



Washington-Rochambeau

Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail

January 2012



Recent NHT Events

National Park Service *A Call to Action*

The National Park Service is nearing its 100th Anniversary in 2016. National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis has announced the plan *A Call to Action* to move the NPS into a new century.

A Call to Action calls for creative and innovative ways to interpret, experience, communicate, protect, and educate the parks, trails, sites, and resources of the National Park Service. See the plan *A Call to Action* at:

http://inside.nps.gov/calltoaction/pdf/C2A_report.pdf

The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail is embracing this plan as we work with communities along the route. Please share your thoughts and ideas with us as we focus on these three goals:

Connecting People to Parks, Action 3: History Lesson

“Expand the meaning of parks to new audiences and provide an opportunity for communities to learn more about their heritage by conducting history discovery events, using oral histories and other methods, in at least 100 parks.”

This action is a key goal of the Washington-Rochambeau NHT. We will look for ways in 2012 to reach new audiences to tell the story of Generals Washington and Rochambeau, the allied armies, and the people impacted by this event. We have had many successful events in 2011 that helped get the word

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out, but we must build on and expand the reach of our message. We plan to double our efforts to work with national parks, national trails, heritage areas and states to connect and tell the story of the NHT.

Connecting People to Parks, Action 5: Parks for People

“Enhance the connection of densely populated, diverse communities to parks, greenways, trails, and waterways to improve close-to-home recreation and natural resources conservation. We will achieve this through a proactive Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program that mobilizes citizens in support of improved access to outdoor areas in at least 50 of the communities nationwide with the least access to parks.”

The Washington-Rochambeau NHT connects many of the largest metropolitan areas on the east coast, through some of the most densely populated areas in the United States. The NHT also connects a great many national, state, local parks, trails, heritage areas, and greenways on the route. We can use this opportunity to explore innovative ways to connect the NHT with these communities and add cultural resource preservation and interpretation to the natural and recreation resources along the route with the help of RTCA.

Advancing the NPS Education Mission, Action 17: Go Digital

“Reach new audiences and maintain a conversation with all Americans by transforming the NPS digital experience to offer rich, interactive, up-to-date content from every park and program. To accomplish this we will create a user-friendly web platform that supports online and mobile technology including social media.”

The Washington-Rochambeau NHT will have an official NPS website up and running in early 2012, followed by Facebook and Twitter presence, and a blog for highlighting events, stories, and discussion of the NHT. The Google maps will be accessible from these sites as well, and we wish to pursue plans for an interactive map of the entire NHT. The Washington-Rochambeau NHT, because it spans over 700 miles will rely heavily on digital means for uniting the story and sharing the experience of the NHT.

We encourage you to take a look at the NPS plan *A Call to Action*. We welcome your thoughts about the Washington-Rochambeau NHT and how we can implement these and other actions. We also encourage you to help us come up with creative and innovative projects as we move forward in 2012.



Moving Forward

Joe met in Philadelphia with Andy Hamilton of the East Coast Greenway to discuss opportunities to coordinate our trail planning activities. This is the beginning of an ongoing dialog that we hope will lead to mutually beneficial partnerships that will enhance our trail efforts and the many existing trails, sites and parks along the way.

On January 26 Joe met with Lanny Patten and Ursula Reed of W3R-PA to plan a February 23 African American History Program in Philadelphia at the Fairmount Water Works. This will be a great opportunity to increase the awareness of Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT, African American history and our Nation's founding and War for Independence. We also discussed the creation of a PA specific brochure modeled after the recently released NHT brochure. It would be the first in a series of state by state brochures.

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. 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 where Washington-Rochambeau NHT connects with NPS units, trails and related areas.

The work plan created by W3R-US Program Committee Work group, which includes Ursula Reed, Ellen von Karajan, and Bill Connely, for the \$20,000 NPS Challenge Cost Share Agreement has been signed and completed. The work plan has been approved and work can begin. More information can be found at www.w3r-us.org.

The unigrid brochure for the NHT has been completed and delivered. Some unigrid brochures have been circulated and we are working on a distribution plan. Please contact us with your requests for copies.

We continue to move forward with Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) grant in conjunction with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and Hudson River Valley Greenway. The grant will be used for designing, installing, and determining locations for directional signage and wayside exhibits for the Washington-Rochambeau NHT in New York. The grant also will support the development of maps and brochures, like the NPS unigrid brochure, for the NHT in NY. The Washington-Rochambeau NHT, working through the NPS Harpers Ferry Center and with our NY and Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area partners, will carry out the project.



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.

We would like to compile photos of all Washington-Rochambeau NHT events, past and future. Please send any photos you would like included to Samantha Driscoll at samantha_driscoll@nps.gov. You can register for a free Flickr account. Once registered, you will be able to comment on all photos. We ask your help in using the comment section to caption the images and tell more about the event!



