

**The Horn Springs Addition to
Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park
August 7, 2018 Public Meeting Summary**

The public workshop to discuss the draft management plan amendment for the Horn Springs Addition to Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park was held on August 7, 2018 beginning at 5:30 pm at the Coastal Branch Library in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. Attending staff were Randy Rabon, Warren Poplin, Ben Faure, Arthur Stiles, Mark Stevenson, Joel Albritton and Sine Murray. Approximately twenty-two citizens attended the meeting.

The meeting began with an informal open house and viewing of maps. At 6:00 pm. Sine Murray provided introductions and a word of welcome. She explained the management planning process, the mission of the Division of Recreation and Parks, and provided background information about the park and the surrounding area. Ms. Murray also provided a review of the significant natural resources and the resource management priorities for the park as well as the proposed conceptual land use plan. She then opened the meeting for public comments.

Summary of Public Comments received at Meeting

Peter Kleinhenz

- Represented the Apalachee chapter of Audubon Florida.
- Stated that the park provided an excellent opportunity to highlight the importance of quality of water management within the vicinity of Tallahassee.
- Stated that extreme care should be taken to protect sensitive springs and waterways from the effects of erosion and that law enforcement be effectively utilized to limit trash, unauthorized uses and other factors that could harm the resources of the property.
- Expressed concerns about the fire management objectives detailed in the amendment and requested updates to the draft species list.
- Excited about the opportunities this acquisition will provide to the area.

Kelly Crocker

- Inquired about the need to hire park rangers to manage the additional property.

William Gifford

- Inquired about the status of a condemned building where the a portion of the Confederate battlements were located.
- Expressed general support for the draft management plan amendment.
- Requested that the location of the proposed pavilions be in proximity to the existing picnic area to maximize the public benefit.

Julianne Story

- Expressed concern about the archaeological resources of the property and damage to these resources from looting.
- Expressed concern about potential user conflicts between hikers within the park and hunters on adjacent private property.
- Expressed concern about the potential impact of prescribed fire on the imperiled species and cultural resources.
- Expressed concern about public use of the eastern boundary road.

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Robert Trapp

- Expressed that the Horn Springs Addition should have its own citizens support organization
- Expressed the importance of continuing to protect the important elements of the historic battlefield

Jerry Holt

- Expressed his support for historic resources and native vegetation and wildlife
- Suggested that the Division consider adding some of the property to St. Marks River Preserve State Park and leave the more significant historic resources as part of Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:00 pm.