

Park to Conduct Environmental Assessment of Water Line Relocation

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), the National Park Service (NPS) is conducting an environmental assessment (EA) of the impacts to relocate a 200-foot section of the Harpers Ferry Corporation's main 8" water line in the vicinity of the water treatment plant on Bakerton Road. The current line is exposed where it crosses Elk Run (see picture). This exposed section can be damaged by floating debris during flood events which would disrupt water supply to the Towns of Harpers Ferry and Bolivar and the National Park Service. The Harpers Ferry Water Works has requested to relocate the line to a more suitable location on park land approximately 100 feet south of Elk Run. The existing main line and the original line that has been taken out of service. would be removed from the stream when the new line is completed.

If you have any concerns that the NPS should address as it prepares the EA, please contact the park's Natural Resource Program Manager at (304) 535-6038. When the draft EA is completed,

the public will have a 30-day review period to comment. This notice and the draft EA, when it is completed, will be available on the park's website at http://www.nps.gov/hafe by clicking "Management". For those who have bookmarked the park's website, please reset your bookmark to this URL address.



Upcoming Events in the Park

OCTOBER

October 7 John Brown's Legacy: Beyond the Gallows Special programs will feature the US Marines who captured Brown, militia drill, ladies fair booth in support of the local militia, a northern reaction anti-slavery musical performance, a political rally, and tribute to the former mayor killed in the raid.

Saturday, October 14 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Mr. Lincoln Returns to Harpers Ferry with Jim Getty as Abraham Lincoln (Lower Town)

October 21-22 Family Life 1860 in Harpers Ferry: The Frederick Roeder Story Help the Living History staff and volunteers, make apple cider for Roeder's Tavern while hearing about the family's life and times. Each day a special talk and cider making demonstration will be presented.

October 28-29 The Eyes of the Army: The Cavalry Living History volunteers Company H, Second US Cavalry, will demonstrate cavalry riding, weapons firing, sabre drill, and bugling. On Saturday and Sunday, the group will join the ranger-guided tour for a historic weapons firing demonstration.

NOVEMBER

November 4-5 Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862 will interpret the Battle of Harpers Ferry and surrender of the Union garrison to General Stonewall Jackson. Artillery firing demonstrations are scheduled. Members of Baltimore Light Artillery, Fredericksburg Light Artillery and the Liberty Rifles will portray Confederate artillery soldiers. A military camp will be open for visitation on the Bolivar Heights Battlefield

What's New

Contract work to restore the Train Station, parking lot, Bookshop and adjacent building will be completed very soon, as will the Public way waterline and repairs to the access road.

Grounds, Roads and Trails crew will begin repairing the washed out trails on Maryland Heights.

DECEMBER

December 2-3 Prospects of Peace: A Soldier's Prayer presents a special program focusing on Yuletide 1864. Programs and activities will feature local citizens and soldiers preparing for the Yuletide, a Civil War style Santa Claus dispersing presents to the soldiers, a Victorian Cotillion, Yuletide confections, and special guided walking tours.



The history of Harpers Ferry has few parallels in the American drama. It is more than one event, one date, or one individual. It is multi-layered, involving a diverse number of people and events, decisions and actions that influenced the course of our nation's history. Visit Harpers Ferry and step into history.

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Visitor Center 304-535-6029

Harpers Ferry Historical Association Bookshop 304-525-6881 or 800-821-5206

Harpers Ferry NHP Home Page www.nps.gov/hafe/

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New NPS Publication Available

The new NPS publication, *The Current*, is now available. Published in partnership with Eastern National, Western Maryland Interpretive Association and the Greater Washington National Parks Fund, this newsletter focuses on the Greater Washington National Parks. According to Regional Director, Joseph Lawler, there are hundreds of National Park Service sites in the greater Washington area including the District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland.

The Current will keep folks informed about the the programs, parks, people and partners that comprise these national treasures.

Anyone interested in receiving *The Current* please call Park Administration at 304-535-6224 or e-mail your name and complete mailing address to Susan_Haberkorn@nps.gov subject line The Current.

