



Flight 93 National Memorial
Flight 93 Advisory Commission



Flight 93 Advisory Commission
Briefing Package
April 16, 2005

**Archives Committee
Briefing Report
April 16, 2005**

Design Competition:

1,063 design boards from the design competition have been cataloged and stored requiring hundreds of hours of assistance from members of the Archives Committee. Each word on the design board was carefully read and synthesized to capture what the designer intended in as simple an explanation as possible. The cataloging will eventually be added to the computer database and be accessible to researchers. The design board collection will be valuable in the future as a mechanism to understand not only the nation's response to September 11 and Flight 93, but as an international indicator of reaction to this event. The 30" by 40" boards have been interleaved with acid-free tissue and placed in oversized conservation storage boxes. It required 157 boxes to house them and they are now safely stored in our remote storage facility along with the other tributes in the collection.

Memorial Tribute Collection:

The Memorial Tribute Collection has now moved to the new NPS facility on Main Street in Somerset, across the hall from the partner offices. On February 22, 2005 the Somerset County Commission signed a deed of gift to the National Park Service for the contribution of the collection in its entirety. An inventory of individual items was taken for this transfer and we now have an accurate count as of February 15, 2005: 17,863 objects. The collection is now officially a part of the National Park Service national collection.

Collection Management Plan:

Mark Isaksen, Senior Curator with NPS Northeast Museum Services Center in Philadelphia, made an initial visit in March to gather information about the Flight 93 Collection. Mark will choose a team of curators to come to the site for two weeks this summer to write a Collections Management Plan that will establish policy and procedure for collecting, care, storage, emergency, security, and use. The Archives Committee will be involved during this process.

Oral History and Documentation Project:

Alexa Potter, Coordinator for the Project who was hired last August under contract with the Historical & Genealogical Society of Somerset County, resigned as of February 25 to take a position with the Library of Congress. The remaining funds for the project have been returned from the Historical Society and the project will continue under contract with the Families of Flight 93, to be supervised by Barbara Black, NPS Curator. In addition to the original one-year funding, second year funding was allocated in the 2005 budget. The Archives Committee met to discuss the budget and fill the position of coordinator as soon as possible. Until a new coordinator is hired, Barbara Black will coordinate the project. Another training session for interviewers will be conducted in April and interviews are beginning. Interviews for family members will be scheduled when the five finalist designs are exhibited in San Francisco in May.

Prepared by: Barbara Black, Co-Chair

**Communications Oversight Committee
Briefing Report
April 16, 2005**

Attached are the following documents outlining the progress of the Communications Oversight Committee:

1. Consultant Selection Process and Status
2. The Request for Proposal that was sent February 27, 2005, to the following firms:
 - Agnew Moyer Smith; Pittsburgh
 - Burson Marsteller; Pittsburgh and nationwide
 - Dymun and Co.; Pittsburgh ***
 - Fleishman-Hillard; DC and nationwide ***
 - Jean Collins & Assoc; NYC
 - Kelly & Salerno; Pleasantville, NY
 - Ketchum; NYC
 - MacKenzie Communications; SFO
 - MarcUSA; Pittsburgh ***
 - Widmeyer; DC ***
 - Springwood Group; Scranton, PA
 - CPR; Teterboro, NJ ***
3. Additional information sent out to firms on March 2, 2005

*** indicates firms that responded to RFP

**Communications Oversight Committee (COC)
Consultant Selection Process and Status**

<u>Task</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Person Responsible/Notes</u>
RFP sent out	complete	Gail Kemerer and Joanne Hanley
Proposals due to office	complete	five firms submitted responses
Copies of proposals made for COC	complete	Gail
Draft and e mail to COC:		
• Consultant Selection Process		
• Rating Criteria and		
• Interview Rating Criteria	Complete	Joanne
Mail/fedex proposals to COC	Complete	Debbie Branton and Joanne
Call & Schedule Interviews with firms	Complete	Gail
COC members rank each proposal Using Written Proposal Rating form	Complete	Send to NPS Office
Compile scores of written proposals	Complete	Joanne
Conference Call to discuss proposals and rankings	April 6 th	Wednesday noon ; 866 556 6304 passcode 487 846# (eastern time)
Pre-Interview Meeting with COC	April 8 th	Friday noon; either at NPS offices or call in 866 556 6304 passcode 487 846# (eastern time)
Interviews with Firms	April 8 th	1:00 PM – 6:00 PM (see above)
Interview with Firms if needed	April 9 th	8:30 AM – 2:30 PM (see above)
Collate interview rankings and Send to COC	By April 11 th	Joanne
Conference Call (determine if second interview is needed)	April 12 th	Monday noon; 866 556 6304 passcode 487 846# (eastern time)
Commission Meeting	April 16 th	Pam Tokar-Ickes to report status
Follow Up Interview	To be determined	
Prepare Contract between family & firm; negotiations	Gordie and Pam	
Other		

