



1812 advisory committee considers plans for 2012-14

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A plaque commemorating 1814's Battle of North Point stands in Battle Acre along Old North Point Road. *photo by Tad Wayne Taborn*

Committee considers future steps

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The Baltimore County Executive's War of 1812 Bicentennial Advisory Committee met Nov. 9 to discuss progress on planned initiatives for the approaching 1812 celebrations.

The committee heard reports from various teams and updates on the Star-Spangled Banner Trail, marketing and events and arts and science grant funding.

Frona Cohen, director of Arts and Sciences Commission for Baltimore County, explained the details of the available grant programs through Baltimore County.

There are two types: operating grants and project grants. The grants are on a funding cycle that begins in



Chuck Ives of Battle Grove explains the development of the plan for restoring Battle Acre. photo by Tad Wayne Taborn

the spring and are designed to support specific projects and initiatives. Grant funding is limited to 15 percent of the total project budget.

“The reviewers are sticklers for the 15 percent [of the budget] guideline, Cohen said.

Harry Young of the Dundalk Patapsco Neck Historical Society compiled a list of 28 sites to be considered for inclusion among historical venues as part of upcoming celebrations. The list includes sites that have been documented or are part of established research. The list is not exhaustive and other sites could be included on the list, Young explained.

Commission director Bill Pencek explained that the state expects to have \$20 million available which will be generated from the sale and surcharges from the 1812 commemorative coins.

Jill Feinberg, county director of tourism, presented a timetable of upcoming events and asked for suggestions to supplement arts and performance activities.

The advisory committee is considering Battle Acre as a priority site to focus upon as 2012 approaches.

Battle Grove resident Chuck Ives explained that his Battle Acre Committee has put together a plan for renovating the Battle Acre site and that it is in the hands of Baltimore County Recreation and Parks.

The War of 1812 Bicentennial Advisory Committee will meet Dec. 14 at North Point Visitor Center from 2 to 4 p.m.