

NOTICE REGARDING GROUND PENETRATING RADAR

The professional use of ground penetrating radar (GPR) and other remote sensing technologies in surveying unmarked or inconsistently marked cemeteries can be an effective way to identify the locations of otherwise hidden graves. This information may then be used to increase the number of graves eligible for funding through the Historical African American Cemeteries and Graves grant program.

Please note, however, that we cannot accept the results of GPR unless this work has received prior approval. To obtain this approval, the applicant should provide a **scope of work** and **quote for services** from a qualified technician with documented experience in the identification of historic graves.

A technical report detailing the results of the survey will be required as part of the overall project. This report must contain, at minimum:

- a statement of methodology for both data gathering and post-processing;
- a discussion of the author's interpretation of recovered data, and conclusions based on that interpretation;
- plan map(s) indicating the presence of all anomalies and the probability of each representing an interment feature;
- depth slice images confirming the persistence of features through the soil column;
- radargram profiles and digital images documenting current field conditions, surface features, and other relevant discoveries;
- documentation and mapping of all extant grave markers present within the survey area, when total survey coverage is conducted; **and**
- a copy of the author/s curriculum vita/e.

Funding Eligibility

Property owners and other qualified entities that have received a Basic Maintenance Grant (BMG) from DHR may apply for additional funding to support Ground Penetrating Radar survey work. All work should be carried out by qualified professionals in accordance with accepted preservation standards. Funding is provided for advance planning purposes only and is not available for work completed prior to approval.