Request for Proposal (“RFP”)
For a
Public Relations/Communications Consultant
For the
Flight 93 National Memorial Project.

Overview

The Families of Flight 93 are seeking proposals from qualified consultants (hereinafter referenced as the “Consultant”) to develop a Media and Communications Strategy for the Flight 93 National Memorial project. The strategy will include, but not be limited to, coordinating all messaging and public communications concerning the activities of the project to fulfill the purposes outlined in the Flight 93 Memorial Act, as well as to assist with a variety of communications and press issues as requested. In summary, the act requires that by September 25, 2005, the following be to be delivered to the Secretary of the Interior and to Congress:

- recommendations on the design and construction of the memorial;
- recommendations on the management of the National Memorial; and
- recommendations on the boundaries of the National Memorial.

The following attachments are provided for more detailed information on the Flight 93 Memorial Project:

Attachment 1 The Flight 93 Memorial Act.

Attachment 2 A description of the partners and their relationship, and a project organization chart.

Attachment 3 A flowchart depicting the different phases of the project.

Attachment 4 The Mission Statement for the Memorial

Attachment 5 Schedule for the Design Competition for the Permanent Memorial

Attachment 6 Schedule for Fundraising Capital Campaign

Prospective consultants should also refer to the project website at: www.flight93memorialproject.org.

The Flight 93 Memorial project is currently managed as a non-profit under the auspices of the Families of Flight 93, an IRS 501 (C) (3) organization.

The Client

A “Communications Oversight Committee” will screen and recommend the selection of the Consultant, will provide ongoing oversight of the subsequent performance of his/her work, and will report back to the respective partner organizations on a regular basis. The Communications Oversight Committee is comprised of a representative(s) of each of the four Partners – the Families of Flight 93, the Flight 93 Advisory Commission, the Flight 93 Memorial Task Force, and the National Park Service.

The Chair of the Communications Oversight Committee will be the primary contact for the prospective Consultants and the ultimate Consultant. The Chair or her designee, will direct, coordinate and prioritize the day-to-day activities of the consultant. The Chair or her designee will ensure that there is seamless communication among the Partners, the Consultant, and other consultants working on different aspects the project related to media and public relations, including but not limited to the fundraising counsel and the design competition advisors. Work of the communications Consultant and other project consultants (design competition and fundraising consultants) must be integrated. Adherence and sensitivity to federal regulation and guidelines is mandatory.

Deliverables

The Consultant will prepare, in cooperation, coordination and consultation with the four partners, within the time frame of April 15, 2005 through April 15, 2006, the following:

- A mutually agreed upon and comprehensive media plan and press strategy including outreach to different media markets;
- coordinate and conduct at least six (6) press conferences and press briefings for different stages and activities of the project; and formulate messages for each stage of the project **in close coordination with the design competition advisors and the fundraising counsel.**
- Prepare press and other communications materials as requested by the partners. The consultant will either prepare and/or review, comment upon, and make consistent all press and communications materials being developed by any of the partners and consultants. In turn the partners and the other consultants and counsel, review any and all materials developed by the Communications consultant on their behalf. Drafts written by the Consultant must be reviewed and approved by the Chair.
- Develop briefing materials as requested, including those for family needs, for the public, and for Congressional and Department of the Interior officials based on National Park Service guidelines and needs.
- Establish internal communications protocol among the four partner organizations.
- Establish a unified delivery system for release of information to the public and the press, in consultation with the design competition and the fundraising consultants.
- Assist the Families in particular, but the other Partners as well, in proactively anticipating and identifying opportunities to reach media markets with a unified approach to press interaction and unified message delivery. This includes, but is not limited to taking advantage of highly visible September 11th events, FBI briefings, Congressional actions regarding September 11th and so on.

