



Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail

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Photo by Carolyn Suffern

Recent NHT Events

Samantha attended a National Trails Workshop in Socorro, New Mexico on May 14-17, hosted by the Partnership for the National Trails System, with the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association and NPS staff in Santa Fe. The workshop included case studies on trail segments in the area, a panel on partnerships for NHTs, and discussion on NHTs in the context of “large landscapes,” a central concern for America’s Great Outdoors (AGO). The participants included federal agency representatives and members of partner organizations throughout the U.S. Samantha was joined by Carolyn Suffern of the W3R-US to represent the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT.

The Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) grant in conjunction with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and Hudson River Valley Greenway is moving full speed ahead. The project will design, install, and determine locations for directional signage and wayside exhibits for the Washington-Rochambeau NHT in New York. The Washington-Rochambeau NHT, NPS Harpers Ferry Center, Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, and many local NY partners will work together on the project. On April 30-May 3, Samantha was in NY to visit sites with the planning team in an initial scoping meeting for the project.

The Odell House, Rochambeau’s headquarters, in Westchester County, New York is to receive federal matching financial assistance for the assessment and stabilization of the structure in the amount of \$23,325 and technical

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assistance from the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail. This project was chosen as part of the National Park Service (NPS) Challenge Cost Share Program, a portion of which is dedicated to National Trails. We are drafting a cooperative agreement with the Hudson River Valley Greenway to help us administer the challenge cost share project to help stabilize the Odell House.

WILMAPCO, East Coast Greenway, W3R-DE and the National Park Service are coordinating on the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route. The East Coast Greenway and the NHT intersect and are congruent in numerous places in Delaware. WILMAPCO had been very involved in the mapping and signing of the routes. The Northern Delaware Heritage Coalition is working on driving routes and bicycle, pedestrian and transit connections to historic resources such as Cooch-Dayett. Joe attended an open house session held at WILMAPCO offices on May 14.

For more information contact Heather Dunigan, Principal Planner at 302-737-6205 ext. 1-18 or email hdunigan@wilmapco.org. See more on their website at <http://www.wilmapco.org/ndhc/> Delaware's state trail plan can be viewed at <http://trails.delaware.gov/>

On May 18th, Joe attended a reception onboard the French Schooners "Etoile" and "Belle Poule" which were visiting Philadelphia . The crew sailed from France and is visiting U.S. ports. Members of W3R-PA were also in attendance and Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT information with distributed.

On May 31, 2012 Joe met with Don R Naimoli, Chairman of the Friends of Valley Forge to learn more about friends groups and how they may be able to help the NHT.

We would like to compile photos of all Washington-Rochambeau NHT events, past and future. Please send any photos you would like included to Samantha Driscoll at samantha_driscoll@nps.gov. You can register for a free Flickr account. Once registered, you will be able to comment on all photos. We ask your help in using the comment section to caption the images and tell more about the place, people, or event!

Please see photos of past events at:
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/washington-rochambeau/>



NPS: A Call to Action

The National Park Service is nearing its 100th Anniversary in 2016. National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis has announced the plan 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 A Call to Action at:
http://inside.nps.gov/calltoaction/pdf/C2A_report.pdf

The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail is embracing this plan as we work with communities along the route. Please share your thoughts and ideas with us as we focus on these three goals:

Connecting People to Parks, Action 3: History Lesson

“Expand the meaning of parks to new audiences and provide an opportunity for communities to learn more about their heritage by conducting history discovery events, using oral histories and other methods, ...”

This action is a key goal of the Washington-Rochambeau NHT. We are looking for ways to reach new audiences to tell the story of Generals Washington and Rochambeau, the allied armies, and the people impacted by this event. We have had many successful events in 2011 that helped get the word out, but we must build on and expand the reach of our message.

Connecting People to Parks, Action 5: Parks for People

“Enhance the connection of densely populated, diverse communities to parks, greenways, trails, and waterways to improve close-to-home recreation and natural resources conservation.”

The Washington-Rochambeau NHT connects many of the largest metropolitan areas on the east coast through some of the most densely populated areas in the United States. The NHT also connects a great many national, state, local parks, trails, heritage areas, and greenways on the route and we can use this opportunity to explore innovative ways to connect the NHT with these communities and add cultural resource preservation and interpretation to the natural and recreation resources along the route.

Advancing the NPS Education Mission, Action 17: Go Digital

“Reach new audiences and maintain a conversation with all Americans by transforming the NPS digital experience to offer rich, interactive, up-to-date content from every park and program. To accomplish this we will create a user-friendly web platform that supports online and mobile technology including social media.”

The Washington-Rochambeau NHT will have an official NPS website up and running in early 2012, followed by Facebook and Twitter presence, and a blog for highlighting events, stories, and discussion of the NHT. The Google maps will be accessible from these sites as well, and we wish to pursue plans for an interactive map of the entire NHT.

