



# Fort Willard Circle

*Public Information Meeting*

September 20, 2006



# Agenda



**Welcome and Introductions**

**Master Planning Process**

**History of Fort Willard**

**Site Conditions**

**Open Discussion**

**Next Steps**

**Closing Remarks and Adjourn**



# Fairfax County Park Authority

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## **Mission:**

**Enhance citizen's quality of life through:**

- 1. Natural and cultural resource stewardship**
- 2. Quality facilities and services that offer recreation opportunities**



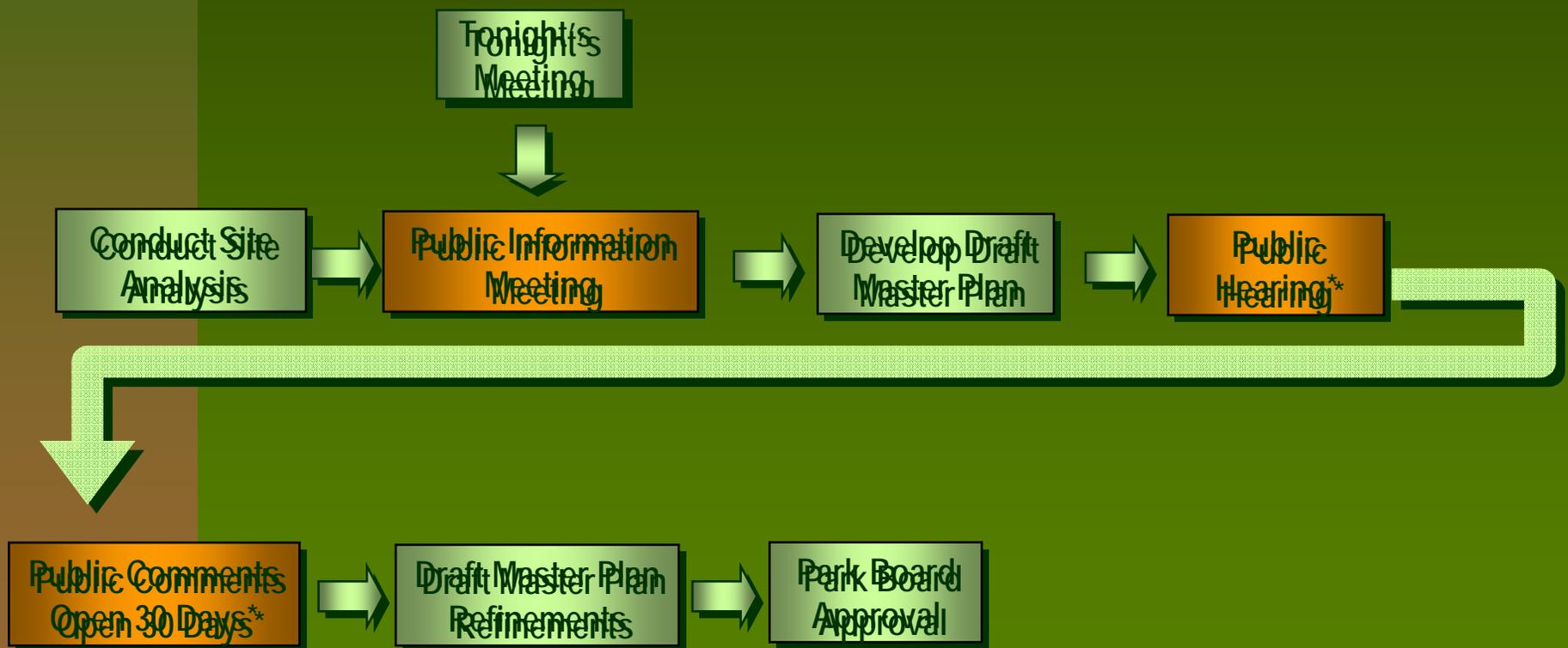
## Fast Facts about FCPA

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- 12-member Board
- 23,677 acres of land
- 400 parks
  - Local, district and countywide
  - Historic sites and nature centers
  - Playgrounds, athletic fields
  - RECenters, Golf and Lake parks



