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Lucy Lawliss is Named Superintendent of George Washington National Monument and Thomas Stone National Historical Site

Philadelphia – National Park Service (NPS) Northeast Regional Director Dennis Reidenbach has selected Lucy Lawliss as the superintendent of two parks, George Washington Birthplace National Monument (NM) in Virginia, and Thomas Stone National Historical Site (NHS) in Maryland. George Washington Birthplace preserves the place where our first president was born, and Thomas Stone NHS commemorates the life of Stone, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. She will begin her assignment in July. She follows Vidal Martinez, who left to become superintendent of Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River at the border of Pennsylvania and New York.

“Lucy’s background in cultural landscapes and planning are a great match for these two history parks.” said Reidenbach. “She has done great work with neighbors and partners and she will bring those skills to her new position.”

Lawliss has more than 16 years of service with the National Park Service. She comes from a group of four historical parks in the San Francisco East Bay—Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park, John Muir National Historic Site, Eugene O’Neill National Historic Site, and Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Monument.

She began her career as the first historical landscape architect in the NPS Southeast Regional Office in Atlanta and built the cultural landscape program there. She transferred to

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Washington in 2001 to help manage the national program. For ten years, she has served on the board and been co-chair of the National Association for Olmsted Parks and has also served on the board of Southern Garden History Society.

“I have had a passion for history and historic places ever since my second-grade trip to Colonial Williamsburg. It motivated me to pursue a career in historic preservation,” said Lawliss. “While my career has focused on the resources that we work to protect, preserve, and interpret, I’ve learned that our success is linked to our ability to engage neighbors, partners, and visitors in the stories and places that we hold in trust for the American people.”

Lawliss is a registered landscape architect with undergraduate and master’s degrees in landscape architecture from the University of Georgia, School of Environmental Design. She is married to Haynes Currie, a botanist and compliance specialist for the National Park Service.

For more information about George Washington Birthplace National Monument, visit www.nps.gov/gewa
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