Please see photos of past events at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/washington-rochambeau/>

In the News

French Gen. Rochambeau's Mettle Helped Washington Win

Investor's Business Daily

By Scott S. Smith

December 19, 2011

<http://news.investors.com/Article/595183/201112191316/rochambeau-convinced-washington-to-corner-cornwallis.htm>

Revisiting Rochambeau

Litchfield County Times

January 5, 2012

<http://www.countytimes.com/articles/2012/01/05/entertainment/doc4fo5d41ddd3c7789468679.txt>



Announcements

The National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association (W3R®-US) 2012 Membership Dues and Donations

Dues and donations support continuing programs for documenting the activities of the allied troops under Generals Washington and Rochambeau in 1781-83, installing signage for public education, participating in commemorative activities with affiliate organizations, working with the National Park Service to develop the W3R® as a National Historic Trail, and publicizing its history and heritage tourism opportunities through brochures, newsletters, and our website. To join, donate, or find out more, please visit www.w3r-us.org.

Kate Hammond named Superintendent of Valley Forge Historical Park

National Park Service Northeast Regional Director Dennis R. Reidenbach has named Kate Hammond as the next Superintendent of Valley Forge National Historical Park in Pennsylvania. Hammond will also supervise the Superintendent of Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site in Elverson, Pennsylvania. Currently serving as Superintendent of Little Bighorn Battlefield National Historic Site in Montana, Hammond will begin her new assignment in early March. She replaces Mike Caldwell who was named Deputy Regional Director of the National Park Service Northeast Region.

Program Open Space in Maryland

Governor Martin O'Malley has included full funding for Program Open Space and other land conservation programs -- \$115.3 million -- in his Fiscal 2013 budget, and that's a big deal for outdoor recreation and land conservation in Maryland. Program Open Space has provided critical financial and technical assistance to localities for the planning, acquisition and development of recreational land and open space since it was established in 1969. The program has conserved more than 350,000 acres throughout Maryland and protected important habitat. Credible studies have found a 10 to 1 economic return on investment from conservation spending.

2013 Virginia Outdoors Plan Planning and Public Meetings Underway

The Virginia Outdoors Plan is the state's comprehensive plan for meeting outdoor recreation, land conservation and open space needs. The plan will consider:

- Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail
- Journey Through Hallowed Ground
- Ongoing regional connections and trail development



- Local and regional conservation needs, especially opportunities to preserve rural and agricultural lands
- Active recreation needs and opportunities
- Existing water trails, including Occoquan, Potomac and Captain John Smith
- Recommendations for state scenic rivers and scenic byways

We have submitted maps and information for the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT to be included in consideration. For comments or information contact: janit.llewellyn@dcr.virginia.gov or VOP Comments, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, 203 Governor St., Suite 326, Richmond, VA 23219

Delaware State Historic Preservation Plan 2013-2017

Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs will conduct five public meetings seeking input for Delaware's 2013–2017 state historic-preservation plan. Meetings will take place in late-February and early-March 2012 at locations across the state. Public input is sought through an online survey. Information collected will be used in the development of the 2013–2017 state historic-preservation plan.

More information: <http://history.delaware.gov/news/feb12.shtml?panel=1#Accordion1>

Survey: <http://history.delaware.gov/news/jan12.shtml?panel=1#Accordion1>

Model Design Manual for Living Streets

This manual focuses on all users and all modes, seeking to achieve balanced street design that accommodates cars while ensuring that pedestrians, cyclists and transit users can travel safely and comfortably. This manual also incorporates features to make streets lively, beautiful, economically vibrant as well as environmentally sustainable.

For more information visit: <http://modelstreetdesignmanual.com/index.html>

Pathways Across America Magazine Request for article submission

Are you interested in showcasing your trail or trail office/organization? Pathways Across America, the quarterly magazine of the National Trails System, is currently accepting article ideas & submissions from partner organization leadership and members and agency partners.

Articles may range in length and topics may include but are not limited to: Volunteer or Youth Programs, Outreach/Marketing Initiatives, Preservation Successes, Developments in Interpretation and Event/Conference Overviews

- You can use Pathways as an outreach, marketing, or fundraising tool for your trail. Don't miss your chance to show off your trail endeavors to the National Trails Community and beyond!



Please contact Julia Glad at PNTSCommunications@gmail.com if you are interested in submitting an article.