Submission Requirements

A prospective Consultant should submit the following:

- A statement of why the consultant wants to work on this project.
- A detailed work plan with timetable and budget cost estimates. Include hourly rates and anticipated expenses segmented by the general seven items identified above, including travel.
- Documentation of relevant experience with government agencies as well as private funding sources in this kind of public relations/communications.
- Identification of any possible conflicts of interest.
- Identify how much of the work for which the consultant is willing to reduce fees, or do pro-bono.

It is requested that a Consultant interested in submitting a proposal, indicate that interest to Ms. Gail Kemerer via written or e-mail correspondence as soon as possible, but no later than March 7, 2005:

Ms. Gail Kemerer
Families of Flight 93
109 West Main Street
Somerset, PA 15501
T: 814.443.0864; E mail : gailkemerer@hotmail.com

Any amendments or elaborations to this Request for Proposal resulting from questions or suggestions will be circulated to all Consultants who have indicated an interest.

Please submit one original proposal and six (6) copies by close of business March 7, 2005 to:

Families of Flight 93
C/o Ms. Gail Kemerer
109 West Main Street
Somerset, PA 15501

Any proposal received after the deadline specified above, or any incomplete proposal, will be rejected
without consideration.

Selection Process

The Communications Oversight Committee will recommend the selection based on evaluation of the Proposals received and possibly follow-up interviews of the Consultants whose proposals are positively evaluated.

Consideration will be given to though not limited to issues such as:

1. Quality of work demonstrated through experience.
2. Innovative or outstanding approaches.
3. Experience with governmental agencies as well as private funding sources.
4. Staff ability and availability.
5. Anticipated cost

Interviews may be held as soon as one week after receipt of proposals and notification of final selection is likely to be made no later than March 30, 2005.

The Partners reserve the right to reject any and all proposals received for any reason without statement of cause.

**Additional Information to Accompany the
Communications RFP
March 2, 2005**

1. The deadline for the RFP has been extended to March 14, 2005, delivered by close of business to the address in the RFP.
2. The budget with which the partners are working is \$250,000.
3. The jury report for Stage I of the international design competition is attached to the e-mail.

Questions and Answers:

1. Q: What is your interpretation of “conflict.”
A: Is the firm in litigation with any of the partners, does the firm have any other contracts with the partners (not necessarily an automatic disqualifier), are you a relative of any of the partners, and so forth.
2. Q: You mention at least six press conferences, which leads us to believe you have already put thought into what they would be for. Could you share any more insight with us on specifics, which will help us, strategize and make more accurate budget estimates? For example: Do you plan to host press conferences in multiple locations such as Newark, San Francisco, among others, or are you looking to your firm to recommend where to host them, based on what information is being communicated?
A: We do not have any preconceived notions about where or for what the press conferences will definitely be held, or how many for that matter. We anticipate that press conferences/media briefings/media events will be held several times, at various locations which may include Somerset, NYC, SFO, and DC. Project milestones for which this may occur include but are not limited to design competition announcements, ground breaking, fundraising kick-off and events, and so forth.
3. Q: What is your time frame for groundbreaking/start of construction?
A: If everything falls into place with funding and approvals at the federal, state and private sector levels, ideally we would like to award the contract and break ground for the Memorial in September 2006. That is ambitious.
4. Q: What is your time frame for officially opening the Memorial/Park?
A: That is a complicated question depending upon when we break ground, how long the construction window is for the Memorial, and then how we are doing in terms of building associated infrastructure such as roads, parking, and a potential visitor center. IF we break ground in September 2006, construction will likely be at least 24 months.
5. Q: What, if any, role would you envision the communications consultant playing in support of fundraising initiatives? Would you want the firm to help form partnerships and solicit funds or just support the announcement of funds/partners secured?
A: The communications consultant would work in extremely close collaboration with the partners and with the fundraising consultant in forming, communicating and delivering messages to the public (which includes potential donors) concerning fundraising. This may also include assistance in the development of fundraising materials. We do not expect the communication firm to form donor partnerships or solicit funds. However, we would welcome any suggestions for donor cultivation that you may have, which we would pass on to the fundraising consultants.
6. Q: In your timeline, it states that the media campaign will launch in Phase 3, December 2005. Is there a specific reason you picked this time frame?
A: The timeline to which you refer is the timeline for the fundraising campaign. Phase 1 is the launch phase, phase 2 is the phase in which we really develop and cultivate corporate and foundation

sources, and phase 3 is what we consider the public outreach phase. Our fundraising consultants will be designing what that might look like, but will need close collaboration from and with the communications consultants.

