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The Grave Yard for Free People of Colour and For Slaves - Site #44HE1203

23 messages

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Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 3:57 PM

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Hello Kerri and Emily,

Would you please provide the detailed minutes from the February 13th site visit and the proposed commitments to the site? Additionally would you please provide the current definition of site #44HE1203 "The Grave Yard For Free People of Colour and For Slaves" as it is much larger as it was previously being defined in the 2018 report? It seems important to know specifically how the site is currently being viewed. A previous request was made to examine the chain of title histories of adjoining properties as the Grave Yard probably or possibly extended into those properties. Has that been done? If not - is it one of the proposed commitments? Is the site's historical significance in terms of the acts of destruction or partial destruction being considered? These acts are very much an important part of the history of the burial ground and should be a part of its told story especially considering the many thousands of people that were buried there.

At this point has there been any reconsideration of the position regarding adverse effect? It seems to me that no matter where construction would be done in the area, the potential to disturb remains exists - whether the remains are intact or scattered.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

Lenora

Kerri Barile <kbarile@dovetailcrg.com>

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Hey Emily,

Do you want to reply to her letting her know we are currently finalizing the minutes and commitments? Or want me to?

Thanks!

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Thank you very much Emily.

Lenora

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Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 1:25 PM

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All:

Thanks to all who participated with DRPT at the Graveyard for Free People of Color and Slaves site visit on Feb. 13th. Attached are meeting notes, meeting attendance roster, and revised project commitments as discussed at the site visit. (See project commitment revisions highlighted in yellow.)

Lenora - I hope that these additional materials help to address your concerns. Please note that in addition to archaeological testing, DRPT is committing to develop a landscape analysis of the site, and will concurrently reevaluate its resource boundaries and National Register of Historic Places eligibility through consultation with the DHR using any newly acquired data. DRPT would move forward with these commitments during the final design and construction of the rail improvements in the Richmond area. I would like to discuss these commitments with you and will try to reach you by phone.

Best regards,
Emily Stock

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3 attachments

 **DC2RVARail_44HE1203 Notes_2.13.19 for Distribution.pdf**
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 **Meeting Sign-in Sheet.pdf**
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 **Site 44HE1203 Commitments 03052019.pdf**
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Wed, May 8, 2019 at 11:58 AM

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Dear Emily,

I apologize for my delayed response. Thank you for the additional materials that you shared. I do still however have concerns regarding the site and questions as well. One of my biggest concerns (and questions) is - how is the Grave Yard for Free People of Colour and For Slaves site # 44HE1203 being viewed / defined currently? I have only seen it in regards to the high-speed rail projects definition of it by its 1835 size somewhat misplaced on the present day map (placed right on top of 5th Street). Other maps and information show a burial ground of greater size that extended north to the Bacon Quarter Branch, west behind the Hebrew Cemetery and by written description behind the Alms-house.

Maps show it extending east past 7th street to the Shockoe Creek, and south of Hospital Street. There was also the extension of the burial ground onto the grounds of the City Hospital. The Bacon Quarter Branch on the 1817, 1835 (though not fully visible), 1849, and 1853 maps appears to exist further north than it did in later maps. The railroad tracks were laid south of the Bacon Quarter Branch. It seems clear that the railroad tracks were built right on top of the Grave Yard. Though I have no idea if graves were disturbed, destroyed, removed or just built on top of. Would you help me to understand please how the site and the project area is currently being defined?

I need to ask - is it possible that the railroad track could be rerouted to avoid this burial ground?

Regarding archival research, how extensive will this research be? Will it specifically include researching all of the deeds and the history of the properties surrounding the site which is something I previously requested?

Another concern of mine pertains to remains in the area that are not intact but scattered. I have heard it said by some that the area would be full of scattered remains. My ancestor's scattered remains are not less important to me than their intact remains. I can't imagine that others would feel differently concerning their ancestors. I believe they are all important. Though it seems that the treatment of them if found would be different, and I don't understand what the treatment would be. What are the possibilities of what would happen if scattered remains are found beyond halting work and contacting DHR for next steps? What would the next steps possibly be?

There were also questions at the site visit that were shared in the site visit notes. Some of the answers were not included. Would you please share with me what the answers to the questions were?

I would like to be made a consulting party to the project. Would that be possible?


If you would still like to talk, I may be available tomorrow evening, if not perhaps over the weekend.

I have attached a map study that I have been working on regarding the burial ground. It is a work in progress.

Yours truly,

Lenora

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 **Map Study, The Grave Yard For Free People of Colour and For Slaves by L. McQueen, in progress 5-2-2019.pdf**
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Stock, Emily <emily.stock@drpt.virginia.gov> Thu, May 9, 2019 at 12:27 PM
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Dear Lenora:

Thank you for your comments and research about the graveyard. I would like the opportunity to speak with you, and I can call you this evening after 6:30 pm est. Please send me your number. Or if you would rather call me, my number is 804-971-1381.

