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George Washington Birthplace 2008 Accomplishments National Monument

At a Glance

\$ 1.3 million budget

82/2548 volunteers/volunteer hours

29 permanent/term/seasonal staff

**\$4,151,000 total non-local visitor & park payroll
spending (2005)**

125,000 visitors

National Park Service Centennial

Used Centennial funding to hire 1 new seasonal each for interpretation and facility management

Preserving History

Park successfully launched a 4-H Heritage Club to engage high-school-aged teens from a multi-county area to 18th century historic crafts and arts. These same young people are now participating as costumed interpreters and sharing their experiences with other youth and visitors through the park's living history program

The park's administrative history prepared by Seth Bruggeman as a PhD candidate at William and Mary was edited and published by the author with the University of Georgia Press. The book is titled *Here, George Washington was Born*. The material includes a wealth of historic preservation history that was heretofore unknown about the park's establishment.

Improving Visitor Experience

Visitors have regular contact with costumed volunteers who bring the 18th century alive by demonstrating the arts and crafts of the period. The park maintains heritage sheep, cattle, and hog breeds that in the setting of the memorial farm, give the impression of live along the Potomac River in colonial times.

Working with Communities

The park is working to complete its first general management plan and as a result, contacted a number of new communities to understand their interests and needs around the park and its future

Caring for the Environment

Chesapeake Bay Gateways funding helped to produce a Chesapeake Bay Living Map program to take to schools as a hands-on presentation that integrates the social and political history of the Northern Neck with environmental history and contemporary environmental lessons. The program meets the Virginia and Maryland learning standards.

All-Taxa Biotic Inventory is underway for the park and in its first round identified a number of species previously unknown to exist in the park

Working Smarter

Installation of energy-saving lights, thermostats, and hot water heaters parkwide

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Cut costs at George Washington Birthplace National Monument and Thomas Stone National Historic Site by eliminating unnecessary phone lines, reduced fleet by seven vehicles, and partnered with Department of Defense to purchase fuel at a reduced bulk rate