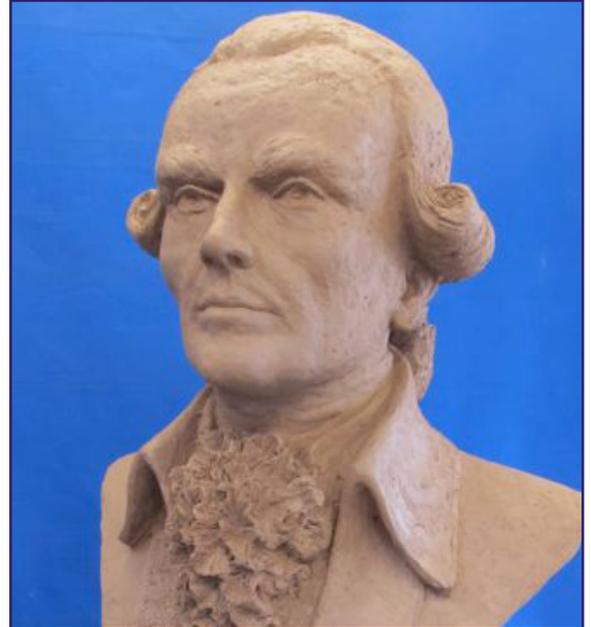




Washington-Rochambeau

Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail

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Lanny Patten and the bust of General Rochambeau by artist Pierre LeFebvre

News Along the Trail

Lanny Patten, President of the W3R®-PA, recently visited the studio of sculptor Pierre LeFebvre near Philadelphia, **Pennsylvania**. Mr. LeFebvre has been preparing a bust of General Rochambeau in clay, to be casted in bronze. Mr. LeFebvre has created the very impressive image from catalogs of period images of Rochambeau. We eagerly await the results.

The McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of **Pennsylvania** sits directly on the Washington-Rochambeau NHT and will host an international conference on the American Revolution on May 30-June 1. The conference aims to identify new directions and new trends in scholarship on the American Revolution, with 4 main themes of Global Perspectives, Power, Violence, and Civil War. For more information or to attend, please go to <http://www.mceas.org/revolution/>

Six months ago we announced the dedication of a **Pennsylvania** State historical marker at Pennypack Creek Bridge, a significant historical resource of the Washington-Rochambeau NHT. Unfortunately the marker was hit by a car and has been damaged at the pole and its connections, but the marker itself remains in good shape. We hope the marker can be repaired and reinstalled as soon as possible!



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Our application to the National Park Foundation's 2013 Active Trails Grant Program for Washington-Rochambeau NHT bike trails in **Connecticut** was not accepted. The proposal for connecting nine Revolutionary War themed trails was planned by a team including Sal Lilienthal, owner of The Bicycle Tour Company, and Professor and author Mary Collins. Mary Collins has since reported she has been able to secure some funding from Central Connecticut State University and will continue to pursue other opportunities through partners and additional fund sources. Please contact us or them if you have any interest or information in helping complete this admirable project.

The W3R of **New York** is planning the first annual Washington-Rochambeau Hudson Heritage Regatta to commemorate the Washington-Rochambeau NHT. They are hoping to initiate the event for September 2013, working with partners such as Clearwater, Historic Hudson River Towns, The Hudson River Estuary Program, Hudson River Watershed Alliance, local municipalities, Marist College/Hudson River Valley Institute, the W3R®-US, the US Department of the Interior, NYS Greenway and Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Association, and regional Revolutionary War re-enactors.

The wayside exhibit program for the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail in **New York** is still underway. The new schedule has a tentative date for the wayside exhibits to be ready in the early months of 2014.

Be a part of Path Through History Weekends in **New York**! Path Through History Weekends highlight sites in a statewide celebration of New York State's history. Path Through History Weekend will join Governor Cuomo's new Path Through History initiative, and become Path Through History Weekends, June 1-2 and 8-9.

Nicole Yancey, the NHT liaison in **Virginia**, has initiated discussions with the state and communities to introduce the NHT and explore its use as a connector and tourism promotion tool. We contacted the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation to discuss possibilities of linking Revolutionary sites along the corridor in the state. We are also working with Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail to review plans for Route 1, coordinate signs and displays at Mason Neck and Meadowood, develop an event or program with Wounded Warriors, and explore other opportunities for coordinating trail planning and interpretation in Virginia. We are awaiting word on two American Revolution Grant Applications that were submitted to the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) for Virginia sites.

