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The National Park Service Seeks Public Comment on the Draft Dyke Marsh Restoration and Long-term Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement

McLean, Virginia -- The George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP), a unit of the National Park Service (NPS), made available today the Draft Dyke Marsh Restoration and Long-term Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (draft plan/EIS) that evaluates management options for the restoration of Dyke Marsh. This EIS is being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), and other applicable laws, regulations and policies.

The draft plan/EIS is open for review and comment for 60 days, concluding on Tuesday, March 18, 2014. As part of the EIS process, GWMP staff has prepared a newsletter that provides background about the project, describes the alternatives considered, and provides information about how to comment on the project. The draft plan/EIS and the newsletter are available on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/dykemarshdeis>. Hard copies of the newsletter, as well as a limited number of hard copies of the draft plan/EIS, are also available at park headquarters. GWMP will host a public meeting at Indigo Landing Restaurant on Daingerfield Island on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A short presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. The rest of the meeting will be an open house format for the public to ask questions, learn more about the preferred alternative and submit written comments. All are welcome to attend.

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Comments may be submitted online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/dykemarshdeis>, or by mailing or hand delivering comments to: Attn: Dyke Marsh Wetland Restoration Management Plan/EIS, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey Run Park, McLean, VA 22101, or submitting them at the public meeting.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask the NPS in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, the NPS cannot guarantee it will be able to do so.

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