# Park Master Planning Process

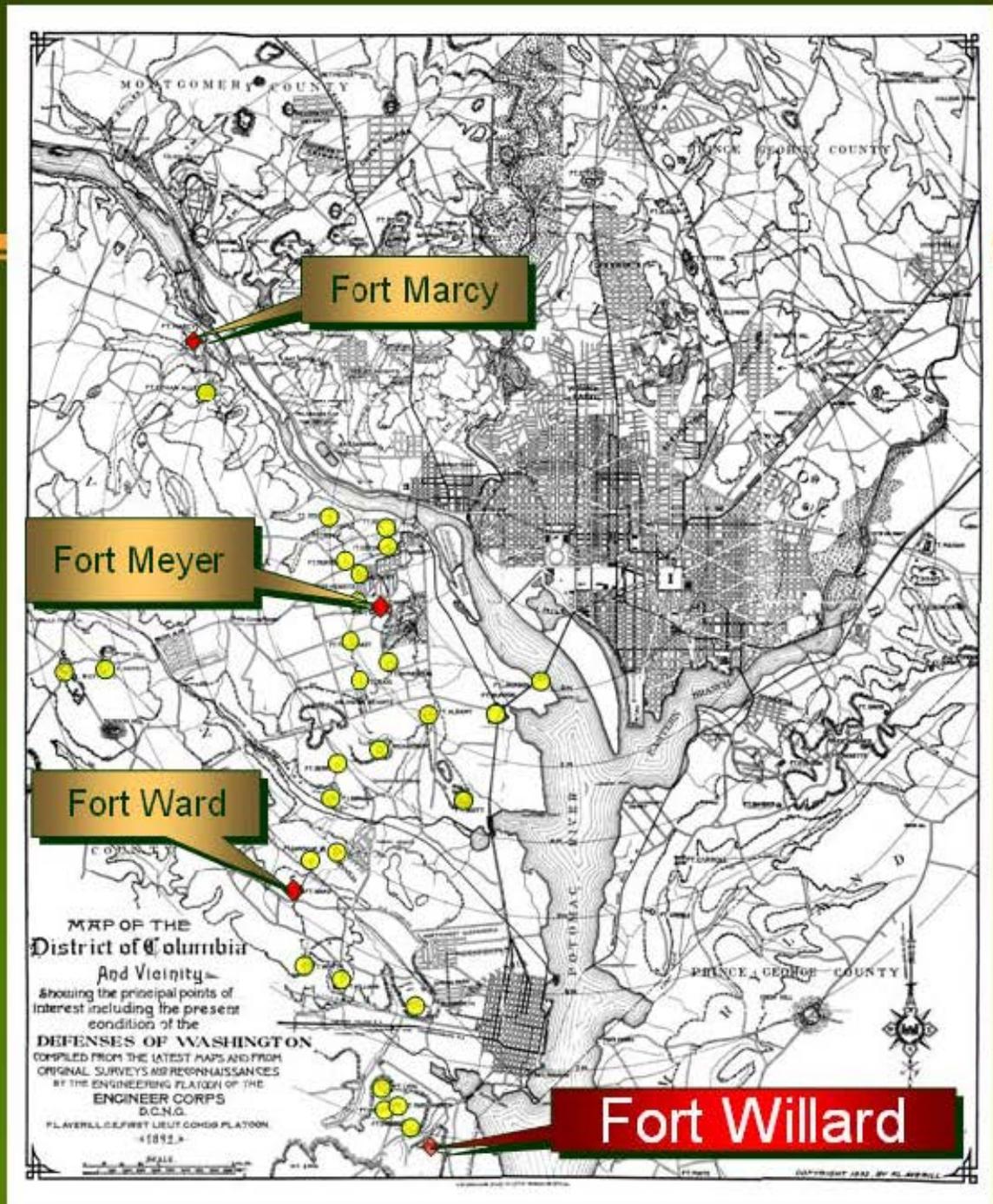
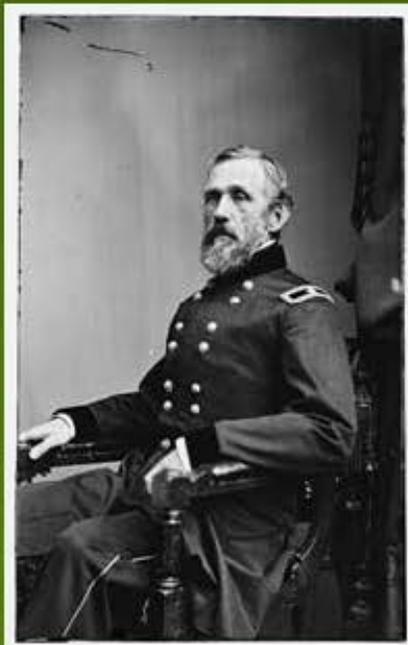


\* Public Input is Vital to Master Plan



# Defense of Washington

- 63 Union Forts constructed
- 4 Forts remaining





# Report on Defense of Washington



## APPENDIX E.

Table giving approximately the latitudes and longitudes of the principal forts and batteries and trigonometrical points; their distances from the Capitol, and their elevations above the mean tidal level\* of the Potomac; from determinations made by C. A. Schott, of the United States Coast Survey.