Thank you,
Emily

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LENORA MCQUEEN <lenora.m@prodigy.net> Thu, May 9, 2019 at 3:01 PM
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Emily,

you are very welcome. I ask please that you address the concerns raised and questions asked in my email specifically in writing. I believe my concerns and questions are important, and others included here may wish to know the answers as well.

I may not get in this evening from work until after 7:30 p.m. your time. Would tomorrow or over the weekend be better for you for the telephone conversation you have been wanting to have with me?

Have a good afternoon.

Yours truly,

Lenora

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Agreed. I would certainly be interested in how Lenora's concerns will be addressed. Thanks.

Shawn

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Lenora:

I can be available at your convenience for a call, in addition to a written response. I confess I am still gathering answers to the questions. Will be in touch in writing again soon.

Best regards,
Emily Stock

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Fri, May 10, 2019 at 1:13 PM

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Kerri:

I cannot thank you enough for this.

Don't worry about being available for a call. I think it is best for me to stick to plan A and talk w/ her one-on-one if possible. So far she has not tried calling, or sent me her number. My reason for calling her is to better understand her goals and brainstorm some ways that she may be able to further her goals in the near term. I expect it may be helpful for her to work directly with the Shockoe Alliance, the History and Culture Commission, and Del. McQuinn.

Thanks!
Emily

On Fri, May 10, 2019 at 9:32 AM Kerri Barile <kbarile@dovetailcrg.com> wrote:

Hi all,

I've attached some draft replies as I know them. Obviously edit away and use whatever you think is best! Emily, I'm available for a call tomorrow (Saturday) if you do end up talking to Lenora and would like me to participate. Let me know....and good luck!

Kerri

On Thu, May 9, 2019 at 7:14 PM Stock, Emily <emily.stock@drpt.virginia.gov> wrote:

Thanks - sorry, I was traveling today and didn't look back at my notes.

On Thu, May 9, 2019 at 5:26 PM Kerri Barile <kbarile@dovetailcrg.com> wrote:

More to follow when I'm not on my phone :) but John was pretty emphatic that they NOT be offered consulting party status for a number of reasons. And so glad Sarah reached out! Good news to hear her input.

I will get more answers together!

On Thursday, May 9, 2019, Stock, Emily <emily.stock@drpt.virginia.gov> wrote:

Kerri:

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Fri, May 10, 2019 at 3:18 PM

Thanks- she is...will still require a doctor's visit, but doesn't appear to be urgent. I totally would have gone, but she's the master of her. :-)

Randy Selleck, AICP

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Emily,

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would prefer to postpone the telephone conversation until after your written response has been made. I will look forward to receiving it.

Yours truly,

Lenora

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Mon, May 13, 2019 at 2:05 PM

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Lenora:

Thanks for your continuing outreach as we near the finish of our 123-mile environmental review and documentation. As you note, the DC2RVA project has a long time horizon and there may be other near-term and more broadly based efforts that could benefit from your research.

I enlisted assistance from our cultural resources consultant, Kerri Barile, to respond to your questions. They are pasted below [in blue font](#) within the body of your email.

Yes, I think it would be helpful for us to talk in real time about strategies to share your research with groups/efforts that have a shorter timeline than the DC2RVA project. DRPT does not have construction funding for the section of the DC2RVA rail project through Richmond, and it may be years or even decades before that funding is available. This leaves the timing unclear for DC2RVA project commitments, including archival research and archaeological study. Perhaps there is an opportunity to work with the City of Richmond's Shockoe Alliance, the Slave Trail Commission, the newly formed History and Culture Commission, or other groups to put this site and your valuable research on their radar. We have shared your thoughts and the interest of other individuals and groups with members of the Alliance and the Slave Trail Commission

I would welcome a call in the evening or on the weekend.

Best regards,
Emily Stock

EMAIL INQUIRY WITH DRPT RESPONSES IN BLUE FONT

I apologize for my delayed response. Thank you for the additional materials that you shared. I do still however have concerns regarding the site and questions as well. One of my biggest concerns (and questions) is - how is the Grave Yard for Free People of Colour and For Slaves site # 44HE1203 being viewed / defined currently? I have only seen it in regards to the high-speed rail projects definition of it by its 1835 size somewhat misplaced on the present day map (placed right on top of 5th Street). Other maps and information show a burial ground of greater size that extended north to the Bacon Quarter Branch, west behind the Hebrew Cemetery and by written description behind the Alms-house. Maps show it extending east past 7th street to the Shockoe Creek, and south of Hospital Street. There was also the extension of the burial ground onto the grounds of the City Hospital. The Bacon Quarter Branch on the 1817, 1835 (though not fully visible), 1849, and 1853 maps appears to exist further north than it did in later maps. The railroad tracks were laid south of the Bacon Quarter Branch. It seems clear that the railroad tracks were built right on top of the Grave Yard. Though I have no idea if graves were disturbed, destroyed, removed or just built on top of. Would you help me to understand please how the site and the project area is currently being defined?

