

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; and
- a copy of the author/s curriculum vita/e

Any property owner or other entity that has received a Basic Maintenance Grant from DHR is welcome to apply for funding to cover professional GPR survey of their cemetery. We cannot fund projects after the fact.