

# 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Department of the Interior		2025	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission		20656	
<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	08/08/2022	08/08/2024	
<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>		<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
No			
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b> Statutory (Congress Created)			
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
P.L. 107-373	12/19/2002	Continuing	No
<b>15. Description of Committee</b> Non Scientific Program Advisory Board			
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b>	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
<b>17a. Open Meetings and Dates</b>	<b>17b. Closed</b>	<b>17c. Partially Closed</b>	<b>Other Activities</b>
2	0	0	0
<b>17d. Total</b>	2		
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	

<p>The purpose of the meeting is to review status of nominations, review the Land Protection sections of the General Management Plans and what actions/tasks park staff have accomplished/future plans, and provide a park operations update</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting is to review status of nominations, review the Natural Resources sections of the General Management Plans and what actions/tasks park staff have accomplished/future plans, and provide a park operations update</p>	<p>12/19/2024 - 12/19/2024</p> <p>03/20/2025 - 03/20/2025</p>
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**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2**

	<b>Current Next</b>	
	<b>FY</b>	<b>FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18e. Total Costs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The purpose of the Commission is to advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) in the preparation and implementation of a General Management Plan and to advise the Secretary with respect to the identification of sites of significance outside the national park boundary deemed necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Act. The General Management Plan was completed in June 2011, and the Commission may continue to meet to advise on the implementation of the plan.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

15 Members representing the following entities:

(a) one representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia; (b) one representative each from the local governments of Strasburg, Middletown, Frederick County, Shenandoah County, and Warren County; (c) two representatives of private landowners within the Park; (d) one representative from a citizen interest group; (e) one representative from the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation; (f) one representative from Belle Grove, Incorporated; (g) one representative from the National Trust for Historic Preservation; (h) one representative from the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation; (i) one ex-officio representative from the National Park Service; and (j) one ex-officio representative from the United States Forest Service.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 4. Each of the meetings will focus on some aspect of implementing the General Management Plan.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The enabling legislation for the Park directs the National Park Service to develop a general management plan and to establish a park advisory commission to advise in the development and implementation of that plan and the identification of sites of significance outside the national park boundary deemed necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Act. The General Management Plan was completed in June 2011, and the Commission may continue to meet to advise on the implementation of the plan.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings are open to the public.

**21. Remarks**

In FY 24, the Commission made one recommendation that the National Park Service develop a program for educating landowners about significance of place, and to inform them about options for preserving lands in and around the Park boundaries. The Commission is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1994), and may take no action unless the charter filing requirements of Section 9 (a) of the Act have been complied with. The provisions of section 14(b) of FACA requiring a biennial rechartering are inapplicable to the Commission pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 102-525, October 26, 1992. However, there will be a biennial review of the Commission to determine if its goals and objectives are being fulfilled.

## Designated Federal Officer

J. Tracy Stakely Superintendent/Park Manager,  
Cedar Creek & Belle Grove NHP

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Beck-Herzog, Karen	12/23/2022	12/23/2025	National Park Service	Ex Officio Member
Black, Brenda	12/23/2022	12/23/2025	Shenandoah County, VA	Representative Member
Blount, David	12/23/2022	12/23/2025	Private Land Owner	Representative Member
Bradford, Ross	12/23/2022	12/23/2025	Deputy General Council	Representative Member
Campi, James	08/21/2024	08/21/2027	American Battlefield Trust	Representative Member
Fredericksen, John	01/16/2025	01/16/2028	Retired	Representative Member
Kehoe, Michael	03/06/2024	03/06/2027	Private Landowner	Representative Member
Meyer, Elizabeth	12/23/2022	12/23/2025	Warren County, VA	Representative Member
Mitchell, Stephanie	12/23/2022	12/23/2025	Town of Middletown, VA	Representative Member
Morgan, Curtis	12/23/2022	12/23/2025	Town of Strasburg, VA	Representative Member
Pearson, Wyatt	12/23/2022	12/23/2025	Frederick County, VA	Representative Member
Polkinghorn, Carol	12/23/2022	12/23/2025	Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation	Representative Member
Sulfridge, Wayne	12/23/2022	12/23/2025	Belle Grove, Inc.	Representative Member
Vehorn, Andrew	06/01/2023	06/01/2026	Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation	Representative Member
Voyles, Travis	08/21/2024	08/21/2027	Commonwealth of Virginia	Representative Member
Yonce, Mary	12/23/2022	12/22/2025	District Ranger US Forest Service	Ex Officio Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 16**

## Narrative Description

The Commission was originally created to assist in the development and implementation of a General Management Plan. The General Management Plan was completed in June 2011, and the Commission now advises on its implementation.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

Trust in Government: Representatives of several local governments, non profit entities, Federal agencies, private landowners and civic organizations are represented on the Commission. Their representation on the Commission increase public trust that their concerns will be taken into account in the development, management and operation of the national park. Improved Delivery Service: The Commission will advise on desired experiences for national park visitors, and the staffing and facilities requirements to support those experiences. Increased Customer Satisfaction: Representation of this wide spectrum of entities will facilitate coordination and integration of the management plan with local government comprehensive plans, objectives of nonprofit organizations, and needs of private landowners in and around the national park.

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **Cost Savings Comments**

NA

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

21

## **Number of Recommendations Comments**

In 2024 there was 1 recommendation that the National Park Service develop a program for educating landowners about significance of place, and to inform them about options for preserving lands in and around the Park boundaries.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

95%

## **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The FAC's input on the Park's foundational document was fully accepted and integrated into the General Management Plan (GMP). Recommendations provided since the adoption of the GMP have been regarding implementation.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

5%

## **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Since implementation of the 2014 short- and long-term priorities, the park continues to work on implementing GMP objectives with advice from the Commission.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

## **Agency Feedback Comments**

Yes. The DFO and regional park staff provide feedback and updates on recommendations at quarterly commission meetings.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

The national park has focused its funding and staffing priorities and resources to continued development and installation of interpretive signage, the shared graphic identity, implement a trails management strategy, and shared partnership projects including outreach to students as a result of the commission's recommendations.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

Not applicable.

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

A public review copy of all meeting agendas, minutes and handouts are kept at park headquarters for public review. Meeting agendas, list of handouts and meeting minutes are posted on the agency web site at

<https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/Profile/2287395>