



# PULLMAN UPDATES

Pullman National Monument



Welcome to the first edition of *Pullman Updates*, the quarterly newsletter to keep you informed about projects and progress at Pullman National Monument.

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## Making the National Monument Operational

### Staffing

The National Park Service (NPS) will hire Pullman National Monument's first superintendent in 2016 now that the national monument ([nps.gov/pull](http://nps.gov/pull)) has an annual federal appropriation of \$180,000. An education coordinator is also being hired to develop curriculum-based programs for Chicago school children.

NPS has hired seasonal park rangers to staff the Historic Pullman Foundation/NPS Visitor Information Center. Rangers will present programs to the diverse audiences who visit Pullman. One planned activity this summer is to have rangers greet visitors arriving by train from Chicago.

To date, support from staff of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore ([nps.gov/indu](http://nps.gov/indu)) has been instrumental in Pullman National Monument's first year of operation.



### Visitation

Park partners and community members are noticing increases in visitation to Pullman since the 2015 Presidential Proclamation. Visitation jumped from 4,257 in 2012 to 13,605 in 2015. There is a need to determine how visitor numbers should be recorded consistently by the several partner organizations who have a footprint in Pullman.

### Planning Documents

Shortly after the establishment of the national monument, park staff, partners, and stakeholders met to develop the **Pullman National Monument Foundation Document**. This document provides basic guidance for planning and management decisions by affirming a shared understanding of what is most important about the park. It will be published later this year.

A new Pullman National Monument **Communications Plan** will help staff communicate the monument's projects, programs, and other activities to the public, stakeholders, and elected officials. This first issue of *Pullman Updates* is one of the recommendations from that Communications Plan.



Employees from Method Products learn about "America's Best Idea" during NPCA's Find Your Voice event.

# National Park Service Visitor Center Development



The NPS Denver Service Center is providing oversight for the Pullman National Monument Visitor Center project. NPS Midwest Region Project Manager Kathleen Schneider will keep the project on track. Architects John G. Waite Associates provided the Schematic Design.

In February, the architects submitted three initial schematic design alternatives that were evaluated with the goals of increasing value and reducing cost.

A preferred design alternative was developed that includes reestablishment and interpretation of the historic carriageway, with public entrances on the west and east ends. Functional areas will include a lobby, multi-purpose room, exhibit area, sales area, information desk, public restroom facilities, office space, and storage area. Site improvements will be developed for walkways, lighting, bus drop-off, and parking.

Richard Wilson, of the architecture firm Adrian Smith & Gordon Gill, presented a draft site plan for the 12-acre Pullman State Historic Site for consideration by the stakeholders. This plan is critical for the operational success of the visitor center.

## Project Timeline

Key stakeholders, including the NPS, City of Chicago, and the State of Illinois (Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) are currently working together to identify and lay out the timeframe for successful project execution (see Timeline on right).



*This is an artist's concept view of the restored Administration Clock Tower building as seen from Cottage Grove Avenue, future site of the NPS visitor center.*

## Visitor Center Timeline

### 2016

Spring	Complete Schematic Design
Summer	Partnership Concept NPS Senior Level Review Begin Design Development
Fall	Begin Construction Documents Begin Site Remediation Begin Exhibits Design Design Phase NPS Senior Level Review

### Winter 2016-2017

Complete Site Remediation and Construction Documents

### 2017

Spring	Award Construction Contract Begin Construction
Summer	Award Exhibit Fabrication Contract

### 2018

Spring	Complete Construction
Fall	Complete Exhibit Design and Begin Installation

This schedule is contingent on getting a design team on board and NPS Development Advisory Board's approval of the concept and schematic design.

## Temporary Exhibit Status

Upgraded exhibits are planned for the temporary NPS Visitor Information Center located in the Historic Pullman Foundation (HPF) building. In addition to thematic panels, a 3-D model of the Pullman community and a thematic text modification to HPF's film will be developed.



*This "America's Best Idea" photo exhibit was created for the monument's One Year Anniversary event.*

## Partners Positioning Pullman

Pullman National Monument staff are working with Pullman Partners to determine roles and responsibilities, as well as develop agreements to implement the visitor center and other plans in the most efficient and cost effective way possible.



**Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives** continues to report exciting economic development activities in the Pullman community. In addition to two new restaurants opening (Potbelly and Chipotle), a new Whole Foods Distribution Center will open at Pullman in the near future.



*Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives Team planting community garden at NPCA's Find Your Voice event.*

## Fundraising



To date, the National Park Foundation (NPF) has raised nearly \$8 million to help with critical projects at the national monument including the establishment of a visitor center, educational and experiential exhibits, and programming in the Administration Clock Tower Building. Exhibits and programs will be designed to engage school children, the community, and visitors about

the importance of Pullman to America's collective history. The Foundation is still working to raise \$2 million to complete needs around the visitor center and to help expand educational programming at the monument.

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The **Pullman Commission** as advocated by Chicago's 9th Ward Alderman, Anthony Beale, was approved by Chicago City Council. Future members of that commission will be notified accordingly.



For a second year, the National Monument's temporary Historic Pullman Foundation/NPS Visitor Information Center is open six days per week staffed by volunteers from the Historic Pullman Foundation and seasonal NPS park ranger staff. HPF is recruiting additional volunteers to staff the facility and present tours. NPS is hiring additional seasonal rangers to supplement the great work of HPF.



*Exhibit concept design for the North Wing of the State Historic Site, with Pullman Palace Cars.*

## Partners Positioning Pullman continued.



ILLINOIS HISTORIC  
*Preservation*  
AGENCY

The **Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA)** the land manager of the Pullman State Historic Site, is busy with several initiatives.

1) A cultural resources study is being written that will document the industrial history and archeology of the site. This work must be conducted before land-altering work begins.

2) IHPA is moving forward with the environmental remediation of the

Pullman State Historic Site with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

3) IHPA is furthering agreement documents with the national monument's partners that will lead to enhancing and interpreting the site.

4) Finally, IHPA is prepared to collaboratively review the drawings for development of the Pullman State Historic Site and shared signage/branding.



The **National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA)** continues to be a stalwart supporter of Pullman and is helping advance the Action Plan in **Positioning Pullman**. For example, in early April, commuter rail line Metra announced that they will make improvements at the 111th Street gateway station in Pullman, including: demolishing and rebuilding the station, platform upgrades, visitor

safety improvements like lighting, new rails, painting, etc. The station sign will also be upgraded so visitors know they have arrived at the new national park unit.

In addition, NPCA is consulting with Tule Springs National Monument and the City of Las Vegas to potentially replicate Positioning Pullman to aid that new monument.

## An Opportunity for Pullman

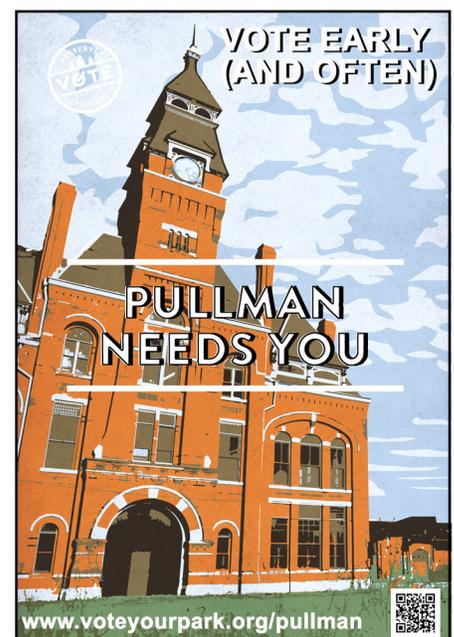
The Historic Pullman Foundation and the Pullman National Monument are participating in **Partners in Preservation (PIP)**, a community-based partnership of American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation to raise awareness of the importance of preserving historic places.

In honor of the National Park Service's 2016 Centennial, PIP will award \$2 million to historic sites in need of preservation within national park units, as **decided by popular vote**.

Nineteen other sites are vying for the project grant money and Pullman needs your help to secure this funding. Money would be used to help preserve the exterior of the historic Administration Clock Tower, the future site of the NPS visitor center.

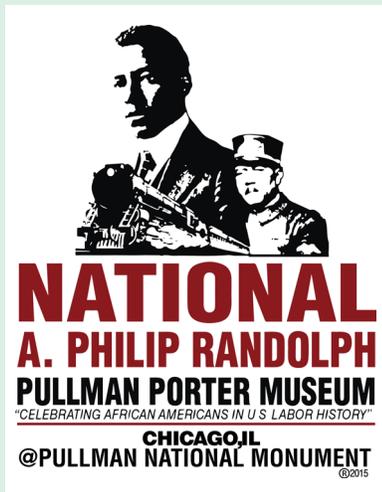
The public is encouraged to vote for their favorite parks today through July 5 on **VoteYourPark.org**, the online portal hosted by National Geographic.

The public is also invited to share their experiences on social media and celebrate these sites using #VoteYourPark.



