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## George Washington Carver NM News Release

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### **Public Review and Comments Requested for Environmental Assessment**

**George Washington Carver National Monument, Diamond, MO — A new Web-based program is helping park enthusiasts to track and comment on projects at parks nationwide.**

PEPC — Planning, Environment and Public Comment — is an online collaborative tool that gives the public unprecedented, easy access to documents used in developing and tracking projects within the National Park Service (NPS).

“The National Park Service relies heavily on feedback from the public to guide its stewardship of America’s great natural and cultural resources,” said Jim Heaney, superintendent. “PEPC makes it easy for people to track projects at a nearby park or a favorite park several time zones away. It gives the public unprecedented access.” Users will find it easy to access several types of public documents, including Environmental Assessments.

Currently, George Washington Carver National Monument is working with the Midwest Region’s Heartland Inventory and Monitoring Program to develop an exotic plant management plan. This document will guide the park in eradication, control, or containment of exotic invasive plants, particularly in natural areas of 15 parks within the Midwest Region. Several options for attaining objectives are being considered and analyzed for their impacts on the environment, as a part of an Environmental Assessment.

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George Washington Carver National Monument would like to invite the public to participate in the decision-making process for determining the best management practices to implement in the control of exotic invasive plants. The public can access the project proposal and provide comments for the Environmental Assessment at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=31771> and review project #31771 entitled Heartland Exotic Plant Management Plan. Public review comments will be accepted on this project through February 15, 2011.

The park is located two miles west of Diamond, Missouri on Highway V, then south ½ mile on Carver Road. For more information regarding this project, please call the park at 417-325-4151 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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