

Honey Hill Battlefield Site

Historic Preservation Master Plan



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- *American Battlefield Protection Program*
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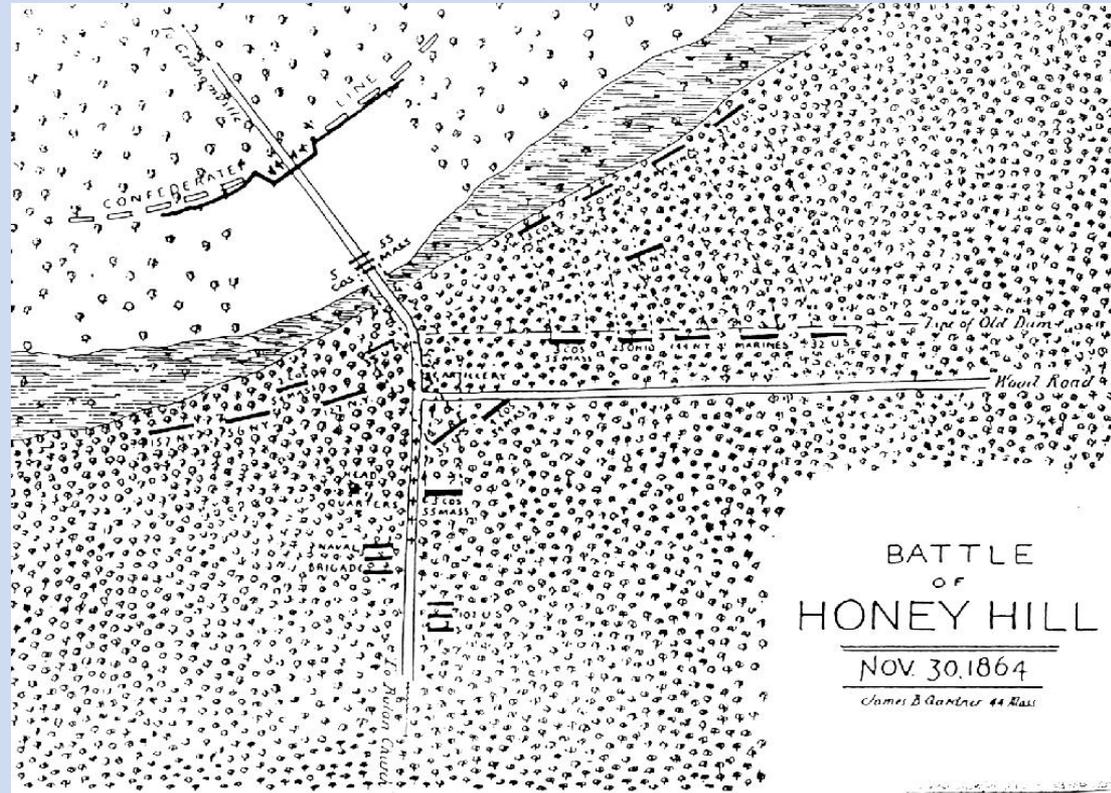
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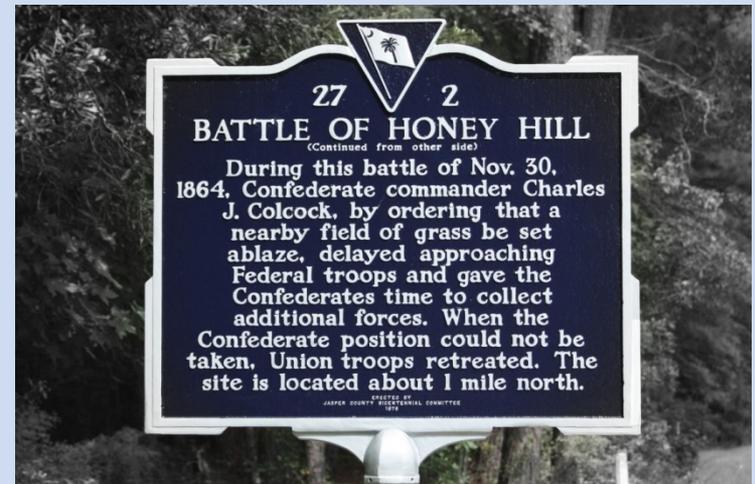
American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP)

Goals:

- *Promote* the preservation of significant historic battlefields associated with wars on American soil
- *Protect* battlefields and sites associated with armed conflicts that influenced the course of our history
- *Encourage* and *assist* all Americans in planning for the preservation, management, and interpretation
- *Raise awareness* of the importance of preserving battlefields and related sites for future generations

Tools:

- government, private sector, and non-profit **partnerships**
- local **stewardship** and support for battlefield protection
- land use, cultural resource, and site management **planning**
- public **education**



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Public Meeting #1 – Introduction and Public Input

- Introduction of preservation team and advisory committee
- Introduction to the project
- What are your goals, concerns, and questions about options in your area?

Public Meeting #2 – Progress and Additional Input

- Discussion of findings to date
- Provide preliminary thoughts and options for site interpretation and preservation
- Obtain Additional Input

Public Meeting #3 – Presentation of Draft Plan

- Presentation of Draft Plan
- Obtain final comments and suggestion

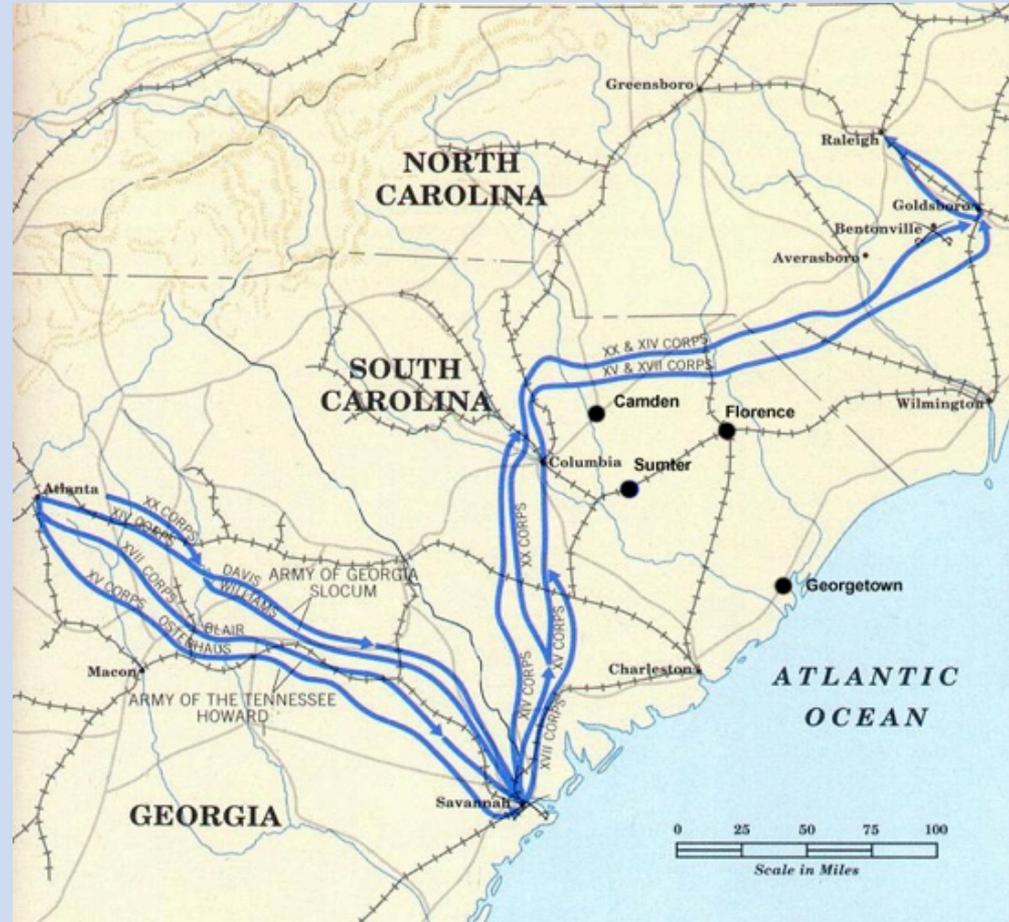


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The Battle of Honey Hill

The Honey Hill Battlefield is a significant Civil War site associated with General William T. Sherman's march through Georgia and the Carolinas near the end of the war. Honey Hill was one of the largest Civil War battles fought in South Carolina. The battle was also one of the Confederacy's final victories in the war.



The Route of General Sherman's March through Georgia and the Carolinas



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Military Terrain Analysis

KOCOA:

An analysis of landscape features both **natural** and **cultural** and their effect on the course of the battle.

