

# Battlefield Preservation Commission: Visioning Plan Update

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# **Visioning Plan Methodology**

- Past Accomplishments and Future Challenges
- Desired Objectives and Strategies for Upcoming Years
- Optimal Commission Role and Membership Structure

# Summary of Visioning Plan Actions

- Adoption of Four Subcommittees with their respective Action Items serving as Commission Action Plan
- Adoption of Bi-Monthly Full Commission Meeting Schedule, with Subcommittees meetings regularly
- Upcoming Proposal of Ordinance Amendments as related to commission name, purpose, and membership structure

# Proposed Name & Purpose Statement

The **Franklin Civil War Historical Commission** serves as an advisory body to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and City Administrator in the

- **identification,**
- **preservation,**
- **interpretation,**
- **maintenance, and**
- **recognition**

of battlefields and sites related to all aspects of Civil War history within the City of Franklin in order to protect and maintain the city's irreplaceable historical wealth for this and future generations.

# Subcommittee Priority: **HISTORIC CEMETERIES**



## **CORRESPONDING ACTION ITEMS**

- Assist with Prioritization of Needs
- Assist with Volunteer Group Development for Cleaning Burial Markers
- Work on Additional Signage for Interpretation
- Update Historic Parks Audio Tour for City Cemetery, Rest Haven Cemetery, and Touissant L'Overture Cemetery, as needed



# Subcommittee Priority: WAYFINDING SIGNAGE



# **CORRESPONDING ACTION ITEMS**

- Evaluate Condition of Existing Signage
- Evaluate Optimal Placement for Signage – Existing and New
- Work to Create Greater Visual Consistency and Cohesiveness for Directional Signage
- Enhance Wayfinding for Civil War Sites with Strong Links to Downtown (Physical + Digital Formats)



# Subcommittee Priority: INTERPRETATION



## **CORRESPONDING ACTION ITEMS**

- Interpret Reconstruction, USCT, Freedman's Bureau, & Third Battle of Franklin themes for Signage Placement
- Assist with Developing Interpretation of Roper's Knob
- Interpret Civil War Sites outside of the Parks System through Signage Placement
- Update Historic Parks Audio Tour, as needed
- Assist with Enhancing Parks Donation Policy, as needed

# Subcommittee Priority: PUBLIC OUTREACH & EDUCATION



# **CORRESPONDING ACTION ITEMS**

- Assist with Enhancing Social Media Presence
- Work with Parks to Develop Battlefield Clean-Up Days
- Develop Educational Programs with Schools, Civic Organizations, Scouts, Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, Retirement Communities, TMA Group, Etc.
- Work with City to Offer Civil War Lecture Series & Host Community Conversations