There are several parallel tracks/activities on which this project is running: the design competition, fundraising, land acquisition, and several others. Communications cuts across all of them, plus must include it's own strategy to bring this project back to the attention and hearts of the American public.

We have been the "quiet memorial" thus far. As the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, there has been a lot of media attention and project movement, perhaps at the expense of some other project aspect. We have been deliberate, slow, and inclusive in developing a planning and design process, which has the full support and buy-in of the all of the partners. It meets the legislative and policy needs of the National Park Service and the Federal Advisory Commission; and it has served the needs of the Families, Task Force and local community. We have tried to keep family members have been at the heart of everything that we do. So, while it appears we are slow out of the starting gate, we have a foundation of trust and administrative structure that frankly, has allowed us to do a lot of things right. As we progress, we feel that the national attention is what is lacking, but when we do go national, we will have all of our ducks in a row.

7. Q: To what extent, if any, do you plan to incorporate a Web component?
A: We would like to utilize our existing website: www.flight93memorialproject.org as much as possible.
 8. Q: What is your primary communications objective for the project between April 2005 and April 2006? What do you anticipate that the communications will accomplish during the next year?
A: We were hoping that the communications firm could help us develop and focus that objective.
 9. Q: Whom do you consider your primary (and potentially secondary) target audiences for this scope of work? Are they potential top level donors? The general public and/or others?
A: Please refer to question and answer # 6 above. We would like to
 10. How will your team weight the criteria you are using to select the communications consultant?
 11. Q: Although it is not mentioned in the scope of your RFP, can you provide any information on how design services will be selected for the creation of Capital Campaign materials?
A: This RFP is much larger that the capital campaign. The fundraising consultants will be handling most of the fundraising materials. They will require the assistance and collaboration
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**Design Solicitation Committee
Briefing Report**

April 16, 2005

The stage 1 exhibit held at the Shops at Georgian Place. To set up the display proved a more difficult task than earlier anticipated, but through the efforts of many Shanksville / Somerset residents it turned out well. More than 2000 people came to view the exhibit, in many cases in the snow, only to express disbelief at the sheer magnitude of what was displayed. Governor Ed Rendell presented the partners a check for his September pledge of \$250,000. The jury did complete their task in the 3 allotted days in January, despite the weather, and chose 5 finalists and 9 honorable mention designs.

A master plan workshop was held at the Somerset Historical Center February 24-25. The 5 finalists teams toured the site and then worked collaboratively on issues relating to the general management plan that will be a necessary component when the final design is presented this coming September according to the Flight 93 Memorial Act.

The finalists refined designs are due on June 15 and will include a variety of required elements:

- Maximum of 6) vertically oriented 30" X 40"boards.
 - Detailed site plan of the memorial expression with site organization diagram.
 - Sections of the memorial expression showing the relationship to existing and proposed ground plane.
 - Elevations, perspectives, other drawings, or model photographs to appropriately display the design concept.
 - Material and construction technology.
 - A narrative description of the memorial concept.
 - A site model.
 - Detail model of the memorial expression.
 - Power point presentation.
 - Other supporting materials and documents.
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**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
BRIEFING REPORT
APRIL 16, 2005**

1. Launch Phase

Mr. Dan Sullivan, CEO, FedEx Ground, and Chairman of the Launch Phase presented Mr. Hamilton Peterson and Ms. Joanne Hanley a \$20,000 check in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of FedEx Ground. The check will be deposited directly into the Families of Flight 93 account.

Mr. Sullivan and his staff are in the process of enlisting the support of key leaders for the Launch Phase Committee. To date, Mr. Larry Catuzzi has agreed to serve on the Launch Phase Committee.