(K) Key Terrain

(O) Observation and Fields of Fire

(C) Cover and Concealment

(O) Obstacles

(A) Avenues of Approach



Proposed Historic Site



Battlefield NRHP Boundary



Honey Hill Battlefield Core Area

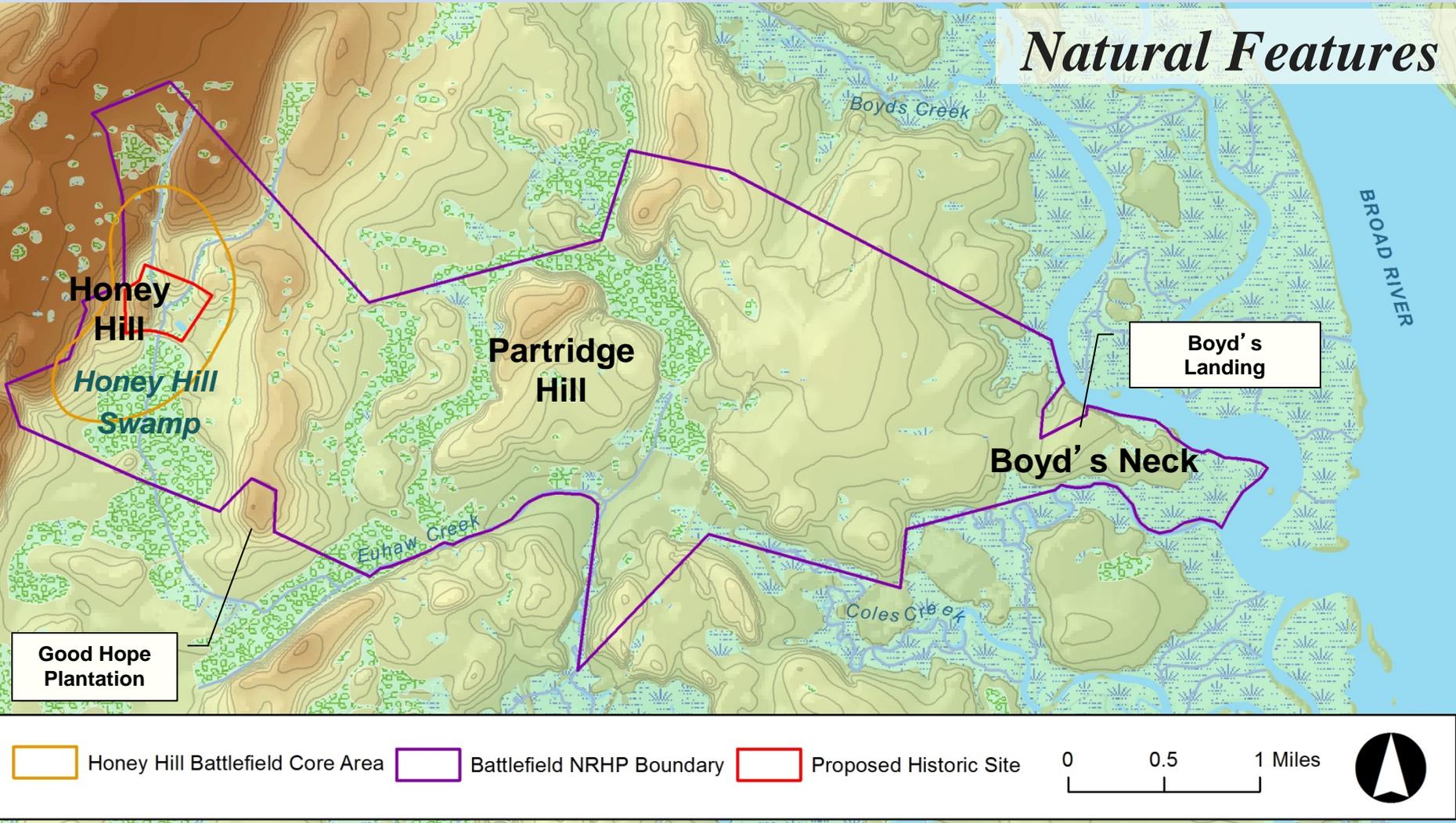
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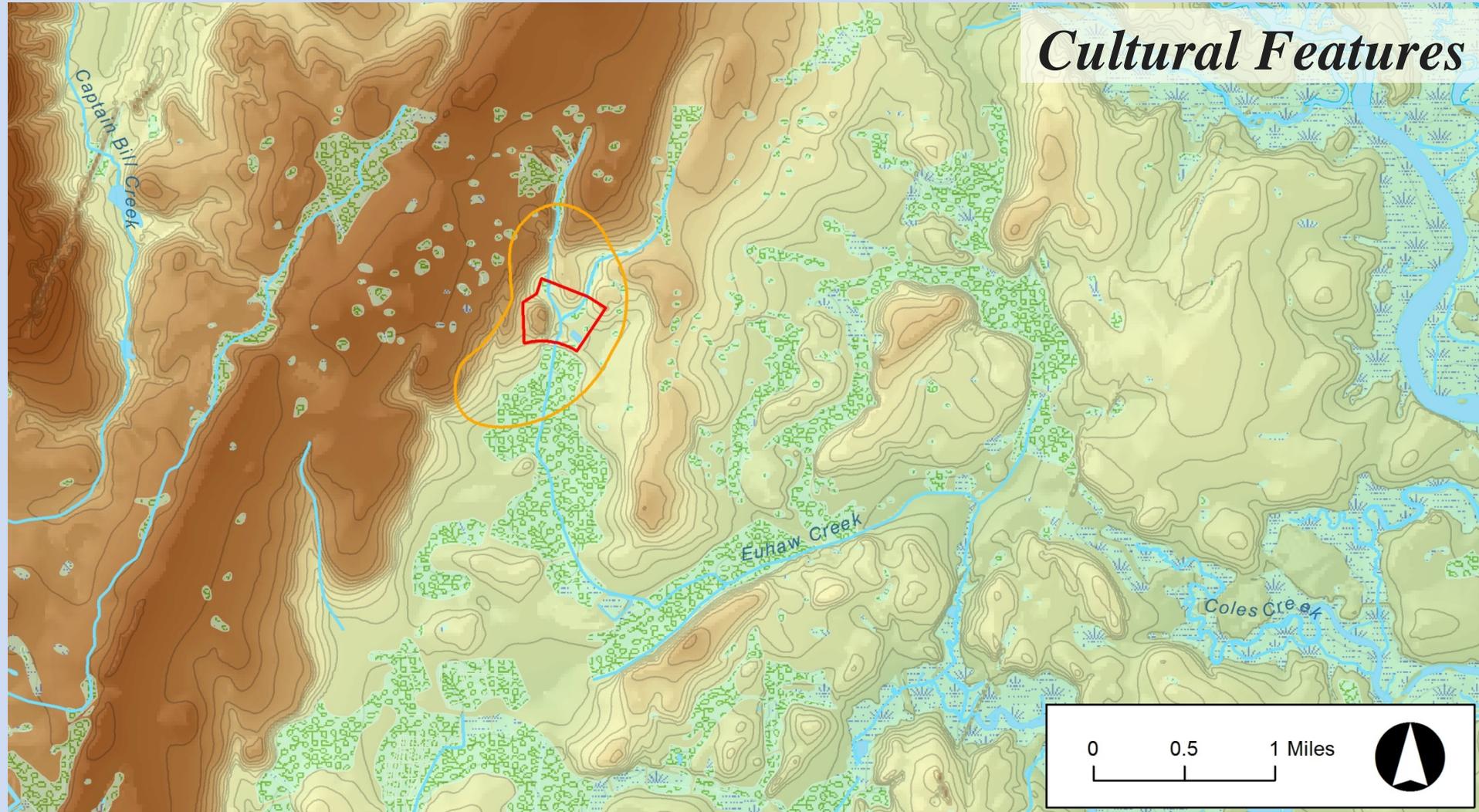
Natural Features



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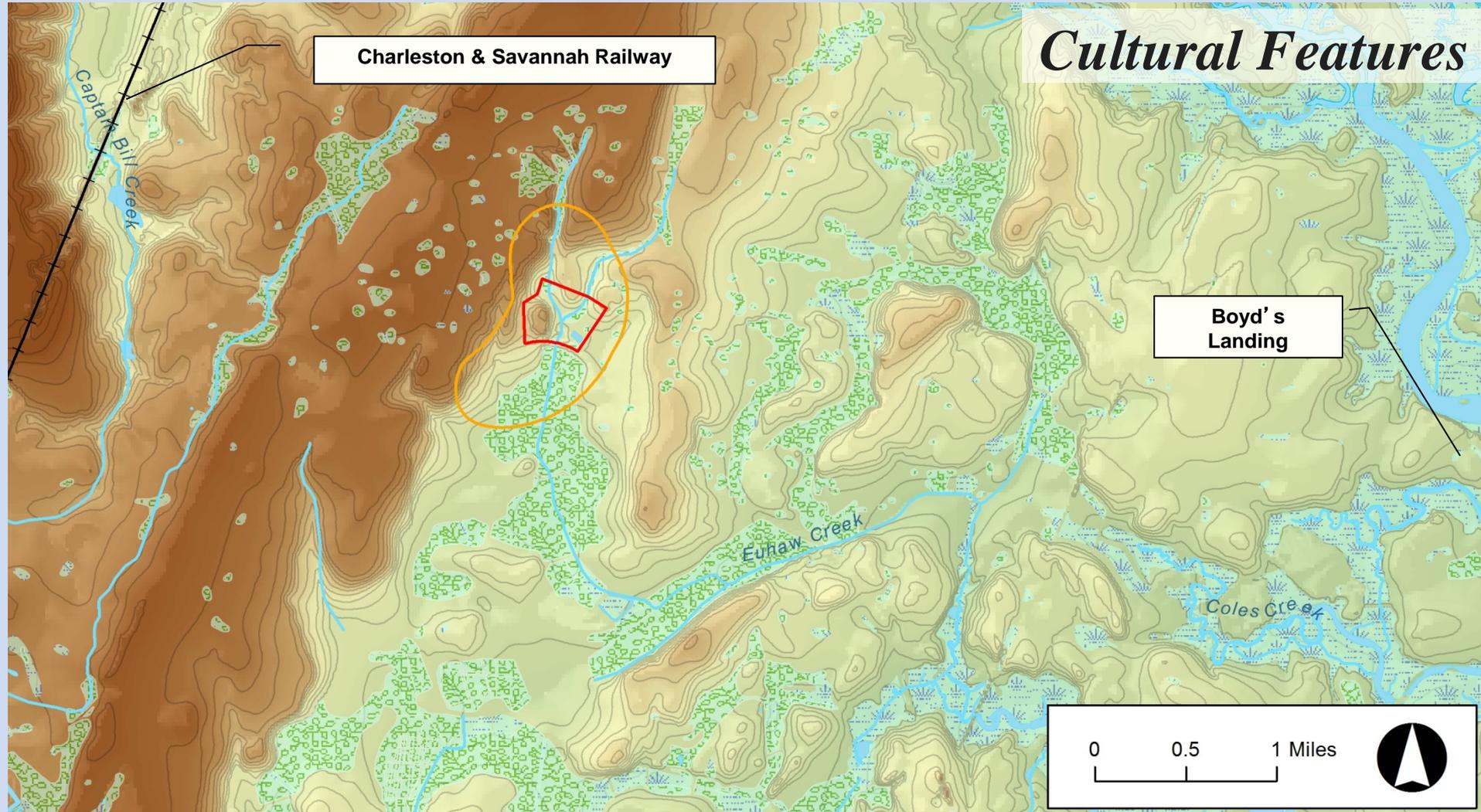
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Cultural Features



