



Valley Forge National Historical Park Construction Project Updates

Project Management Weekly Update: March 9th, 2007

Week of March 5th, 2007 – March 10th, 2007

PA Route 23

- a. The first phase of major road improvements and utility alignment began in the park on March 4, 2007. Route 23 will be closed to traffic and detoured through the park from 9:00 p.m. through 6 a.m. Monday through Friday beginning March 4, 2007.
See below for more information

Development of David Walker Farmstead for Montessori Children's School

- a. The Park project is scheduled for NPS Develop Advisory Board review on March 13, 2007. Once the project is approved the Park and the Montessori School will proceed with the construction phase of the project.

Administrative Building and Auditorium HVAC Replacement

- a. Scope of work is being revised to reflect alternatives in the contracting process.
- b. The Project cost estimate is being revised to reflect design/build rather than just design.
- c. Section 106 documentation has been completed.

Welcome Center Tent Enclosure (Future Interpreters' Workstations)

- a. The Visitor Services move from IFO to the new offices in the tent enclosure has begun. The move should be complete by the 3rd week in March.

Structural Stabilization of Knox's Quarters

- a. Coordinated the format and transfer of the drawings and specifications between A/E and business services at VAFO. These will then be sent to the contracting officer at INDE. Contract award is expected by March 31, 2007.

Trolley Tour

- a. ADA requirements have been researched for a new park trolley tour and the

interpretation sites it is to visit.

Work Plan for week of March 12th through March 16th, 2007

Structural Stabilization of Knox's Quarters

a. The actual work should commence by the end of March. The first phase of work will be twelve weeks in duration. The phase II work will be eight weeks duration.

Development of David Walker Farmstead for Montessori Children's School

a. The Superintendent and Project Manager will be traveling to Denver to present the DAB on March 13, 2007.

*****ROAD CLOSURES AND DETOURS*****

West Inner Line along with Inner Line Spur will remain closed due to unsafe conditions.

Inner Line Drive will be CLOSED and will remain closed until the gutter work is finished and the road surface has been milled down. The closure will be from the intersection of Valley Forge Road (RT 23) to Gulph Road this includes Inner Line Spur Road, and from Gulph Road to Artillery Park Picnic Area. The reason for this closure is that in many places along the Inner Line where the Gutters have been cleaned there is as much as a 6" drop off from the road surface to the gutter. This drop-off presents a safety hazard to vehicles. Inner Line will also be closed to pedestrians and bicycle traffic. The machinery that is being used presents a hazard to visitors.

Pennsylvania State Route 23 ("Valley Forge Road"): The first phase of major road improvements will begin in the Park on March 4, 2007. Route 23 will be closed to traffic and detoured through the park from 9:00 p.m. through 6 a.m. Monday through Friday beginning March 4, 2007. The period of construction may last until August, 2007. The road closure will be from the intersection of RT 23 "Valley Forge Road" and County Line Road to the intersection of RT 23 and Richards Road. The detour will be clearly identified with directional signs as well as traffic control flagging personnel.

This road closure will allow the Utility Companies for water, electric, gas and telecommunications to relocate their equipment within the new utility corridor. This utility corridor realignment is required because of the realignment of RT 23 from County Line road to Richards's road. This is the first phase of a much larger PennDot construction project which will rebuild the Trooper Road Bridge crossing the Schuylkill River, widen PA Route 422 in both directions and improve the on and off ramps on RT 422 at Valley Forge and Trooper roads.