A preliminary list of 44 Pennsylvania prospects is being developed to be submitted to the National Park Service for approval. Prospect research is also being conducted to determine key contact information, their interest and capacity. Once approved by the National Park Service, this list will be reviewed by members of the Launch Phase Committee and assignments and strategies will be developed. It is anticipated that this group will begin active solicitations of top Pennsylvania prospects during the month of April and continue solicitations over the next few months.

2. Top Prospects Update

Mr. Dan Sullivan, CEO, FedEx Ground, and Chairman of the Launch Phase is working on finalizing the terms of pledge commitment from FedEx to the Flight 93 National Memorial Campaign; an announcement is forthcoming.

A briefing meeting was conducted with three representatives of Mitsubishi Electric Power Product, Inc. – Roger Barna, Chairman, Greg Reed, Vice President of Marketing and Technology, and Sally Wade, Director of Human Resources and Administration and Kelly Uranker from The Pittsburgh Foundation on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the Somerset office. Mr. Rick Stafford, Ms. Joanne Hanley, Mr. Jeff Reinbold, Ms. Esther Heymann, and Ms. Caryn Collier delivered a very comprehensive and compelling presentation. A mid-April decision on the amount of their commitment is currently pending.

Once the enlistment of the Launch Phase Committee is completed, strategies will be developed for the Heinz and Knight Foundation for their continued support.

Ketchum conducted research on the Cordelia Scaife estate that is currently in probate. When the estate is settled, Ketchum will pursue funding opportunities for the Flight 93 National Memorial Campaign.

As the campaign continues to progress in sequential manner, Ketchum continues development of a Master Prospect List.

3. Campaign Leadership

The Campaign Chair and Honorary Chair Job Description have been drafted and approved by the Funding Oversight Committee.

On Wednesday, March 10, 2005, Mr. John Reynolds enlisted General Tom Franks to serve as an Honorary Chair of the Flight 93 National Memorial Campaign.

Mr. Hamilton Peterson continues to attempt to secure a project and campaign briefing meeting date with Mr. Tom Ridge to determine his interest and availability.

4. Awareness/Cultivation Activities

In coordination with the Families Memorial Committee and the Design Competition Finalists Display in San Francisco, California, Ketchum is in the process of coordinating an awareness/cultivation event. The event will be hosted by Ms. Nancy Bechtel in her private home on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. A Letter of Invitation is currently being drafted from General Tom Franks and is scheduled to go out the beginning of April. A list of approximately 50-60 key corporate and community leaders are included on the Invitation List. Ketchum has drafted a program that includes a number of brief presentations from all the Partners. Ketchum is also working with Discovery Communications to develop a brief video of the Flight 93 National Memorial project.

5. National Park Foundation Washington, D.C. Campaign Office

Mr. Vin Cipolla, the new NPF President is scheduled to receive a comprehensive project and campaign briefing on Thursday, April 14, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. with Mr. Hamilton Peterson, Mr. John Reynolds, Ms. Joanne Hanley, Mr. Kraig Butrum and other senior NPF staff, and members of Ketchum. A pre-briefing meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2005; 11:00 a.m.; National Park Foundation.

The National Park Foundation has developed a Cash Flow Chart that will be presented to the Funding Oversight Committee for their input and approval.

Ketchum has developed Income and Expense Projections for the campaign and will submit to the Funding Oversight Committee for their input and approval.

Ketchum continues to work with Mr. Kraig Butrum, Sr. Vice President of Development, National Park Foundation on the development of the Flight 93 National Memorial Gift Acceptance Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines.

Ketchum is coordinating with the National Parks Foundation on the gift acknowledgement process.

Ketchum is working with the National Park Foundation on developing a campaign support staff job description. It is anticipated a part time campaign support staff person could begin as early as May.

Ketchum continues to work closely with The National Park Foundation on the development of the Flight 93 National Memorial Donor and Prospect Database.

6. National Park Service Somerset Office

Ketchum will provide Ms. Hanley a list of Launch Phase prospects to be vetted and approved by the National Park Service.

The Communications Committee is reviewing five public relations firm proposals. Interviews are scheduled to take place in April and a possible start date of May. The five firms include CPR Strategic Marketing Communications; Dymun+Company; Fleishman-Hillard; MARC USA; and Wedmeyer Communications.