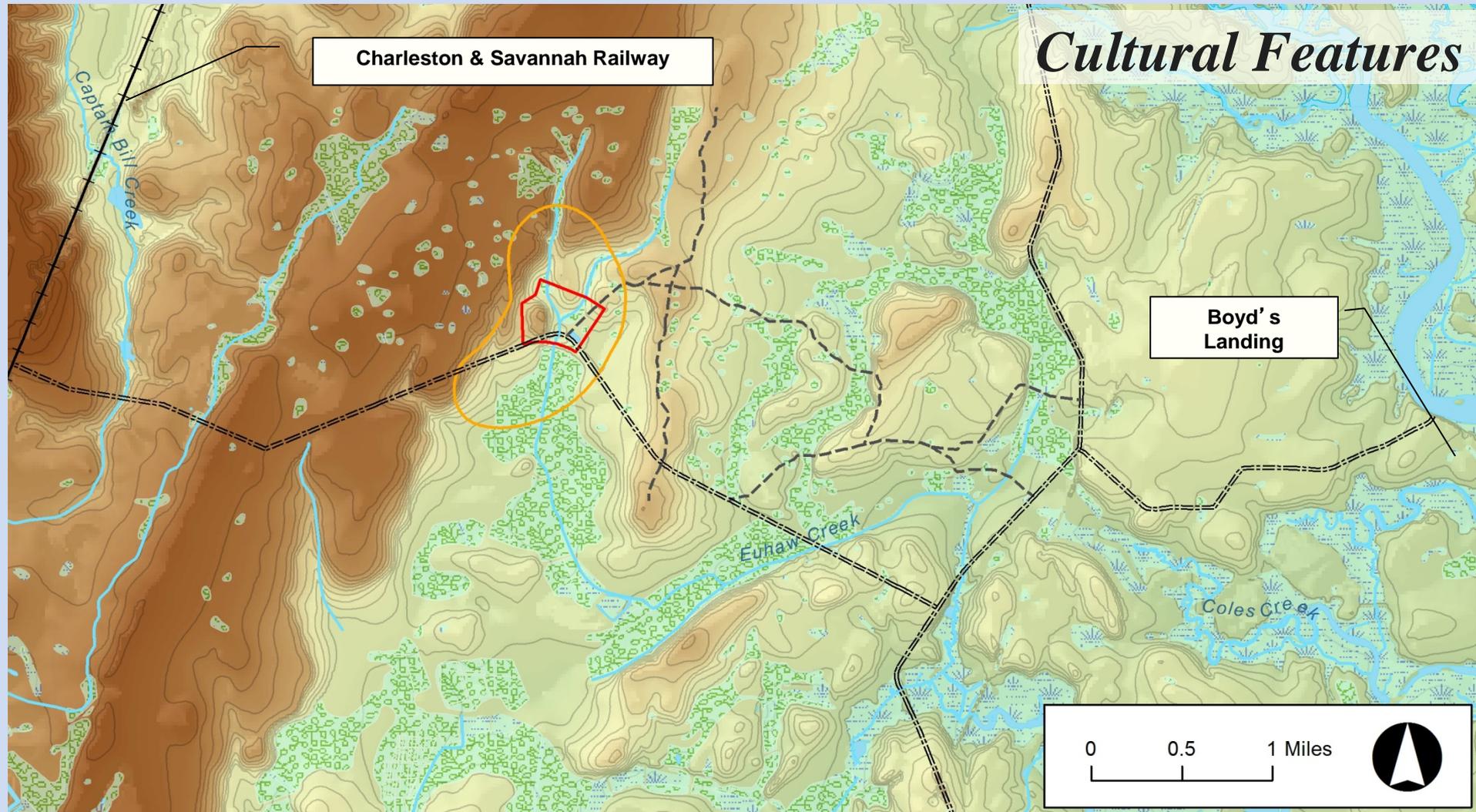
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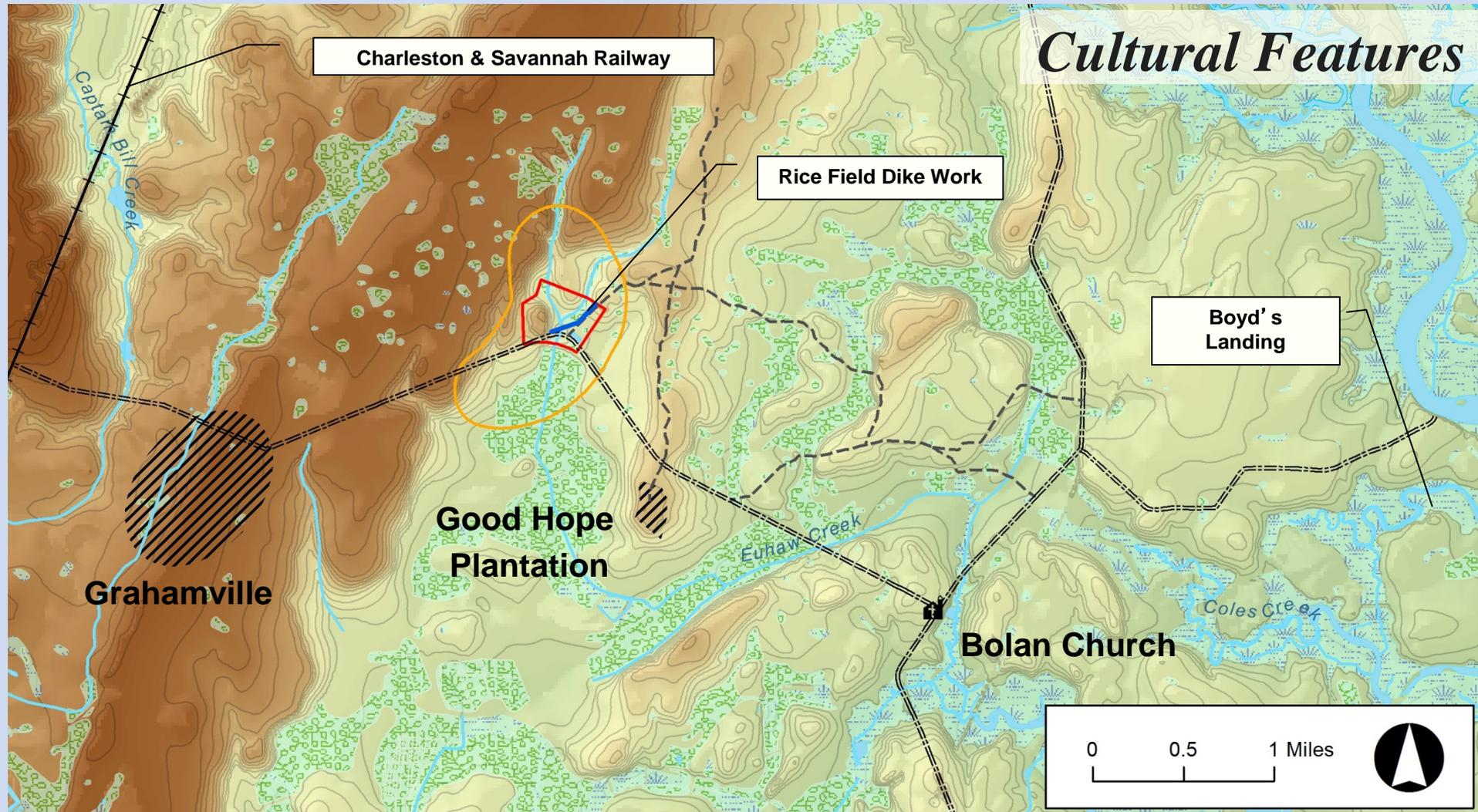
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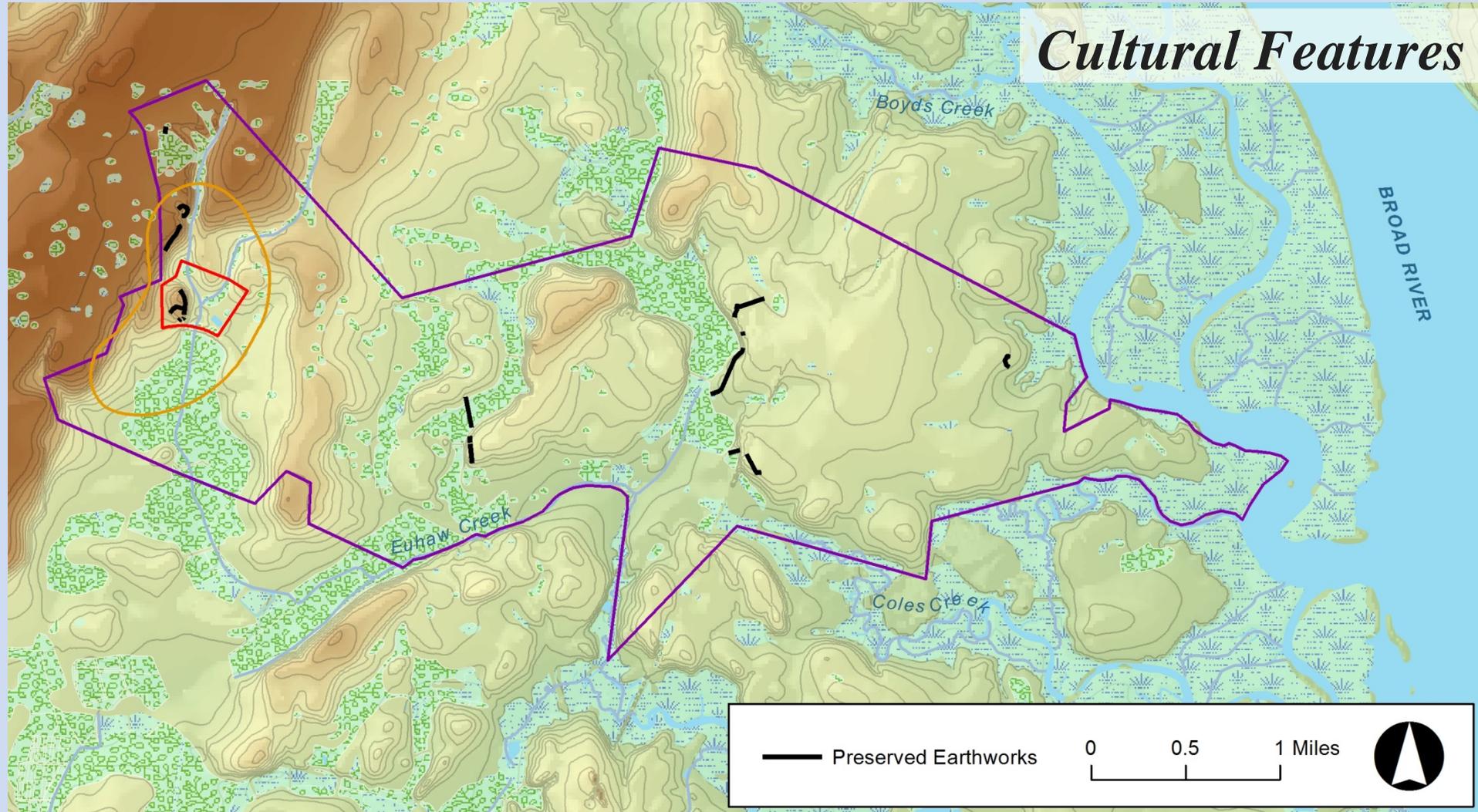
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Terms and Definition used in the KOCO A analysis