One of the ABPP grants is for Gloucester Point, **Virginia** and the 1781 Battle of the Hook. A reenactment is being planned for October 2013. To learn more about the reenactment and Gloucester, please visit: <http://www.battleofthehook.org/>.



The Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail is planning to revise the content of an exhibit at Mason Neck Gateway in **Virginia** to include the Washington-Rochambeau NHT. We have been asked to review the proposal and will provide future updates.

Prince William Forest Park in **Virginia** is working on their Foundation Document is including the Washington-Rochambeau NHT. Prince William Forest Park protects the longest undeveloped section of the Washington-Rochambeau NHT found within the national park system. We thank them for including us in their planning process and look forward to working together.

A new federal program called the Transportation Alternatives(TA) Program has been announced. The TA Program will provide funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives. Some of the possible alternatives are on- and off-road pedestrian or bike facilities, recreational trails, sidewalks, bike infrastructure, pedestrian or bike signals, construction of overlooks or viewing areas, historic preservation, and environmental mitigation. The Washington-Rochambeau NHT could propose projects which could cover a number of those activities listed. We have been alerted that **Washington DC, Maryland, and Virginia** are now accepting applications. States and regional councils of governments can apply. The deadline is May 15, 2013.

In **Washington DC**, the Transportation Planning Board is accepting regional TA Program applications for FY 2013 and 2014. More information here: <http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/activities/tlc/tap/district.asp>

In **Maryland**, the MD Dept. of Transportation is soliciting for statewide TA Program and regional TA Program applications. More information here: <http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/activities/tlc/tap/maryland.asp>

In **Virginia**, the Transportation Planning Board is accepting regional TA program applications for FY 2014. More information here: <http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/activities/tlc/tap/virginia.asp>

Please contact us with your ideas or if you would like help in creating an application. Questions can also be sent to Makayah N. Royal, Federal Lands Transportation Coordinator for the NPS, at Makayah_Royal@nps.gov.

The **Maryland** DNR Trails Webpage has just been updated with timely information about trails, bike/pedestrian master plans, rules and regulations, and signs of the times. The Washington-Rochambeau NHT is listed. If you have an event coming up, feel free to contact Steve Carr at scarr@dnr.state.md.us, and he will try and get it posted on their pages at Twitter and Facebook. Please check it out and share with your friends at: http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/land/MD_Trails/Trails_in_MD.asp

James Woolsey, Superintendent of the Springfield Armory National Historic Site in **Massachusetts**, has pointed out the strong ties that the Springfield Armory has to the American Revolution, including the Washington-Rochambeau NHT. We will be exploring ways to work together and will be including Springfield Armory in future discussions.



Joy Homestead, along the Washington-Rochambeau NHT, will be participating in the 28th Annual **Rhode Island** Statewide Historic Preservation Conference as a destination on the Revolutionary War Bus Tour on April 27th. The tour of Joy Homestead will be a great tool to get the word out about the NHT. For more information: http://www.preservation.ri.gov/pdfs_zips_downloads/conf_pdfs/13program.pdf

A site cleanup is being conducted by E.I. DuPont De Nemours & Company in Pompton Lakes and Wanaque, **New Jersey**. A Preassessment Screen for the site is being pursued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and includes \$5,000 to be used by the NPS to assess Washington-Rochambeau NHT resources and related Revolutionary War resources in the area.

Dr. Robert Selig will be giving a lecture at Morristown National Historical Park in **New Jersey** on Thursday May 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. It is Part II of the lecture given two years ago and covers the two armies' movements on the NHT from Morristown to Trenton in August 1781.

The National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association, Inc. (W3R®-US) will hold its annual meeting in Princeton, **New Jersey** on April 13, 2013. The agenda includes the election of the Board of Directors and reports from the committees, each state, and the NPS.

