



## » Shaping the Future of the Signal Hill and Field Hospital at the Wallis Farm «

Dear Friends,

Thank you for taking the time to join us in this planning process. Your interest and vested time will help guide the future of the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Signal Hill and Field Hospital at the Wallis Farm.

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (the park) preserves and interprets the sites of the US Civil War Battles of Kolb Farm and Kennesaw Mountain, which occurred between June 18 and July 2, 1864, as a part of General William T. Sherman's Atlanta Campaign.

The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing a Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) for two parcels the NPS is in the process of acquiring. The cultural landscape includes the Josiah S. Wallis House, which served as the temporary headquarters of Union Major-General Oliver Otis Howard and a field hospital for both Federal and Confederate soldiers, as well as a hill that provided key terrain for Confederate earthworks and a Civil War signal station. The CLR will provide strategies for preservation, wayfinding, interpretation, circulation, facilities, and landscape management.

Please take the time to learn about the new additions to the park and the CLR, ask questions, and share your ideas. Thank you for your interest in the Signal Hill and Field Hospital at the Wallis Farm.

Patrick Gamman, Superintendent  
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



### Please provide your comments online

Submit your comments electronically at:

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/kemo>

**Please provide your input by  
Wednesday, February 17, 2021**



## PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The purpose of this Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) is to investigate, document, evaluate, and provide treatment guidance for the physical landscape associated with the Signal Hill and Field Hospital at the Wallis Farm (study area).

## KEY ISSUES

As a new addition to the park, the study area will require wayfinding, interpretive messaging, trails, and visitor facilities. In addition, the plan will identify strategies to address the following key issues:

- Significant views between the Signal Hill and Big and Little Kennesaw Mountains and Wallis house and Burnt Hickory Road are obscured.
- Historic buildings and structures including the Wallis House, Original Well, and Confederate earthworks require stabilization.
- The existing parking lot at the base of the Signal Hill is not currently a fee area.
- Erosion occurs on steep slopes throughout the study area.
- Wayfinding is needed between the new parcels and the contiguous battlefield park property.

### What is a Cultural Landscape Report?



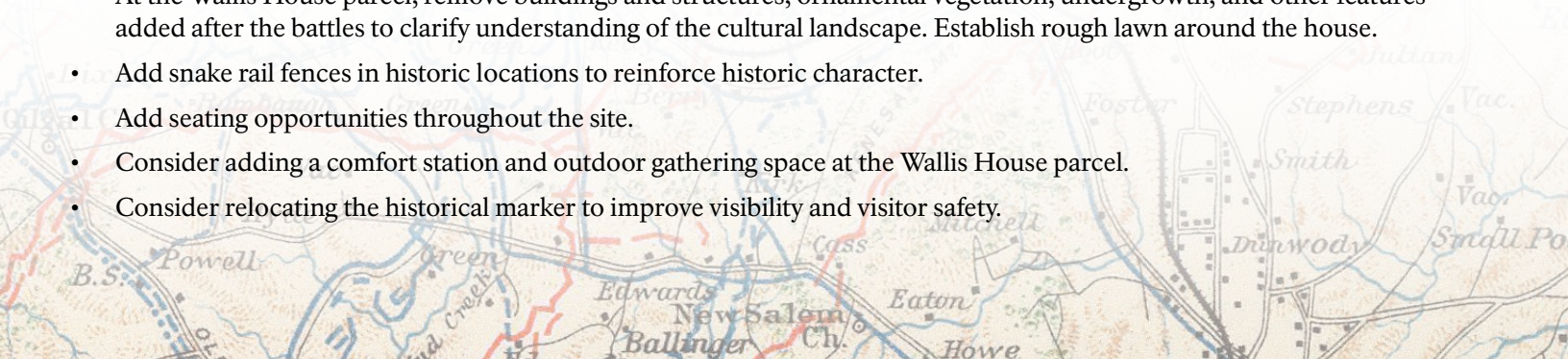
A Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) is the primary report that documents the history, significance, and treatment of a cultural landscape. A CLR evaluates the history and integrity of the landscape including any changes to its geographical context, features, materials, and use.