Key Terrain - Any local feature that dominates the immediate surrounding by relief or another quality that enhances attack or defense

Decisive (or Critical) Terrain - Ground that must be controlled in order to successfully accomplish the mission

Observation - The ability to see friendly and enemy forces and key aspects of the terrain to allow management of the conflict

Field of Fire - An area that weapons may effectively fire upon from a given position

Dead Space - An area within the maximum range of a weapon or an observer, but which cannot be seen or fired upon from a given position



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Terms and Definition used in the KOCO A analysis

Cover - Protection from enemy fire

Concealment - Protection from enemy observation

Obstacles - Natural or man-made terrain features that prevent, impede, or divert military movement

Avenue of Approach - Relatively unobstructed ground route that leads to an objective or key terrain

Avenue of Withdrawal - Relatively unobstructed ground route that leads away from an objective or key terrain

Mobility Corridor - Area or location where movement is channeled due to terrain constrictions

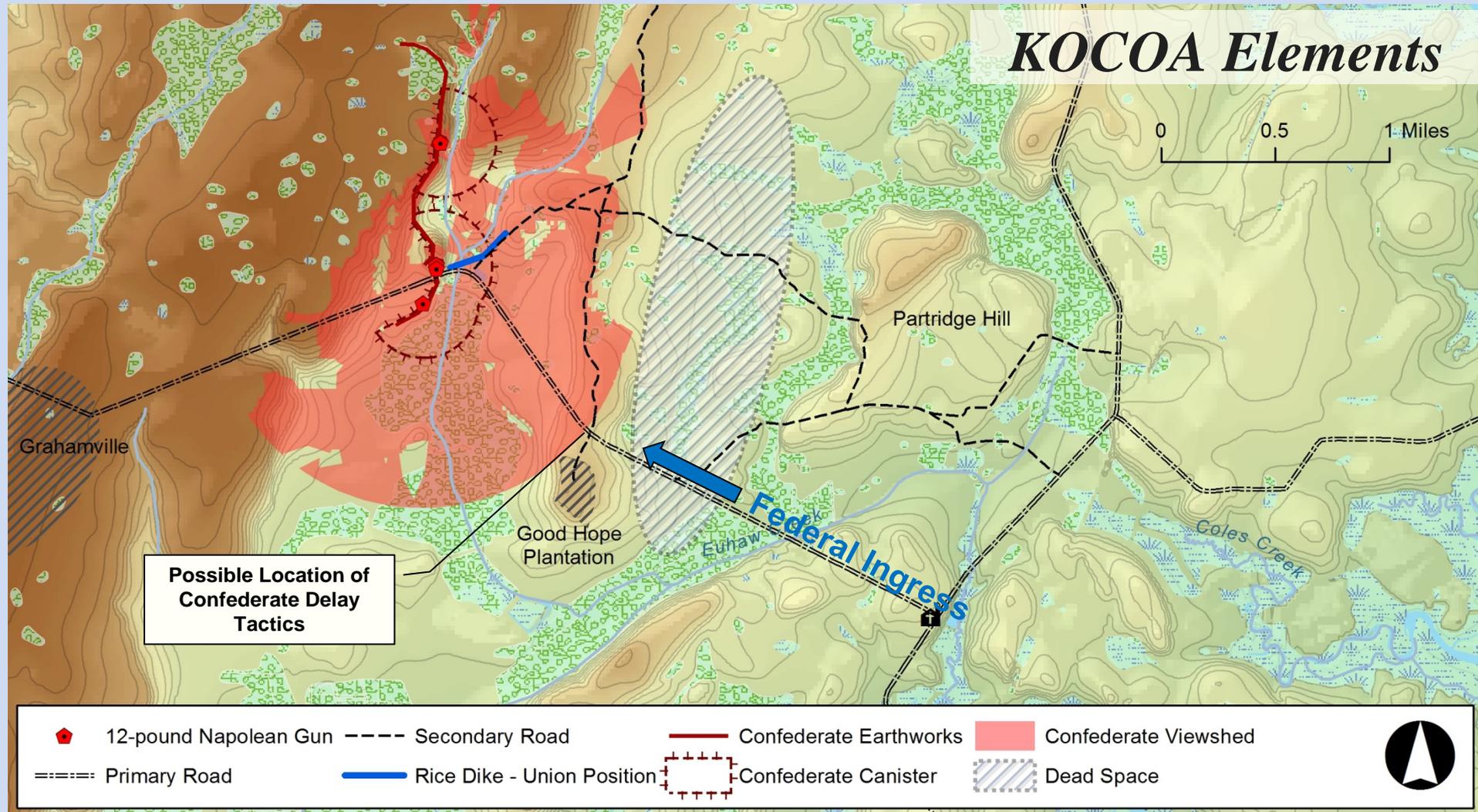
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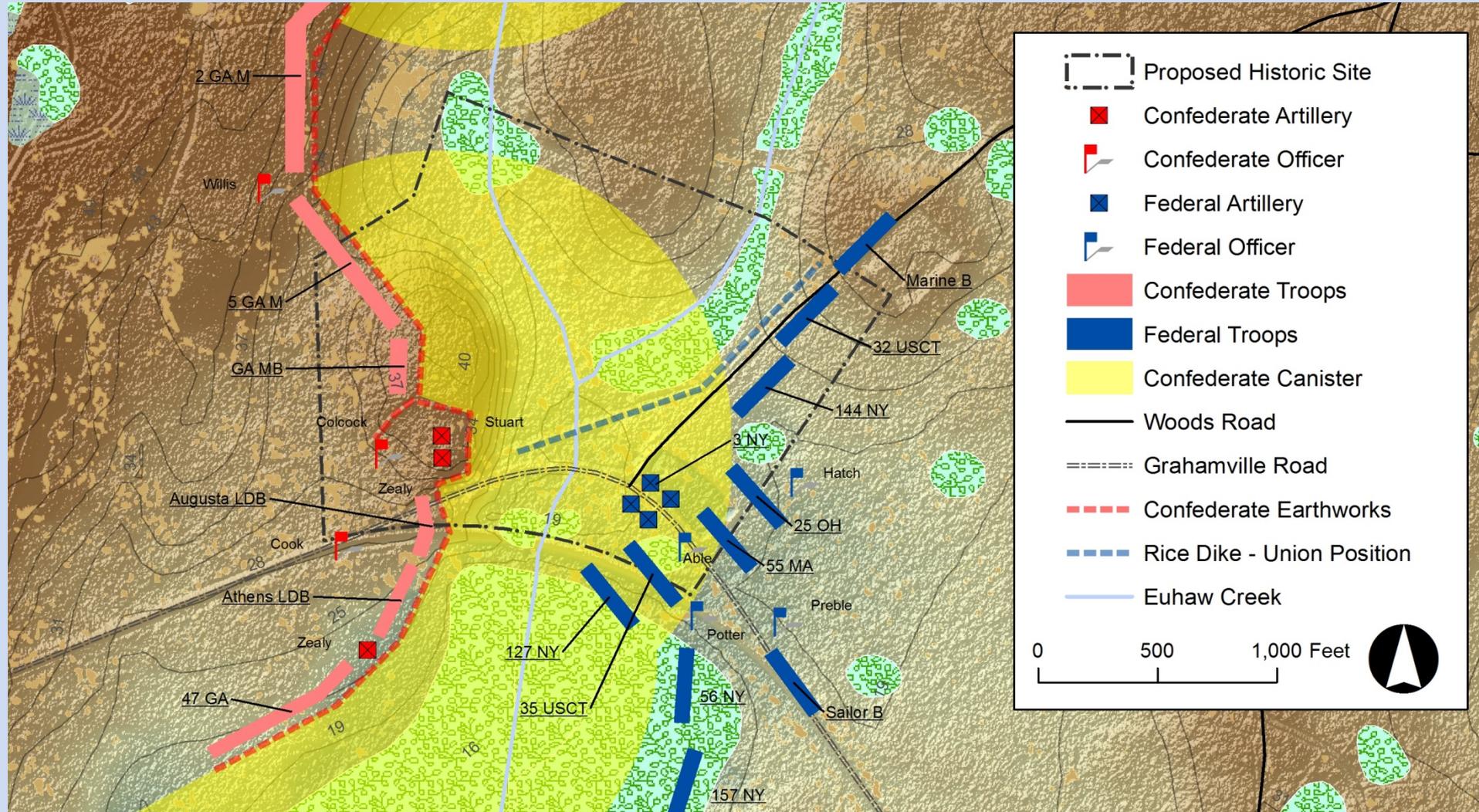
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KOCSA Elements



