

# VICKSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK:

PARK-WIDE ROAD SYSTEM STUDY



Photo: Illinois Memorial located at  
Vicksburg National Military Park.



# AGENDA

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# BEST PRACTICES FOR WEBEX PARTICIPATION

The screenshot shows the Cisco Webex Events interface. The top bar includes 'Cisco Webex Events', 'Event Info', and 'Hide Menu Bar'. The main menu has 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Audio & Video', 'Participant', 'Event', and 'Help'. The interface is divided into a main content area and a right-hand sidebar. The sidebar contains three panels: 'Participants', 'Chat', and 'Q&A'. The 'Participants' panel shows a search bar and a list of participants, including 'Host' and 'Me'. The 'Chat' panel shows a 'To:' dropdown set to 'Host' and a text input field. The 'Q&A' panel shows a list of questions, with 'All (0)' currently selected. At the bottom of the interface, there is a toolbar with buttons for 'Unmute', 'Share', and a red 'X' button. A green arrow points from the 'Unmute' button to a callout box on the left. Another green arrow points from the 'Q&A' panel to a callout box on the right.

Shows mute and unmute.

Type a question in the Q&A box.

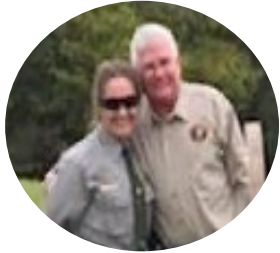
Open Q&A Box

Dial \*3 to raise your hand if you joined by phone.



# THE PROJECT TEAM

## VICKSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK



**Rachel Davidson:** Vicksburg Park Lead, Chief of Resource Management and Law Enforcement

- **Carol Daniels:** Acting Superintendent
- **Brendan Wilson:** Chief of Interpretation, Education, and Partnerships
- **Charles Beightol:** PEPC Manager, Natural Resources Manager
- **Jennifer Leasor:** Cultural Resources Manager
- **Eric Ford:** Chief of Facilities Management and Maintenance

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE: DENVER SERVICE CENTER

- **Jason Himick:** Project Manager
- **Matt Loscalzo:** Environmental Coordinator
- **Troy Siefert:** Project Specialist

## CONSULTANT TEAM



**Mike Flick:** Planning, NEPA, NHPA, and Design Task Manager

- **Michael Mayer:** Environmental Lead
- **Kelli Reyna:** Public Outreach Support
- **Carolynn Calabrese:** Public Outreach Support

## PARK BACKGROUND

- Vicksburg National Military Park preserves the site of the American Civil War siege of Vicksburg.
- The Park preserves this history with:
  - Nearly 1,400 monuments, tablets and markers
  - Vicksburg National Cemetery
  - 16-mile auto tour route in its 2.7-square-mile grounds





## PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Natural challenges:
  - High bluffs and rugged ravines
  - Highly erodible Mississippi Loess soil



Altitude: 32.354936  
Longitude: -90.842756  
Elevation: 242.62 ft  
Accuracy: 31.5 ft  
Azimuth: 335° (NW)  
Pitch: -30.2°  
Date: 11-04-2020 11:29  
Location: VICK bridge by stop 1 DS scoured about 3'



# PROJECT BACKGROUND



**Grant Circle**  
November 4, 2020



**National Cemetery**  
November 5, 2020



**North Union Avenue**  
November 4, 2020



# PARK-WIDE ROAD SYSTEM STUDY

- The Vicksburg Park-Wide Road System Study will:
  - Provide recommendations for feasible options to rebuild the Park's roadway structures more sustainably.
  - Explore potential new alignments for roadways.
  - Assess the potential to upgrade or remove transportation infrastructure in the Park.