Ketchum will make members of its team available for an update on fundraising at the upcoming meeting of the Flight 93 Memorial Task Force Meeting scheduled on Saturday, April 16, 2005 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Ketchum will also make members of its team available for a update on fundraising at the upcoming meeting of the Flight 93 Advisory Commission on Saturday, April 16, 2005 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

7. Families of Flight 93

Ketchum will present a fundraising update during the West Coast Families Meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2005. Ketchum is working with Mr. Hamilton Peterson regarding the meeting logistics and presentation times.

8. Funding Oversight Committee

The next conference call of the Funding Oversight Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2005; 7:00 p.m.

9. Miscellaneous Ketchum Activity

Ketchum is drafting a Campaign Overview for review at the next meeting of the Funding Oversight Committee.

Follow up letters to the Feasibility and Planning Study participants and non-participants were mailed mid-March.

10. Campaign Statistics

Number of Visits/Requests:	9
Total Gifts and Pledges Raised:	\$20,575
Number/ Amount of Requests Pending:	2 / \$1,100,000
Amount Needed to Reach Minimum Goal:	\$29,979,425
Total Expenses:	\$69,148.36
Campaign Contract Period:	24 months / 104 weeks
Contract Period Completed:	2 months / 9 weeks
Contract Period Remaining:	22 months / 95 weeks

Launch Phase		Major Gifts Phase	
Goal	\$3,000,000	Goal	\$0
Number of Gifts	1	Number of Gifts	0
Amount Raised	\$20,000	Amount Raised	\$0
Special Gifts Phase		Public Phase	
Goal	\$0	Goal	\$0
Number of Gifts	0	Number of Gifts	6
Amount Raised	\$0	Amount Raised	\$575
Corporations		Foundations	
Goal	\$0	Goal	\$0
Number of Gifts	1	Number of Gifts	0
Amount Raised	\$20,000	Amount Raised	\$0
Individuals/Organizations			
Goal	\$0		
Number of Gifts	6		
Amount Raised	\$575		

**General Management Plan / EIS
Briefing Report
Flight 93 Advisory Commission
April 16, 2005**

I. PROJECT SCHEDULE – The project is still on track. We are following the revised integrated planning process (approved May 14, 2004 meeting) and meeting the deadlines in the detailed schedule (presented at July 30, 2004). We've made minor updates, but the overall project schedule remains unaffected.

II. GMP COORDINATING COMMITTEE – The committee met on February 22, 2005 and April 6, 2005. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2005. Committee members include Commissioners Larry Catuzzi, Donna Glessner, Ken Nacke, Gary Singel, Jerry Spangler (co-chair), Greg Walker; and Task Force members Barbara Black, Esther Heymann (co-chair), Terry Shaffer, Chuck Wagner, and Patrick White.

III. DATA GATHERING – The GMP consultants finalized their data gathering reports and overviews. You will receive a binder of the reports at the Commission meeting. Additional transportation work is also being conducted. TransAssociates of Pittsburgh is assessing the potential impacts of road closures within the memorial on local residents, traffic patterns, and emergency response. The consultants are also evaluating the corridors leading from Somerset to the memorial for their ability to accommodate increased visitor traffic safely. Two additional studies have been initiated since the last Commission meeting.

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) is inventorying vegetation and wildlife at the site. Particular attention is being paid to the hemlock grove. WPC is studying the trees along the edge of the area that burned after the crash. These trees were interior trees that are now along the edge of the grove and exposed to the wind. Several of the trees have fallen. The study will assess the condition of these trees and make recommendations as appropriate. WPC will also investigate potential treatment methods should the wooly adelgid, which has devastated hemlock forests on the east coasts, move north into this part of Somerset County.

We have also contracted with a local engineering firm, the EADS Group, to conduct a water supply and sewerage study. EADS has estimated water and sewerage needs for facilities at the memorial. They are studying potential water sources including drilling a well and tapping into public and private systems in the area. EADS will also evaluate options and methods for treating sewerage generated on the site.

IV. CORRIDOR LAND USE STUDY – We experienced a minor setback when Quemahoning Township (to the west of the memorial) decided not to participate in the study. But with the support of the remaining five townships and boroughs, the Somerset County Commissioners moved forward and submitted requests to two state agencies to fund the study. The funding is anticipated by late-Spring and the study is hoped to begin in summer and be completed within one year.