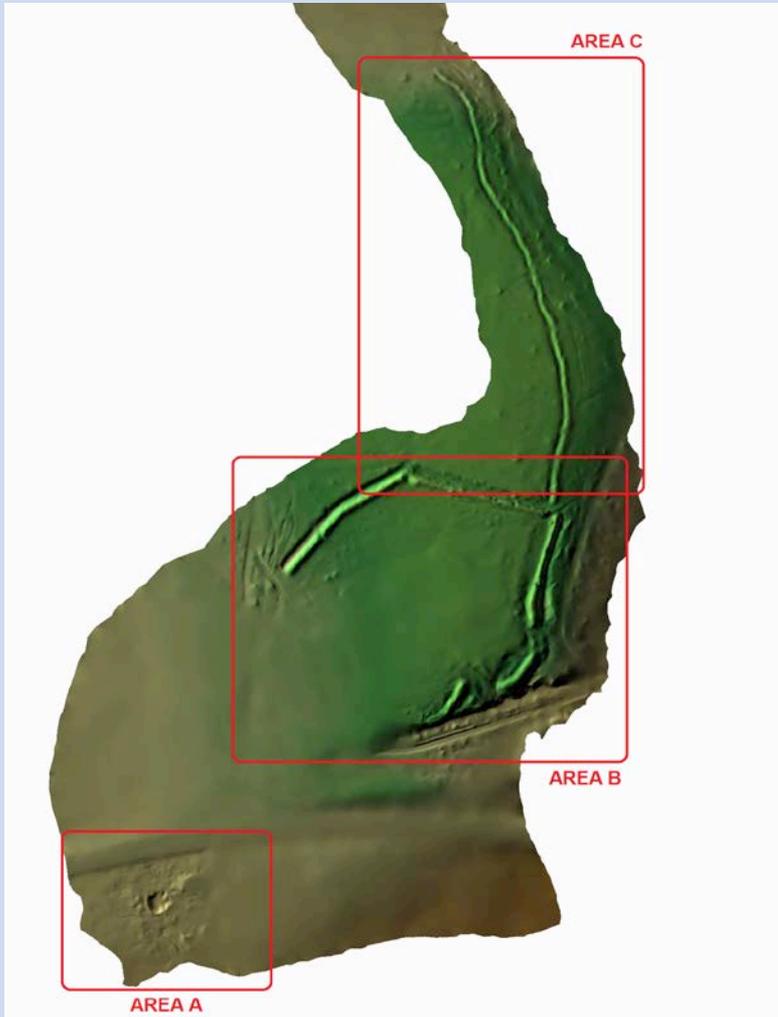
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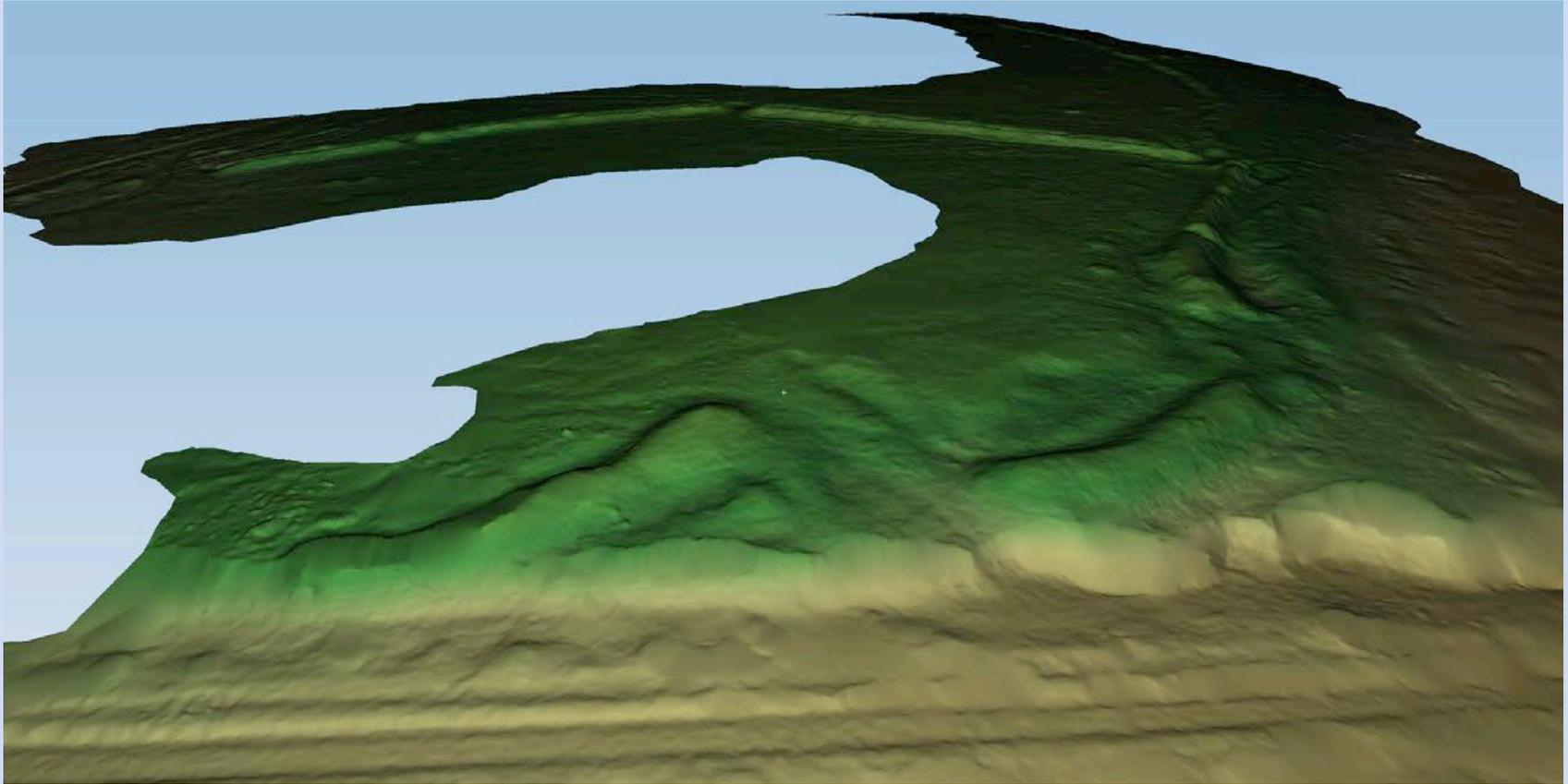


LIDAR SURVEY OF EARTHWORKS

Shows existing condition of earthworks in 3 dimensional form.

