

O. JAMES LIGHTHIZER
PRESIDENT, CIVIL WAR PRESERVATION TRUST

O. James Lighthizer – Jim’s years of public service began in 1979 when he was elected to the Maryland State Legislature. In 1982, he was elected to the first of two terms as Anne Arundel County Executive, where he successfully managed a full-service budget in excess of \$800 million. During his tenure as county executive, he established a county farmland protection program preserving over 2,500 acres. He also embarked on an aggressive waterfront park acquisition effort resulting in the purchase of over 900 acres and 7 miles of waterfront in the county. In 1986, he was reelected, with 80 percent of the vote.

In 1991, Jim was appointed as Maryland’s Secretary of Transportation. Jim created an unprecedented program that to date has saved more than 4,500 acres of Civil War battlefield land in Maryland and is the national model for the use of Transportation Enhancement funds for battlefield preservation. During his term as Chairman of the Governor’s Greenways Committee in Maryland, Jim created Greenways throughout Maryland.

In December 1999, Jim accepted the presidency of the Civil War Preservation Trust, a new organization created by the merger of two other national battlefield preservation groups, the Civil War Trust and the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites. Jim had previously served as a member of the Civil War Trust’s Board of Trustees.

When Jim took the reins at the Civil War Preservation Trust in November 1999, the fledgling organization had 22,000 members and its predecessor organizations had saved 7,000 acres in the previous 13 years. During Jim’s tenure as President of the Trust, the group has saved an additional 23,000 acres, and now boasts 55,000 members nationwide. Jim was also the architect of the rescue of the Slaughter Pen Farm on the Fredericksburg Battlefield – the most expensive private battlefield preservation effort in American history.

According to Linda Wheeler in a January 2003 *Washington Post* article: “Jim Lighthizer knows about saving battlefields. As president of the Civil War Preservation Trust, he is devoted to the cause and has learned that a passion for history is not enough. ‘When it gets down to land, it’s all about money,’ he said. “There is nothing else to it. Good intentions in land preservation are just that. They get you nowhere.”

In an April 2005 *National Geographic* article, Adam Goodheart wrote: “If the romantic and perhaps doomed cause of saving America’s Civil War battlefields can be said to have its own Robert E. Lee—a strategist who time and again snatched victory from the jaws of defeat—he is a man named James Lighthizer. The only catch is that in person Lighthizer seems better to resemble Ulysses S. Grant, a hard-driving, cigar-chomping politico straight off the pages of a gilded age broadsheet. As president of the Civil War Preservation Trust, Lighthizer has become adept at fighting many foes on many fronts all at once.”

Witness Disclosure Form

Clause 2(g) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires non-governmental witnesses to disclose to the Committee the following information. A non-governmental witness is any witness appearing on behalf of himself/herself or on behalf of an organization other than a federal agency, or a state, local or tribal government.

Your Name, Business Address, and Telephone Number:

O. James Lighthizer
Civil War Trust

1. Are you appearing on behalf of yourself or a non-governmental organization? Please list organization(s) you are representing.

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2. Have you or any organization you are representing received any Federal grants or contracts (including any subgrants or subcontracts) since October 1, 2008?

Yes

3. If your response to question #2 is "Yes", please list the amount and source (by agency and program) of each grant or contract, and indicate whether the recipient of such grant or contract was you or the organization(s) you are representing.

The organization I am representing, the Civil War Trust, receives very little direct federal grant money, except the \$335,000 noted below. However, the Trust is very active in applying for federal grant money for land acquisition (either fee-simple acquisition or acquisition of easements). This money does not go directly to the Trust; the federal grant program we use requires a state or local governmental entity to serve as the recipient of the grant. That government entity then partners with the Civil War Trust on the acquisition of the land.

That grant program is the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program (CWBPP), financed through the Land and Water Conservation Fund and administered by the American Battlefield Protection Program, an arm of the National Park Service. Since

October 1, 2008, 70 CWBPP grants have been awarded or obligated as a result of Civil War Trust applications totaling \$18,736,808.

