

Summaries of Applications Received for the 2020 Dominion Surry-Skiffes Creek Grant Round

1. The American Battlefield Trust (ABT) is seeking funds to acquire and conserve **the Egger Tract** in York County with an open space easement held by the Board of Historic Resources. This 250-acre tract lies within the Core and Study Areas of the Civil War Battle of Williamsburg and is the former site of Fouace's Quarter, a working slave plantation. Preservation of the tract would allow for the research and interpretation of African American history. Also, the tract includes 83 acres in the Core Area and 164 acres in the Study Area of the Williamsburg Battlefield, a Priority III.2 (Class B) battlefield, as defined by the 1993 Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields. The tract is the site of a Civil War farm owned by James Custis, who served in both the Virginia State Senate (1840-1844) and House of Delegates. The tract is also significant for its role in the Peninsula Campaign of the Civil War. The Egger Tract contains features included in the Floodplains & Flooding Resilience and the Protected Landscapes Resilience Categories of ConserveVirginia.

Total Project Cost: \$9,367,450

Match: \$8,617,450

VLCF Grant Request: \$750,000

Recommended amount: Because this project scored well but is not expected to close as quickly as the other two projects, after speaking with the applicant we recommend awarding all residual funding remaining after all other Dominion Surry-Skiffes Creek grants close to this project. Director Cristman was given such authority for Surry-Skiffes Creek grant funds pursuant to a motion passed by the VLCF Board on November 28, 2017, so no further action will be required by the Board.

2. The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of State Parks is seeking funds to conserve **Cedar Fields Plantation** for the protection of natural, cultural, and recreational resources along the James River in Surry County. The property consists of 232.75 acres and has been in agricultural and forestal use since the founding of Jamestown, which is directly across the James River. Cedar Fields is in the Area of Potential Effect (APE) and lies within the viewshed of Historic Jamestown and Jamestown Island, Colonial Historic National Park, Chippokes Plantation State Park, and Hog Island Wildlife Management Area. Virginia State Parks will hold the easement, as the property is within proximity of Chippokes Plantation State Park. Cedar Fields Plantation is also identified in ConserveVirginia's Scenic Preservation layer with half a mile of shoreline along the historic James River.

VLCF Grant Request: \$1,194,681

Total Project Cost: \$1,194,681

Match: \$0

Recommended amount: \$1,194,681

3. The American Battlefield Trust (ABT) is seeking funds to conserve **the Atkins Tract** in Henrico County. The property consists of 39.45 acres situated entirely in the Core Area of the Glendale Battlefield and partially in the Study Area of the Malvern Hill Battlefield, two battles that were part of the Peninsula Campaign. This tract is also located in the Gravel Hill Community, a historic African American community founded in 1777. The ABT plans to acquire the property and protect it with a Board of Historic Resources open space easement. The tract is at risk of being subdivided into residential lots, but if the Trust is able to preserve it, the tract could be a valuable resource for

education about the experiences of African Americans in Virginia, both before and after the Civil War. Further, if preserved, ABT and other organizations plan to install a trail and interpretive signs on the tract, which would increase tourism and recreation in this area of the Commonwealth. The entire Atkins Tract is located within the Cultural & Historic Preservation Category of ConserveVirginia.

VLCF Grant Request:	\$250,000
Total Project Cost:	\$562,342.50
Match:	\$312,342.50
Recommended amount:	\$250,000