



Washington-Rochambeau

Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail

August 2011

Upcoming NHT Events

Saturday September 3rd

Ceremony and Lecture in Marcus Hook, PA

Sunday September 4th

Lafayette social in DE

Wednesday September 7th

Dinner meeting in DE

Friday September 9th

NHT Ceremony in Perryville, MD

Saturday September 10th-Sunday September 11th

NHT Dedication in Mount Vernon, VA

Saturday September 24th

NHT and Banner Presentation in Princeton, NJ

Thursday September 29th

NHT Dedication Ceremony in Washington DC

Friday September 30th

Sailing of the USCG Eagle from Annapolis to
Baltimore and dedication event in Baltimore, MD

Sunday October 16th-Monday October 17th

Marchers sail on ship Mistress from Yorktown
to Annapolis, MD

Tuesday October 18th

Ceremony and Dedication in VA

Wednesday October 19th

Yorktown Surrender Ceremonies, VA

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Recent News

The W3R-PA dedication ceremony of the Washington-Rochambeau NHT in Philadelphia was on July 14th, supporters gathered on the east banks of the Schuylkill River to join in the dedication of W3R banners and informational sign titled, "The Revolutionary River."



The W3R-CT held a dedication ceremony at the Rose Farm in Bolton, Connecticut on August 27th. Despite the rain, the presenters braved Hurricane Irene to participate in a successful dedication of a W3R NHT Banner and celebrate the Marchers!





For more information go to the W3R website.

Mapping the NHT through the development of GIS files in addition to the Google Maps already available (see below) is still underway. Our headquarters in Washington DC are leading an effort to create GIS map files for all National trails, parks, landmarks and heritage areas. The Washington-Rochambeau NHT GIS files are being created with help of James Farrell, GIS Specialist in the Northeast Region. Joe and Samantha participated in a national conference call discussing standards and process for completing the official nationwide map of all NPS units and related areas. This project will create a unified and consistent NPS map that will be easily accessible by the public, also serving to clearly highlight the many locations of Washington-Rochambeau NHT connects with NPS units, trails and related areas.

The draft strategic plan provides a foundation for future planning and activities for the NHT. The cooperative agreement with W3R-US calls for us to work together to carry out these activities. It also requires a work plan which identifies priority activities and projects. The draft strategic plan is available for review. Please contact Samantha for a copy. Her phone number is 215-597-2334 and her email address is samantha_driscoll@nps.gov. The mailing address is 200 Chestnut Street on the 3rd floor (370E) Philadelphia PA 19106. And please add her to your to your NHT mailing lists.

Samantha prepared a format for the many public events being arranged by our partners. They are being used for media advisories, invitations, programs and handouts at public events. Here's a sample from a dedication event held in Philadelphia. Please contact Samantha if you have an upcoming event and would like help in using it.

Thanks to Dominic Cardea, Acting Chief of Interpretation and Education, NER, and the Harper's Ferry Center, we have completed and are printing the unigrid brochure for the NHT. The final graphics for the NHT logo are also complete. We hope to launch the NPS web site this fall to further help get the word out about the NHT.

The Marchers are planning some events along the Washington-Rochambeau NHT which began in June 2011 and will culminate in Yorktown, VA in October 2011. We think this a great opportunity to get the word out about the NHT; feature local events; and engage

The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route
in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Inc. (W3R-PA)
and the
National Park Service (NPS)
invite you to attend the dedication ceremonies for the
**Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route
National Historic Trail
in Philadelphia**
Thursday July 14, 2011
11:00 am
*Please join the W3R-PA
with partners, sponsors and supporters
in announcing the National Historic Trail and
dedication of W3R Signs and Banners*
*on the east bank of the Schuylkill River just north of the Market Street Bridge
Near the 2300 Block of Market Street Philadelphia PA 19103*
followed at 12:00 noon with a reception and screening of
"Our National Heritage: The Revolutionary River" Documentary Film
*at the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center
640 Water Works Drive Philadelphia PA 19130*
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local communities along this more than 700 mile route. We are always looking for ways that NPS can help or participate in an event in your community. Please let the Marchers know if you are interested in or hosting an event in your area or contact Samantha with any questions or ideas.

