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First Annual
Centennial Strategy for

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park

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CENTENNIAL INITIATIVE



Site: APCO

Year: 2007

Vision Statement

On the afternoon of April 9th, 1865, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to Union General Ulysses S. Grant, effectively ending the American Civil War, making the park one of the most significant sites in American history. The 2007 General Management Plan for Appomattox Court House NHP envisions placing the Surrender events within the overall context of the Civil War story: interpreting the pertinent events leading up to the Surrender, its meaning and the legacy that followed. Through a combination of partnerships, civic engagement, capital development, land protection and significant expansion of our interpretive program, the park will present the visitor with a comprehensive understanding of the total park story and why it should matter to them in a setting that presents the most historically accurate, safe and environmentally protected atmosphere possible.

Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager

Reed Johnson

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STEWARDSHIP

Provide inspiring, safe, and accessible places for people to enjoy - the standard to which all other park systems aspire.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Apply the technique of traffic calming to State Route 24 where it passes through the park to achieve a reduction in the speed limit, thereby increasing visitor safety while providing increased visual screening, reduction of noise pollution, improved access to interpretive waysides and a restoration of the original land contours.

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STEWARDSHIP

Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

Rehabilitate high-priority historic buildings to good condition, and help communities to preserve their history through programs like Preserve America.

Remove and relocate the park Maintenance facility from its current location within the primary historic zone to an area outside of the visitor's view and away from the park's historic resource.

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Restore native habitats by controlling invasive species and reintroducing key plant and animal species.

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Improve high-priority assets to acceptable condition, as measured by the Facility Condition Index.

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Complete all cultural resource inventories for designated priority resources.

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STEWARDSHIP

Assure that no compelling chapter in the American heritage experience remains untold and that strategically important landscapes are acquired, as authorized by Congress.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

In partnership with the Civil War Preservation Trust and the Town and County of Appomattox, acquire, preserve, protect, and interpret the site of the Battle of Appomattox Station, as integral component to the Surrender.

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STEWARDSHIP

Encourage children to be future conservationists.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Continue to enlarge and expand the History Day Camp/Junior Ranger Program with a further expansion of the natural resource component. Increase the numbers of participants by realizing a corresponding increase in staffing for the program.

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EDUCATION

Introduce young people and their families to national parks by using exciting media and technology.

Increase the number of web hits through the introduction of advanced, interactive features that attract young people to national parks.

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Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Following the direction of the General Management Plan, develop the park's Comprehensive Interpretive Plan to identify, acquire state of the art media in combination with revised, updated and expanded interpretive information that envelopes the overall contextual place and meaning of the park story.

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PROFESSIONALISM

Be one of the top 10 places to work in America.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Relocate park administrative and division management employees from the historic Isbell House to a more suitable facility that provides both increased comfort and improved working conditions.

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