

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Reason for Development of Fire Management Plan

National Park Service (NPS) policy (Director's Order #18: Wildland Fire Management, Web site <http://www.fire.nps.gov/fire/policy/do18/do18.htm>) requires that every park unit with burnable vegetation develop a fire management plan approved by the park superintendent. The fire management plan serves as a detailed and comprehensive program of action to implement fire management policy principles and goals, consistent with the unit's resource management objectives. This plan outlines the fire management program at Jimmy Carter National Historic Site (hereinafter referred to as "the park," "the Carter Compound" [the 14-acre site within the park to which this fire management plan specifically pertains], or by NPS alpha code "JICA"). The JICA fire management program, guided by federal policy and the park's resource management objectives, will serve to protect life, property, and natural and cultural resources.

### 1.2 Collaborative Processes

Jimmy Carter National Historic Site is part of the larger Jimmy Carter Historic Preservation District, together consisting of a number of overlapping local, state and federal designations (see section 10.1 for a detailed discussion). In addition to administering JICA, the National Park Service collaborates with the State Historic Preservation Office, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Plains Historic Preservation Commission, the Plains Historic Trust, the Plains City Council, the Middle Flint Regional Planning Commission, the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site Advisory Board, the Americus-Sumter County Tourism Council, community and business leaders, and private landowners regarding how to best protect the integrity of the entire district.

Collaborative opportunities pertaining to fire management at JICA include cooperative agreements with the Plains Volunteer Fire Department, the Georgia Forestry Commission, and local law enforcement.

### 1.3 Implementation of Fire Management Policy

The organizational structure of this fire management plan (FMP) follows the FMP outline furnished in chapter 4 of Wildland Fire Management Reference Manual-18 (version 3.0, dated 11/05/02), hereinafter referred to as RM-18 (Web site <http://www.fire.nps.gov/fire/policy/rm18/index.htm>). This FMP will guide the park in implementing federal fire management policy and resource and fire management goals as defined in the 2001 Federal Fire Policy; Managing Impacts of Wildfires on Communities and the Environment, and Protecting People and Sustaining Resources in Fire-Adapted Ecosystems—A Cohesive Strategy; and A Collaborative Approach for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment: 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy Implementation Plan.