Point.	Latitude.	Longitude.	Distance in miles to base of Capitol.	Elevation in feet above mean tide.	Remarks.
Dome of Capitol.....	38 53 19.89	77 00 15.00	0	0	
Fort Willard.....			8.08		
Fort O'Rourke.....			9.907		
Fort Weed.....			7.843		
Fort Farnsworth.....			7.74		
Fort Lyon, (flag-staff).....	38 47 31.77	77 04 20.56	*7.637	170.4	*Bomb-proof 95' from entrance.
Fort Ellsworth, (flag-staff).....	38 48 27.07	77 03 55.66	6.514	140.2	
Fort Williams.....			6.327		
Theological Seminary, (cross).....	38 49 20.17	77 08 18.86	6.553	390.7	
Fort Ward, (flag-staff).....	38 48 52.38	77 03 37.53	7.047	267.6	
Fort Ward, (flag-staff).....	38 49 45.81	77 05 50.09	6.486	285.5	[staff.]
Fort Reynolds, (flag-staff).....	38 50 14.43	77 05 16.80	5.751	*207.9	*Top of bomb-proof, opposite flag-
Fort Garesché, (magazine).....			5.903		
Fort Barnard, (flag-staff).....	38 50 54.00	77 05 14.55	5.991	203.4	
Fort Berry.....			5.993		
Fort Richardson, (flag-staff).....	38 51 25.69	77 04 54.75	4.315	205.4	
Fort Craig, (flag-staff).....	38 51 20.23	77 04 34.90	4.206	203.8	
Fort Scott, (flag-staff).....	38 50 48.24	77 03 17.00	3.996	166.1	
Fort Albany, (flag-staff).....	38 51 51.82	77 03 40.72	*3.496	150.8	*20' west of entrance, (north.)
Fort Runyon.....			2.754		
Fort Jackson.....			2.085		
Fort Tillinghast, (flag-staff).....	38 51 41.87	77 04 44.35	4.095	241.8	
Fort Cass, (flag-staff).....	38 53 00.05	77 04 43.03	4.079	237.7	
Fort Whipple.....			3.807		
Fort Woodbury, (flag-staff).....	38 53 20.11	77 04 41.00	4.052	236.9	
Fort Morton.....			4.341	238.8	
Fort Strong, (flag-staff).....	38 53 44.68	77 05 00.71	4.341	238.8	
Fort Corcoran, (flag-staff).....	38 53 39.80	77 04 15.99	*3.621	175.1	*South 38 east, 87' from flag-staff.
Fort Bennett, (flag-staff).....	38 53 54.18	77 04 23.20	3.752	168.7	
Fort C. F. Smith, (station).....	38 54 01.16	77 05 11.77	4.481	234.0	*Southern magazine.
Mary Hall's House, (cupola).....	38 54 16.54	77 07 36.40	6.547	271.1	
Fort Ehan Allen, (flag-staff).....	38 55 23.41	77 07 11.15	5.723	285.7	
Fort Marcy, (flag-staff).....	38 56 03.17	77 07 16.93	7.064	*275.4	*Parapet on northwest bastion.
Washington Observatory.....			2.309		
Georgetown Observatory.....			3.822	208.1	
Battery near distributing reservoir, (east).....			4.311		
Battery near distributing reservoir, (west).....			4.494		
Battery Cameron, (flag-staff).....	38 54 50.00	77 04 59.19	4.593	275.7	
Battery Parrott, (station).....	38 55 11.47	77 05 08.39	4.864	342.5	

\*The mean rise and fall of tide at Washington is three feet.