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# NPS Partner Spotlight



“Community development starts with history” at the National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum. The museum is creating innovative ways to share stories and provide programs that reach local community members, including youth. Executive Director



*Museum founder Dr. Lyn Hughes with Student Conservation Association (SCA) volunteers.*

David Peterson says, “The idea is to use popular culture and positive role models like the Pullman porters to help African American youth reject violence.”



*SCA volunteers provide a fresh coat of paint during NPCA's annual Find Your Voice event.*

Through the museum’s new Green Initiatives program, and in partnership with the Randolph’s Dream Community Development Corporation, a new approach to community development is taking place. Some of their activities include: creating the “Green Initiatives Projects” to promote environmentally conscious activities and opportunities through workshops, tree planting, and more. This program will help expand the south lakefront region into an educational and recreational hub for youth and area residents.

A big question for the Pullman Porter Museum is how to increase the number of visitors to the museum, and engage the younger demographic and families of the area, to learn more about the rich history of Pullman. Museum founder, Dr. Lyn Hughes, provided this explanation. “We created a program that borrows from a tour that other museums conduct. We retrofitted it into a new program called Re-CYCLING History: Black Metropolis/ Pullman Porter Great Migration Trail

Environmental Education workshop series. The program is designed to engage people using the history of Black Chicago, and combines bike rides in south side neighborhoods.” The program is funded by a federal grant that is being administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources’ Coastal Management Program.

Another innovative project emanates from “Museum 44: Where Hip Hop Meets History Program,” the museum’s youth and young adult program division. It is named Museum 44 after the 44th President, Barack Obama. This program creates documentary films for the internet and television that tell stories of positive and innovative things people are doing in their communities.

Finally, we are happy to announce that the museum has completed phase one of the National Historic Registry Kiosk. The project was made possible thanks to a visitor experience enhancement grant from the National Park Foundation.

On Saturday, June 18th, the Museum will host their 2nd Annual Juneteenth Community Recommitment Celebration and Parade. Tuskegee Airmen and Buffalo Soldiers (on horseback) will be present for the celebration.

## Special Events

**1** On February 19, 2016, Pullman National Monument celebrated our **One Year Anniversary** of the signing of the Presidential Proclamation by President Barack Obama. More than 200 people attended the event.

Speakers included: Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, 9th Ward Alderman Anthony Beale, US Congresswoman Robin Kelly, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, NPS Deputy Director Peggy O'Dell, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Superintendent Paul Labovitz, Historic Pullman Foundation President Mike Shymanski, and NPF Board Member Ellen Alberding (President of The Joyce Foundation).

**2** On Thursday, April 28, 2016, a **Find Your Voice** volunteer event was hosted by NPCA, Pullman National Monument, and several park partners. Approximately 100 volunteers provided invasive species removal, habitat restoration for monarchs and other pollinators, painting, and litter clean up throughout the Pullman community.

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*NPS Deputy Director Peggy O'Dell presents Every Kid in a Park passes during Pullman National Monument's One Year Anniversary event.*

**3** A three hour long national **Bioblitz** event was held at the Pullman State Historic Site on Saturday, May 21st, hosted in collaboration with the Geographic Society of Chicago. Plants and animals found at the national monument were identified during the site's first biodiversity identification event attended by approximately 200 "bioblitzers."

**4** On Wednesday, June 8th, the U.S. Postal Service will hold a brief ceremony at the Historic Pullman Foundation/National Park Service Visitor Information Center to unveil their **National Park stamp series**.

**5** On Saturday, June 11th, NPF in collaboration with Grey Advertising, New Orleans Jazz National Historic Site, Pullman National Monument, the City of Chicago, and the Jazz Institute of Chicago will hold a **Second Line Parade** at Chicago's Washington Park. This is a Centennial **Find Your Park** exchange event (one of three such events taking place across the USA).

**6** On Saturday, June 18th, the National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum will host their Juneteenth Community Recommitment Celebration and Parade. Tuskegee Airmen and Buffalo Soldiers (on horseback) will be present for the celebration.

**7** Working in collaboration with the YMCA of Chicago and other partners, it is proposed that a **Let's Move Outside** event be held at Pullman this summer/fall. An invitation was sent by mail and also hand-delivered to the White House requesting First Lady involvement with this event. The YMCA received word that the First Lady regrettably cannot participate in the event. A new plan is being developed by NPS and YMCA staff.



*Pollinator garden planted at the Historic Pullman Foundation during NPCA's Find Your Voice event.*