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PARKS

First Annual
Centennial Strategy for

Lincoln Home National Historic Site

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CENTENNIAL INITIATIVE



Site: LIHO

Year: 2007

Vision Statement

It is the Centennial Vision of Lincoln Home National Historic Site to protect and preserve the Springfield, IL home of Abraham Lincoln and the surrounding historic district as a meaningful setting for visitor understanding and appreciation; and to interpret Abraham Lincoln and the significant impact his 17-year residency had on his emergence as a transcendent national and international figure. Over the next ten years the vision includes the following: to bring all of its historic buildings up to good condition and historically accurate; to re-institute a comprehensive Lincoln-based education program; to increase visitor experiences and understanding by re-instituting the living history/costumed interpretive programs; and to collaborate with other parks to commemorate the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth and sesquicentennial of Lincoln's presidency and Civil War.

In FY-2008, to utilize the additional funding to hire three new seasonal employees (1-law enforcement ranger and 2-interpretive rangers) This will permit the park to expand its visitor and historic resource protection coverage and to offer interpretive programs in addition to the Lincoln Home tours.

In furtherance of the Centennial Goals for years beyond FY-2008, Lincoln Home National Historic Site would use recurring and non-recurring funds to complete the items noted in the potential action boxes.

Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager

James A. Sanders

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STEWARDSHIP

Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

Rehabilitate high-priority historic buildings to good condition, and help communities to preserve their history through programs like Preserve America.

restore/rehabilitate 5-historic buildings from poor to good condition

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ENVIRONMENT

Reduce environmental impacts of park operations.

Reduce the environmental impacts of park operations on air and water quality.

reduce energy consumption through the use of energy efficient alternatives and continue its recycling program

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RECREATION

Establish "volun-tourism" excursions to national parks for volunteers to help achieve natural and cultural resource protection goals.

Increase annual volunteer hours by 100 percent, from 5.2 million hours to 10.4 million hours.

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EDUCATION

Introduce young people and their families to national parks by using exciting media and technology.

Increase the number of web hits through the introduction of advanced, interactive features that attract young people to national parks.

create an interactive virtual tour of the Lincoln Home for use on the park's web site

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EDUCATION

Impart to every American a sense of their citizen ownership of their national parks.

Increase visitors' satisfaction, understanding, and appreciation of the parks they visit.

work with educators to develop lesson plans through the Teaching with Historic Objects program

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PROFESSIONALISM

Model what it means to work in partnership.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

partner with a not for profit organization to raise funds for key park priorities as part of the Centennial Challenge Initiative

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