We welcome your thoughts about the Washington-Rochambeau NHT and how we can implement NPS A Call to Action. We also encourage you to help us develop creative and innovative projects we can work on together.



Announcements

Please Welcome Phil Correll to the Washington-Rochambeau NHT!

Phil Correll will join the Washington-Rochambeau NHT as a full-time program manager on June 18th. Phil comes to the Washington-Rochambeau NHT from the NPS-NER Financial Assistance team in Philadelphia where he served as Manager. Prior to that, he was Project Director for the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route and the Interpretive Program for the Pinelands National Reserve. Phil earned his master's degree in horticulture and public garden administration through the Longwood Graduate Program of the University of Delaware and a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the College of Wooster in Ohio. He spent twelve years in the public garden/museum world before joining the NPS in 1993. Phil will be managing agreements for the NHT; developing the foundation and comprehensive planning documents; managing financial and project tracking systems, and developing partnerships. Phil will be working in Philadelphia at the U.S. Custom House, 200 Chestnut Street on the 3rd floor. His phone number is 215-597-1280, and his e-mail address is phil_correll@nps.gov.

National Trails Day Washington-Rochambeau NHT Event Bolton, CT

Connecticut has an event planned for National Trails Day on June 2nd at Bolton High School at the site of American and French encampments on the Washington-Rochambeau NHT. The Lieutenant Governor, the French Counsel and Congressman Larson will attend, as well as members of the Shelton 2nd Light Dragoons and the Governor's Foot Guard. Congressman Larson will be recognized for his work in enacting the NHT. Joe will be attending for NPS. The public is invited to attend.

Public input for 2013 Virginia Outdoors Plan

Planners with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation are inviting residents are invited to share their ideas for outdoor recreation and land conservation needs. The following are among the topics relevant to the Northern region: Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, Journey Through Hallowed Ground, ongoing regional connections and trail development, local and regional conservation needs, especially opportunities to preserve rural and agricultural lands, active recreation needs and opportunities, state scenic rivers and scenic byways and existing water trails, including Occoquan, Potomac and Captain John Smith and the Washington Rochambeau NHT.



The Virginia Outdoors Plan is the state's comprehensive plan for meeting outdoor recreation, land conservation and open space needs. Anyone may submit written comments. Email comments to janit.llewellyn@dcr.virginia.gov, or write to: VOP Comments, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, 203 Governor St., Suite 326, Richmond, VA 23219.

Public input for Delaware's State Historic Preservation Plan

The public is invited to share information for use in drafting Delaware's 2013-2017 statewide historic-preservation plan. For those interested in Delaware's historic buildings, communities and sites are invited to share their thoughts on the future of historic-preservation in the state. Public input will be incorporated into the updated historic-preservation plan which is scheduled to be released in January 2013. The public may submit written comments to the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, 21 the Green, Dover, DE 19901; or via e-mail at preservationplan@state.de.us.

Outdoor Nation 2012 Summits

The search is on for outdoor activists to participate in the Outdoor Nation 2012 Summits! If you know of young people between the ages of 16 - 28, please alert them to the Outdoor Summits. You are encouraged to promote this amazing opportunity to all of the young leaders within your networks. Outdoor Nation has travel scholarships available for groups of 10 or more to help get everyone to and from the summit without undue financial burden! Please visit: www.outdoornation.org/page/2012-summits
For more information contact: Ivan Levin at ilevin@outdoornation.org.

Greater Philadelphia's Regional Multi-use Trails Network

In southeast Pennsylvania, there is a new grant program to further the creation of Greater Philadelphia's regional multi-use trails network. The region blessed with a variety of opportunities to create a connected network of multi-use trails, including both right-of-ways (ROWs) inherited from the area's long history as a hub of railroad activity and greenway corridors that follow the region's creek buffering and park systems. Together, these ROWs and greenways provide the framework for an interconnected network of multi-use trails. The Regional Trails Program, administered by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, with funding from the William Penn Foundation, aims to capitalize upon these opportunities by providing funding for targeted, priority trail design, construction and planning projects that will promote a truly connected, regional network of multi-use trails with Philadelphia and Camden as its hub. The program will also provide technical assistance to trail developers, counties, municipalities and nonprofit organizations. The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail can be a part of the network.



To learn more about the regional trail network, the projects awarded, the potential for future grants visit:<http://www.dvrpc.org/RegionalTrailsProgram/>
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Moving Forward in Virginia

Joe plans to join Nicole Yancy of W3R-US and W3R-VA and Superintendent Dan Smith of Colonial National Historical Park in Virginia to discuss future NHT projects. They will be meeting on June 26 and/or 27.

Google Maps of the NHT

[Click on the state for map](#)

Massachusetts

Rhode Island

Connecticut

New York

New Jersey, Corridor 1

New Jersey, Corridor 2

Pennsylvania

Delaware

Maryland

Virginia

Washington DC