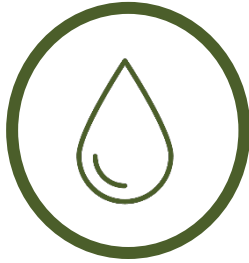




# IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS



**Geology and Soils**



**Water Resources**



**Wetlands**



**Wildlife and Plants**



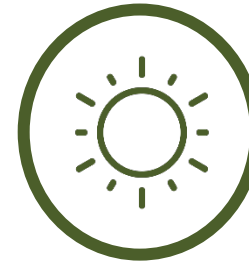
**Cultural Resources**



**Visitor Use and  
Experience**



**Socioeconomics**



**Climate Change**



# PARK-WIDE ROAD SYSTEM STUDY



The river is my favorite place to visit.

It's important to protect the cultural resources in the Park.



Parking is always a challenge at my favorite monument.

Can you create a different tour route?



Pedestrian paths would make it easier to get around in the Park.



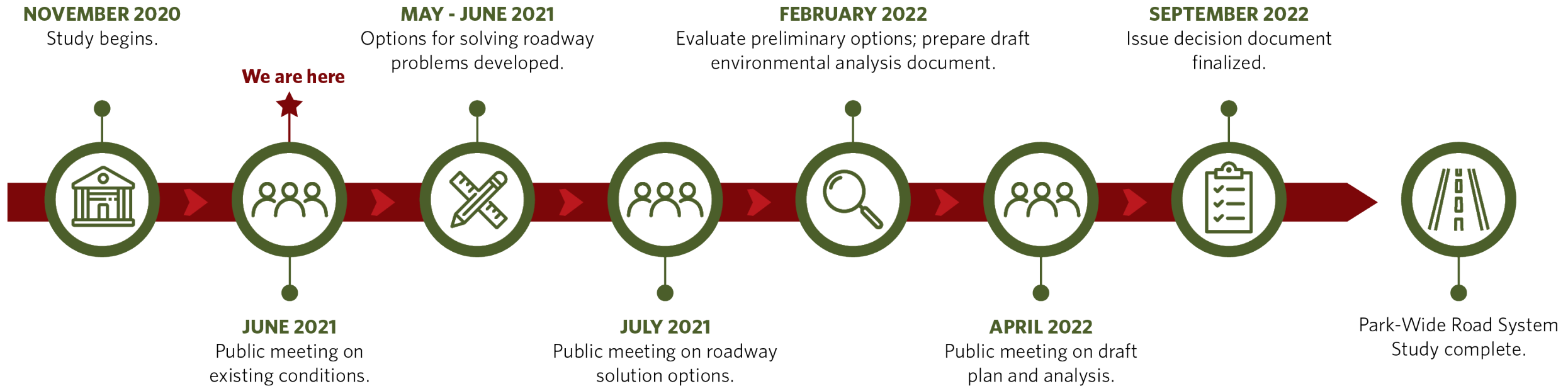
\*The feedback shown is hypothetical only; actual input has not been received to-date.



- The National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA, gives the National Park Service a framework for studying potential impacts on natural and cultural resources.
- The environmental review process covers:
  - Purpose and need.
  - Range of options.
  - Analysis of existing natural and cultural environment.
  - Natural and cultural impacts of each option.
  - Public and stakeholder input.
  - Preferred option based on the study's findings.
  - Ways to eliminate or lessen likely impacts.



# TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS

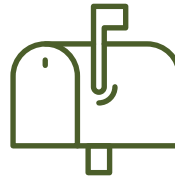


# HOW TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK

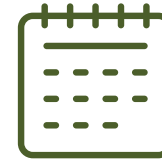
Submit your comments any of the following ways:



**Online:** At the Planning,  
Environment and Public  
Comment system webpage  
[https://parkplanning.nps.gov/  
VicksburgRoadStudy](https://parkplanning.nps.gov/VicksburgRoadStudy)



**Mail:** Superintendent  
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Military Park  
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**Deadline for  
comments:** July 2, 2021

For questions about the Park or comment process, contact: [Brendan\\_Wilson@nps.gov](mailto:Brendan_Wilson@nps.gov)