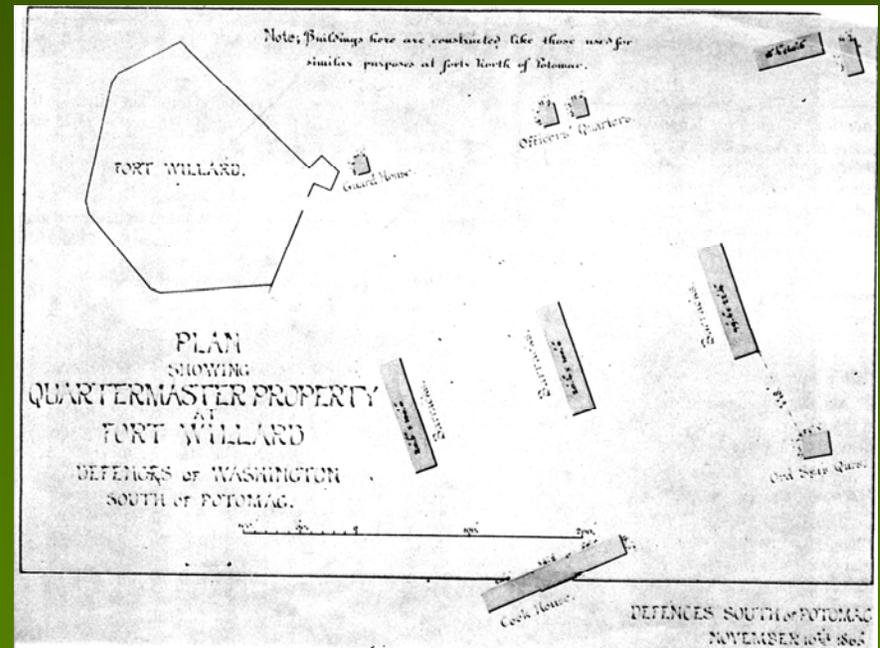
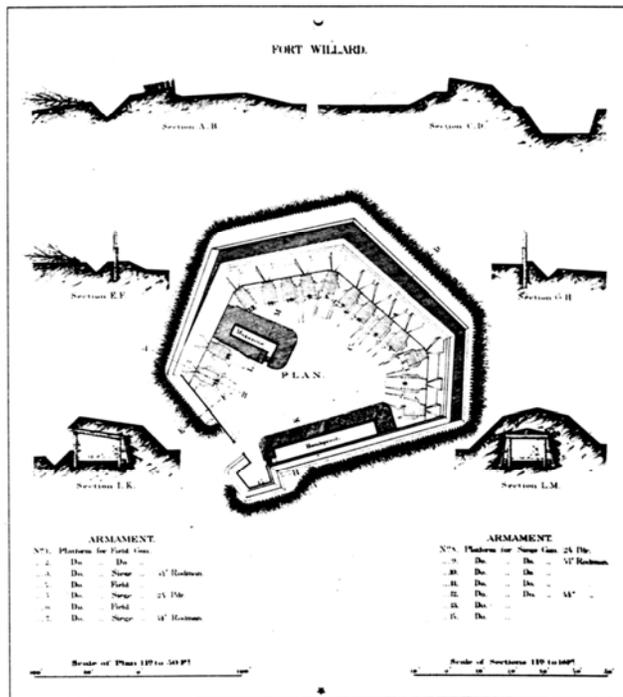
# The Fortifications





# Fort Willard

Drawer 170.  
Sheet 154.





