

§ 4231-3. Richmond National Battlefield Park; boundaries

(a) Establishment and purpose

For the purpose of protecting, managing, and interpreting the resources associated with the Civil War battles in and around the City of Richmond, Virginia, there is established the Richmond National Battlefield Park consisting of approximately 7,307 acres of land, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Richmond National Battlefield Park Boundary Revision”, numbered 367N.E.F.A.80026A, and dated September 2000. The map shall be on file in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

(b) Boundary adjustments

The Secretary may make minor adjustments in the boundaries of the battlefield park consistent with section 4601-9(c) of this title.

(Pub. L. 106-511, title V, §503, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2374.)

§ 4231-4. Land acquisition

(a) Acquisition authority

(1) In general

The Secretary may acquire lands, waters, and interests in lands within the boundaries of the battlefield park from willing landowners by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange. In acquiring lands and interests in lands under sections 4231-1 to 4231-6 of this title, the Secretary shall acquire the minimum interest necessary to achieve the purposes for which the battlefield is established.

(2) Special rule for private lands

Privately owned lands or interests in lands may be acquired under sections 4231-1 to 4231-6 of this title only with the consent of the owner.

(b) Easements

(1) Outside boundaries

The Secretary may acquire an easement on property outside the boundaries of the battlefield park and around the City of Richmond, with the consent of the owner, if the Secretary determines that the easement is necessary to protect core Civil War resources as identified by the Civil War Sites Advisory Committee. Upon acquisition of the easement, the Secretary shall revise the boundaries of the battlefield park to include the property subject to the easement.

(2) Inside boundaries

To the extent practicable, and if preferred by a willing landowner, the Secretary shall use permanent conservation easements to acquire interests in land in lieu of acquiring land in fee simple and thereby removing land from non-Federal ownership.

(c) Visitor center

The Secretary may acquire the Tredegar Iron Works buildings and associated land in the City of Richmond for use as a visitor center for the battlefield park.

(Pub. L. 106-511, title V, §504, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2374.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 4231-1 to 4231-6 of this title, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this title”, meaning title V of Pub. L. 106-511, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2373, which enacted sections 4231-1 to 4231-6 of this title and repealed sections 423j to 423l of this title. For complete classification of title V to the Code, see Tables.

§ 4231-5. Park administration

(a) Applicable laws

The Secretary, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, shall administer the battlefield park in accordance with sections 4231-1 to 4231-6 of this title and laws generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this title and sections 461 to 467 of this title.

(b) New Market Heights Battlefield

The Secretary shall provide for the establishment of a monument or memorial suitable to honor the 14 Medal of Honor recipients from the United States Colored Troops who fought in the Battle of New Market Heights. The Secretary shall include the Battle of New Market Heights and the role of black Union soldiers in the battle in historical interpretations provided to the public at the battlefield park.

(c) Cooperative agreements

The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia, its political subdivisions (including the City of Richmond), private property owners, and other members of the private sector to develop mechanisms to protect and interpret the historical resources within the battlefield park in a manner that would allow for continued private ownership and use where compatible with the purposes for which the battlefield is established.

(d) Technical assistance

The Secretary may provide technical assistance to the Commonwealth of Virginia, its political subdivisions, nonprofit entities, and private property owners for the development of comprehensive plans, land use guidelines, special studies, and other activities that are consistent with the identification, protection, interpretation, and commemoration of historically significant Civil War resources located inside and outside of the boundaries of the battlefield park. The technical assistance does not authorize the Secretary to own or manage any of the resources outside the battlefield park boundaries.

(Pub. L. 106-511, title V, §505, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2375.)

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§ 4231-6. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out sections 4231-1 to 4231-6 of this title.

(Pub. L. 106-511, title V, §506, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2375.)