On March 25, 2013, President Obama issued proclamations under the Antiquities Act to establish five new national monuments, including the First State National Monument in **Delaware**. The monument will tell the story of the early Dutch, Swedish, Finnish, and English settlement of the colony of Delaware, as well as Delaware's role as the first state to ratify the Constitution. The park is comprised of three historic areas related to Delaware's rich history: the Dover Green, the New Castle Court House complex (including the courthouse, Green and Sheriff's House), and the Woodlawn property in the Brandywine Valley. The monument will be managed by the NPS. The NHT will explore connections with the First State National Monument and opportunities for collaboration in Delaware.

We recently received an inquiry from a 5th grader in Virginia, working on a project about **Delaware**. The student was interested to know the story of the NHT in Wilmington. See our response here: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-Rochambeau-Revolutionary-Route-National-Historic-Trail/126419804105006>

Updates on the NHT

Planning is a critical to the future of the NHT particularly in the ever changing environment we face. Many of you have participated in the early phases of our strategic planning effort (<http://www.nps.gov/waro/parkmgmt/index.htm>). We are pleased to announce that we are receiving the assistance from the Northeast Region's Division of Park Planning and Special Studies in refining our work and preparing a foundation plan as a base for future planning and decision-making. Peter Iris-Williams, a senior NPS planner with the Northeast Region, will



lead us through this phase of the planning process. We welcome him to the NHT, and we look forward to working with him and you over the next few months.

While we anxiously await the resolution of the Federal budget, we are continuing to move ahead cautiously in these times of reductions and constraints. We are working to develop partnerships, to get the word out about the NHT, and to diversify the source of funds to help finance and carry out trail related projects and initiatives. Please let us know if you have suggestions or know of opportunities for us to work together.

Each year the National Park System plans and projects its needs for project funding in the coming five years. This year's Servicewide Comprehensive Call was for projects being requested primarily for FY 2015 through FY 2019. The Washington-Rochambeau NHT team submitted a total of twenty-two proposed projects valued at over \$3 million. Some projects require matching funds from supporters of the NHT. The projects include developing management and interpretive plans for the overall NHT; completing resource studies for each state, individual state brochures, and development of a wayfinding sign system; creating an overall Washington-Rochambeau NHT guidebook and documentary film; developing cell phone tours; and supporting state and national events and preservation activities.

NPS: A Call to Action

The National Park Service is nearing its 100th Anniversary in 2016. National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis has announced A Call to Action to move the NPS into a new century. A Call to Action calls for creative and innovative ways to interpret, experience, communicate, protect, and educate the parks, trails, sites, and resources of the National Park Service.

See the plan at: http://inside.nps.gov/calltoaction/pdf/C2A_report.pdf

The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail will work with communities along the route to:

- Reach new audiences to tell the story of Generals Washington and Rochambeau, the allied armies, and the people impacted by this event.
- Connect the national, state, local parks, trails, heritage areas, and greenways on the route and add cultural resource preservation and interpretation to the natural and recreation resources along the route.
- Offer rich, interactive, up-to-date content in a user-friendly web platform that supports online and mobile technology including social media.

Website and Google Maps of the NHT

With the NPS website now up and running, www.nps.gov/waro, the Google maps of the NHT auto route are more accessible. Please follow this link to the 'Directions' page of the NPS site and click on the state.

<http://www.nps.gov/waro/planyourvisit/directions.htm>

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Items of Interest

Washington and Roanoke in Liberty's Kids Episode #36 "Yorktown"

Liberty's Kids is an animated educational historical fiction television series originally broadcast on PBS Kids from 2002 to 2003. The following links will take you to Part 1 and Part 2 of Episode #36 entitled, "Yorktown." The Washington-Roanoke NHT is explained in conjunction with the siege of Yorktown, resulting in a very entertaining cartoon!

EPISODE 36: "Yorktown"

PART ONE:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZAyaPP95zw>

PART TWO:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBCdzPtfVdU>

National Water Trails System Application for Designation

There is a new National Water Trails System. Water trail managers can apply for designation through an easy online application, and visitors can learn more about designated trails through a photo gallery, dynamic stories, and videos. An interactive map and new search functions make it easy for users to find national water trails throughout the country. Visit the new site at www.nps.gov/watertrails.