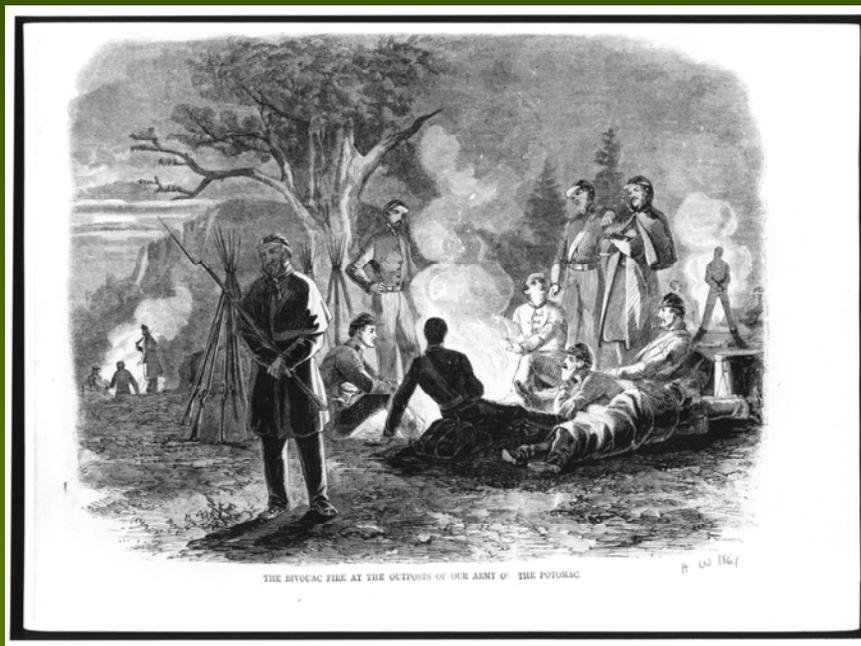
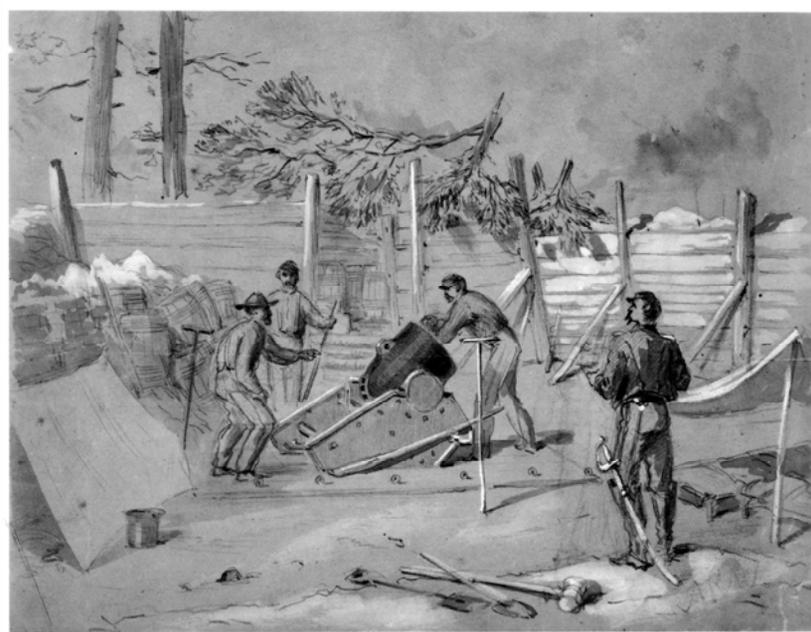
# Types of Armaments at Fort Willard

Name of Forts and Batteries	Smooth Bore Guns		Rifled Guns		Mortars		Perimeter	Unarmed Batteries	Vacant Platforms
	12	18	24	32	10	16			
Battery England	1						250	Battery to right of Fort Willard	6
Battery Willard	1						750	Battery to left of Fort Willard	12
Battery to left of Fort Willard								Battery to left of Fort Willard	6
Battery between Willard's & Hancock's								Battery between Willard's & Hancock's	6
Battery between Spotsylvania & York								Battery between Spotsylvania & York	6
Battery at old Battery							800	Battery at old Battery	12
Battery between Fort Willard & Block House 177							850	Battery between Fort Willard & Block House 177	12
Battery between Hancock's & Fort Willard							950	Battery between Hancock's & Fort Willard	6
Battery to left of Hancock's								Battery to left of Hancock's	6
Battery between Fort Worth and Steen								Battery between Fort Worth and Steen	12
Battery in front of Fort Willard							800	Battery in front of Fort Willard	6
Battery to right of Loudoun Company							850	Battery to right of Loudoun Company	6
Battery to left of Fort Sumner							850	Battery to left of Fort Sumner	6
Battery in Hill to between Fort Richardson & Fort							850	Battery in Hill to between Fort Richardson & Fort	12
Battery between Fort Craig and Richmond								Battery between Fort Craig and Richmond	12
Battery in front of Fort Craig							800	Battery in front of Fort Craig	6
Battery between Fort Craig and								Battery between Fort Craig and	6