**Historic Trails Workshop
Albuquerque/Socorro, New Mexico
May 14-18, 2012**

Themes of the Historic Trail Workshop will include:

- Trail Corridor and Resource Protection
- Multi-Generational Volunteer & Membership Engagement
- Partnership Building with Organizations with Shared Values

*Please verify that you have the correct dates as they have changed from the original plan. More information to come on <http://www.pnts.org/>

**The American Trails International Trails Symposium (ITS)
Fountain Hills, Mesa, and Scottsdale, Arizona
April 2013**

The American Trails International Trails Symposium (ITS) is being held at the Radisson on the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation near Fountain Hills, Mesa, and Scottsdale, Arizona in April 2013. The momentum in Arizona is already growing! We know that training and travel budgets are limited and want to make sure there will be content specific to what you need. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey. Your answers will help shape the Symposium!

More information: <http://www.americantrails.org/2013/>
Survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S9NH8M9>

Gateways Network has been Reauthorized and Funded

Congress has reauthorized the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network (CBGN), the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, and the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail through fiscal year 2013 and appropriated \$2 million for FY12.

Last year, the NPS Chesapeake Bay Office received 19 applications from Gateway partners to develop or design public access sites along the Captain John Smith Chesapeake and Star-Spangled Banner national historic trails, and along water trails in the Network. With a total project value of \$3.5 million, these proposals from DC, MD, NY, PA, and VA requested \$1.6 million in NPS financial assistance. However, the budget enacted by Congress in fiscal year 2011 did not include funding for CBGN and the proposals were held by NPS for later consideration. Now, NPS is reviewing those proposals for financial assistance and anticipates announcing awards in April.



Funding Opportunities

PHMC Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Now Accepting Applications

The PA Historical and Museum Commission is now accepting applications for Keystone Historic Preservation Project and Construction Grants. Applications are due March 1.

The grants support projects that identify, preserve, promote and protect historic and archaeological resources in Pennsylvania for both the benefit of the public and community revitalization. The grants receive funding from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund.

Two types of grants – project and construction – are available for historic resources in Pennsylvania listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places. Applicants may apply for only one type of grant. Project grants are available to nonprofit organizations and local governments for planning and development initiatives that enhance historic preservation in communities. Project grant applications may include municipal planning initiatives focusing on historic resources or may be used to meet building- or project-specific planning goals. Construction grants are available for rehabilitation, preservation and restoration activities for historic resources that are publicly accessible.

Grants will be awarded through a competitive selection process and are contingent on availability of funds. Applicants are required to use the web-based electronic grant application process (eGrant). For grant program guidelines and eGrant application instructions, visit PHMC online. Keystone Historic Preservation Grants are available in amounts between \$5,000 and \$25,000 and require a 50/50 cash match.

For more information, contact Karen Arnold
email: kaarnold@pa.gov or telephone at 717-783-9927.

National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grant Program Application Deadline: March 1, 2012

Through the Our Town grant program, subject to the availability of funding, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) will provide a limited number of grants, ranging from \$25,000 to \$150,000 for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core.

For more information visit: <http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/index.html>



Reminder: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) Community Conservation Partnership Grant Round Open, Workshops Set

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources this week opened the 2012 application period for the Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grants administered by the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation. The primary open application period officially began on January 11 and will end at 4 p.m. on April 4. Depending on the funding source, eligible applicants include Commonwealth municipalities and appropriate nonprofit organizations.

Grant assistance from the Department helps communities in this Commonwealth and organizations plan, acquire and develop recreation, park and trail facilities and conserve open space. The Bureau administers the C2P2 Program which combines several State and Federal funding sources into one grant program. In 2012, the Department Grant Program will focus on making grant awards that enhance this Commonwealth's recreation and conservation infrastructure.

Specific priorities for grant proposals include: the rehabilitation of existing park and recreation facilities, particularly through the incorporation of green principles; trail projects that close gaps in major Statewide greenways and regionally significant trails; implementation of Rivers Conservation Plans including enhancing water trails and improving public river access; planning to help park and recreation facilities become greener; land conservation for critical habitat, key connectors, expansion of existing park and recreation areas and the establishment of new community parks; and projects identified by regional partnerships including Conservation Landscape Initiatives, Heritage Areas and Statewide significant greenways.

For more information:

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/c2p2programguidance/index.htm>

<http://www.paoutdoorrecplan.com/>

National Park Foundation Active Trails 2012 Grant Application Applications Due Friday, February 24, 2012

Active Trails was designed to promote healthy lifestyles while protecting and enhancing our National Parks' trail resources. This multi-faceted program offers many ways in which volunteers, community groups, corporate partners, students and educators can get involved with their national parks through hands on trail work, citizen science, formal and informal learning activities, special events and community activities. National Trails System projects are fully eligible this year. Award maximum is \$20,000 per project.

Anyone is welcome to propose a project, please contact Samantha at samantha_driscoll@nps.gov with your ideas.

For more information: <http://www.nationalparks.org/npf-at-work/our-programs/active-trails/>



Google Maps of the 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