

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site (NHS).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the General Management Plan (GMP) for the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, Massachusetts. The existing GMP dates from 1983, when the park started operations, and needs major updates. An updated GMP will provide fundamental management guidance to enable the park to strategically plan for long-term resource management, visitor use, and partnerships. In cooperation with the Town of Brookline, MA, attention will also be given to resources outside the boundaries that affect the integrity of the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site. The plan will identify management alternatives for the site. Major issues include: (1) Developing strategies for the ongoing preservation of the structures, grounds, and collections; (2) providing functional dedicated space for interpretive and educational programs and media; (3) resolving parking and public access issues; (4) developing strategies for reaching diverse audiences; (5) providing archives reference facilities and services that meet present and future demands; (6) providing readily accessible archives storage facilities that meet the needs of the collection; (7) addressing facility needs for park headquarters and the shared park maintenance building; (8) developing strategies for conserving the adjacent historic setting and the larger historic context; (9) strengthening partnerships with related national and local nonprofit organizations and communities.

The Draft EIS/General Management Plan is expected to be available for public review in 2010. After public and interagency review of the draft document, comments will be considered and a final GMP/EIS report will be prepared that contains a preferred alternative for management of the Frederick Law Olmsted NHS, followed by a Record of Decision.

DATES: The NPS will hold a public scoping meeting, which will provide opportunities to ask questions and raise issues concerning the General Management Plan for the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site. Information on the time and place of the public scoping meeting will be publicized through the local news

media serving the region around the historic site and the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Further Information and Addresses: Persons who wish to comment orally or in writing, or who require further information are invited to contact James O'Connell, Project Manager, National Park Service, Northeast Region Boston Office, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109-3572, (617) 223-5222; fax -5164; e-mail at Jim_O'Connell@nps.gov.

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Michael T. Reynolds,

Deputy Regional Director, Northeast Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission will be held at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, October 17, 2008, at the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Headquarters, 1850 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

DATES: Friday, October 17, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Headquarters, 1850 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Brandt, Superintendent, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, telephone: (301) 714-2201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission was established by Public Law 91-664 to meet and consult with the Secretary of the Interior on general policies and specific matters related to the administration and development of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

The members of the Commission are as follows:

Mrs. Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld,
Chairperson;
Mr. Charles J. Weir;
Mr. Barry A. Passett;

Mr. James G. McCleaf II;
Mr. John A. Ziegler;
Mrs. Mary E. Woodward;
Mrs. Donna Printz;
Mrs. Ferial S. Bishop;
Ms. Nancy C. Long;
Mrs. Jo Reynolds;
Dr. James H. Gilford;
Brother James Kirkpatrick;
Dr. George E. Lewis, Jr.;
Mr. Charles D. McElrath;
Ms. Patricia Schooley;
Mr. Jack Reeder;
Ms. Merrily Pierce.

Topics that will be presented during the meeting include:

1. Update on park operations.
2. Update on major construction/development projects.
3. Update on partnership projects.

The meeting will be open to the public. Any member of the public may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Persons wishing further information concerning this meeting, or who wish to submit written statements, may contact Kevin Brandt, Superintendent, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection six weeks after the meeting at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Headquarters, 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

Dated: July 28, 2008.

Kevin D. Brandt,

Superintendent, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Temporary Concession Contract for Great Basin National Park, NV

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed award of temporary concession contract for the operation of Lehman Caves Gift and Cafe within Great Basin National Park, NV.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 51.24, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a temporary concession contract for the operation of a gift shop and cafe available to the public visiting Great Basin National Park, Nevada for a term of three (3) years. This action is necessary to avoid continued interruption of visitor services.