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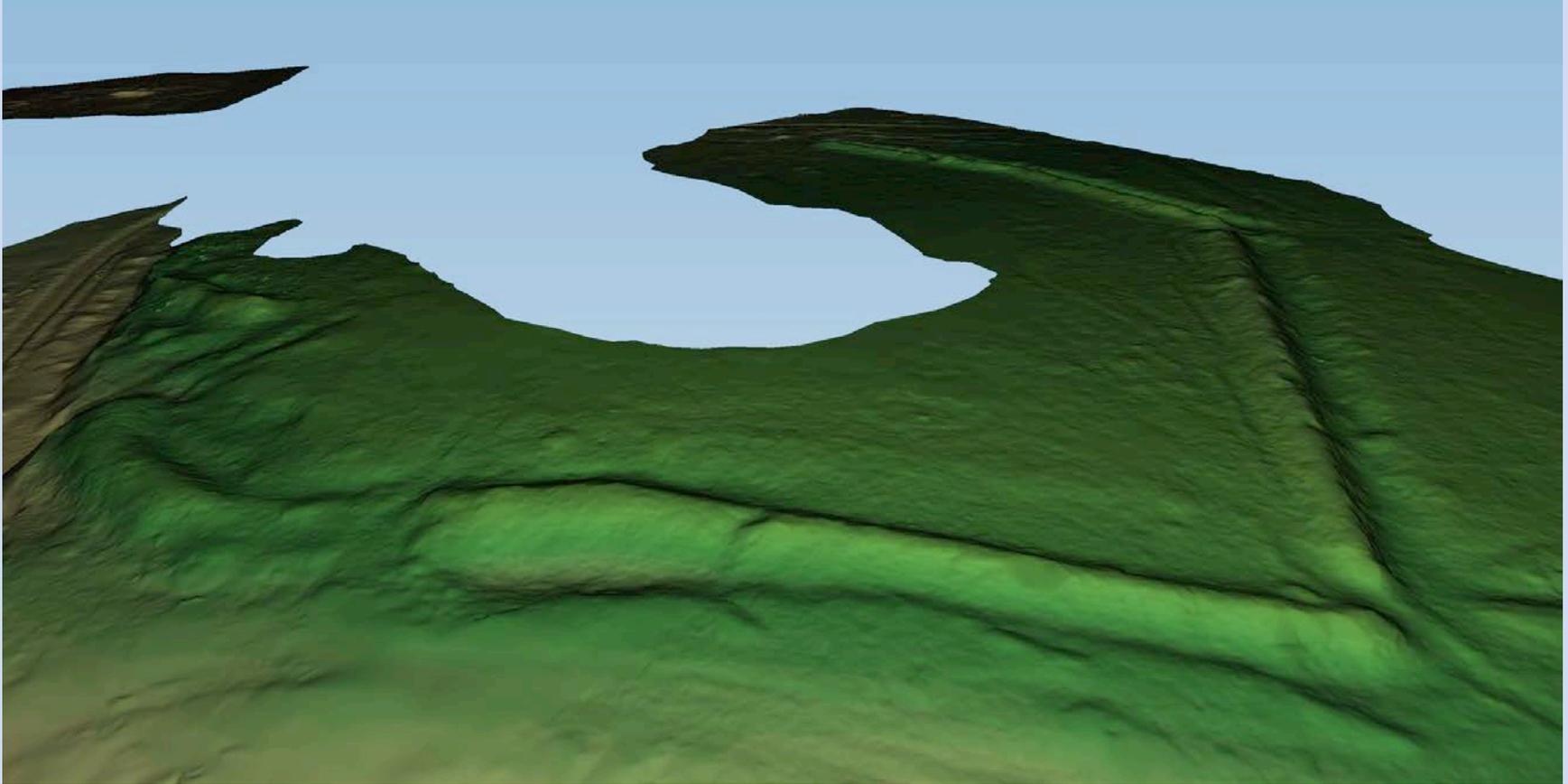
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Area B – North Perspective

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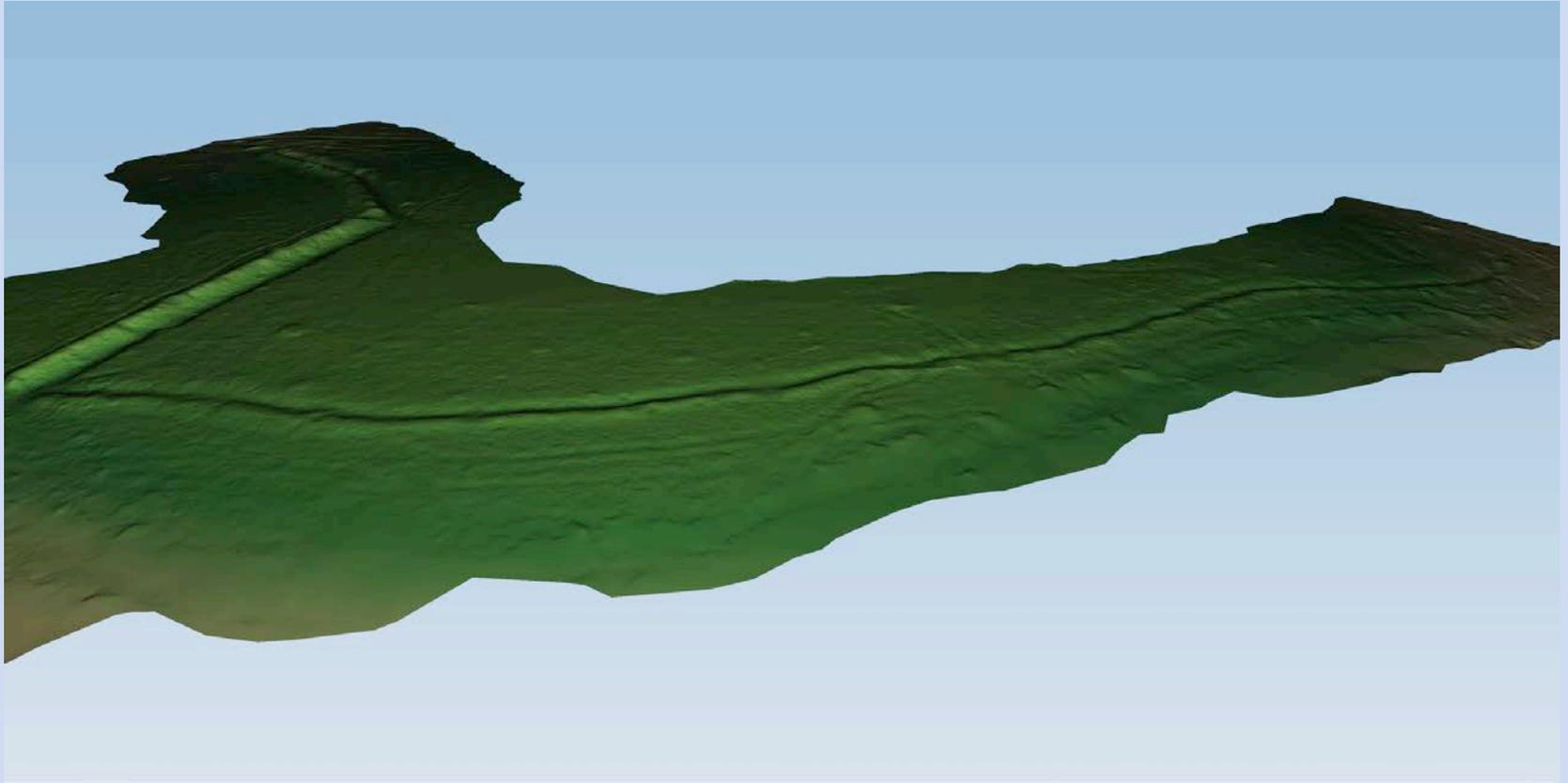


Area B West Perspective



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Area C West Perspective



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Concept Image of Earthwork

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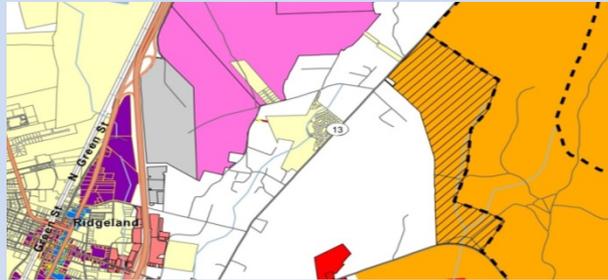
Concept Image from intersection of Old
Grahamville Road and the Wood Road

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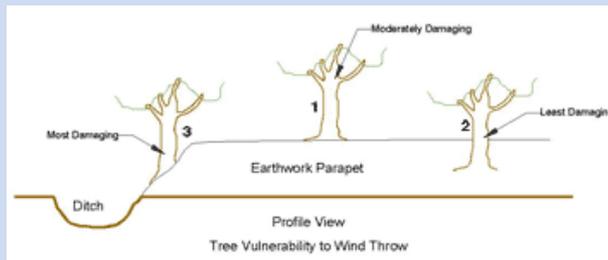
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Battlefield Preservation Treatment Recommendations