Jamestown's Legacy to the American Revolution March 2013-January 2014

More than 60 objects destined for exhibit at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown will be on display in "Jamestown's Legacy to the American Revolution," opening March 1 at Jamestown Settlement, a museum of 17th-century Virginia. The special exhibition, which continues through January 20, 2014, examines the lives of Revolutionary War-era descendants of people associated with 17th-century Jamestown, the first capital of colonial Virginia. Work is under way on the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, which will replace the Yorktown Victory Center by late 2016. Colonel Richard Taylor, who served with the First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army, and Captain Edward Travis IV, who served in the Virginia navy, are featured in "Soldiers and Sailors." Most Virginians who fought in the war were either militiamen or soldiers of the Continental Line. Virginia's small naval force operated chiefly to keep the state's rivers and the Chesapeake Bay safe from the British navy and to assist in the transport of supplies for the Continental Army. For more information, call (888) 593-4682 toll-free or (757) 253-4838 or visit www.historyisfun.org.



Preserving African American Historic Places National Trust Primer

To help local advocates, especially those individuals new to preservation, preserve African-American historic sites, the National Trust has published a basic primer, *Preserving African American Historic Places*. This 24-page publication presents an overview of traditional preservation networks and their roles, offers tips on how to get preservation underway in your community, and looks at the various legal and financial tools that help protect historic properties. The booklet also includes six case studies to illustrate various strategies for preserving and honoring historic places associated with African-American history. Download the pdf at http://www.preservationnation.org/forum/library/public-articles/PB_AfricanAmericanSites.pdf

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnership Grants Applications due April 10, 2013

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will begin accepting applications for the 2013 round of Community Conservation Partnership Grants on January 9. The deadline for applications is April 10.

For grant applications and instructions, visit the DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Grants webpage or contact the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation's Linda Manning by sending email to: Linmanning@pa.gov.

National Trust for Historic Preservation Small Grant Program Applications due February 1, June 1, or October 1, 2013

In 2012, the National Trust for Historic Preservation awarded more than \$1 million to nearly 200 projects across the country through its small grant program. The majority of funding comes from the National Trust Preservation Fund which supports preservation planning and educational projects. Nonprofit organizations and public agencies that are members of the National Trust at the Forum or Main Street level are eligible to apply.

Grants typically range from \$2,500-\$5,000 and require a dollar-for-dollar match. This match can be a grant from a foundation or other organization, funds raised from local support, or any other revenue source. The National Trust Preservation Fund is made up of many endowed funds that are specific to states and/or regions, but all applicants use a common application form. There are three annual deadlines for the National Trust Preservation Fund: February 1, June 1, and October 1. There are also special funds with a single deadline each year. Please visit: <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/documents/preservation-funds-guidelines-eligibility.html#.UQFqRR35jkR>. Please contact us to discuss projects, sites, or proposals that you think may qualify.



Study of the Economic Value of Heritage Areas

Heritage areas actively collaborate with local partners to carry out their mission. Along with the goals of cultural, historical, and natural resource protection, heritage area management organizations strive to improve the quality of life in their regions by fostering the development of sustainable economies.

A study, commissioned by the Alliance of National Heritage Areas, found that national heritage areas contribute an estimated \$12.9 billion annually to the national economy, 148,000 jobs, and \$1.2 billion annually in federal taxes.

The report also noted that the National Heritage Area Program is one of the Department of the Interior's most cost-effective initiatives, in which every dollar of federal funding is matched with an average of \$5.50 in additional public and private funding. Heritage areas have a proven record of fostering job creation and advancing economic, cultural, historic, environmental, and community development.

To read the Economic Impact Study, visit: http://www.nps.gov/heritageareas/The%20Economic%20Impact%20of%20National%20Heritage%20Areas_Final%20Report.pdf.

Training Offered on Preservation Planning and Policy Development for Historic Roads May 2, 2013

The National Preservation Institute in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources is offering a workshop on managing historic roads in Richmond, Virginia, on May 2, 2013. As an emerging area of historic preservation, planning and policy for historic roads presents new challenges for the historic preservation professional. Explore the current tools and techniques used for the identification, preservation, and management of historic roads. Learn how to apply transportation policies to historic roads, balance safety and function with historic preservation objectives, and build awareness and new constituencies for the legacy of highway design in the United States.

The registration rate is \$325. An agenda and registration form is available online at www.npi.org/register.html