Mount Vernon is holding a reenactment and dedication event and announcing the National Historic Trail on September 10th and 11th. The event includes an encampment, reenactment, and ceremony commemorating the events upon Washington and Rochambeau's arrival to Mount Vernon. There will be a dedication ceremony on September 10th with the National Park Service including Dan Smith, Superintendent of Colonial National Historical Park, a representative of the French Embassy, and other officials for a ceremonial kick-off to the weekend events on the Bowling Green.

We have submitted a proposal for the Policy Analysis Exercise (PAE) at the Harvard Kennedy School, in which a Master in Public Policy student and faculty advisors analyze organizational issues related to an organization, for the W3R-US. The W3R-US, as a national partner of the National Park Service, has an instrumental role in implementing the Washington- Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail. The W3R-US would serve as the primary client, and would receive analysis and recommendations that will help them expand their membership, increase their capacity and generate revenue so that they can become a sustainable organization. The NPS will participate, provide technical assistance and help with incidental expenses if the project is chosen.

We continue to receive more and more requests for information, comment and assistance from organizations and the general public. We are doing our best to provide timely, helpful responses and referrals. We are also moving ahead with plans to get the NPS web page up and running and we are exploring the application of social media. For your interest, the following article discusses the "Battle of the Chesapeake," or the "Battle of the Virginia Capes" and its instrumental role in the route to Yorktown: *The Forgotten Battle Which Won The American Revolution*

Announcements and Opportunities

W3R-US on Facebook

Check out the W3R-US Facebook site. It is open to Facebook members only. If you are already a Facebook member the link will take you to that site. If you are not a Facebook member, the link will take you to a page where you may register for membership on Facebook. There is no fee for membership and the information required to register on Facebook is minimal.



Delaware Byways Fall Conference

The Delaware Byways - Fall Conference is being held on September 13 (not September 17, as previously stated) in Dover. This conference is open to DelDOT Personnel, Communities, Consultants, and Organizations involved in the Delaware Byways Program. Scenic Byways are specially designated roads or waterways that travel through an area of natural or cultural significance. For more information, please visit [here](#).

Maryland Statewide Bicycling Survey

The Maryland Office of Tourism, Department of Transportation, and State Highway Administration are conducting a bicycle user survey to learn more about cyclists in Maryland and what products they would find most useful to help plan bicycle trips. To take the survey, please visit [here](#). For more info on the Cycle MD promotion, please visit [visitmaryland.org](#).

National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP)

The National Park Service has awarded \$1.2 million in grants to fund 25 projects over 76 battlefields under the American Battlefield Protection Program. This year's grants provide funding for projects at endangered battlefields from the Pequot War, King Philip's War, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, World War II and various Indian Wars. Awards were given to projects in 24 states or territories entailing archeology, mapping, cultural resource survey work, documentation, planning, education and interpretation. Priority was given to those groups submitting applications for nationally significant battlefields. One chosen battlefield was the Revolutionary War site of Two Bridges Battlefield in New Jersey. This battlefield was in the town of Branchburg and demonstrated the resolve of local militia to defend against the British and loyalist troops. This chosen site is very close to the Washington-Rochambeau NHT mapped route of New Jersey. The site is visible on this [map](#) of New Jersey.

National Park Foundation Impact Grants

PF recognizes that sometimes the smallest grants can make the largest differences. Impact Grants (up to \$10,000) are designed to help parks which need a small amount of additional funding to accomplish something they could not otherwise. Past grantee projects have ranged from a Northwest Bear Safety Initiative in Alaska, to overhauling infrastructure at nine in-park com-



munity gardens in Washington, DC, to conserving historic paintings in Iowa, to developing bilingual podcasts and distance learning programs in Florida. The National Park Foundation looks to fund projects that meet a critical need and/or are innovative, that have budgets appropriate to the project and that leverage resources where possible.

The fall 2011 round of the Impact Grants Program is funded by the National Park Foundation, ARAMARK through the Yawkey Foundation , The Fernandez Pave the Way Foundation, and The HISTORY Channel, and supports the entirety of the National Park Service. The award is meant to be a one-time gift with no expectation of repeat funding. Past grantees are permitted to reapply for funding to support new projects or needs that have materialized since their last grant award.

Applications Due: No later than September 16, 2011

Notifications: Grant recipients will be notified on November 7, 2011

More info here.

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Google Maps of the Washington-Rochambeau NHT

[Click on the state for map](#)

Massachusetts

Rhode Island

Connecticut

New York

New Jersey, Corridor 1

New Jersey, Corridor 2

Pennsylvania

Delaware

Maryland

Virginia

Washington DC