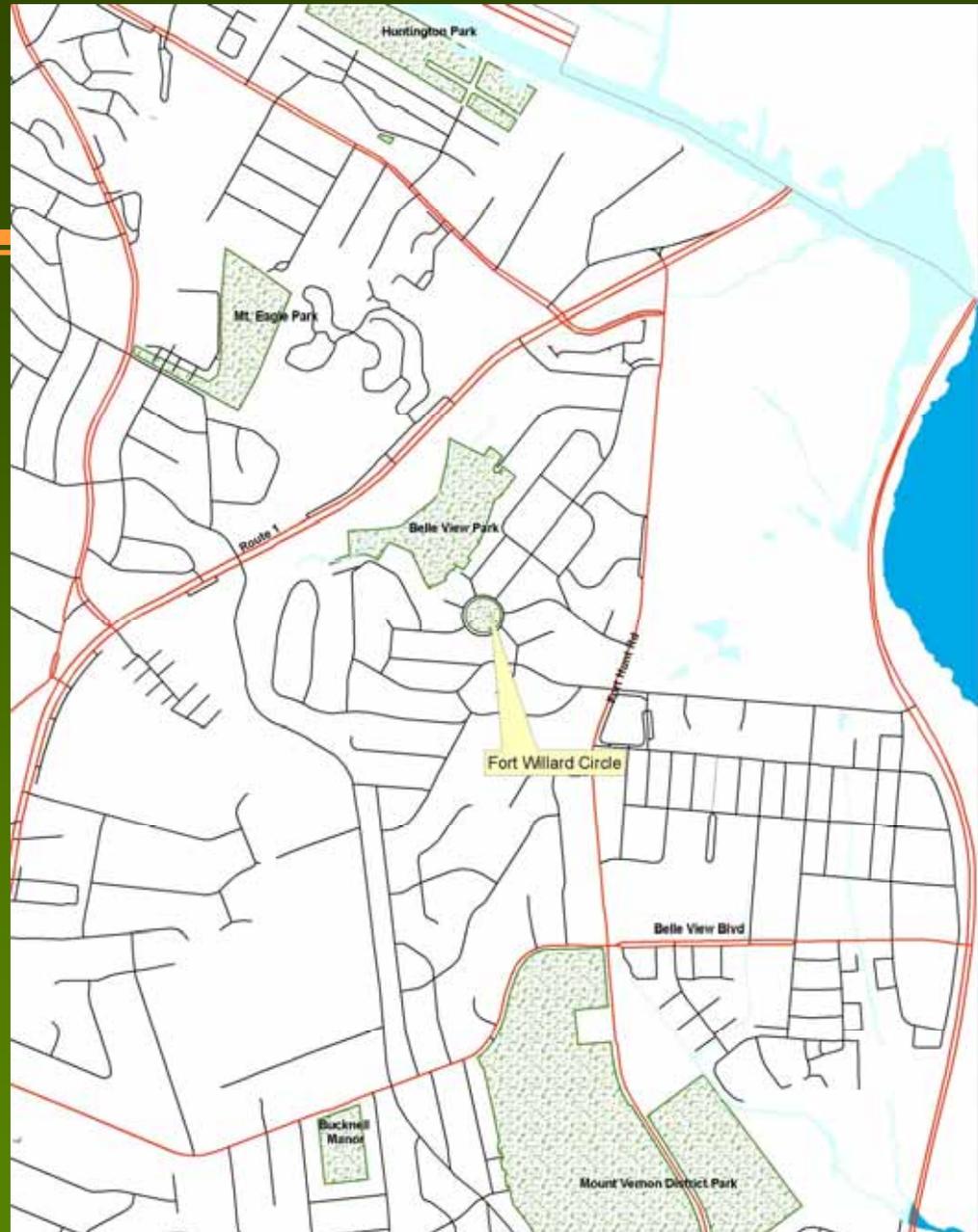
# Typical Fort and Soldier's Life





## Vicinity

- Mount Vernon District
- Within Fort Willard Circle
- West of Fort Hunt Road





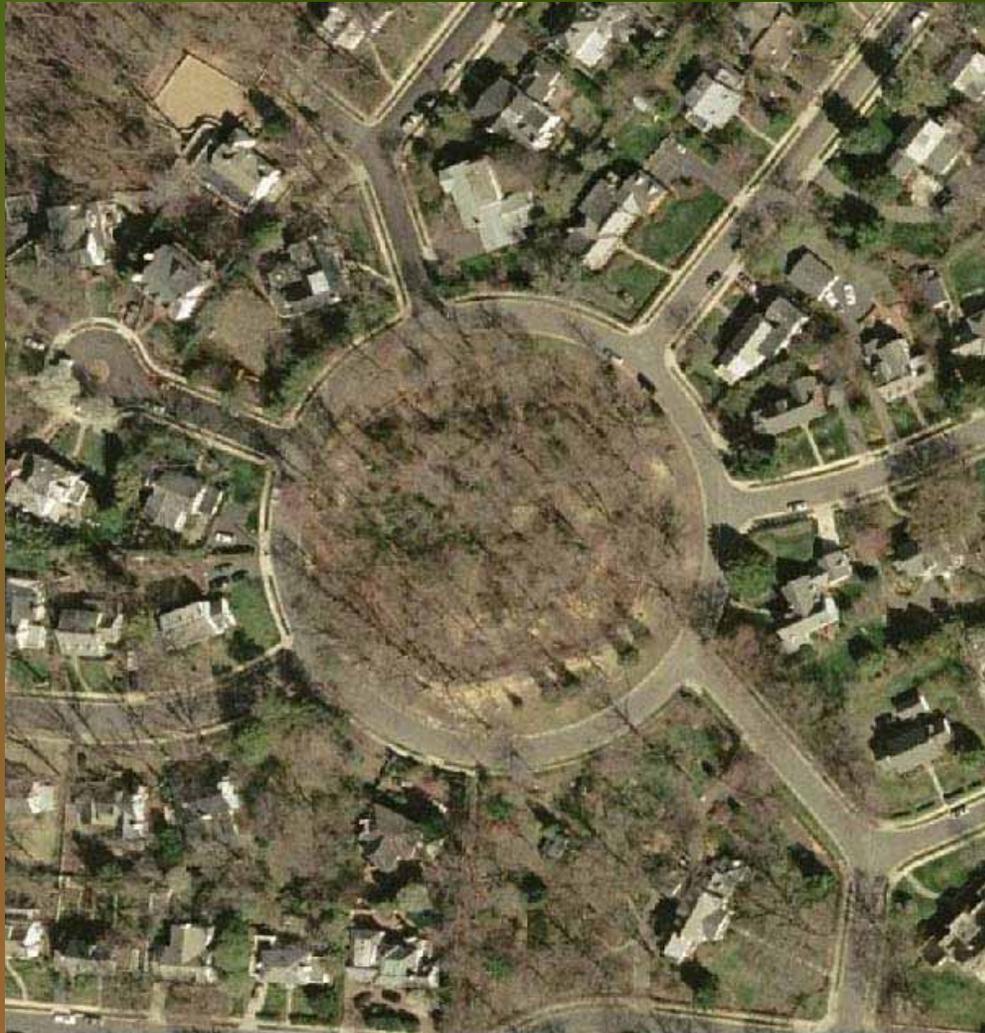
# Site Context



- Surrounded by residential land use
- Cultural Resource Protection Area



