultural Resource Group, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

**Event Type: Other**

**Project Review File Number:** No Data  
**Investigator:** ABPP  
**Organization/Company:** National Park Service  
**Sponsoring Organization:** No Data

**Survey Date:** 1/24/2007

**Dhr Library Report Number:** PW-257

**Project Staff/Notes:**

Preliminary survey data from American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) indicates that this historic Civil War battlefield is likely eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and likely deserving of future preservation efforts. This survey information should be reassessed during future Section 106/NEPA compliance reviews.

**Event Type: Archaeological Data Recovery**

**Project Review File Number:** 2004-0722

**Investigator:** The Louis Berger Group, Inc.

**Organization/Company:** The Louis Berger Group

**Sponsoring Organization:** *No Data*

**Survey Date:** 4/1/2006

**Dhr Library Report Number:** *No Data*

**Project Staff/Notes:**

VDOT Project: 0015-076-115; PPMS No.:55581

**Event Type: DHR Staff: Eligible**

**DHR ID:** 030-5152

**Staff Name:** DHR

**Event Date:** 6/5/2002

**Staff Comment**

CWSAC. Not scored.

VDHR concurs with VDOT that Buckland Mills Battlefield is eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A and the VDHR further concurs that the undertaking described in this project report will have no adverse effect on historic properties.

**Event Type: Survey:Phase I/Reconnaissance**

**Project Review File Number:** *No Data*

**Investigator:** CWSAC

**Organization/Company:** National Park Service

**Sponsoring Organization:** *No Data*

**Survey Date:** 4/2/1993

**Dhr Library Report Number:** *No Data*

**Project Staff/Notes:**

Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Survey Form - no photos submitted - signed by Ray Brown, project coordinator, 4-2-92.  
ABPP Survey code VA042.

**Bibliographic Information**

**Bibliography:**

Bedell, John  
Archaeological and Historical Investigations of the Buckland Mills Battlefield, Buckland, Virginia  
July 2006  
FQ-086  
The Louis Berger Group

Submitted to the Buckland Preservation Society and National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program  
Worked conducted through American Battlefield Protection Program Grant Number 2255-04-001.

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Name: Dovetail CRG

Record Type: Report

Bibliographic Notes: Davis, III, Carthon, Marco Gonzalez, and Kerri S. Barile. 2012. "Cultural Resource Survey of the New Baltimore South Cellular Tower Site, Fauquier County, Virginia." Dovetail Cultural Resource Group, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

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Name: Gray and Pape

DHR CRM Report Number: FQ-071

Record Type: Report

Bibliographic Notes: FQ-071: Addendum 1: Cultural Resources Investigations for the State Route 215 Project in Fauquier County, Virginia, January 30, 2008. #2001-1825

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Name: Benedict, G.G.

Record Type: Book

Bibliographic Notes: "Vermont in the Civil War," 1888.

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Record Type: Map  
Bibliographic Notes: Official Military Atlas of the Civil War  
Plate no. 45, map 6

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Name: Fonzo, Stephen  
DHR CRM Report Number: FQ-59  
Record Type: Report  
Bibliographic Notes: FQ-59: A Documentary and Landscape Analysis of The Buckland Mills Battlefield (VA042) - March 11, 2008  
133 page courtesy report by the National Park Service - submitted along with 3 maps showing 2005 Study, Core and Area of Integrity within the battlefield

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Name: Thomas, Emory M.  
Record Type: Book  
Bibliographic Notes: "Bold Dragoon," 1986.

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Name: Henderson, William D.  
Record Type: Book  
Bibliographic Notes: "The Road to Bristoe Station," 1987.

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Name: Angler Environmental  
Record Type: Map  
Bibliographic Notes: The Buckland Mills Battlefield Troop Movement Map.

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Name: Scheel, Eugene M.  
Record Type: Map  
Bibliographic Notes: Fauquier County, 1985.

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Record Type: Map  
Bibliographic Notes: Maneuver Grounds, Prince William and Fairfax Counties, Va., 1904.

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Name: The Louis Berger Group, Inc.  
DHR CRM Report Number: PW-257  
Record Type: Report  
Bibliographic Notes: "Archaeological Survey, Route 15/29 Bridge Replacement, Buckland, Prince William County, Virginia."

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Record Type: Report  
Bibliographic Notes: Official Records,  
Ser. 1, Vol. 29, Part 1, Misc. reports

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Name: Leitch, Martha  
Record Type: Oral History/Interview

**Property Notes:**

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Start Year: 1863  
Date Source: Site Visit/Written Data  
Type: Historical Event  
Notes: Union and Confederate Calvary forces clash at Buckland Mills, ending in the eventual retreat of J.E.B. Stuart through New Baltimore.

**Project Bibliographic Information:**

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Monroe, Elizabeth J., and Mary Ruffin Hanbury  
2015 Cultural Resources Survey of the Proposed Wheeler Switching Station, Prince William County, Virginia. William and Mary Center for Archaeological Research, Williamsburg, Virginia. Submitted to Dewberry, Fairfax, Virginia.