

# The Williamsburg Line

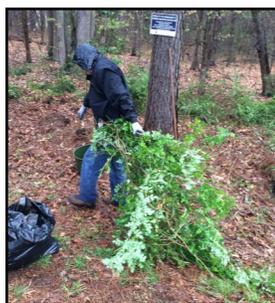
## Park Day 2016

### Give Local 757



The WBA is again participating in **Give Local 757**, a fundraising event for non-profits in Hampton Roads. **Beginning at midnight on May 3 and running for 24 hours, you can make a donation online at [www.givelocal757.org](http://www.givelocal757.org).** It's quick and easy. You don't have to leave home or work, miss your favorite TV show, or even get dressed. Last year you helped us raise \$2100 to replace an historical highway marker. This year, we are raising the bar slightly with a goal of \$2500. If you donated last year, we thank you and hope you will support us again. If you didn't donate last year, we ask you to consider a gift this year. We are optimistic that more battlefield land will be saved in 2016 and will use your donations for signage.

April showers didn't wash out Park Day or dampen the enthusiasm and efforts of the ten volunteers who mustered on Saturday, April 2, to pick up trash and clear undergrowth on a 1-acre parcel of land owned by the Civil War Trust at the core of the Williamsburg Battlefield. Alison, Cait, Louise, Vanessa, Dennis, Don, George, Jeff, Steve, and Ted were real troopers and did victorious battle against vines, thorns, woody stems, and low-hanging limbs. They cleared



half of the parcel's frontage of undergrowth, providing a clear view into the parcel. The Trust and WBA hope that visibility will deter littering and use of metal detectors.

This year marked the Trust's 20th annual Park Day and the WBA's 2nd year of participation. Over 6,000 volunteers participated at 130 sites across the nation by picking up trash, raking leaves, repairing trails, painting signs, etc. It's not just important to preserve national treasures. It is also important to keep them pristine. Hope you can join us next year!

## Marker Dedication

Last May, the WBA requested donations from you during Give Local 757 to fund replacement and relocation of the 1948 Battle of Williamsburg Historical Highway Marker along Rte 60W just east of Williamsburg. You did your part! The WBA is pleased to report that we have now done ours. In March, the new sign was installed along Rte 60W frontage at the Ft. Magruder Hotel & Conference Center. The next time you are in the area, park at the hotel, and safely read the new sign. A brief, informal ceremony was held

following Park Day events on Saturday, April 2, to dedicate the new sign.

Mission Accomplished!



***"The battle of Williamsburg has received less importance in history than it has merited."***

***Edwin Brown- 1st Mass Vol Infantry***



# Education & Preservation

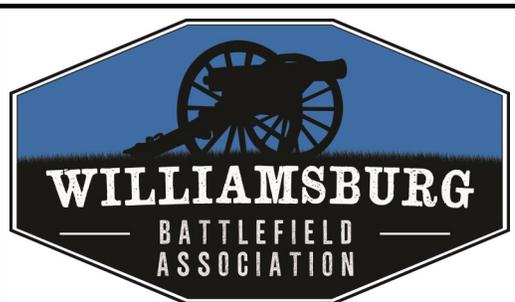
## **Preservation Update**

In the October 2015 issue of *The Williamsburg Line*, we reported to you that the WBA, in cooperation with the Civil War Trust, had applied for a land acquisition grant through the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. We are pleased to now report to you that we were awarded that grant, which puts us one critical step closer to preserving another key tract of undeveloped battlefield land in York County. If we are successful in closing on this lot later this year, we will have the ability to combine contiguous lots to create a four-acre, protected parcel at the center of the Williamsburg Battlefield. This parcel will provide the first major opportunity for trails and interpretive signage within the core battlefield boundaries. We still have a few hurdles to clear, but remain optimistic and will keep you informed.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **May 3—Give Local 757 (see inside for details)**
- **May 5 & 7 —*Yankees in the Streets: Williamsburg during the Civil War***

Join local author and historian, Carson Hudson, from 4-5 PM for an illustrated lecture about Williamsburg during the Civil War. The program takes place in the Hennage Auditorium at Colonial Williamsburg's DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum located at 326 Francis Street, Williamsburg, VA 23185. The lecture is included with Colonial Williamsburg admission, and no reservations are required. Mr. Hudson's book, *Civil War Williamsburg*, is for sale in the museum gift shop, and a book signing will follow the lecture.



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