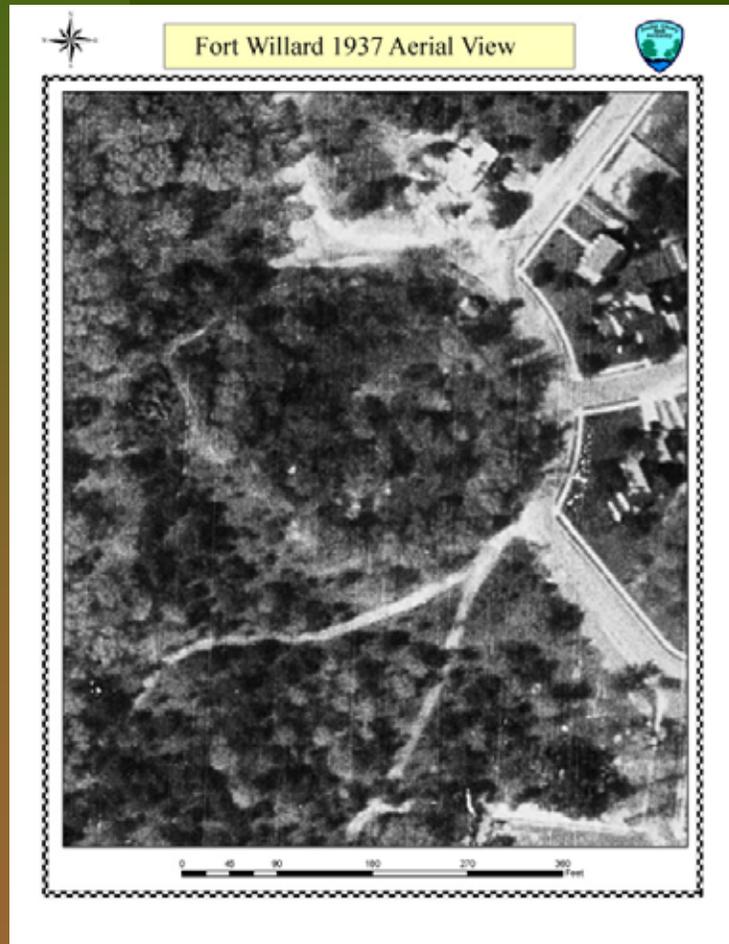
# The Park



- **1.62 Acres**
- **Two Areas:**
  - **Cultural Resource**
  - **Local Park**



# Land Acquisition



- Land was preserved out of the original Belle Haven Subdivision developed by the Olmi Family
- Donated to the Park Authority in 1978