DRPT Response: The site is currently defined as it is on file at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. However, it is recognized that the boundaries will likely be modified during the pending archival research that will be done as a commitment for the project. The work will include a reevaluation of the maps you listed as well as other available data, including an analysis of how the landscape has changed since the cemetery was established, such as road modifications, establishment of the rail line in the 19th century, and installation of I-64 in the mid-20th century. Given the probable site boundary changes, a larger area is being considered during the DC2RVA FEIS project impact evaluation, including the DHR boundaries and a wider buffer surrounding this area to assure that all potential impacts are being considered. As noted above, this work is contingent on project funding, which may be many years in the future.

I need to ask - is it possible that the railroad track could be rerouted to avoid this burial ground?

DRPT Response: Given the private ownership of the CSX railroad tracks, their current alignment for more than a century, and the profound community impacts of such a relocation, rerouting of the current tracks is unlikely, and the DC2RVA project must follow the current CSX alignment. I can provide suggestions on how best to outreach to CSX when we chat, if you like.

Regarding archival research, how extensive will this research be? Will it specifically include researching all of the deeds and the history of the properties surrounding the site which is something I previously requested?

DRPT Response: Yes. The goal is to complete a thorough analysis of the history and changing landscape of this area to understand the chronology of the cemetery and surrounding vicinity. This work will be done as a project commitment presented as part of the environmental regulatory process. Again, the timing of these activities is dependent on the project being funded and advanced.

Another concern of mine pertains to remains in the area that are not intact but scattered. I have heard it said by some that the area would be full of scattered remains. My ancestor's scattered remains are not less important to me than their intact remains. I can't imagine that others would feel differently concerning their ancestors. I believe they are all important. Though it seems that the treatment of them if found would be different, and I don't understand what the treatment would be. What are the possibilities of what would happen if scattered remains are found beyond halting work and contacting DHR for next steps? What would the next steps possibly be?

DRPT Response: DRPT and the project team appreciate your concerns. The DC2RVA project commitments are designed to address this issue. Known interment areas in Virginia are guided by very specific laws that require acquisition of permits and stringent guidelines on the treatment of human remains. The laws will be thoroughly followed during this process, regardless of whether the remains are within an intact burial or in a disturbed context. Once the project plans have advanced and an exact impact area is known, all areas that have the potential to be disturbed as a result of this project will be the subject of archaeological study to assure that there are no remains in the project limits of disturbance—intact or disturbed. The work will be thorough, respectful, and comply will all applicable state legislation. In addition, even after the archaeological work is completed, the commitments state that a professional archaeologist will be on site to monitor activities during construction to completely assure that there are no remains in the project footprint. The DHR will be updated of all results during both the archaeological studies and the ensuing monitoring. If remains are identified, all Virginia laws pertaining to human remains will be followed including notifying next of kin regarding next steps.

There were also questions at the site visit that were shared in the site visit notes. Some of the answers were not included. Would you please share with me what the answers to the questions were?

DRPT Response: DRPT is committed to being open and transparent. Notes were taken at the meeting and disseminated via email including answers to questions as posed and discussed. If questions appear to be missing, please resend and we will obtain replies.

I would like to be made a consulting party to the project. Would that be possible?

DRPT Response: DRPT posed this question to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the lead federal agency, in February based on various inquiries. FRA has elected to maintain the roster of formal consulting parties. However, your participation is invaluable, along with the participation of others we have been working with as part of the investigation of this resource. All emails, sets of notes, letters, and other documentation and correspondence has been included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement to assure that it is part of the permanent record. In addition, copies have been given to the DHR and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to assure that materials are thoroughly disseminated and all comments are taken in to consideration during the planning process.

If you would still like to talk, I may be available tomorrow evening, if not perhaps over the weekend.

DRPT Response: Yes, please!

I have attached a map study that I have been working on regarding the burial ground. It is a work in progress.

[DRPT Response](#): Thank you for sharing this. Studies such as yours and work done by others will be utterly critical during all future planning initiatives and research. We look forward to working with you to assure that this cemetery is documented and taken into consideration during every step of the process.

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Hi John,

See this email exchange for your info on Ms. McQueen. It appears that she asked for consulting party status on May 8 and Emily replied to her on May 13. Also, Sarah at the ACPH called Emily on May 8 after receiving Ms. McQueen's email to discuss it, and she restated that FRA/DRPT/team had followed all protocols and she concurred with the approach taken here. Emily may have additional data from that call.

Hope this helps!

Kerri

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