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### National Park Service Awards Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot \$24,600 Battlefield Preservation Grant

**WASHINGTON** – The Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot has received a grant of \$24,600 from the National Park Service’s American Battlefield Protection Program to create maps that depict archeological features of the Fishkill Supply Depot, which was George Washington’s principal supply depot during the Revolutionary War. The maps will highlight the historical overview, archeological inventory, and topographic features. The depot was pivotal for winning the Battles of Saratoga, and is the largest burial ground for Revolutionary War soldiers in the country. The information produced by this project will be distributed to the public, and available to organizations and groups in the community for potential preservation opportunities.

“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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