# Fort Willard Preservation



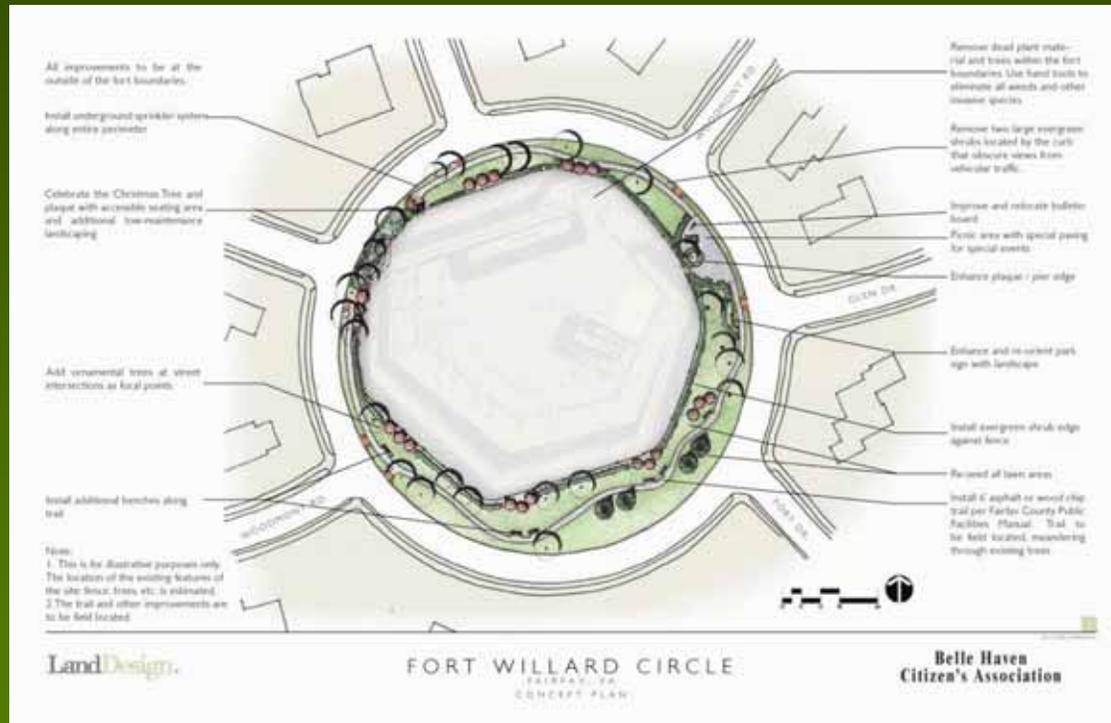
Belle Haven in 1937



Belle Haven in 2004



# Community Proposal



Proposed conceptual plan prepared by Land Design for the Belle Haven Citizen's Association



# Park Elements



- Cultural Resource Protection
- Historic Civil War Fort
- Interpretation Opportunities
- Walking Trail
- Invasive Plant Management
- Perimeter Beautification and User Amenities
- Neighborhood Adopt-A-Park





# Proposed Park Plan Purpose



- **Protect and interpret cultural resources on site**
- **Provide for local park amenities desirable by the community**
- **Manage existing natural resources.**



## Next Steps

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- **Website - Q & A, schedule, updates**
- **Develop a draft plan – Fall 2006**
- **Public hearing – Winter 2006**
- **Public comments - 30 days after public hearing**
- **Plan revision - based on comments**
- **Plan approval – Spring 2007**



## Open Discussion

- Do you agree with the proposed park purpose?
- What features, uses and/or amenities would you like to see in the local park portion?
- What other input would you like us to consider in drafting the park master plan?





# Additional Comments

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## Help Plan Your Parks

### Send Comments to:

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Fairfax, VA 22035**

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**<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/fortwillard.htm>**



**Thank you!**