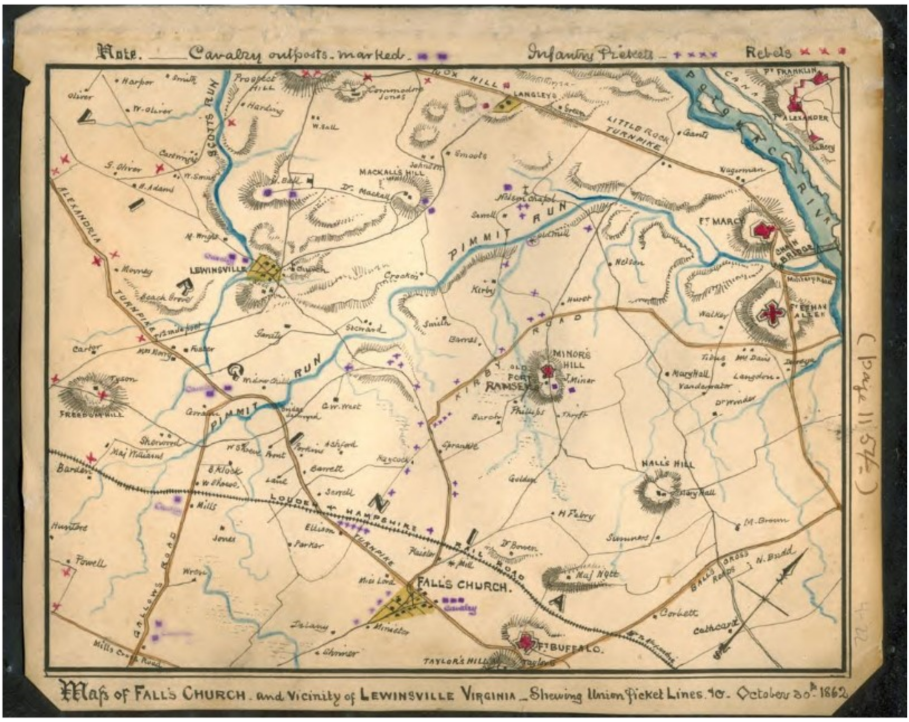

Freedom Hill Park
Traditional Land Ceremony
& Sign Unveiling
July 31, 2021

Fairfax County Park Authority

County of Fairfax 1742 Virginia

The Fairfax County Park Authority has joined with members of our community to reveal and share untold stories, those indelible pieces of local history that might be hidden or seldom told. It is our hope that through this public sharing will come increased representation of all people in this community — those who live here now, and those who called this land home in the past.

Freedom Hill Park was home to a strong and special community. Interpretive signs at the park celebrate family strength and tell previously untold stories of the many diverse families that lived here and continue to contribute to the culture of the place. Residents of Freedom Hill represented a quintessential American ideal — people of all races and their descendants coming together as one community.

Freedom Hill is a community story of exceptional local women who made their home on this land. It is a recognition of the African American presence and their intermarriage with the local tribes. It is also recognition that nearby land was owned by women and people of color at a time when such ownership was rare.

THE UNTOLD STORIES PROJECT

Untold Stories is an interpretive project of the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA). It is a multi-year and multi-phase project involving dozens of parks across Fairfax County. FCPA has set a goal to increase the representation of all peoples in the stories park interpreters tell about the county's natural and cultural resources. It is one part of a larger Equity and Diversity plan that FCPA is creating and implementing. Untold Stories allows the community to see itself in local history and in nature sites and to find value in parks.

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Land Ceremony

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Powhatan Intertribal Museum

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