➤ Plan



➤ Preserve



➤ Interpret

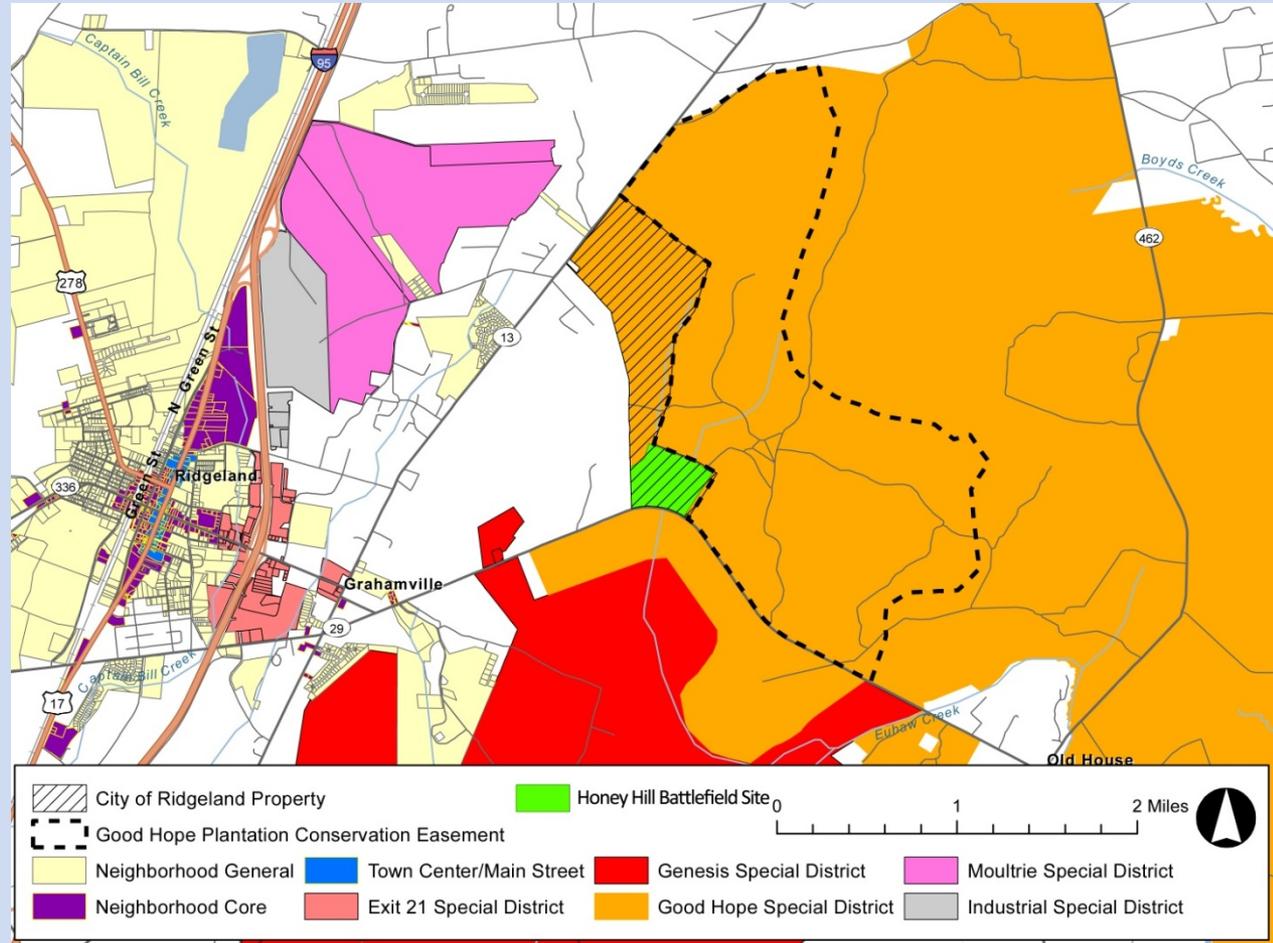


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Plan

- Conservation easement
- Amend comprehensive plan
- Annex lands west of site
- Historic district zoning
- Design guidelines for site and adjacent lands



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Preserve

Repair damage from borrow



Along Grahamville Road

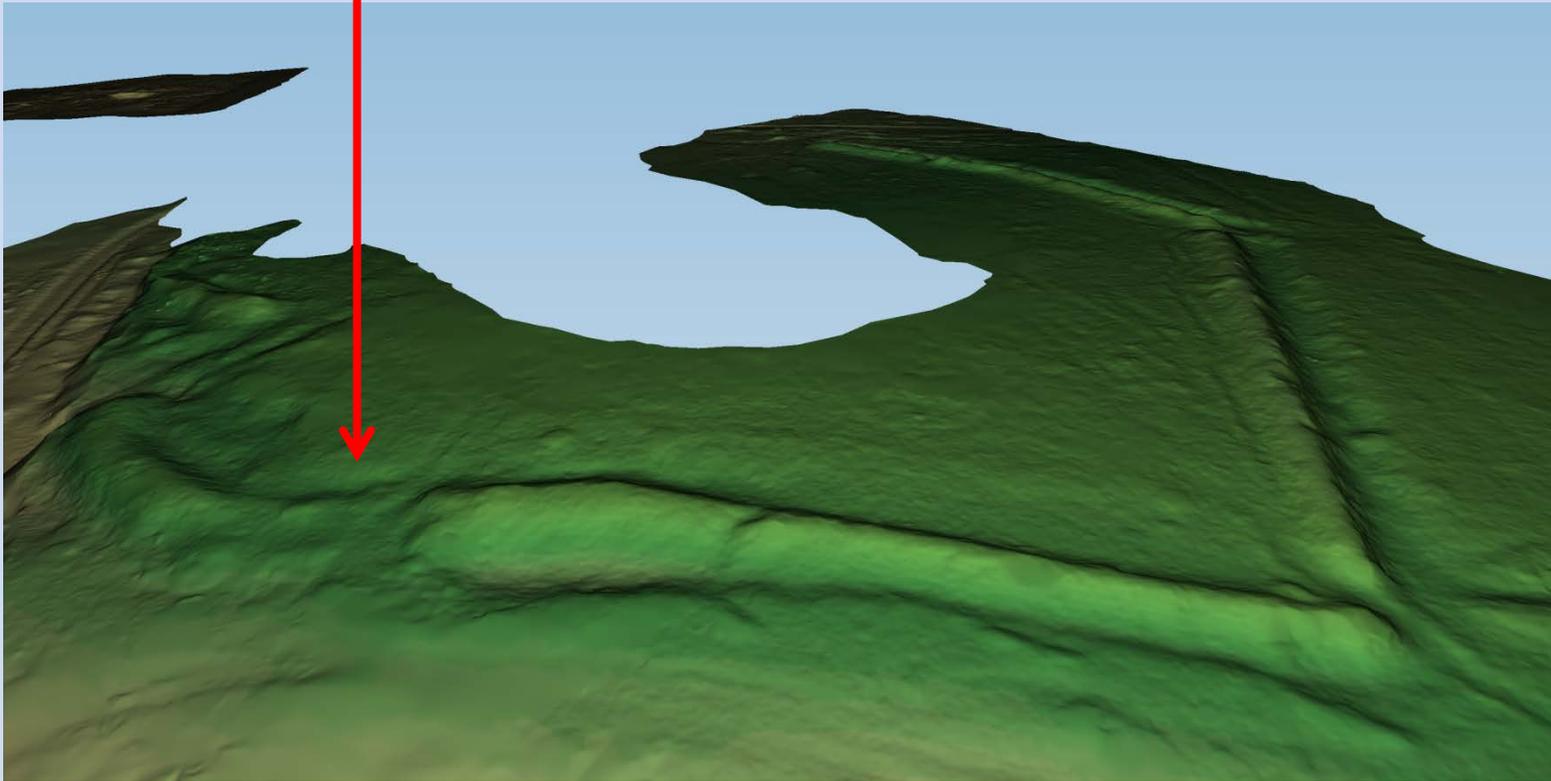


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Repair damage from excavation or use



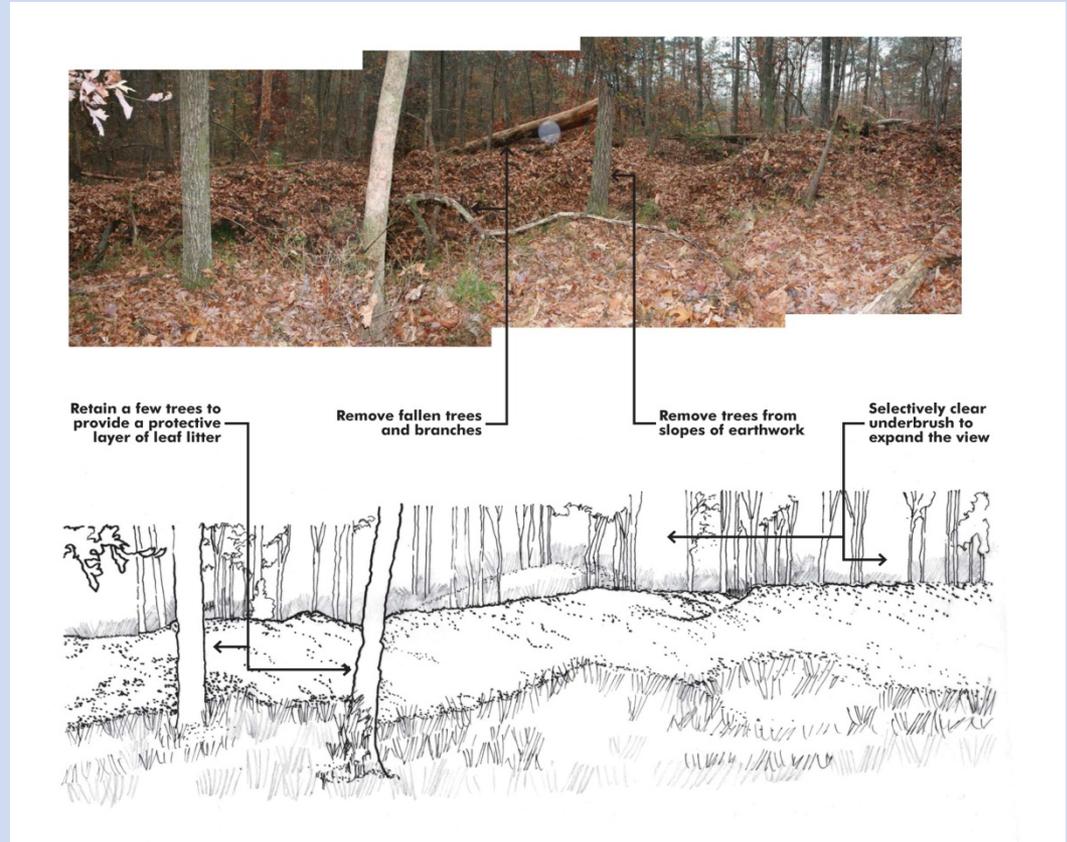
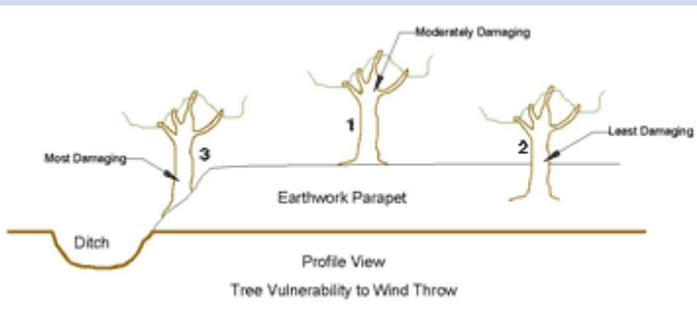
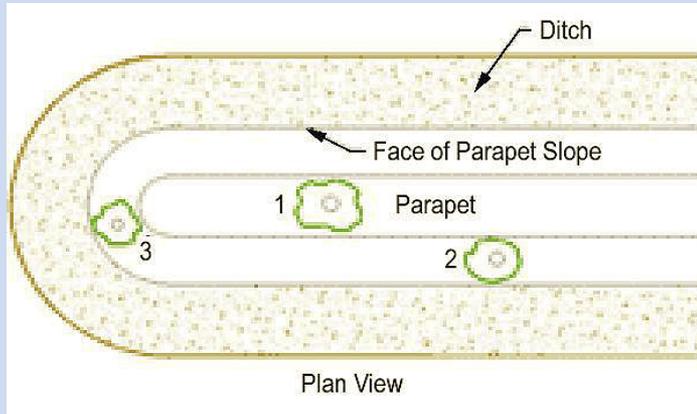
East side of parapet

