

Fort Decatur

Ledyard

SHPO was contacted by the Gales Ferry community of Ledyard about listing Fort Decatur on the National Register of Historic Places. During the War of 1812, Commodore Decatur erected the fortification as a defensive location. Soon after the request, a new property owner, GFI, planned on mining the mountain containing the fort. Although the specific requirements for triggering Section 106 were not known, the developer initiated consultation early knowing that there was significant local interest. Through persistent and concerted efforts of multiple parties, an agreement was executed that resulted in the permanent preservation of the Fort's earthworks and sentry post along with public access through donation of the site to The Archaeological Conservancy regardless of the project outcome and to fulfil potential future regulatory requirements. GFI could pursue its economic goals while recognizing the historic value of the site.

