

1812 Highlight Reel

Baltimore County Shines Through the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration

Restoration and Improvement of Battle Acre Park was a signature Baltimore County accomplishment during the recent War of 1812 bicentennial. The park's dramatic transformation was officially unveiled as part of a momentous event organized by the Maryland National Guard, 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry. The event — titled the 200th March of the Defenders — recreated with a 500-strong regiment the Maryland militia's march from Baltimore City to present-day Greater Dundalk, the area upon which the Battle of North Point was fought on Sept. 12, 1814. [see full release](#)

The Baltimore County Department of Planning received and administered grant awards that made the improvements to Battle Acre possible. The Department created the design for the site's new pedestrian plaza. The Department implemented the project in partnership with the Department of Public Works and with assistance from the divisions of Property Management and Purchasing.

Battle Acre Restoration and Improvement Project North Point Road Fence Line



Before -- several fence sections are modern, non-historic patches, or non-conforming



After -- All fence sections on this line are now historic wrought iron. Non-conforming sections were relocated to back of park. Historic, wrought iron sections have been brought forward to this prominent location in plaza. Fence line moved back from road for public safety and improved visitor experience.

Battle Acre Restoration and Improvement Project Commercial Corner Sequence



Before



After -- mid-stage of construction. Pillar restored; fence line relocated; some fence sections removed for repair



After -- new pedestrian plaza installed; restored fence in place.

Battle Acre Restoration and Improvement Project
Fence Restoration -- Sand Blasting and Painting



Before -- wrought iron and decorative cast iron -- at least 100 years old -- is rusted and compromised by lead paint.



After -- Under containment structure, this fence was blasted to bare metal and then received the primer coat.



After -- Finish coat has been applied.

Battle Acre Restoration and Improvement Project
Fence Repair, Alignment, Welding



After

Sept. 11, 2014 — 200th March of the Defenders, from Patterson Park to Battle Acre, organized by Maryland Army National Guard, 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry (Fifth Maryland).





