

PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT: VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK PROPOSES TO REHABILITATE SUPPORT FACILITIES IN THE WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS AREA FOR VISITOR USE

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Plans are being developed to rehabilitate the area and historic buildings surrounding Washington's Headquarters, in the Village of Valley Forge, and to provide a meaningful and engaging experience to visitors. Superintendent Mike Caldwell announced today the availability of an Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect (EA/AOE) of alternatives for public review. The EA/AOE presents three alternative plans and analyzes their impacts.

The action alternatives include the following elements:

changes to existing parking lots and circulation; enhancement of the cultural landscape; rehabilitation of the historic Valley Forge Train Station as a visitor orientation space; rehabilitation or addition of rest rooms; addition of interpretive elements on the history of the encampment and the village.

Public participation is important to the success of this project. The National Park Service welcomes evaluations and comments on the alternatives presented in the EA/AOE. The document is available for review on the web site <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> (search for Valley Forge National Historical Park). Hard copies are available for review at the Welcome Center, Valley Forge National Historical Park, 1400 North Outer Line Drive, King of Prussia, PA 19406-1009. Hard copies also are available for review at the following public libraries: Tredyffrin, Phoenixville, Montgomery County-Norristown, and Upper Merion Township. Public comments will be accepted until May 30, 2006 and can be submitted electronically at the web site: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> (search for Valley Forge National Historical Park and follow instructions for submitting comments). Comments also may be mailed to Superintendent, Valley Forge National Historical Park, 1400 North Outer Line Drive, King of Prussia, PA 19406. Comments must be postmarked no later than May 30, 2006.