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Tree removal



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Manage for stable and self-perpetuating forest cover



Congaree National Park

Remove exotic invasive plants

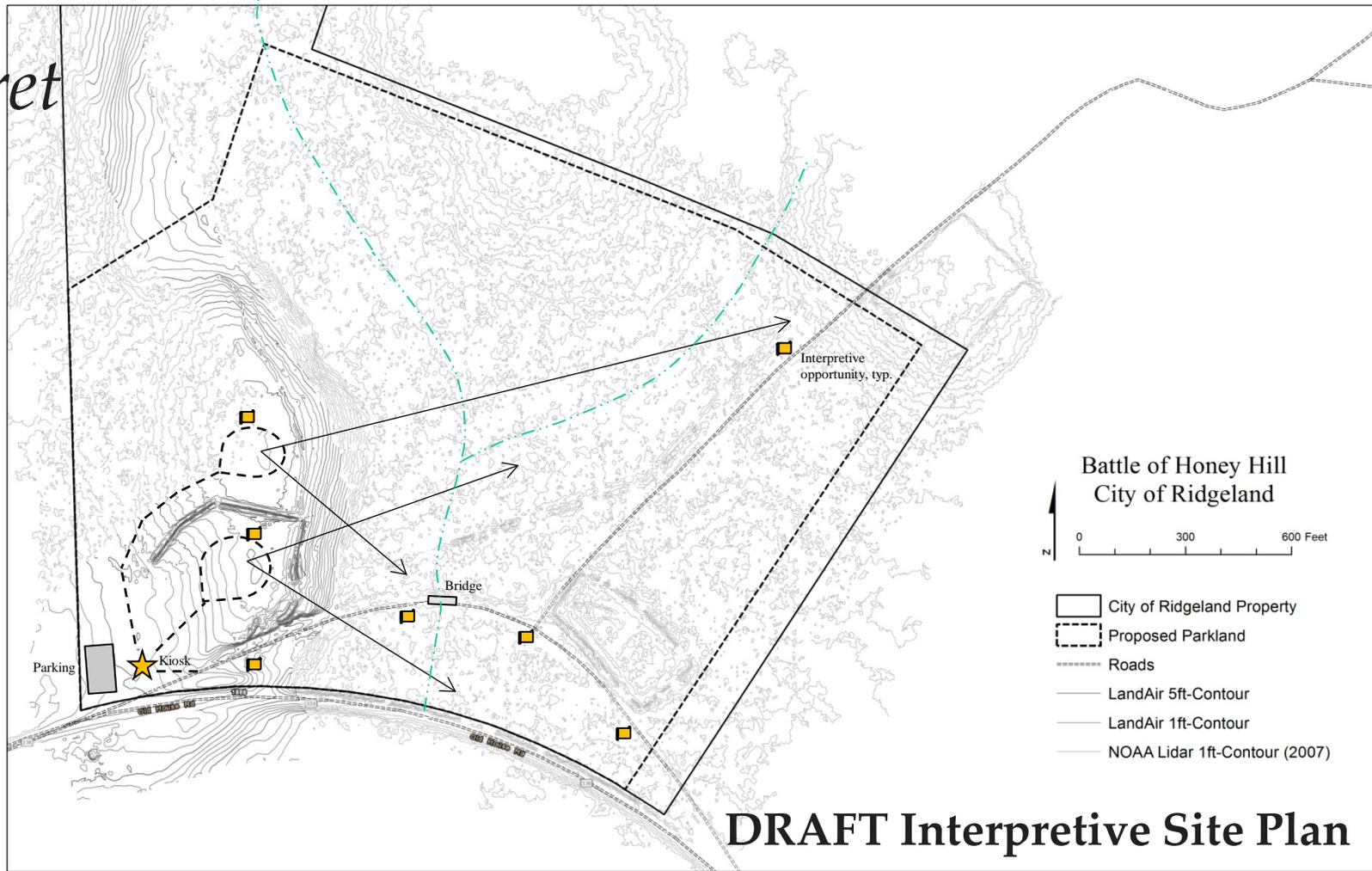


Removing exotic honeysuckle from historic site

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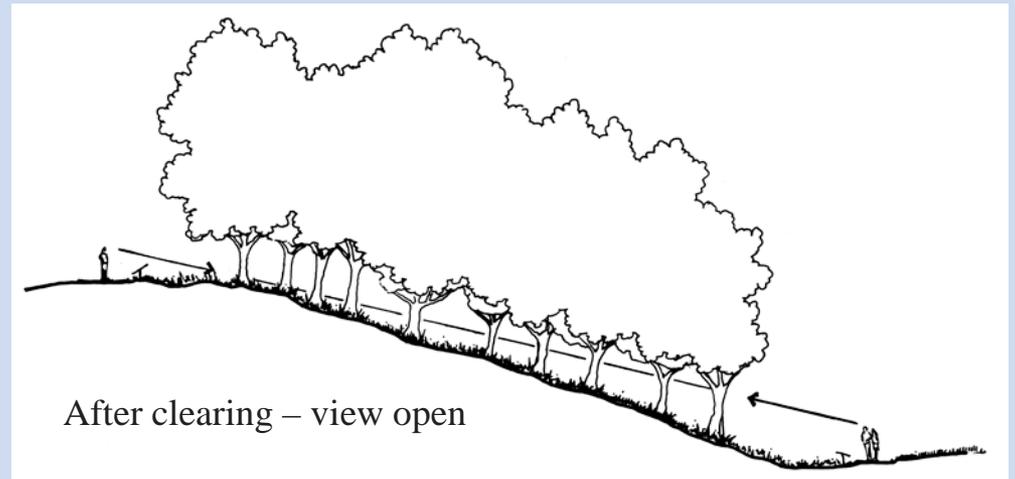
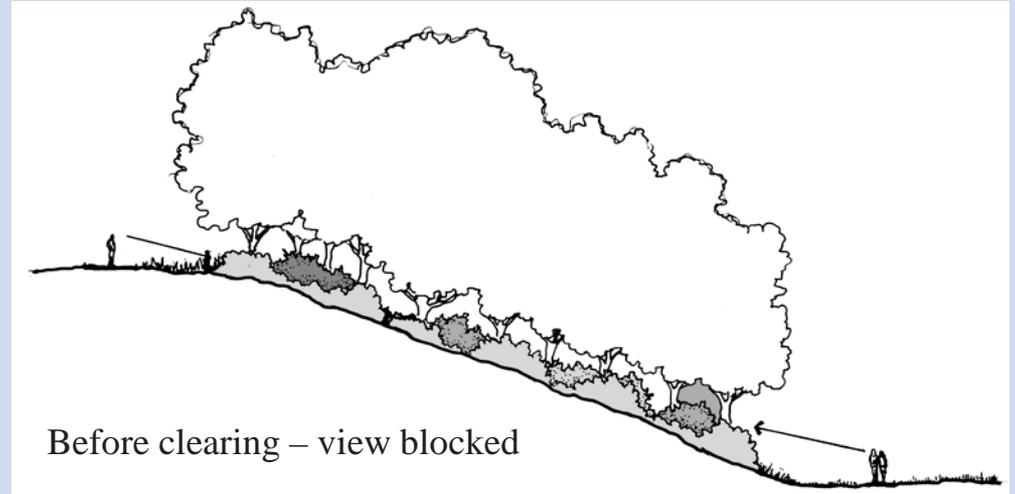
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Remove and manage
vegetation to restore
historic views



Current view towards Confederate works



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Guided tours



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Living history / reenactments: Battle of Honey Hill



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Signs and other furnishings



How much is too much??

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Virtual viewers and battlefield apps



QR codes and digital information

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Beaufort History Museum



Daniel O. Morris Center for Low Country Heritage

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Thank you!

Questions?

Comments?

Ideas?