## DRAFT STRATEGIES

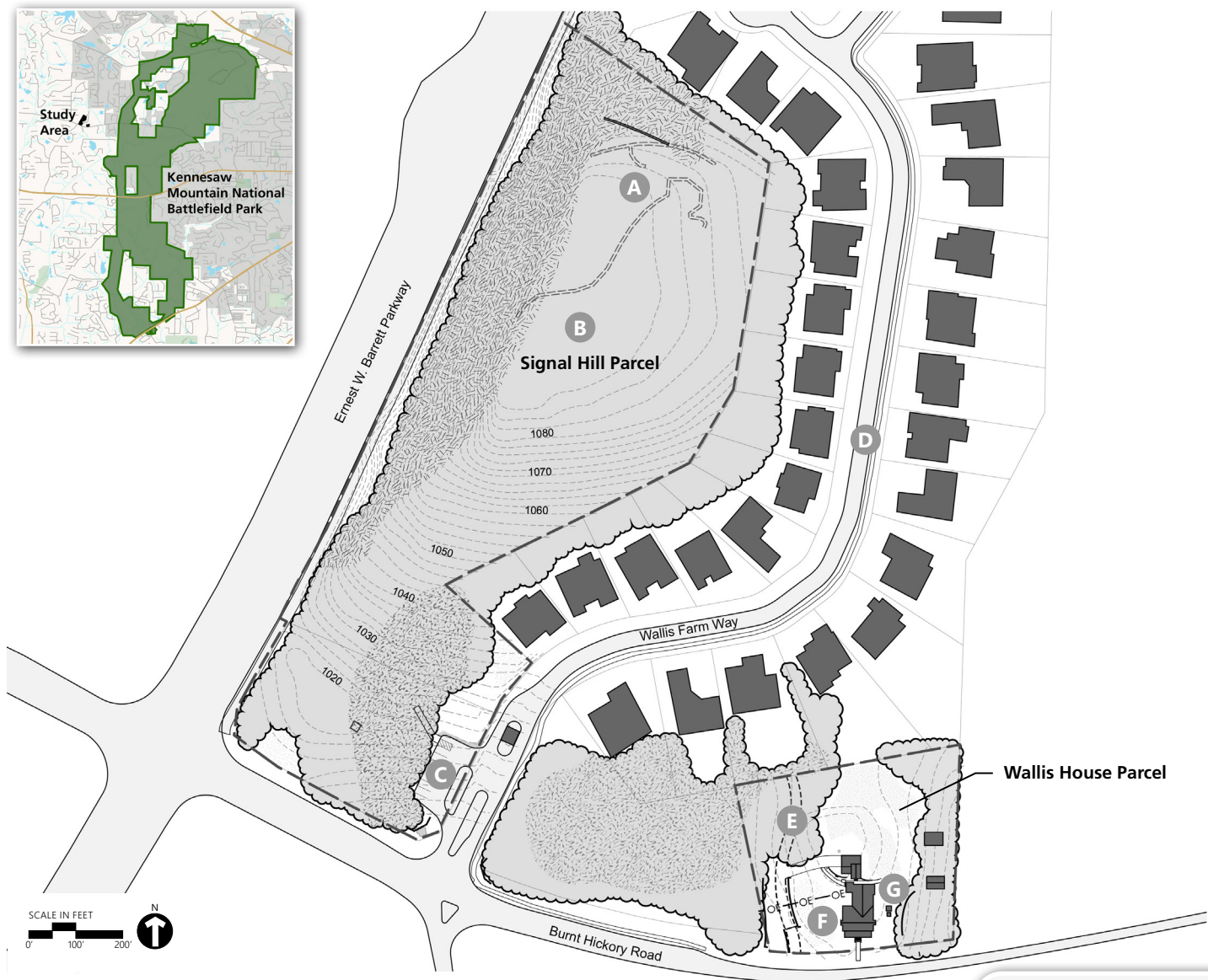
We want to hear from you! Please share your thoughts about our draft strategies to address the issues and let us know if there are other actions that we should consider. Draft strategies include:

- Add signage along Burnt Hickory Road and the existing parking area with clear fee and wayfinding information.
- Add an interpretive trail from the existing parking area to the top of Signal Hill.
- Stabilize the Confederate earthworks, Farm Lane, and trees that likely date to the battles.
- Preserve the Wallis House and Original Well, and conduct a Historic Structures Report to determine long-term treatment.
- Selectively thin vegetation so that visitors can understand the view between Signal Hill and Kennesaw Mountain /Pigeon Hill.
- Install waysides interpreting the Wallis House, Signal Hill, and battlefield protection efforts.
- Establish a barrier free sidewalk connection between the existing parking area and the Wallis House parcel.
- At the Wallis House parcel, remove buildings and structures, ornamental vegetation, undergrowth, and other features added after the battles to clarify understanding of the cultural landscape. Establish rough lawn around the house.
- Add snake rail fences in historic locations to reinforce historic character.
- Add seating opportunities throughout the site.
- Consider adding a comfort station and outdoor gathering space at the Wallis House parcel.
- Consider relocating the historical marker to improve visibility and visitor safety.



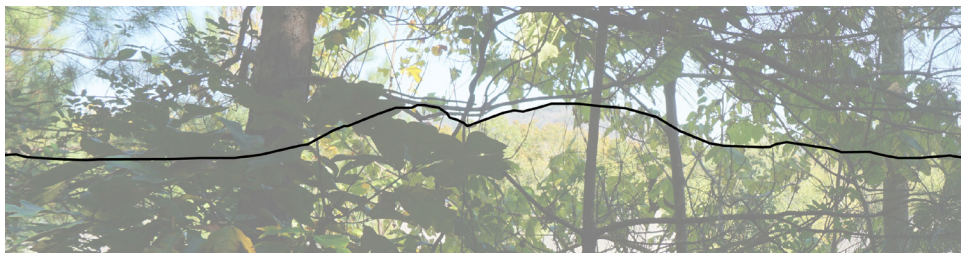


# EXISTING CONDITION



## LEGEND

- A Confederate Earthworks
- B Signal Hill
- C Parking Lot
- D Wallis Farms Neighborhood
- E Farm Lane
- F Josiah S. Wallis House
- G Original Well



(Top) Wallis House  
(Bottom) Partially obscured view of Big Kennesaw and Little Kennesaw Mountains, looking northeast from Signal Hill with sketch overlay of topography.

## We Want to Hear from You!

Please share your thoughts about our draft strategies and let us know if there are other actions that we should consider.

- Which potential strategies do you feel would be most helpful in meeting the study area's vision for the future and why?
- Do you have other suggestions that could address the study area's key issues that you would like us to consider?
- Do you have ideas about accessibility, trails, interpretation, etc. that you would like us to consider?

### Planning Process and Timeline

Milestone	Targeted Schedule	Planning Effort
Civic Engagement	February 2021	Public to provide comments at: <a href="https://parkplanning.nps.gov/kemo">https://parkplanning.nps.gov/kemo</a> << <b>WE ARE HERE</b>
Develop Alternatives	Winter 2021	NPS and consultant team staff review public engagement comments and develop landscape treatment alternatives.
Prepare Draft Plan and Initiate Environmental Compliance	Winter/Spring 2021	NPS and consultant team staff analyze the impacts of treatment alternatives and prepare the plan for public review.
Public Review	April 2021	Report released for public comment. Public to provide comments at: <a href="https://parkplanning.nps.gov/kemo">https://parkplanning.nps.gov/kemo</a>
Decision Document	August 2021	NPS selects the actions or alternative to be implemented and prepares decision document.

### >> PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK!

There are two ways to submit your comments. Please provide your input by Wednesday, February 17, 2021 so it can be considered during plan development.

#### ONLINE AT PEPC

Submit your comments electronically at:  
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OR

#### BY MAIL

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