\$125,000 for Fort Donelson, TN (Tennessee Historical Commission)
\$98,403 for Appomattox, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$353,525 for Brandy Station, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$396,325 for Brandy Station, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$427,762 for McDowell, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$61,750 for Buckland, VA (VA Dept. of Historic Resources)
\$363,000 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$72,500 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$135,494 for Mill Springs, KY (Pulaski County, KY)
\$314,959 for Mill Springs, KY (Wayne County, KY)
\$14,800 for Munfordville, KY (Hart County Tourism Commission)
\$29,500 for Tupelo, MS (MS Dept. of Archives and History)
\$80,250 for Champion Hill, MS (MS Dept. of Archives and History)
\$124,750 for Champion Hill, MS (MS Dept. of Archives and History)
\$120,000 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$66,500 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$120,000 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$973,850 for Deep Bottom I, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$236,685 for Port Republic, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$31,000 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$90,150 for Brice's Crossroads, MS (MS Dept. of Archives and History)
\$34,500 for Brice's Crossroads, MS (MS Dept. of Archives and History)
\$995,500 for Davis Bridge, TN (Tennessee Historical Commission)
\$219,250 for Raymond, MS (MS Dept. of Archives and History)
\$307,000 for Glendale, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$1,230,000 for Third Winchester, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$38,000 for Kinston, NC (Lenoir County, NC)
\$702,000 for Buckland, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$20,000 for Deep Bottom II, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$60,500 for Sailor's Creek, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$7,858 for Buckland, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$394,460 for Malvern Hill, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$24,350 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$207,500 for Helena, AR (Dept. of AR Heritage)
\$29,500 for Richmond, KY (Madison County)
\$127,000 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$13,640 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$302,900 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$150,000 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$35,000 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$52,500 for Davis Bridge, TN (TN Historical Commission)
\$101,000 for Franklin, TN (City of Franklin)
\$416,000 for Franklin, TN (City of Franklin)
\$41,000 for Parker's Crossroads, TN (TN Historical Commission)
\$1,900,000 for Spring Hill, TN (TN Historical Commission)

\$635,000 for Appomattox Station, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$203,000 for Cold Harbor, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$175,000 for Deep Bottom II, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$745,000 for Glendale, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$85,000 for Reams Station, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$45,000 for Ware Bottom Church, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$40,000 for Williamsburg, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$328,668 for Wilderness, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$70,000 for Wood Lake, MN (MN Historical Society)
\$41,000 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$57,700 for Cabin Creek, OK (OK Historical Society)
\$127,875 for Cabin Creek, OK (OK Historical Society)
\$103,000 for Franklin, TN (City of Franklin)
\$59,875 for New Market Heights, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$62,500 for Tom's Brook, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$100,800 for Port Gibson, MS (MS Dept. of Archives and History)
\$78,157 for Tom's Brook, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)
\$129,000 for Perryville, KY (Boyle County Fiscal Court)
\$802,500 for Prairie Grove, AR (AR Dept. of Parks and Tourism)
\$114,000 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$41,000 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$73,000 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$77,000 for Bentonville, NC (NC Dept. of Cultural Resources)
\$430,000 for Cedar Creek, VA (VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)

In addition, Civil War Trust has been the recipient of direct grants for interpretation and mapping of battlefields. This program is also administered by the American Battlefield Protection Program. Five grants have been awarded since October 1, 2007, totaling \$335,000.

2008- ABPP planning grant of \$50,000 for interpretation at Mine Run Battlefield

2008 – ABPP planning grant of \$95,000 for Phase I GIS mapping of Civil War battlefields

2009 – ABPP planning grant of \$40,000 for preservation planning at the Wilderness Battlefield

2011 – ABPP planning grant of \$55,000 for interpretive at Brandy Station, Virginia, McDowell, Virginia, and Spring Hill, Tennessee battlefields, and the Wilderness

2011 – ABPP planning grant of \$95,000 for Phase II GIS mapping of Civil War battlefields

Signature:

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