



Visitor Services Facility and Transportation Planning

Enhanced Visitor Services and Transportation Options Considered For Historic Fort McHenry National Monument

Scope of Project

The following tasks will be completed as part of the development of an enhanced plan for Fort McHenry

Data Collection/Research & Existing Conditions Analysis

Workshops with Park Staff, Partners and Regional Stakeholders

Public Workshops

Forecasting of Visitation Trends

Evaluation of Alternative Strategies

Environmental Analysis

Preparation of the Transportation Plan

Inventory of the Cultural Landscape



An aerial view of Fort McHenry with a 30'X42' replica flag flying.

The National Park Service has been identifying and analyzing potential visitor services and transportation alternatives for Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine. As the popularity of Fort McHenry continues to grow, traffic congestion and crowded conditions occur more frequently during the busy visitor season. These plans have been developed to explore a variety of potential strategies to meet park goals and objectives.

Come Share Your Ideas

Public Meetings

Fort McHenry Visitor Center
November 17, 2004

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Project
Description

Based on these conditions, the National Park Service (NPS) has identified the need to develop plans for improved visitor services and transportation for the park. These plans will begin to address the problems with current facilities and prepare for anticipated future needs. Alternatives have been considered and evaluated on general efficacy, as well as, conformation to the park's Master Plan.

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Fort McHenry Studies Various Alternatives/Options

Options considered will include: enhanced bicycle and pedestrian access; shuttles; improved access via public/private land and water carriers; enhanced parking facilities; congestion management; and the design of facilities to accommodate increased visitors, school children and interpretive activities.

Environmental analysis in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) will also be completed in conjunction with the evaluation of alternatives. The process will identify and assess potential environmental impacts related to traffic congestion, parking, public and traffic safety and quality of

visitor experience. In keeping with the National Park Service's mission, relevant access and use considerations inherent to development of effective plans will be balanced with required protection of the park's ecosystem and preservation of its diverse natural, cultural and recreational resources.

The public is invited to attend a workshop planned for November 17, 2004, to provide input, ideas and to comment on what elements should be addressed by the scope of the environmental analysis and the prospective plan as a whole.

Check for updates online at: www.nps.gov/fomc



Planning for new education and administrative facilities will relieve current overcrowding at Fort McHenry.