National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

George Washington Carver
National Monument
5646 Carver Road
Diamond, MO 64840

417-325-4151 phone
www.nps.gov/gwca

George Washington Carver NM News Release

Release Date: 2/8/13

Contact: Lana Henry, lana_henry@nps.gov, 417-325-4151

DIAMOND, Missouri: Public Review and Comments Requested for Environmental Assessment

George Washington Carver National Monument would like to invite the public to review the Heartland Invasive Plant Management Plan and Environmental Assessment. The newly developed plan will guide the park and fourteen other national parks in the Midwest Region in eradication, control, or containment of invasive plants.

The document is available through PEPC – Planning, Environment and Public Comment — an online collaborative tool. "PEPC provides the opportunity for people to track National Park Service projects that are underway, review projects, and provide their input," said Jim Heaney, Superintendent. *A Call to Action Strategic Plan* charts a path toward the 2016 centennial of the National Park Service, with one of the action items entitled *Go Digital.* "This goal calls for expanded utilization of the web to engage the public in park planning," Heaney continued. "PEPC is designed to connect people to national parks."

The Heartland Invasive Plant Management Plan, PEPC Project 31771, can be accessed at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=31771. Should a printed copy be needed, please contact the park. Public review comments will be accepted on this project through March 14, 2013.

Administered by the National Park Service, an agency of the Department of the Interior, George Washington Carver National Monument preserves the birthplace and childhood home of George Washington Carver. The monument is located two miles west of Diamond, Missouri on Highway V, then ¼ mile south on Carver Road.

For more information regarding this project, please contact Management Assistant Lana Henry at 417-325-4151.

www.nps.gov/gwca