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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Environmental Assessment for the Yellow Barn/Chautauqua Tower Rehabilitation

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Yellow Barn/Chautauqua Tower Rehabilitation, Montgomery County, Maryland.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service (NPS) policy, the NPS announces the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the rehabilitation/reconstruction of the Yellow Barn and Chautauqua Tower at Glen Echo Park, a unit of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Glen Echo Park is the site of a former amusement park that operated from the late 1890's to 1968. The park is currently operated under a Cooperative Agreement between Montgomery County and the NPS. The buildings provide the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture with administrative space, classrooms, and artists studios. The Chautauqua Tower was constructed in 1891 and the Yellow Barn in 1914 and both buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places as contributing elements of the Glen Echo Park Historic District. The Electrical/Mechanical/Plumbing systems of both buildings have reached the end of their design life. Both buildings suffer from numerous structural defects which adversely affect the availability of education and program space. Significant portions of both buildings cannot currently be used due to structural instability or lack of appropriate egress. The EA examines several alternatives for the rehabilitation/reconstruction of the buildings. The subject project is designed to provide safe, accessible classroom and studio space to park users, while maintaining the character of the Glen Echo Park Historic District. The NPS is soliciting comments on this EA. These comments will be considered in evaluating it and making decisions

pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

DATES: The EA will remain available for public comment until January 9, 2003. Written comments should be received no later than this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this EA should be submitted in writing to: Ms. Audrey F. Calhoun, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia 22101. The EA will be available for public inspection Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. at the GWMP Headquarters, Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia; and at the following libraries: Little Falls Library, 5501 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland, Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac, Maryland, and Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, Maryland.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) analyzed and selected a Management Plan for Glen Echo Park in February 2001. This Management Plan aims to balance natural/cultural resource protection and visitor use. Pursuant to the EIS, the *stabilization and rehabilitation* of Glen Echo Park structures will proceed in accordance with the recommendations in the *Cost Estimating Criteria for Stabilization & Rehabilitation of Historic Glen Echo Park* (Vitetta Group, 1998) and the subsequent *Glen Echo Park Stabilization and Rehabilitation Plan* (NPS, Montgomery County, State of Maryland, 1999). Rehabilitation projects have already been completed on the Spanish Ballroom and the North Arcade, two additional contributing elements to the Glen Echo Historic District as part of the Glen Echo Park Rehabilitation Project, pursuant to cooperative agreement between the State of Maryland, Montgomery County, and the NPS. Work on this project began in 1999 and is scheduled to finish in 2005.

All interested individuals, agencies, and organizations are urged to provide comments on the EA. The NPS, in making a final decision regarding this matter, will consider all comments received by the closing date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Park Ranger Jeffrey Pinkard (703) 289-2516.

Audrey F. Calhoun,

Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces its intent to prepare a General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for the Flight 93 National Memorial, Pennsylvania. Prepared by planners at the Flight 93 National Memorial, with assistance from the NPS Northeast Region, the Flight 93 Advisory Commission, the Flight 93 Memorial Task Force, the Families of Flight 93, Inc., advisors, and consultants, the GMP/EIS will propose a long-term approach to managing the Flight 93 National Memorial. Consistent with the memorial's mission, NPS policy, and other laws and regulations, alternatives will be developed to guide the management of the memorial over the next 15 to 20 years. The alternatives will incorporate various zoning, design, and management prescriptions to ensure resource preservation and public enjoyment of the memorial. The environmental consequences that could result from implementing the various alternatives will be evaluated in the plan. Impact topics will include cultural and natural resources, visitor experience, park operations, the socioeconomic environment, impairment, and sustainability. The public will be invited to express concerns about the management and design of the memorial early in the process through public meetings and other media; and will have an opportunity to review and comment on a draft GMP/EIS. Following public review processes outlined under NEPA, the final plan will become official, authorizing implementation of a preferred alternative. The target date for the Record of Decision is September 2005.

Scoping: The National Park Service issued a project scoping newsletter on September 11, 2003 to solicit comments from interested parties; to identify known resources and issues of special concern; and to offer recommendations for the design, construction, and long-term management of the Flight 93 National Memorial. The newsletter and comment form may be obtained at <http://www.flight93memorialproject.org> or by