V. MAY 12, 2005 PUBLIC MEETING – A public meeting will be held at 7:00pm, Thursday, May 12, 2005 at Camp Allegheny. The Camp has generously donated the meeting space. The purpose of the meeting is update the public on the project and specifically on issues that have been raised over the past year. The meeting will begin with a brief introductory presentation with an open house to follow. At the open house, the public will be invited to visit a variety of stations that provide information on different aspects of the project: general project questions; the boundary and what NPS ownership means; and findings of the data studies, in particular the findings of the transportation and water and sewerage studies. The five design finalist boards will be displayed and Brad Zearfoss (Somerset County Planning

Commission) and Anna Breinich (Pennsylvania Environmental Council) will staff a station to discuss other projects and initiatives in the area including the corridor planning study. The meeting will be promoted through local print and television media as well as through flyers and mailed out invitations. GMP Coordinating Committee members and NPS staff will run the meeting and all Commissions, family members, and task force members are encouraged to attend.

VI. DRAFT PLAN – We are working with Eileen Carlton of Environmental Management Collaboration to prepare the draft chapters of the GMP/EIS. The GMP Committee will participate in the review and finalization of each chapter of the draft plan. The draft GMP/EIS will be available for Commission and partner review from June 1-17, prior to finalization and release to the public in July. The draft GMP/EIS outline is attached.

V. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

None

NPS Land Acquisition

Briefing

April 16, 2005

- The announcement of the establishment of The Flight 93 National Memorial boundary was published in the Federal Register on March 21, 2005 and is attached. The Secretary of the Interior accepted the Flight 93 Advisory Commission's recommendations to establish the boundary as depicted on Map No. 0401 of Resolution 0401 issued July 30, 2004. The map is now on file and available for public inspection at the Flight 93 National Memorial office in Somerset, the Land Resources Program Center in Philadelphia, and the Office of the National Park Service in Washington, DC.
 - An offer was made to Dale and Christine Williams for their property, which partially lies within the fence line. The offer is currently under their consideration.
 - The contract appraiser has completed the field work for the appraisals for the Svonavec, Hoover, and Eschrich properties as well as the PBS Coals buildings located on the Svonavec property. The appraisal reports are expected to be completed during the early half of May.
 - An additional thirteen parcels have had their preliminary title evidence ordered. Preliminary title evidence reveals any title encumbrances or exceptions and is required for all land and/or interests in land prior to and as part of the acquisition process.
 - Weston Solutions, Inc. has been formally requested to bid on the hazardous materials inspections for the Kordell, Mock, and O'Barto properties.
 - A rental housing study will be conducted the later half of April for the current resident on the Hoover property. A rental housing study is required under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act to insure the fair, equitable, and uniform treatment of persons displaced as a result of the land acquisition programs of the National Park Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Boundary Establishment for Flight 93 National Memorial

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of boundary establishment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Public Law 107-226 (116 Stat. 1345, 16 U.S.C. 431 note), dated September 24, 2002, a boundary is hereby established for Flight 93 National Memorial, located in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, to encompass lands depicted on Map No. 04-01 that was attached to Resolution 0401 issued by the Flight 93 Advisory Commission on July 30, 2004.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Flight 93 National Memorial, 109 West Main Street, Suite 104, Somerset, PA 15501-2035.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 107-226 (116 Stat. 1345, 16 U.S.C. 431 note), dated September 24, 2002, established the Flight 93 National Memorial to commemorate the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives, thereby thwarting a planned attack on our Nation's Capital. Public Law 107-226 established the Flight 93 Advisory Commission and directed the Commission to advise the Secretary of the Interior on the boundary of the memorial site. On July 30, 2004, the Commission's Resolution 0401 advised the Secretary of the Interior to establish the boundary as depicted on Map No. 04-01. By a letter to the Commission, dated January 14, 2005, the Secretary of the Interior accepted the Commission's advice to establish the boundary as provided in Resolution 0401.

The map is on file and available for inspection in the Land Resources Program Center, Northeast Regional Office, U.S. Customs House, 200 Chestnut Street, 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-2988, in the Office of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240 and in the Office of Flight 93 National Memorial, 109 West Main Street, Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501.

Dated: February 7, 2005.
Joanne M. Hanley,
Superintendent, Flight 93 National Memorial National Park Service.
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